

## DEMAND TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PASS A LAW AGAINST

# RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS

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On 14th June, all over India Hindus are being converted in lakhs by the Christians and Muslims. Even though many States in India already have laws against religious conversions, the conspiracy to openly convert Hindus in large numbers so as to break India into pieces and destroy it, crores of Rupees are flowing to various organisations for the purpose of religious conversions. The issue of religious conversions exists at the National level. To stop this, Article 25 of the Constitution needs to be amended and the words 'Propagate Religion' removed from it. There should be no obstacles in following one's own religion Besides, the Goa Government must pass the



requisite law in the Assembly and send it to the Central Government. Only then can the illegal conversions be prevented completely. This was spoken by Mr M Nageshwar Rao (Former Director of CBI) in a Press Conference organized on the 3rd day of the 10th 'Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtira Adhiveshan', going on at Shri Ramnath Devasthan Ponda, Goa.

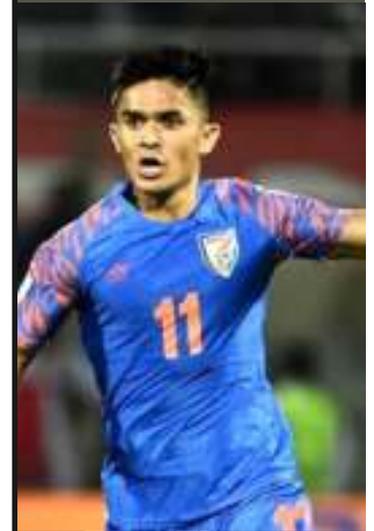
Sadguru (Dr) Charudatta Pingale (National Guide, Hindu Janajagruti Samiti), Mrs Esther Dhana Raj (from Telangana, who left the Christian religion to adopt Hindu Dharma), Mr Prabal Pratap Singh Judev (State Vice President, 'Bharatiya Janata Party', who helped lakhs of Hindus in the 'Gharwapasi' process in Chhattisgarh) and Mr Shankar Kharel (District President of 'Vishwa Hindu Mahasangh', Nepal) were also present on the dais. Sadguru (Dr) Charudatta Pingale said that to prevent religious conversions, it is necessary to create an awakening in and provide Dharma Shikshan to Hindus. Once Hindus are educated on and

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On the widely debated question of criminalising marital rape, the Delhi High Court today delivered a split verdict. The case will now go to the Supreme Court. Two judges, Justice Rajiv Shakhder and Justice Hari Shankar, failed to agree on their verdict on a batch of petitions seeking to make marital rape a crime. The petitions, filed in 2015, challenge an exception under rape laws that protect men who have non-consensual sex with their wives from criminal prosecution if the woman is not a minor, or above 18. Justice Shakhder said the exception violated Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution dealing with the Right to Equality, Freedom of Speech and Expression and Protection of Life and Personal Liberty. The judges had reserved a

judgement on February 21 after lengthy hearings on the rape law and the exemption for marital rape.

People rarely report marital rapes in rural areas. There is absolutely no way a man can fight marital rape charges. What evidence and defence is he supposed to present if falsely accused? Court already specified that the sexual intercourse by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under fifteen years of age, is not rape. As per this exemption, even if it is proven (say, by a video clip), that a husband has raped his wife, he cannot be charged with rape. But even if this

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exemption is removed, the victim would have to prove beyond reasonable doubt that it was rape. By the very nature of the crime, happening in the personal space and with forensic evidence being unreliable, it is inevitably very difficult to prove marital rape. So, obvious proof is only available in the most heinous and obvious cases. However, as per the blanked exemption, even these cases will not qualify as rape.

Right now, all she can do is file cases under the domestic violence law. There is a clear cut difference between marital rape and other kinds of violence and the punishment for the two should be different. The primary reason marital rape is not a crime in India is because they considered marriage a tacit lifelong agreement of being available for sex. This kind of thinking comes from deep-rooted patriarchal standards.

India is a couple of decades behind the curve as the discussions on those topics have not permeated the society beyond just a thin layer at the top. A discussion on a variety of other social topics - ranging from dowry to widow burning to untouchability - was a priority for our reformers, mostly. Since the discussions did not take place and social understanding not yet developed, even the courts have been slow to ensure progress.

Although it is a fact that marital rape is an extremely difficult crime to prove, but that is hardly a justification for not calling a crime out for what it is. Currently, the Indian legal system does not recognize marital rape to be a crime. There is no legal penalty for any individual undermining the consent of their spouses and forcing sexual acts on them. And it is challenging, if not



impossible, to put an end to a crime if they cannot prosecute it.

There is no louder sanction to a crime than when the law refrains from declaring it a crime. If there is no fear of punishment and penalty, what stops an individual committing a crime from doing so with impunity? Simultaneously, we need to focus on educating and empowering our women, freeing them of the shackles of financial dependence. The more educated and empowered the women, the lesser their dependence on men and the less likely they would be to put up with violence of any type within a marriage.

This is perhaps the most challenging, would be widespread social change, open conversations and education regarding

positive consent, sex education and lifting social taboo. If a woman consistently refuses to have sex, a man does not have the right to enforce said marital contract by forcing himself upon his wife. The law cannot order his wife to have sex, either. The redress for this situation, as provided by the law, is a dissolution of the marriage, an option available to either spouse.

Also, the way to decide whether the benefits of a law prosecuting marital rape it is a complex problem. Yes, there are women who undergo extreme mental trauma in abusive marriages and yes, there are women taking advantage of this. Is the suffering of a raped wife greater than that of a falsely accused woman and is there a statistic showing both cases?

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abide by Dharma, no one will be able to indulge in religious conversions.

Mr Pramod Sawant (Chief Minister of Goa) has declared that a law will be passed against religious conversions in Goa. We welcome his decision. The constitution should be amended, including the enactment of an anti-proselytizing law in Goa, to prevent proselytizing in Goa by Dominic and other Christian preachers. Mr Shankar Kharal from Nepal said, "In Nepal - a country which has a population of 3 crore - already 30 lakhs have been converted. This is a very serious matter. To tackle such conversion, it is necessary to work on poverty, education and other fundamental issues". Mrs Esther Dhanaraj from Telangana said, "I was a Christian myself; however, when I went to the USA and studied the Bible, I realised that there is no logic in it. Subsequently, upon returning to India I came across the conspiracies of the Missionaries to convert people. I am awakening people against these conspiracies. I am also working towards bringing the converted Hindus back into the Hindu fold and advising the youth".

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# Voices



## Letter's to the Editor

### LIC should come out with an buyback issue at the IPO price to bail out retail investors who are badly trapped!

LIC India IPO was not just overpriced but over hyped as well which is the reason why retail investors got badly trapped in an marketing extravaganza which eroded almost 25 percent of investors wealth in mater of few days. Many were loyal LIC clients who were first time investors in the stock market & one feels sorry for them to be caught on the wrong foot by none other than an entity owned by the GOI. Poor dividend too added to investors woes & people will now have to be invested for an long haul just to recover their principle amount. Govt should bail out retail investors by coming out with an buyback at the IPO price in an environment where making both ends meet is getting tougher on account of rising interest rates & inflation. That is the least the govt & LIC can do to win back the confidence of the people. A few thousand crores may not mean much for the govt but it means the world for the people. Other mechanism to compensate retail investors too will be welcomed by the people!

