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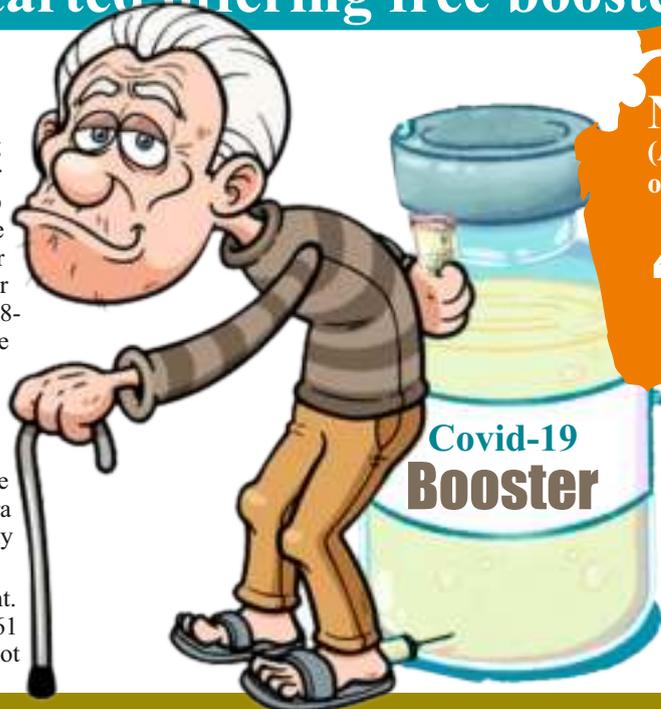
## MAHARASHTRA IS YET TO OFFER FREE BOOSTER DOSES TO ITS CITIZEN

Some states have started offering free booster doses using their funds

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Most of the states in India are considering giving free booster doses to their citizens. These states are geared up with their plans ahead and this would be a state sponsored event. Maharashtra is yet to consider such a scheme, which may involve spending over Rs 100 crore from its reserves. Booster shot for 18-59 years has been a subtle issue since the Centre decided against offering it free to this age band. The Centre, while opening the preventive dose for this age group. This made it almost impossible for people residing in districts, where the private sector is not offering any vaccination, to take the third shot. There are ten districts in Maharashtra where no booster shot has been administered to any individual between 18-59 years.

Maharashtra's fatality rate stands at 1.86 per cent. The active coronavirus caseload stands at 19,261 now. Nandurbar was the only district that did not



**New B.A. Cases**  
(Age group of 19 to 36 years)

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report any active case. As many as 3,028 patients recovered from coronavirus infection in the last 24 hours, taking the tally of recovered patients to 77,52,304. The recovery rate in the state stands at 97.89 per cent. Mumbai recorded 2,293 fresh coronavirus cases – highest since January 23 when the city recorded 2,250 cases – and one fatality. The other fatality was reported from neighboring Thane city. New B.A.5 cases were reported from Mumbai, Thane, Navi Mumbai and Pune, and all four patients were in the age group of 19 to 36 years, the department said. Maharashtra on Wednesday recorded 4,024 new coronavirus cases, a 36 per cent rise over the previous day, and two pandemic-related deaths, the state health department said. Wednesday's case count was the highest since February 12 when the state had recorded 4,359 cases.

## Army aspirants agitate over the Centre's Agnipath' scheme

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

After the farm laws repeal BJP government landed in another mess. This time it is Jawan. Hundreds of protesters blocked National Highway and burned tires demanding the scrapping of the scheme. Hundreds of defense force aspirants lying down on tracks protesting against the center's Agnipath' scheme that seeks to recruit soldiers on a short-term contract. The new policy has drawn criticism and questions from several quarters, including a section of veterans. Critics have argued that a four-year tenure will hit fighting spirit in the ranks and make them risk-averse.

The aspirants demand to increase the service period of new recruits to a min of seven years and make the retention of those keen to serve

longer at least 50 percent. Agnipath, the tour of duty scheme, proposes the recruitment of jawans on a contractual basis for a four-year period followed by compulsory retirement for most without gratuity and pension benefits. The new recruitment plan aims to cut down the government's massive salary and pension bills and free up funds for arms procurement.