- S. N. Kabra

### The woes of middle-class

'People have no choice then to continue to live dangerously fragile buildings' (editoritis) gives words you the woes of middle-class who don't have money to buy or rent out safe home. There are lakhs of ready to move in homes in the city but they are too big for middle class or lower-class financially. Builders and developers know the great demand for affordable housing but all of them are constructed in far away suburbs and some areas are literally reserved for only moneybags. The redevelopment saga is also not very different, good, luxurious buildings are made for elites and very poorly constructed buildings are for the old residents, where even lifts are not working properly. All in all the builders lobby just overlooks the need of middle class which forces them to stay in dangerous Buildings.

- Maya Hemant Bhatkar

### Comeback like a Pheonix

Whenever the Indian cricket team underperforms especially on home soil. Millions of hearts will be crushed. Another anguish for cricket lovers is that the Proteas prevented the Indian team from setting a world record triumph. In the current series, the Proteas have a 2-0 lead, putting the Indians under a lot of pressure for upcoming match. On the other hand, the Proteas are hoping to win their first bilateral T20 series in India. The statement made by Rishabh Panth about toss is completely unacceptable. For this reason, winning the toss has no bearing on winning the match. On the other note, despite the fact that our squad has several so-called captains from the recent IPL, their performance has been subpar owing to overconfidence. Coach Dravid has to make critical changes in the team for next match to make the team to comeback like a pheonix bird from ashes to seal the series.

- Vijaykumar H K

### Victory for India

In a significant initiative, the United Nations General Assembly has adopted an Indian-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time. This resolution was passed to encourage the UN to continue disseminations important communications & messages in office as well as in non-official languages, including hindi language. The resolution also mentions Urdu and Bangla for the first time. India's permanent representative TS Tirumurti said multilingualism is recognised as a core value of the UN & expressed gratefulness to the secretary -General for prioritising Multilingualism. Multilingualism is an essential factor in maintaining harmony, communication among people and an enabler of multilateral diplomacy. It ensures effective participation of all in the organisation's work, as well as greater transparency and efficiencies and better result.

- Abhinav Upadhyay

# Himself wielded the sword against invaders



*The practical approach thus adopted by the Guru greatly served the cause of Hinduism. For there were also such Hindus then who were lured into adopting Islam solely for the sake of consuming the meat. But, now they had the option of taking the refuge in Sikhism, than in Islam. The transformation thus brought in the very ethos of Sikhism by Hargovind Singh was to prove epochal in the Sikh history.*

Jawahar Lal Nehru writes-  
**"The fifth guru, Arjun singh(Guru Arjundev), compiled the Granth(Guru Granth Sahib). And Granth is a collection of sayings and hymns, and sacred book of the Sikhs. For a political offence Jahangir had Guru Arjun Singh tortured to death. The unjust and cruel treatments of their Guru filled Sikhs with resentment and turned their minds to arms. Under their sixth Guru, Hargovind Singh, they became military brotherhood."**

( P- 371; Glimpses of World History)

As mentioned by Nehru above Guru Hargovind Singh- himself being forced to lead the life of a prisoner for 10 long years by Jehangir- brought in many revolutionary disciplines in socio-religious life itself to make martial spirit gradually infused in the Sikh community. He made it mandatory for the followers to bring the money, horses

and weapons with the sweets and other edible items as offerings in the temples. The army of dedicated and of paid soldiers was raised ; and the fort of Lohgarh to protect Amritsar was built. More so the foundation of Akal Takht in front of Hari mandir in Amritsar was laid in 1606. From here Guru Hargovind Singh began to deliver the discourse on the worldly affairs; the tradition of giving spiritual discourse from Hari mandir was already in vogue since the time of earlier Gurus. He had the credit of the first such Guru who initiated the tradition of mass prayer so as to strengthen the spirit of organization among the followers. It was the time, living mainly in the rural areas of Punjab, the Jats were known to be the indomitable of fighters gifted with the robust physical structure. Taking the revenge of injustice, come what may, was rare feature of their tendency. Keeping this into view, Hargovind made a large numbers of Jats join Sikhism.

Yet this is not all. Knowing the fact that the followers imitate those whom they worship, he initiated the tradition of Guru wielding the two swords i.e. Peere, the symbol of spiritualism; and Meere, the symbol of material prosperity. Himself being fond of hunting, he allowed it [hunting] and, also, the consumption of meat for the followers; though, he continued to prohibit non-vegetarian food in the sacred Langar [Sikh tradition of mass-feast], which is still followed this time. The practical approach thus adopted by the Guru greatly served the cause of Hinduism. For there were also such Hindus then who were lured into adopting Islam solely for the sake of consuming the meat. But, now they had the option of taking the refuge in Sikhism, than in Islam. The transformation thus brought in the very ethos of Sikhism by Hargovind Singh was to prove epochal in the Sikh history.

And, therefore, it can be said that the valor and prowess that we see later in the deeds of last tenth Guru Govind Singh and , thereafter, Maharaja Ranjit Singh and his loyal warriors in their so many fights against the Mughals and other invaders they were essentially nourished in virtues of these traditions of martialism originally laid by Guru Hargovind Singh.

[Refer, "Guru Nanak Se Guru Govind Singh"- Dr. Arvind Godbole; Archana Prakashan]



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# RSS trying to project history of freedom struggle through rightist lens

Alleging that the mainstream freedom struggle doesn't reflect in the Gallery of Revolutionaries, being inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Raj Bhavan here, the Congress on Tuesday said the RSS has been trying to show the history of the Independence movement through the "rightist lens". Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant also said the Gallery does not mention the names of freedom fighters like Azimullah Khan, Babu Genu and Communist leader Shripad Dange. He said both Hindus and Muslims contributed to the freedom struggle.

In an apparent reference to Hindutva ideologue and freedom fighter V D Savarkar, whose name is being displayed at the Gallery of Revolutionaries, Sawant hoped the names of those who were



sentenced in the Andaman prisons and those who did not write apologies will also be included. Many revolutionaries in Maharashtra endured the punishment of kalapani. The struggle of farmers and workers and the Warli uprising should also get a place in the museum, he added.

For many years, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has been trying to downplay the importance of the non-violent struggle under the leadership of

Mahatma Gandhi and to show the history of the freedom movement (due to the non-participation of the Sangh) through the lens of rightist prism, Sawant alleged. Genu, a mill worker, was crushed to death after he tried to stop the truck carrying foreign cloth during the Quit India movement. Sawant also said since the museum was built under the guidance of academician Vikram Sampath, there is a strong possibility that the "team's lens (view) was used".

Sampath has authored a two-set volume on Savarkar, a highly polarising figure in modern history. The gallery has been developed in the bunker as one of its kind museums to commemorate the contributions of freedom fighters and revolutionaries of Maharashtra.

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# Mumbai Airport to be first to launch renewable energy project



The Mumbai International launches wind turbine and solar panel first of its kind to use hydro generation project for renewal energy. The Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) and Solar PV hybrid (Solar Milli) to utilize the wind energy at the airport.

The initiative is collaboration with WindStream Energy Technologies India Pvt Ltd, to ensure 24 X 7 energy generation and harness maximum energy. "This fully integrated, hybrid renewable energy product harnesses solar

and wind energy combined to generate electricity.

The energy generated through this technology can be customised on a need-specific basis. Due to its modular and scalable size, it's easy to mount the technology on any mobile or static rooftop. This technology is a vital step in deploying a solution at the airport that is renewable, clean, green, environment-friendly, bird-friendly, and a silent solution with a 25-year design life," the airport authority's statement stated.

# MLA Jaykumar pre-arrest bail plea rejected by Bombay HC



BJP MLA Jaykumar Gore's plea for bail allegedly forging documents in the name of a deceased person connection with a case in which the legislator along five other has been rejected by Bombay high court on Tuesday.

The court stay on their order for two weeks to enable Gore,

The case is from Mayani Village for fraudulently preparing a fake documents. Complain was lodge by Mahadev Piraji Bhaise.

A vacation bench of the high court last month had granted interim protection from arrest to Gore till further orders. On May 18, told the prosecution that appeal is required for final hearing, the court will either will protect accuse or hear the case on July, or police can hear statement and plea can be hear by regular bench. SV Gavand, on Instruction V Deshmukh DSP of Dahiwadi Police station, had informed the bench that appellat shall not be arrested till the next.

# Three Jewellery theft arrested

Three persons have been arrested here for allegedly stealing gold and diamond jewellery worth Rs 4 crore from a rented premises in south Mumbai, police said on Tuesday.

The arrested men were identified as Prakash Sonu Bhuvad (41) who works as a sweeper, his son Praveen (25) and Yaseek Dinesh Parmar (32). Out of six kg of stolen jewellery, two kg of jewellery was recovered from their possession, a police official said.

Deepak Jain, the complainant, claimed that his family had a rented room in an old building in Vitthal Wadi locality which had remained locked for a long time. His deceased father recently

'appeared in his dream' and asked him to visit the room and collect the 'treasure' kept there, Jain told police. When he visited the room, the owner told him that he had the room cleaned up as the Jain family had not visited it for long.

As no jewellery or any other valuables were found inside, Jain lodged a complaint with the LT Marg police station. Investigation led the police to the Bhvad father-son duo who had allegedly stolen the jewellery during the cleaning and Parmar who allegedly purchased it from them.

The accused were booked for theft and further probe is on, the official said.

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# Father and Son convict and sent for imprisonment



Two director of Ahjua constructions Jagdish Bhagwandas Ahuja and his son Gautam Ahuja had arrested by Mumbai Police and sent to jail on 12th June, under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

They both were arrested near Bombay high court after failing to get relief from 6 month convict. The 14th Metropolitan Magistrate Court had convicted for cheque bouncing case of Rs 10 Lakh for 6 month impressment.

The accused had reportedly taken the loan and handed over a cheque that bounced due to insufficient funds. Police said the duo neither filed an appeal against their conviction order nor surrendered before the police, due to which their standing warrant was pending.

# Bunker under Raj Bhavan now PM opens gallery of freedom fighters

British era bunker which was discover in the year of 2016, Converted in 2019 into museum and now house will be open gallery of freedom fighters called 'Kranti Gatha'.

Under the guidance of Vikram Sampath with the assistance from the South Central Zonal Culture Center based on Nagpur. The gallery

was open for Public view. 'Kranti Gatha' is a tribute to those from Maharashtra who contributed to the Indian freedom struggle, from the First War of Independence in 1857 to the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946.

The gallery will feature Maharashtra freedom fighter. The gallery is criticized by congress on social media.



**Gurukul teaches makes painting and giving tribute to Sushant Sigh Rajput ... His 2nd death anniversary, On 14th June**

# News

## Hindu Task Force to Protest against Qatar Airways

The Hindu organization has decided to protest outside the office of the Consulate General of State of Qatar, Nariman Point, Mumbai on 24.06.2022 at 2 pm condemning the Official Note issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar demanding public apology from Indian Government, if the said Official Note not withdrawn.

That recently, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar has summoned H.E. Dr. Deepak Mittal, the Ambassador of the Republic of India in Qatar and handed him an Official Note demanding public apology from the Indian Government condemning the remarks of an official in the ruling party in India against Prophet Mohammed.

Hindu Task Force strongly condemn the MOFA, Qatar's official note demanding public apology from Indian



government as India i.e., Bharat has always stood for oneness, international brotherhood and peace based on his ancient teachings coming from holy book Bhagavad Gita. Whereas Qatar in past has granted citizenship to M. F. Hussain who was infamous for his naked portrait of Hindu deities and Bharat Mata hurting the sentiments of Hindus at large. But India never witnessed Qatar's apology for granting citizenship to him. So MOFA, Qatar's above act of issuing Official Note is nothing but a

hypocrite act. The official from the ruling party in India during media debate referred to an unbanned book namely, Sahih-Al-Bukhari 5134 Book 67, Hadith 70 which has reference to Prophet. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has never called for ban of the said book which is open for reading on public domain.

That the world is a victim of Islamic terrorism manufactured by the Islamic nations like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Palestine etc but, Qatar never thwarted or condemned their Islamic ideology of Darul-Islam which is the root cause of Islamic terrorism.

Thus, in strong words we hereby call upon the MOFA, Qatar to withdraw the said Official Note with immediate effect or else their office will face democratic peaceful protest from the Hindu Nationalist citizens.

## Hacker demands apology to Muslims after hacking Thane Police website

The Thane city police commission rate's website was allegedly hacked on Tuesday, with a message appearing on it apparently directed towards the Indian government and demanding an apology to "Muslims all over the world".

A senior police official here confirmed that the website has been hacked. "We have contacted the agencies concerned for necessary action. Thane cybercrime team is

working on it," he said.

On opening the website, the message on the screen stated: "Hacked by one hat cyber team" It further said, "Hello Indian Government, Hello everyone. Again and again you make trouble with the problem of the Islamic Religion..." "Hurry up and apologize to Muslims all over the world!! We don't stand still when our apostle is insulted," the message said.

## Flood sensor installs for assess water level during heavy rains



The Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) here in Maharashtra has installed flood sensors at 10 locations in the civic limits to alert the control room if water there reaches an alarming level during heavy rains, an official said on Tuesday.

The sensors are linked to the KDMC's Smart City Operation Centre, where the water levels are monitored round-the-clock. Once the water level set specifically (as alarming) is

reached, the centre gets an alert following which the civic body's disaster management team can take action to alert citizens or take any other preventive measure as required, KDMC Commissioner Dr Vijay Suryavanshi said. The sensors have been installed at 10 specific locations where flooding occurs frequently, he said. He claimed that this new system has, perhaps, been installed for the first time in any civic limits to prevent a disaster and losses due to flooding. In addition to this, the officials concerned will keep the civic team informed about problems arising due to the rise in water level in different areas, especially at vulnerable locations, he added.

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## UPL signs pact with Shreenath Mhaskoba Sugar Mill for sustainable sugarcane production



Agrochemical major UPL Ltd on Tuesday said it has signed an agreement with Shreenath Mhaskoba Sugar Mill in Pune for sustainable sugarcane production in Maharashtra. This memorandum of understanding (MoU) will address farmers' concerns and create the category of sustainable sugar by ensuring optimised usage of natural resources, UPL said in a

statement. Through this collaboration and with the help of Zeba technology, UPL not only aims to increase the sugarcane yield by 15 per cent over 10,000 acres of land but also reduce the input costs, leading to an increase in farmer profit and income.

The drive will impact more than 4,000 farmers in over 70 villages in Maharashtra. UPL has developed Zeba, a naturally derived, starch-based, completely biodegradable, and super-absorbent to address these concerns. Intended for in-furrow application, Zeba increases the water holding capacity of the soil, improves the nutrient use efficiency in the crop's root zone and has a positive effect on the soil microbiome, thereby

maintaining soil health. With the help of Zeba technology, UPL is eyeing to save 600 crore litres of water and 500 tonnes of urea. The MoU will also provide sustainable solutions to the sugarcane farmers with end-to-end intervention in terms of advisory of Good Agronomical Practices (GAP), implementation of ProNutiva (Complete Crop protection and Nutrition Package), mechanisation in terms of planters, earthing up machines and boom sprayers, insurance and traceability through Nurture.farm app. The drive will run in phases, which in the long run will help farmers to establish sugarcane nurseries (sugarcane seeds), which can be sold to other farmers.