Under the Agnipath scheme, about 45,000 people between the age of 17.5 years and 21 years will be inducted into the services for a four-year tenure. During this period, they will be paid a monthly salary

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between Rs 30,000-40,000 and allowances. They will also be entitled to medical and insurance benefits.

After four years, only 25 per cent of these soldiers will be retained and they will go on to serve for a full 15 years in non-officer ranks. The remaining will exit the services with a package between Rs 11 lakh - ₹ 12 lakh, but won't be eligible for pension benefits. Under the old system, youths aged between 16.5 and 21 years were selected for a minimum of 15 years of service and used to get a pension after retirement.

The new policy has drawn criticism and questions from several quarters, including a section of veterans. Critics have argued that a four-year tenure will hit fighting spirit in the ranks and make them risk-averse. The protesters said they had applied for some government jobs two to three years ago, but the examinations for the recruitment have not been conducted yet, and they have crossed the minimum eligibility age now.

Modi government has not solved unemployment issues in the country but they have forced the youth to go through their illogical schemes. 80 percent of engineers and MBA students are jobless in-country, already India lacks think tanks and now they are messing up with arms forces.

The central government announced Agnipath's scheme for the recruitment of soldiers in the Army, Navy, and Air Force on a short-term contractual basis, apparently to cut the ballooning salary and pension bills and carve out a youthful profile of the armed forces. These short-term recruitments are seen as milling of watchmen and guards for corporate houses. Such recruitments and training are done with the hard-earned

money of taxpayers.

Job security and pension are two major issues being cited by protesters. Under the previous system, troops joined for a 17-year period, which could be extended for some personnel, and it resulted in a lifelong pension.

The new scheme, however, envisages just a four-year tenure for most, and the Agniveers will not be eligible for pension benefits. This Agnipath scheme is just a placebo being given to unemployed youth. Even parents would now think twice before sending their sons to the Army just for four years.

Just imagine getting retired just after four years. It is nothing but playing with their emotions in the name of giving them some skills before they retire. Students want the old system back.

The anger is also being fueled by the two-year freeze on Army recruitment due to the pandemic. While recruitment under the Agnipath scheme will begin in 90 days, several aspirants who turned overage during the last two years are now seeking a relaxation in age criteria. 'Bharti do, ya arthi do', was one of the slogans raised as protests first began in Bihar. There used to be about 60,000 vacancies in the Army and other

defence forces till two years ago.

There has been no recruitment for the last two years, and now the short-duration of service on offer has angered the students....There are examples when students prepare for such exams for four years. Are they working hard to get a job just for four years and remain unsure about what they would do next?

Also, the Agnipath scheme envisages an "all India, all class" recruitment system.

Apprehensions have been voiced against how the new recruits will be adjusted in the existing system under which most of the Army units are region, caste or class-based.

Of the total annual recruits, only 25 percent will be allowed to continue for another 15 years under permanent commission.

The new system is only for personnel below officer ranks (those who do not join the forces as commissioned officers). The scheme is not optional as all personnel below officer rank will be hired only through this route from now on. Under the Agnipath scheme, aspirants between the ages of 17.5 years and 21 years will be eligible to apply.

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# Voices



## Letter's to the Editor

### People to lose 7.6 years of life

As per latest research, about 51 crore people living in north India are on track to lose 7.6 years of their life if the current air pollution levels prevails, as pollution has become the greatest threat to human health in the country. Energy policy Institute at University of Chicago's Air quality life index said about 44% of the world's increase in pollution had come from India since 2013. Since 1998, India's average annual particulate pollution has increased by 61.4% it added. India is world's second most polluted country after Bangladesh. While some areas of the country are much worse than average. There is no region in the world where the impact of pollution can't be found in South Asia.

- Abhinav Upadhyay

### 'To care fir those who once cared for usis one of the biggest honours' (Different strokes)

'To care fir those who once cared for usis one of the biggest honours' (Different strokes) is dealing with a important subject of respect for senior citizens and their well being. Now a days there are too many news are dealing with abuse of parents by their children and they are forced to approach courts for justice. This is very sad state of social interactions where parents and their love and affection for the children is taken for granted but the duties of children is forgotten conviniently. Senior citizens are abused by their own blood and that is a hard pill to digest. The fact is evenif senior citizens have enough money ,they are tortured and if they don't have finances still they are abandoned by the children. So time has come to teach young generation to take care of elderly people in family which was our culture but with the advent of small families it is forgotten. Seniors are actually asset to society and with their experience and knowledge everyone will be benefitted.

- Maya Hemant Bhatkar

### Sudhamurty is the right person to be presidential candidate

Sudhamurty , Social Worker , author, educator of Infosysfoundation , is the right presidential candidate who will be unanimously elected as President. She will work for welfare of common man and betterment of society .

- Kantamsetti LakshmanRao

### Fill the pits, save the citizens

It is the responsibility of Mumbai Municipal Corporation to fill the potholes in the road.But the Mumbai Municipal Corporation is appealing to the citizens to complain about the potholes.Is it the responsibility of the citizens to find potholes in this way ? If it is the responsibility of Mumbai Municipal Corporation to fill the potholes on the road, is it the responsibility of the citizens to find the potholes ? If this is the case then the funds received by the Mumbai Municipal Corporation from the citizens' tax should be stopped.

- Uday Waghvankar

### BCCI should not be exempt from Income Tax as its networth today is more than many big listed entities on the stock exchanges!

Over 49K crores from IPL Tv rights is a lot of money but difficult to digest the fact that our Cricket Board does pay any Income Tax as it considers itself an charitable organisation. Two new teams were earlier auctioned this year for almost 12K Cr which makes BCCI one of the richest sports body in the world. Many cricketers have become billionaires out of the game & even the administrators like coaches, commentators including the support staff makes money in crores. BCCI is no longer an charitable organisation & should be considered an corporate body as its networth today is more than many big listed entities on the stock exchanges. Tax laws applicable for the rest of the country including the Corporates should be applicable to BCCI including GST as well as service charges. Cricketers too take more pride playing for their IPL franchise which pays them in crores than playing for the country. Why than give a tax holiday to BCCI & Supreme Court should intervane to bring parity with others!

- S.N.Kabra

# Desertification

## A serious environmental issue



**D**esertification is a serious environmental problem that is becoming more prevalent. It's a type of land degradation in which fertile land loses its production and turns into a desert. It is officially defined by the United Nations as "land deterioration in generally dry areas caused by a variety of reasons, including climatic fluctuations and human activities." Every year on the 17th of June, the World Day Against Desertification and Drought is commemorated. The day is dedicated to restoring degraded land that has lost its natural productivity due to human activities and transforming it into healthy land.Desertification and drought are global challenges in the sense that they affect all parts of the globe and that they require worldwide cooperation to address.

Land degradation currently impacts more than two-thirds of the world's population. If left uncontrolled, it will corrode the very basis of our society, economies, food security, health, safety, and quality of life, he said, adding that the enormous demand on land and its resources must be reduced.Despite its commitment to achieve soil degradation-free status by 2030, India signed the United

**Desertification prevention requires both local management and macro-policy interventions to ensure the long-term viability of ecosystem services.**

Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Paris on June 17, 1994. As a result, India is establishing a centre of excellence to develop a scientific plan to combat land degradation, with the objective of recovering 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 in order to achieve land degradation neutrality.

Combating desertification has various benefits in terms of reducing biodiversity loss and global climate change caused by humans. Drought and desertification issues can be addressed to help reduce global poverty and meet the Sustainable Development Goals on a wide scale. The UN COP15 conference to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) brought together leaders from governments, the private sector and civil society with a

target for finding sustainable solutions for land degradation.

According to UNCCD scientists, 300 million hectares of usable land could be destroyed by 2050 due to unsustainable economic activity.The international community has tried for decades to combat land degradation and desertification, yet impediments still exist. Desertification prevention requires both local management and macro-policy interventions to ensure the long-term viability of ecosystem services. It is preferable to focus on prevention rather than restoration because attempts to recover desertified areas are costly and often produce limited benefits.



**-Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma**

Professor And Principal (Retd.)

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**City**

**Surge in Maha Covid-19 cases limited to few districts; hospitalisations low: minister**

**M**aharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope on Wednesday said the surge in Covid-19 cases in the state is restricted to certain districts, and despite the spike, hospitalisations remain at 2-3 per cent.

Seeking to allay the concerns over the rising Covid-19 graph, Tope said no new variant is detected except Omicron. He, however, informed that Mumbai's case positivity rate



has touched 40 per cent and the health department is maintaining vigil.