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## Deputy CM not being allowed to speak at PM event insult of Maharashtra

Nationalist Congress Party MP Supriya Sule said that Maharashtra Deputy CM was not allowed to speak in the presence of PM at the inauguration even in Dehu near Pune are termed it as an insult of the state. Ajit Pawar's office had requested (the PMO) that he be allowed to speak at the event as he is the Deputy CM and also the guardian minister of the district.

The PMO did not approve it," she told reporters in Amravati. "This is very serious, painful, shocking and not justified. This is an insult

to Maharashtra. Whether to allow Fadnavis to speak is their personal matter but Ajit Pawar, being the Deputy CM, should have been allowed to speak at the Dehu event," Supriya said. She argued former CM was allowed to speak at the event.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurate a Shila (rock) temple at the Sant Tukaram Maharaj Mandir dedicated. PM also interact with the warkaris during visit. Which comes ahead of the annual 'wari' tradition which will commence on June 20 from Dehu.



PM Modi inaugurates Jagatguru Shrisant Tukaram Maharaj Temple in Dehu, Pune

# Nation

## 10 Lakh recruitment in next 1.5 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked various government departments and ministries to undertake the recruitment of 10 lakh people on a "mission mode" in the next year and a half, his office said on Tuesday. The direction from Modi came following a review of the status of human resources in all government departments and ministries, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The government's decision comes amid the opposition's frequent criticism of it on the issue of unemployment.

A large number of vacant posts in different government sectors has often been flagged. The decision to fill up 10 lakh



posts in the next 18 months means that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will have something solid to counter the opposition's criticism of its government on the issue of unemployment in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The country will be gearing up for the next general

election, expected to be held in April-May in 2024, by the end of 18 months from now.

According to the latest annual report of the Department of Expenditure on Pay and Allowances, the total number of regular central government civilian employees in position (including in the Union territories) as on March 1, 2020 was 31.91 lakh as against the sanctioned strength of 40.78 lakh and approximately 21.75 per cent of the posts were vacant. According to the report, against the sanctioned strength of 10.16 lakh in central police forces, 9.05 lakh employees were in position as on March 1, 2020.

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## India to recruit soldiers for 4 year service periods, minister says



India will recruit soldiers for four-year service periods, after which a quarter will be brought into regular service, as it looks to deploy younger and fitter troops, the defence minister and military officials said on Tuesday. The recruitment process for personnel below officer rank between the ages of 17 and a half to 21 years will begin in the next three months, an official said.

- Reuters

## Jitendra Singh govt officials' efforts in shifting Kashmiri student from Dhaka to AIIMS Delhi

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday lauded the efforts of government officials in ensuring the shifting of Shoab Lone, a Jammu and Kashmir resident studying in Bangladesh's Dhaka, to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Notably, Aslam Lone, the injured student's father, said his son Shoab Lone is an MBBS student at Barind Medical College Dhaka and met with a car accident while travelling with four other people and the family was facing problems including "language barrier" and "high cost of treatment". He said that Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina visited Rajouri and the problem was posed to him by people known to them. The BJP



Image Courtesy: ANI

leader promised to apprise the PMO of the matter. He said they were at AIIMS trauma centre due to "PM's intervention".

"It was a quick response from PMO which helped the common man of the country." Meanwhile, Shoab Lone's father expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his intervention in the matter. Sohaib Lone's mother was also at AIIMS hospital in Delhi and felt emotional succour seeing him under treatment at the specialised government hospital here.

- ANI

## Rs 60 Lakh sanction for renovation of community hall by Telangana Government

Telangana government on Monday sanctioned an amount of more than Rs 60 lakh for the renovation of community hall for the welfare of the poor people in the state. Locals expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao-led Telangana government for renovating the community hall in the state.

"The Telangana government has sanctioned over Rs 60 lakh for renovating the G+1 community hall here. We stay in Basti, so people can use the



community halls in case of any function because the banquet halls are very expensive. We can save our money by using these halls. I thank all the local MLAs and KCR government," Mazar, a local resident told ANI.

- ANI

## Covid-19 Vaccine cross mark of 195.35 Cr in India

India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded the 195.35 crore mark (1,95,35,70,360) till 7 am on Tuesday, informed the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. According to the ministry, the government further informed that so far, over 3.52 crore (3,52,45,234) adolescents in the age group 12-14 have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine after the drive began on March 16.

The registration of COVID-19 booster doses for the age group 18-59 years also began on 10th April 2022, and over 34,69,795 precaution doses have been administered, said the ministry.

- ANI

## Punjab Police calls Lawrence Bishnoi 'key conspirator', seeks his custody



Punjab Police on Tuesday informed a Delhi court that Lawrence Bishnoi is a key conspirator of singer Sidhu Moose Wala's murder while seeking the gangster's transit remand saying that his custodial interrogation is necessary. Punjab Police on Tuesday sought the transit remand of Bishnoi to produce him before the court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Mansa in accordance with the law.

Punjab Police further submitted that during the investigation of the Sidhu Moose Wala murder case, the confession statements of the arrested accused were recorded wherein it was clearly pointed out that Lawrence Bishnoi had tasked the co-accused to carry out the "planned killing of Sidhu Moose Wala."

"The same has been corroborated by the upload on social media wherein Lawrence Bishnoi has taken responsibility for carrying out the planned murder of Sidhu Moosewala.

The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

The nationwide COVID-19 vaccination started on January 16, 2021. 4,035 patients have recovered in the last 24 hours and the cumulative tally of recovered patients (since the beginning of the pandemic) is now at 4,26,61,370, according to government data. The last 24 hours saw a total of 3,21,873 COVID-19 tests being conducted. India has so far conducted over 85.54 crores (85,54,30,752) cumulative tests, it added.

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# World

## Musharraf set to return to Pakistan

Pakistan's former military leader Pervez Musharraf, who has been hospitalized for the last three weeks due to health-related complications, is set to return home from self-imposed exile, the Voice of America (VOA) reported. However, the exact date of his arrival in Pakistan was not immediately disclosed. Officials in Pakistan are making arrangements to allow the return of the 79-year-old former general, highly placed government sources told VOA. An air ambulance will bring Musharraf back from a Dubai hospital given the consent of his family and doctors, the report added. Since 2016, Musharraf has been living in the UAE when he was allowed to travel abroad



on bail for medical treatment. At the time, he was being tried in Pakistan on treason charges which got later overturned by a high court ruling. Last week, media reports started doing rounds about his deteriorating health of Musharraf. On Twitter, Musharraf's family refuted reports that he is on the ventilator and said he is going through a difficult stage of recovery as his organs are malfunctioning.

Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said the general should face "no obstacle" for him to return home in view of his ill health. "Past events should not be allowed to stand in the way. May Allah help him recover so he can spend his remaining life with dignity," Asif tweeted on Saturday. Musharraf seized power in a bloodless military coup in 1999, ousting the then-elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. He later declared himself president and went on to rule Pakistan until after his political allies lost the 2008 general elections, forcing him to step down to avoid impeachment by the new parliament.

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## Sri Lanka: Ceylon Electricity Board head quits

The Chairman of Sri Lanka's Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB), MMC Ferdinando has resigned days after he alleged before the parliamentary panel that Prime Minister Narendra Modi influenced President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to award a wind power project to the Adani Group in this island nation. The top Sri Lankan official's resignation was announced by the Sri Lankan power and energy minister Kanchana Wijesekera on Twitter. He wrote that Ferdinando's resignation had been accepted and that he would be replaced by the vice-chairman as the head of Sri Lanka's Central Electricity Board (CEB).