**Increase in positivity in 5-6 districts worries govt**

**P**ublic health minister Rajesh Tope said five to six districts are driving the recent surge in Covid cases. "The jump in positivity in Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Palghar and Raigad is of concern. We have directed districts to increase testing," he said.

Despite the surge, hospitalisations have not significantly increased, he said.

On mandatory masking, he said the state is in touch with the Union health ministry. State officials said all four infected with the BA. 5 variant were women aged 19 to 36 years. Their genome sequencing tests were carried out at National Institute of Virology, Pune, and BJ Medical College. They are all stable, officials said.

**Centre not stopping states from funding boosters for 18-59 group'**



**S**everal states have started offering free booster doses to those aged 18-59 years using their funds, and it is up to the Maharashtra government to decide if it wants to do the same, officials from the Centre told TOI.

But sources said the state is not considering such a proposition, which may involve spending over Rs 100 crore from its coffers. Booster shot for 18-59 years has been a delicate issue since the Centre decided against offering it free to this

age band. The Centre, while opening the precautionary dose for this age group, said they could take it only in private centres by paying for it.

This made it almost impossible for people residing in districts, where the private sector is not offering any vaccination, to take the third shot. There are ten districts in Maharashtra where no booster shot has been administered to any individual between 18-59 years.

- TOI

**Mumbai: Finance firm executive duped of over Rs 2 lakh in 'sextortion' racket**

**A** 57-year-old senior executive of a housing finance firm in Mumbai was allegedly duped of Rs 2.06 lakh after a woman and some other persons threatened to make his video, shot in a compromising position, viral on social media, police said on Thursday. One of the blackmailers also posed as a Delhi police official, they said. Last Saturday, the man received a WhatsApp message asking if



he was interested in "video sex", an official from Bandra police station said.

**Mumbai Writer, Raped In 5-Star, Warned By "D-Gang" To Remain Quiet: Cops**

**A** ccording to the information received from the police, the accused threatened the rape victim in the name of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and said that if she complains to the police, he will kill her.

"A 75-year-old businessman

raped a 35-year-old writer in a five-star hotel located in the Juhu area of Mumbai. On the basis of the woman's complaint, the police registered a case against the accused under various sections of the IPC and got involved in further investigation," he said.

**Another case against Nupur Sharma over remarks on Prophet Mohammad**



**M**aharashtra's Beed police have registered a case against suspended BJP functionary Nupur Sharma in connection with her alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Mohammad, an official said on Thursday.

Sharma is already facing similar cases in Mumbai, Thane and some other places in Maharashtra. An advocate, Sayyed Azim, had complained to the Beed police, alleging that Sharma's remarks made during a TV debate hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims, the official said.



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# World

## India, ASEAN to deepen strategic partnership in security



India and ASEAN countries on Thursday agreed to deepen strategic partnership across the whole spectrum of political, security and economic and development cooperation as the two sides commemorated the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations. The Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in New Delhi today to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations in 2022 which has been designated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Singapore Foreign Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan co-chaired the meeting.

The meeting agreed to further strengthen and deepen the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership for

mutual benefit, "across the whole spectrum of political, security, economic, socio-cultural and development cooperation by utilizing relevant existing ASEAN-led mechanisms". According to Co-Chairs' Statement, the meeting noted the millennia-old civilisational and cultural linkages between Southeast Asia and India. It recalled the milestones of the ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations over the last three decades and reaffirmed its commitment to further deepen this broad-based partnership. Appreciating India's firm commitment to ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture, the meeting welcomed India's support for the ASEAN Community-building process, including through the support for the projects.

- ANI

## Afghani child labourers increase in Iran since Taliban takeover

The number of Afghan child labourers in Iran has surged 20 times since the Taliban assumed control of Afghanistan on 15 August 2021, claimed human rights activists cited by Iranian media. On account of the World Day against Child Labour on June 12, Fatah Ahmadi, Iran's deputy minister of justice for human rights and international affairs issued an alert against the Taliban presence in the country allegedly causing uncertainties for Afghan families and fuelling the perils of child labour in Iran, reported Khaama Press.

Ahmadi, as quoted by the Islamic Republic of Iran's News Agency (IRNA) claimed that the Taliban's control over Afghanistan had compelled several families to migrate to Iran with their children, where they are being recruited as

labourers. Taliban's take over Afghanistan has stirred a humanitarian crisis in the country.

Several labour resources, industries, and public and private business companies ceased to exist resulting in poverty, inflation, and an increase in the number of drought-stricken people, reported the Afghani Khaama Press News Agency, claiming that presently, more than half of Afghanistan's population is unsure where they will get their next meal from.

Despite the fact that the number of working children in Afghanistan has increased since the Taliban took power, the group has not responded to the upsurge of Afghan working children in Iran yet, claimed the agency.

- ANI

## Asian Development Bank to provide 143 million USD for trade

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Bangladeshi government on Wednesday signed agreements for a 143-million-U.S. dollar loan to improve the volume, efficiency, predictability and security of cross-border trade in Bangladesh.

Secretary of Economic Relations Division Fatima Yasmin and Country Director of ADB Edimon Ginting virtually signed the agreement on behalf of Bangladesh and ADB, said the Manila-based lender in a statement Thursday. "Aligning with Bangladesh's policies and strategies, ADB is helping enhance export diversification and competitiveness for accelerating growth with industrialization and trade, and expanding subregional trade and commerce," said Ginting.

"ADB assistance will help increase the volume of imported



and exported cargoes at the Akhaura, Sonamasjid, and Tamabil border crossing points (BCP) by 50 per cent by 2027 while reducing average customs clearance and cargo transshipment time by 50 per cent," Ginting added. Bangladesh has been carrying out trade facilitation reforms to enhance export diversification and competitiveness by improving the quality of exports, signing bilateral trade and investment cooperation agreements, and promoting trade through better coordination among border

agencies and private stakeholders.

The ADB assistance package includes a 90-million-U.S. dollars policy-based loan, which will support reforms in areas including bringing the country's customs legal frameworks in compliance with international standards, improving cargo clearance processes, and strengthening the capacity of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and the Ministry of Commerce. To complement the policy reforms, 53 million U.S. dollars will be used to construct integrated land customs stations and land ports of NBR and the Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA) at Akhaura, Sonamasjid, and Tamabil border crossing points (BCPs). Facilities and equipment for customs clearance and cargo transshipment operations will also be installed.

- ANI

## Israeli PM may visit India dates yet to be decided



Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett may visit India later this year but the final dates are yet to be decided, said Ambassador Eynat Shlein, head of MASHAV, Israel's international development Center. "Prime Minister Bennett is very interested and keen on

visiting India. Hopefully, if everything goes well, he would probably be here sometime this summer. We can't set the date as some of the political issues are keeping him close to Jerusalem. However, he feels strongly about the relationship between Israel and India and I know that he looks forward to travelling here," Ambassador Eynat Shlein told to ANI. She also stressed that Israeli PM has great admiration for India, and he also sees the huge importance of the strategic alliances between the two countries. Earlier, the Israeli Prime Minister was scheduled to visit India in April but it was postponed after being tested

positive for Covid-19.

She also mentioned that these four countries can come together to offer solutions to the growing issues. Shlein also believes that I2-U2 countries with their qualities can bring a change. "Israel has been a good and a close ally of the US for many years. India is a strong strategic partner of Israel. And the UAE, since the signing of the historical Abrahamic accord is becoming a very strong partner and ally of Israel. These four partners together can bring in their unique qualities to create change, a very needed change," she said.

- ANI

## Kiren Rijju meets Mongolian president in Ulaanbaatar

The Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijju on Wednesday met the Mongolian President, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukhand said that Khurelsukhand expressed gratefulness to India and PM Modi for getting Lord Buddha Holy Relics to Mongolia. Taking to Twitter, the Union Minister said, "President of Mongolia, HE Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has high regard for Prime Minister @narendramodi Ji and the people of India. Long Live India-Mongolia Friendship.

The Union Minister, who arrived in Ulaanbaatar with the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha on Monday, met his Mongolian counterpart Khishgeegin Nyambaatar and discussed enhancing the existing cooperation in various fields including the exchange of legal experts.

The four Holy Relics - known as the 'Kapilvastu Relics' have been put on display for 11-days at the Ganden Tegchenling Monastery, where devotees, both old and young gather in large numbers from Wednesday morning. The

relics are being displayed in India's 'spiritual neighbour' Mongolia, a Buddhist majority nation. Lord Buddha lived in India and attained Mahaparinirvana or ultimate salvation in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh. The display of sacred 'Kapilavastu relics' at Ganden Tegchenling Monastery is being termed a historic milestone in India-Mongolia relations and aimed at further boosting cultural and spiritual relations between the two countries.