Ferdinando's testimony before parliament's Committee for

Public Enterprises (COPE) last Friday sparked a political controversy with the opposition in both Sri Lanka and India. "During this discussion, I became so emotional due to pressures and unreasonable allegations levelled against me to issue this official letter of request. Therefore, due to unexpected pressure and emotions, I was compelled without limitation to express the word 'India agamathi bala kara bawa kiwwa' (stressed by the Hon Prime Minister of India), which is totally incorrect. Hence, I wish to withdraw the relevant statement and record my apology unconditionally," the statement cited by the Sri Lankan newspaper read.

- ANI

## Spanish Foreign Minister to visit India today



Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares Bueno will pay his official visit to India on Wednesday, a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs read on Tuesday. During his visit, Albares will hold talks with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar on bilateral, regional, and international issues of mutual interest. According to MEA, the bilateral ties got a fresh impetus after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Spain in 2017.

"Albares's visit will be an opportunity to review the entire gamut of our bilateral relations and further deepen the partnership across various areas including trade, defence, science & technology, innovation, climate, and culture sectors," the statement said further. Meanwhile, in January this year, Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the signing of an agreement between India and Spain on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters.

- ANI

## Hindu girl rescued from Punjab province, a week after she was abducted

Hindu girl who was kidnapped in the Jhelum district of Pakistan's Punjab province was rescued on Monday, a week after she was abducted while returning from work. The Dawn newspaper reported that the suspect was also arrested. The Hindu girl was rescued from the Singhoi area within the limits of the Chotala police station of Jhelum. The report said the girl was kidnapped while she was returning from the hillside. According to an FIR, the suspect acting on the directions of his

landlord, Raja Zafar, abducted the girl with the intention of raping her. Local police told Dawn the victim has been brought back to Jhelum by the police team from Bahawalpur while raids are also being carried out to arrest Zafar.

This incident drew a sharp reaction from various human rights organisations in the country. When it comes to the minority rights in Pakistan, analysts say that the political parties in the country don't go against the hardline religious figures and personalities over

the fear of losing votes. They say there is mass indifference among the people of Pakistan because religion is involved.

According to the expert, many in the country actually willfully ignore incidents of kidnapping and forced conversion. Activists say human rights in Pakistan records have touched a new low with several media reports and global bodies reflecting the dire situation for women, minorities, children, and media persons in the country.

- ANI

## US health secretary tests positive for COVID-19

US Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Xavier Becerra, tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday, the second time for him in less than a month. Becerra took an antigen test in Sacramento, California in the morning and the result was positive, according to HHS spokesperson Sarah Lovenheim. "He is fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, and is experiencing mild symptoms," Lovenheim said in a statement. "He will continue to perform his duties as HHS Secretary, working in isolation

- ANI

## US, Taiwan 'Monterey Talks to counter china



With Taiwan's top National Security Council (NSC) officials set to for strategic dialogue with US President Joe Biden's administration staff next week, reports indicated that the talks will focus mainly on arms sales policy and security cooperation so that Taipei can defend itself against China. The 'Monterey Talks' an

annual high-level bilateral defence dialogue is considered to be the most important strategic collaboration between the two countries. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, one of the senior security officials said that the US is expected to focus on upgrades to existing equipment to enhance immediate combat capabilities as a response to uncertainties in the cross-strait situation, reported Taipei Times. According to the officials, the US considers any Chinese military action in the first island chain to fall within its "weapons engagement zone," they said.

- ANI

## Quad, BRICS vie to woo India

The Quad and the BRICS, the two rivals, are competing with each other as they find India one of its key members among the countries. The Quad has a rival, BRICS, which assembles ministers from Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa - and India and the leaders see India as the key member for the obvious reason of countering China. Tokyo recently hosted the "Quad".

The leaders of Japan, the United States, India and Australia had met at all is quite an achievement, especially when one of the key members, India, is taking a stance on Russia's war on Ukraine so different from that of the others. India had abstained from voting on the UN Security Council resolution over Ukraine. Notably, the Quad has a sort of rival to BRICS, which since 2006 has assembled

ministers from Brazil, Russia, India and China and which in 2011, will add South Africa. At first, the BRICS summits appeared to symbolize the growing importance of these big emerging economies, reflecting also in a Western-centric sort of way the fact that the idea of "the BRICS" was originally created by a British chief economist at the American investment bank Goldman Sachs as an intellectual piece of marketing, according to Asia Times.

Japan, the United States and Australia see India as the key member for the obvious reason of countering China. But while India does see the need to counter or deter China, it plainly also sees a purpose in consulting quite intensively with China through the BRICS framework, Asia Times reported further.

- ANI

# Business

## WPI inflation surges to 15.88 per cent in May; highest in 10 years

India's annual wholesale price-based inflation surged to 15.88 per cent in May, the highest level in nearly 10 years, due to a sharp jump in the prices of fuel, metal, chemicals, and food articles, the government data showed on Tuesday. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation has been in the double-digit for 14 months in a row. The WPI-based inflation stood at 15.08 per cent in April and 14.55 per cent in the previous month. In May 2021, the WPI-based inflation stood at 13.11 per cent, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The month-over-month change in the WPI index for the month of May 2022 stood at 1.38 per cent as compared to April 2022.



Image Courtesy : DNA

crude petroleum & natural gas, food articles, basic metals, non-food articles, chemicals & chemical products and food products etc as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

The Office of the Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade released the Index numbers of wholesale price in India (Base Year: 2011-12) for the month of May 2022

(Provisional) and for the month of March 2022 (Final). Primary articles, which have 22.62 per cent weight in the WPI index, increased by 2.80 per cent to 179.8 (provisional) in May 2022 from 174.9 (provisional) for the month of April 2022.

Prices of Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas (8.52 per cent), Food Articles (2.40 per cent), Minerals (1.73 per cent) and Non-food Articles (1.52 per cent) increased in May 2022 as compared to April 2022. The index for Fuel & Power increased by 2.25 per cent to 154.4 (provisional) in May 2022 from 151.0 (provisional) for the month of April 2022. Prices of Mineral Oils (3.34 per cent) increased in May 2022 as compared to April 2022. Prices of coal and electricity remain unchanged.

- ANI

## Asian stocks slide as Fed hike fears tip Wall St into bear market

Asian shares slid sharply and the safe-haven dollar held near a two-decade peak on Tuesday after Wall Street hit a confirmed bear market milestone on fears aggressive U.S. interest rate hikes would push the world's largest economy into recession.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan (.MIAPJ0000PUS) fell 0.45% in volatile trade, clawing back some of its earlier losses. Australia's benchmark S&P/ASX200 (.AXJO) closed 3.55% lower while Japan's Nikkei stock index (.N225) was down 1.32%, having fallen as much as 2% earlier in the session.

The negative tone in Asia followed a bleak U.S. session on Monday, which saw Goldman Sachs forecast a 75 basis point interest rate hike at the Federal Reserve's next policy meeting on Wednesday.

However, investors appeared to be shaking off the gloom heading

into European trade with the pan-region Euro Stoxx 50 futures up 0.83%, German DAX futures 0.9% higher and FTSE futures rising 0.62%. U.S. stock futures also added 1.17%. "Rather, it is certain growth will slow - which is the aim of the policy tightening - and by late this year, inflation pressures should start to ease."

Expectations for aggressive U.S. rate hikes have risen after inflation in the year to May shot up by a sharper than predicted 8.6%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (.DJI) fell 2.8.

Bitcoin fell around 4.5% on Tuesday to \$21,416, a fresh 18-month low, extending Monday's 15% fall as markets were jolted by crypto lender Celsius suspending withdrawals. Oil markets began to recover late in the Asian session with U.S. crude up 0.13% at \$121.08 a barrel, having traded down most of Tuesday.