- ANI

# SIKHISM VS SICKISM

BATTLES AND BETRAYALS

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The book is all about the plight of Sikhs all over the world from the pre-independence era, British-ruled India. During India's independence struggle with British rule for the independence, the division of British India in 1947 into two Pakistan. Post-independence, Pakistan and the Pong-Pong with Sikhs by indirectly being the Khalistan movement was the Sikh secessionist campaign, its goal is to create a homeland for from India and establishing a sovereign, ethnic (Land of the Khals), in the Punjab region.

The disillusioned Sikhs agitated several irreparable violence. The 1984 Delhi riots killed 3,000 Sikhs. It was followed by the assassination of Gandhi, then the Prime Minister of India. later, most of its masterminds and perpetrators, all those Sikh youth who were there have completed their punishments but are now senior citizens now.



Vaidehi Taman has been a journalist for the Founder Editor of All India an investigative journalist against all the odds in the field with three Honorary Doctorate conferred to society as well as author. In the past, she has written for the Times of India, Observer to name a few. She



# SIKHISM VS SICKISM

BATTLES AND BETRAYALS

VAIDEHI TAMAN

## Opinion

**Tenth Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' begins in an enthusiastic atmosphere****O' Hindus, Become active from today for establishing the Hindu Rashtra in the year 2025 - Sadguru (Dr.)****Charudatta Pingale, National Guide, Hindu Janajagruti Samiti**

Considering the violence perpetrated by religious fanatics across the country after Friday prayers, we will have to fight for the Hindu Rashtra till the entire system of governance remains in the interest of Hindus. Nandi (Shivling) in Varanasi still looks at the ruins of the original destroyed temple facing the enlightened Gyanvapi mosque. In Karnataka, the campaign 'Pahale Hijab, Baad Mein Kitab' (First the Hijab, later the textbook) was started by the fundamentalists through the girl students. Despite the High Court ruling against it, not a single 'secularist' in the country has dared to ask the Muslims who are demanding hijab, 'Is the Quran superior or the constitution of the country?' How is it inappropriate for Hindus to demand the 'Hindu Rashtra'? It is our natural and constitutional right. There is vested political interest behind the anti-Hindu alliance currently operating in India. This 'agenda' is the biggest challenge facing



Hindu Rashtra. To defeat this anti-Hindu 'Alliance', we will have to constantly refute it on ideological and intellectual level in the years to come. From that point of view, this 'Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' is important. As per times, the Hindu Rashtra will definitely materialise in 2025. For that, Hindus should become active from now on itself', appealed Sadguru (Dr.) Charudatta Pingale, National Guide of

Hindu Janajagruti Samiti. He was speaking at the inaugural function of 'Tenth Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' at 'Shri Ramnath Devasthan', Ponda, Goa. The Adhiveshan is attended by more than 225 delegates from abroad, as well as from various States in India.

**Publication of the Holy texts 'Halal Jihad?' In Marathi and Hindi**  
Patron of 'Hindu Front for

Justice' and Supreme Court Advocate H.H. Hari Shankar Jain, Swami Sanyuktanand Maharaj of 'Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Swami Nirgunanandgiri Maharaj of 'International Vedanta Society' and Sadguru (Dr.) Charudatta Pingale, National Guide of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, who were present on the dais inaugurated the Holy texts in Marathi and Hindi languages 'A new invasion on Indian economic system – Halal Jihad

?' The convention began with blowing of a conch. Later, auspicious lamps were lit at the hands of the dignitaries present on the dais. After lighting the lamps, Vedmantras were recited. On the occasion, a message given by Paratpar Guru (Dr.) Jayant Athavale, the founder of Sanatan Sanstha was read out by Sadguru Satyawan Kadam, Dharmapracharak of Sanatan Sanstha. The blessings 'Resolve of establishing the Hindu Rashtra will be fulfilled in a few years' by Treasurer of 'Shriram Janmabhoomi Tirth Kshetra' H.H. Swami Govinddevgiriji Maharaj was shown through video. On the occasion of the Adhiveshan, it was observed through the hashtag # 10th\_Hindu\_Rashtra\_Adhiveshan on Twitter that the discussion on Hindu Rashtra was going on all over the country. The Adhiveshan is being aired live on Hindu Janajagruti Samiti's website HinduJagruti.org, as well as on the Hindu channel 'HinduJagruti'.

- Sanatan Sanstha

**Demand for omission of the words 'secular' and 'socialist' from the Constitution !**

If the Western Constitutions are being drafted on the basis of the Bible in a Christian-majority countries and on the basis of Quran-Hadith in an Islamic countries, then why is it secular while drafting the Indian Constitution? The exact definition of 'Sect' and 'Religion' should be clarified in the Indian Constitution. In 1976, Mrs. Indira Gandhi forcefully made the 42nd Amendment to the Constitution and forcefully inserted the words 'Secular'

and 'Socialist' into the Constitution. As this act is unconstitutional, the words 'Secular' and 'Socialist' should be removed from the Constitution; this demand was made at the second 'Hindu Rashtra Sansad' (Parliament) of the 10th Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan being held in Goa. It should be ensured by the Election Commission whether the promises made by the political parties in their manifestos during the election period are being fulfilled or

not, by giving these manifestos the status of statutory documents. At the same time, it was decided that the performance of each MP should be evaluated by the citizens of his constituency every year. Adv. Umesh Sharma, Advocate of the Supreme Court was 'appointed' as the Speaker of the Sansad, and Mr. Ramesh Shinde, National Spokesperson of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti and Mr. Chetan Rajhans, National Spokesperson of Sanatan Sanstha oversaw the work as Deputy Speakers.

**Proposals passed in Hindu Rashtra Sansad**

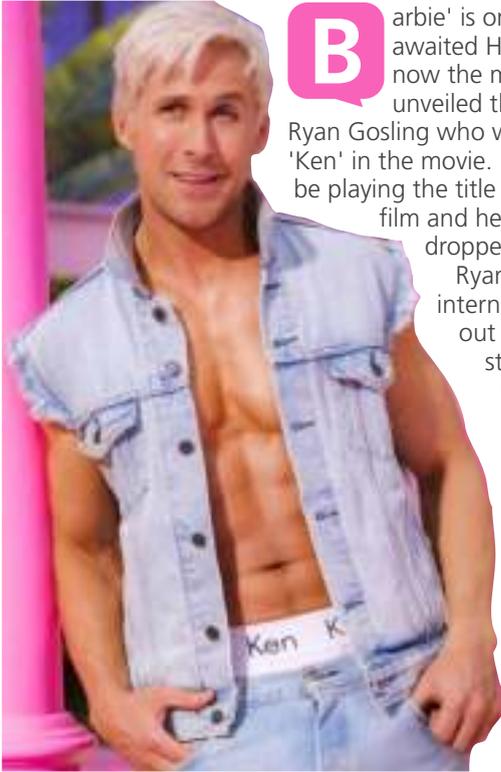
The number of Rohingya infiltrators, as well as the number of Bangladeshi Muslims has increased dramatically in India. Crimes under sedition Act should be registered against those who have issued fake Voter Identity Cards and Aadhar Cards to these infiltrators and intruders; Anti-Conversion Act should be legislated in the Indian Parliament; evidence should be sought before the Women's Commission from the Hindu

girls who marry Muslims by performing 'Nikah' that they are not being forcibly converted or physically exploited; efforts should be made to repeal the Places of Worship Act of 1991; establishing the 'Gurukul Education Board' on the lines of the 'Madrasa Board' and ensuring that the Head of education department in these Gurukuls is proficient in Vedas, Sanskrit language. Other proposals were also passed on the occasion.

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# Gossip

## Ryan's Gosling first look as 'Ken' from the 'Barbie' unveiled



**B**arbie' is one of the most awaited Hollywood films and now the makers have unveiled the first look of Ryan Gosling who will be seen playing 'Ken' in the movie. Margot Robbie will be playing the title character in the film and her first look was dropped a while ago. Ryan's look broke the internet as soon as it was out and people can't stop talking about it. In the picture, Ryan is seen sporting platinum blonde hair with washboard abs while wearing a denim-clad co-ord set. Fans went wild after seeing the picture and have been dropping compliments ever since.