- Reuters

## Fitch expects RBI to raise interest rates to 5.9 pc

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday said the Reserve Bank is likely to raise interest rates further to 5.9 per cent by December 2022, on deteriorating inflation outlook. In its update to Global Economic Outlook, Fitch said India's economy faces a worsening external environment, elevated commodity prices, and tighter global monetary policy.

"Given the deteriorating outlook for inflation, we now expect the RBI to lift rates further to 5.9 per cent by December 2022 and to 6.15 per cent by the end of 2023 (vs. previous forecast of 5 per cent) and to be unchanged in 2024," Fitch said. Last month in an unscheduled policy announcement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised rates by 40 basis points to 4.4 per cent, and subsequently to 4.9 per cent last week.

- PTI

## Bajaj Finance Fixed Deposit Interest Rate rise up to 20 bps

Once again, Bajaj Finance offers good news for all investors. Interest rates on Fixed Deposits have been hiked by up to 20 basis points, allowing all investors to receive higher profits. Fixed deposit interest rates have been raised by Bajaj Finance. It now has outstanding interest rates of up to 7.60% p.a. With a minimum deposit of Rs. 15,000, you can

now invest online. For all categories of investors and tenors, the FD interest rate has been boosted, resulting in faster investment growth. Any deposits made on or after June 14, 2022, will be subject to the new interest rate. Take a look at the advantages of putting money into a fixed deposit with Bajaj Finance. Fixed Deposit new interest rate With a

minimum deposit of just Rs. 15,000, customers below 60 years can now earn 6.60% p.a. for 24-35 months and 7.20% p.a. if they choose a tenor of 36-60 months.

The rate change also impacts the senior citizens, who can now earn up to 7.45% p.a. for 36-60 months and 6.85% p.a. for 24-35 months.

The Bajaj Finance Fixed

Deposit special interest rate Bajaj Finance Fixed Deposits has also included special interest rates for all customers. With special interest rates, one can now choose specific tenors to enjoy interest rates up to 7.60% p.a. For a tenor of 44 months, customers below 60 years of age can enjoy an FD interest rate of 7.20% p.a., while senior citizens can earn up to 7.45% p.a.

## Zydus Life's Pankaj R Patel named on RBI Central Board

Zydus Lifesciences Limited's chairman Pankaj R Patel has been appointed as a parttime non-official director in the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the company said on Tuesday. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the proposal of appointment of Patel under section 8 (1)(c) of the RBI Act, 1934 for a period of four years from the date of notification of his appointment, or until further orders, whichever

is earlier, Zydus Lifesciences Limited said in a regulatory filing to the stock exchanges.

Patel is on the Board of various institutions including Invest India, Member of the Mission Steering Group (MSG), the highest policy-making and steering body constituted under the National Health Mission (NHM) and of the Drug Technical Advisory Board by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

- ANI

## Rs 18 lakh crore NBFC debt set to become dearer by 85-105 bps this fiscal

Borrowing costs for non-banking financial companies (NBFC) are expected to become costlier by 85-105 basis points in the current financial year due to an increase in policy rates by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), CRISIL Ratings said in a report released on Tuesday.

However, the overall profitability of NBFCs is expected to remain steady cushioned by a reduction in credit costs. Credit costs, which have been rising for the past couple of years, should decline this fiscal because most NBFCs hold substantial provisioning buffers.

That should offset some of the impacts of higher interest rates on profitability. Other segments such as vehicle finance, and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) financing, comprise fixed-rate loans majorly.

So only incremental loans would be charged at higher interest rates and here, too, they won't be as much as the rise in borrowing costs. Consequently, gross spreads of NBFCs will compress 40-60 bps this fiscal, CRISIL Ratings noted in the report.

- ANI

**BSE Sensex**  
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(-0.29%) ▼

**Currency exchange**

**Nifty** **NSE**  
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd  
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1 USD 78.9500 (INR)  
1 GBP 94.9700 (INR)  
1 EUR 81.7000 (INR)

**Top Gainers**

Scrip Name	Price	%Gain
NTPC	151.40	1.68
Bharti Airtel	682.05	1.60
M&M	1,019.25	1.49
Apollo Hospital	3,706.20	1.49
Divis Labs	3,525.65	1.48

**Top Losers**

Scrip Name	Price	%Loss
Bajaj Auto	3,681.75	-5.14
IndusInd Bank	844.20	-2.46
ONGC	155.95	-2.26
Hindalco	358.30	-2.22
Tech Mahindra	1,030.15	-2.07

# Sports

## Blue Tigers gear-up Hong Kong challenge



**H**eadaches! They are irritating, aren't they? But for National Team Head Coach Igor Stimac, they are "pleasant, and wonderful." "We will train and then decide who is to be rested and who will start against Hong Kong. But whom do you pick and who do you leave out?" Stimac referred to having Kotal, Bose, Thapa, Sahal, and Yasir amongst others waiting for their chance on the bench. "This is my main worry, and I love this worry. I love this kind of headache you know - it's a pleasant one, a wonderful one." He was speaking at the official pre-match official press conference. India will play Hong Kong in their last match of the Group D Asian Cup qualifiers at the VYBK on

Tuesday, the kick-off of which is at 8.30 PM.

"Obviously there is less pressure on us to win this game but the hunger and motivation remain the same. We need to go out and start playing the way we did against Afghanistan to win this game," said Stimac. As things in the group stand, both India and Hong Kong are on 6 points each from 2 matches, with Hong Kong enjoying a superior goal difference of +4 in comparison to India's +3. The 6 group winners, along with the best five 2nd best-placed teams earning a ticket to the AFC Asian Cup 2023. Sunil, currently on 83 international goals, made a mention of the young guns in the team, who are coming out with flying colours.

## Mayweather take part in exhibition fight against Asakura in Japan

**F**loyd Mayweather will take part in an exhibition fight against mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter Mikuru Asakura in Japan later this year, organisers said on Tuesday. American Mayweather, who was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on Sunday, retired in 2015 but returned to defeat Conor McGregor in 2017 and improve his professional record to 50-0. Promoters said the



bout is scheduled for September. The exact date, venue and rules for the fight will be announced later this month. This will be Mayweather's second exhibition bout in Japan, following his first round TKO win over kickboxer Tenshin Nasukawa in 2018. His most recent fight was an exhibition bout against Don Moore in Abu Dhabi in May, which he won.

- Reuters

## PV Sindhu, Sai Praneeth bow out of Indonesia Open

**T**wo-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu made a shock first round exit from the Indonesia Open Super 1000 event after suffering a straight-game defeat against China's He Bing Jiao, here on Tuesday.

Seventh seed Sindhu lost 14-21, 18-21 to Bing Jiao in the women's singles. Sindhu, a former world champion, has won two Super 300 titles the Syed Modi International and the Swiss Open this season. The defeat at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno has affected Sindhu's preparations for the next month's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The mixed doubles pair of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto faced similar fate, crashing out in the opening round after losing 14-21 11-21 to Hong Kong combination of Chang Tak Ching and NG Wing Yung Hong in just 32 minutes. In the Sindhu vs Bing Jiao

match, the Indian was slow off the blocks as the Chinese didn't let her get a grip, racing to a 9-2 lead and then extended it to 11-4 at the break.

Sindhu began playing aggressively after the break and pocketed four straight points to reduce the deficit to 8-11. But the Chinese didn't allow Sindhu to dominate the affair and easily bagged the first game. Although the Chinese enjoyed a slight upper hand throughout the second game, Sindhu kept it close. But eventually Bing Jiao sealed the match in her favour.

- PTI



## Dokic nearly took her life due to mental health

**F**ormer top 10 tennis player Jelena Dokic nearly took her own life in April during struggles with her mental health, the Australian said on social media. Dokic, who played her last professional match in 2014 and has worked as a commentator on Australian TV in recent years, said she had been battling "constant feelings of sadness and pain".

"Such a vicious cycle in my head. The result: almost jumping off my 26th floor balcony on April 28th," the 39-year-old wrote in a post. "I just wanted the pain and the suffering to stop. I pulled myself of the edge, don't even know how I managed to do it." Born in the former Yugoslavia, Dokic said on Instagram that the last six months had been tough but seeking professional help had saved her life. Dokic said some days were better than others but she was on the road to recovery and vowed to return "stronger than ever".



## Thomas Brdaric sign as new head coach for Chennaiyin FC



family for putting their faith in me. Honestly, I am looking forward to this incredible journey. This will be a great experience and a challenge where we will push further as one team," said Brdaric in a statement. "This is not my first time outside of Germany, therefore I am aware of most circumstances and I am ready to move forward with Chennaiyin FC. I can't wait to get started," he added.

**C**hennaiyin FC have acquired the services of Thomas Brdaric as head coach ahead of the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season. In his most recent spell, the German coach-led KF Vllaznia to the Albanian Cup for two successive seasons (2020-21 and 2021-22). The team also finished runners-up in the Albanian Championship in the 2020-21 season. "First of all, I would like to thank Vita Dani and the Chennaiyin

Brdaric was awarded Coach of the Year 2021. He also led the Albanian club in the qualifiers of the recently established UEFA Europa Conference League. The 47-year-old has also had various spells in Germany's lower leagues, including the head coach position of VfL Wolfsburg's U-21 team. In one of his first stints as first-team boss, Brdaric won the Regional League and gained promotion with TSG Neustrelitz in the German fourth division in 2014. He has also reached the North Macedonia Cup Final in 2017 with FK Shkendija as head coach. In 75 games as head coach, he has a record of 50 wins and 15 draws.

- ANI

# Opinion

## Need for the establishment of Mathematics University in India

There have always been fine intellectuals in India. Great mathematical scientists like Ramanujan and Arya Bhatt belonged to India. They have given India a different identity by researching mathematics. This topic has evolved greatly with time. But still many students are not interested in this topic. They describe this topic as being difficult, complicated, and boring. The main reason for this is ignorance of the math are students, parents and every person who comes in contact with students. Not only students but teachers too present this topic in difficult terms to the students. To motivate students to pursue Mathematics as a subject, it has become very important to give them knowledge of mathematical topics, its elements, math courses, jobs in the field of mathematics, and employment opportunities. Therefore, it is necessary to celebrate mathematical week, math month, mathematical year for understanding the importance of mathematics and explaining its importance to students. There is a need for special focus on this subject. This is possible only if there are people with knowledge, place, organizations which focus solely on this subject. A mathematical university should



be set up where intellectuals and experts related to Mathematical subjects, related mathematical materials, mathematical literature etc. are available and where ways to make mathematics easier, interesting can be found. Large scale research related

to mathematics is needed. This work is possible only and only in a mathematics university. There is a need to do something to bring about a change. The demand for mathematics is very high today. Without it, every person, every state and every country is incomplete. There

should be some books and experts, who make this topic easier. Children do not know what the real purpose of reading is, like algebra, trigonometry etc. But when they realise the actual situation, they get afraid. Then they say how easy it was in the 10th

grade, simple and in their mother-tongue. But as soon as they are in Eleventh grade, students get disheartened due to new syllabus, new topics and foreign language and then lose. Only a few percent of the students succeed. This University may send these experts to schools and colleges and guide the students and teachers from time to time. This type of field should not be ignored. Rather, there should be every possible effort to maintain this glorious gift from intellectuals. Time always requires a change. Governments are heavily involved in this change. For example, Medical University, Technical University, Veterinary University, Agricultural University, Ayurvedic University, Homeopathic University have been established. Similarly, a mathematical university should also be established. The government should look into it completely. Central Government should take initiative for Mathematical University. If the state government takes initiative in this matter then with the help of the Central government, the first university of mathematics can be established in India.

## Tricks to learn mathematics subject

I am not good at mathematics' or 'how to solve trigonometry questions?' Such are the questions raised in the mind of students with the 'maths fear' giving them nightmares of failing the subject. If Students could not prepare well for mathematics then they start doubting their chances of success in the paper. The common problem faced by students is, solving the difficult questions and doing quick calculations which can only be possible with regular practice. Moreover, if a student is already getting bad grades in maths then their fear of failing the subject comes to its peak. Every student who has to appear for mathematics exam gathers the courage to face the tough questions. The common problems faced by the students for mathematics are discussed here –

### Common problems of students for mathematics paper

They go blank and confused on seeing mathematics question paper

They make minor mistakes while solving the questions

### Difference between weak and brilliant students –

A student who is brilliant in mathematics gets to know about the type of questions and prepares a strategy accordingly by just solving one or two questions from a chapter. And students who are weak in mathematics get confused and, soon give up solving the questions halfway through.

Weak students need to refer the basic concept for each and every question. However, students, who are quick in mathematics, pick the questions quickly after understanding the concept at once only.

### Self –Study tips

How to deal with maths like toppers

### Do more practice–

Mathematics is the only subject where learning theory is not so important as solving the verity of numerical So, the students who are weak in mathematics need to solve as many questions as possible to increase their speed and accuracy in mathematics.

### Use mental calculations –

The students should use mental calculations or aptitude to solve basic parts of the questions. It is commonly observed that students get stuck with complex calculations but with the mental calculations of even simple arithmetic, they will be able to save their extra time and efforts. Topper students accept this fact that for mathematics subject they do mental calculations to play with numbers and get quick and accurate.

### Divide the concepts –

Students who are weak in mathematics should take small steps to master maths. For this, they need to divide the questions from a concept into

three parts

- Easy –questions directly based on the theorems and formulae.

- Moderate – The questions based on 2 or more concepts.

- Tough questions – The lengthy and time taking questions which need to be solved with different strategies; for example questions in probability chapters.

### Don't adopt new tricks for solving questions –

Students need to understand that maths is the only subject where changing methods and techniques of learning to solve the questions are rare. We have been adapting to the methods which the math experts have taught us over the decades. However, there are interesting and fun tricks to learn mathematics such as Vedic mathematics, but if students who are not well aware of it then they should not try it during their exams. Such methods of learning maths should be practice when students have enough time to

spare and they want to learn something new and interesting.

### Effective tips to deal with exam fear and excel in board exams

**Conclusion:** Students, who fear mathematics but have to appear for the subject in examinations, need not worry rather they should develop a plan and strategy to overcome this challenge.

Mathematics is a subject where students can get marks easily if they implement correct formula and method. Use the tips mentioned here to do away your maths fear and get good marks on the subject.



- Vijay GarG

Retired Principal Malout

# Different Strokes



# To care for those who once cared for us is one of the biggest honours

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day happens each year on June 15th. There is an urgent need to highlight the important contributions that older people make to society and raise awareness of the issues and challenges of ageing in today's world. In many parts of the world elder abuse occurs with little recognition or response. Until recently, this serious social problem was hidden from the public view and considered mostly a private matter. Even today, elder abuse continues to be a taboo, mostly underestimated and ignored by societies across the world. It is a time not only to highlight their valuable contribution to the globe but also to stress their basic human rights. Many older persons are unaware of their

**The elderly ones should be given protection and respected all around the world. People should stop abusing elders and start understanding their problems and take care of them.**

rights and how to enforce them, due to a variety of reasons. WEAAD aims to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of the abuse older people suffer by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting them. Elder abuse is one of the least investigated types of violence and does not get addressed in national action plans as frequently as other key social issues. Today the elderly Persons is important in raising global awareness as a huge advocacy effort to call for more enhanced international thinking and actions on elderly rights. Today the life expectancy has risen sharply due to medical advancement, improvements in nutrition, sanitation, medical science, health care,

education and economic well-being. Ageism is widespread and an insidious practice which has harmful effects on the health of older adults. The ageing process is a biological reality and affects every human being on earth. Ageism rests on the assumption that discrimination against older persons is the norm and acceptable. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". We must do everything possible to ensure that our elders can lead a life of dignity, enjoy the best of medical attention, economic security as well as emotional stability. The Older persons make wide-ranging contributions to economic and social

development. They should be encouraged to get out of their retirement mentality and think about old age as second innings and opportunity to complete so many unfinished tasks and expand horizons to look beyond the family and work for the community. As per WHO, there are around 600 million persons world-wide aged 60 years and over and this total will double by 2025 and it is estimated to reach virtually two billion by 2050 - the vast majority of them in the developing world. The elderly ones should be given protection and respected all around the world. People should stop abusing elders and start understanding their problems and take care of them. The World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day as the name says should be used to remind

everyone to create awareness to protect elderly people. We need to look at creating a more enabling and inclusive environment that is supportive and inclusive to people of all ages, including older people. The failure to tackle ageism undermines older persons' rights and hinders their contributions to social, economic, cultural and political life. The younger generation should know how the world addresses the elderly. The problem of old age should be seen as a societal issue rather than an individual's problem. A day will come when we all will be old and we will be facing the similar situation as faced by our elders today. Is it not our responsibility to provide long term care to them and thus contribute to healthy ageing?



**- Vinod C Dixit**  
Writer and Columnist

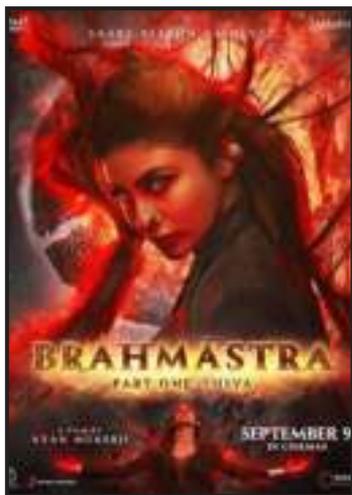


# Gossip

## Brahmastra: Ayan Mukerji unveils new motion poster

**D**irector Ayan Mukerji released a new motion poster featuring actor

Mouni Roy's from his upcoming movie 'Brahmastra', stating her as the "surprise package" in the film. Ayan took to his Instagram handle and shared a motion poster starring Mouni Roy, describing her character as 'Junoon'.



He captioned the post and wrote, "A lot of people, I think, are going to walk out of Brahmastra, talking about Mouni's Performance as Junoon. Moun - who has deep belief and deep surrender for Lord Shiva - has always understood Brahmastra very naturally - and with that understanding, she really killed it with her part in our movie! My first meeting with her, I

offered her a 'special appearance' in Brahmastra. Eventually, she shot with us from our first day to our last schedule, and is really, the surprise package in the film!" will be unveiled on June 15, Wednesday. While it has been stated that Brahmastra is a fantasy film with supernatural aspects, the narrative of the film has been kept under wraps. In various interviews, Ayan has stated that

the film has been in development for about nine years. The film's production began about five years ago. 'Brahmastra Part One: Shiva' is the first instalment of a proposed three-part series. Directed by Ayan, 'Brahmastra' will release in multiple languages on September 9, 2022.

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## Priyanka sizzles in purple swimsuit

**G**lobal Icon Priyanka Chopra has mastered the art of excelling in everything she undertakes. Juggling several projects at a time, Priyanka called for some 'me time' on Monday. The 39-year-old actor took to Instagram on Monday to share a video endorsing a travel company that shows her chilling by the pool on a vacation. Sizzling in a purple swimsuit,



Priyanka raised the temperatures on Instagram as soon as she posted the video.

Her fans then bombed the comment section of the video with lovely messages and compliments. An Instagram user wrote, "Love uu pri....you're an inspiration for all."

Priyanka often shares pictures of herself by the beach. Last week, the 'Quantico' star posted a throwback picture from when she was 18. In the

picture, she was seen donning a brown, printed bikini, styled with bangles and bindi

Apart from 'Citadel', 'Ending Things' and 'It's All Coming Back To Me' are also in the pipeline for her. As far as Bollywood is concerned, she has been signed up for Farhan Akhtar's 'Jee Le Zaraaa'.

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## ITZY "DALLA DALLA" MV surpasses 300 million views



**K**-pop group ITZY's debut song "DALLA DALLA" music video has surpassed 300 million views on YouTube. The music video of "DALLA DALLA," the title song of their debut single "IT'z Different" released on February 11, 2019, hit 300 million views on YouTube at 3:34 p.m. on the 12th.

As a result, ITZY has become the only fourth-generation K-pop girl group with two 300 million view records, including "WANNABE" and "DALLA DALLA." "DALLA DALLA" is an attractive song with lyrics expressing the honest emotions of generation X. The hit-song maker "GALACTIKA" team participated in the song, and the song has gained huge popularity in the world with attractive dance and energy.

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## Britney Spears' ex-husband charged with stalking after trying to...

**B**ritney Spears' former husband was charged with criminal stalking charges by a US court after he showed up at the pop singer's home in Los Angeles and attempted to crash her wedding to Sam Asghari. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Jason Alexander, 40, pleaded not guilty to the allegation, as well as misdemeanor counts of trespassing, vandalism, and violence, in Ventura County court. Alexander was still jailed and appeared in court by video conference. A judge set his bond at \$100,000 and ordered him to stay at least 100 yards away from Spears for the next three years. Alexander and Spears were married in 2004 for less than three days before having their marriage annulled. Spears, 40, married Asghari, 28, on Thursday at her Thousand Oaks, California, home in front of a large crowd that included Selena Gomez, Drew Barrymore, Paris Hilton,

and Madonna. Alexander who is Spears' childhood pal, was live-streaming on Instagram as he approached the house. He entered a relatively empty but well-decorated room and informed security that Spears had invited him.

Spears and Asghari married nine months after they became engaged, and nearly seven months after Spears earned her independence from a court conservatorship that had ruled over her life and affairs for more than a decade, as reported by The Hollywood Reporter. The following day, Spears announced the wedding on her Instagram and Twitter accounts. "Wow !!! Holy holy crap !!! WE DID IT !!! WE GOT MARRIED !!! Ggggggggggggggggggg !!! It was the most spectacular day !!!" In the posts, Spears included a photo of herself and Asghari from the ceremony. "The ceremony was a dream and the party was even better !!!"

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## Vicky Kaushal and Tripti Dimri shoot a romantic song



**V**icky Kaushal in all white dressed and donning sunglasses upload photo on his Instagram. In the same photo we can see the Tripti in Yellow tube top and same colour ruffled skirt. They have been engrossed in the shoot the song that is being choreographed by Farah Khan.

Currently Vicky kausal is also have three upcoming movies from Yash Raj Films which is yet to untitled yet. Tripti hae has her next film in Netflix film, Qala with Babil Khan, and Animal with Ranbir Kapoor lined up in her slate. She also signed up for one more film with Dharma productions.



**Actor Kiara Advani, who is currently busy promoting her upcoming film 'Jug Jugg Jeeyo', has completed 8 years in the film industry. Kiara celebrated the occasion by cutting a cake with the paparazzi.**