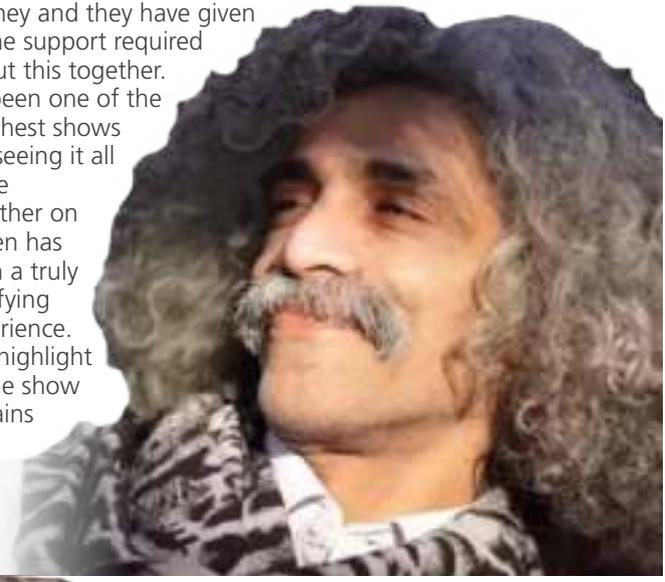
## Makarand Deshpande to star in action-drama series 'Shoorveer'

**V**ersatile actor Makarand Deshpande will be seen leading Disney+ Hotstar action-drama series 'Shoorveer'. Created by Samar Khan and directed by Kanishk Varma, the fictional series will "depict the story of stealthy operations, intense military training, air combat and intelligence subterfuge and above all of the human relationships between our elite soldiers." Excited about the project, Kanishk said, "In Shoorveer, versatile actors come together to lend their unique acting blend. Directing this talented cast has been an amazing journey. When you see veterans like Makrand Deshpande and Manish Chaudhary embrace their roles

after you shout action, you witness magic before your eyes.

Working with Disney+ Hotstar has been an amazing journey and they have given all the support required to put this together. It's been one of the toughest shows but seeing it all come together on screen has been a truly satisfying experience. The highlight of the show remains

its aerial combat sequences which have never been seen on Indian screen." Makarand, too, shared details about the series.



## Thought my character in 'Game of Thrones' was queer, says Maisie Williams

**G**ame of Thrones' actor Maisie Williams has revealed that she was shocked by a certain decision made by her character during the final season of the hit HBO show. According to an entertainment portal, Williams, who starred as Arya Stark on the Emmy-winning series' eight-season run, made the revelation while talking to a magazine during a video interview. Williams stated that until a sex scene with Gendry Baratheon, played by Joe Dempsie, she assumed her



character identified as queer. In the season eight episode, 'A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms', which aired in April 2019, Arya and Gendry got intimate while anticipating the Battle of Winterfell.

"The first time that I was surprised by Arya I guess was probably in the final series where she whips off her clothes and sleeps with Gendry. I thought that Arya was queer, you know? So...yeah. That was a surprise," Williams told the outlet.

## Rohit Shetty on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi': It's like an ensemble film, you get action,...

**F**or filmmaker Rohit Shetty, hosting the stunt reality TV show "Khatron Ke Khiladi" is equivalent to directing a film that serves the viewers a wholesome meal of action, drama, and comedy.

Shetty, who has hosted seven seasons of the reality series since 2014, credited the show's crew for pushing the envelope and coming up with new stunts in every instalment.

"We make sure the stunts are not repetitive. The show happens all over the world but the kind of love it has got in India is unimaginable. The reason is the team behind it. It is like an ensemble film every Saturday and Sunday where you get action, drama, and comedy," the 49-year-old director told an agency in an interview.



## Tom Hanks says he wouldn't accept the role as a gay man in Philadelphia in modern times

**V**eteran star Tom Hanks, who essayed the role of a gay man with HIV in Jonathan Demme's 1993 legal drama 'Philadelphia', feels straight actors would no longer be able to play the openly gay character today. Hanks opened up on straight performers playing LGBTQ characters in an interview with the leading US daily recently, Variety reported. "Let's address 'could a straight man do what I did in

'Philadelphia' now?' No, and rightly so. The whole point of 'Philadelphia' was don't be afraid. One of the reasons people weren't afraid of that movie is that I was playing a gay man. We're beyond that now, and I don't think people would accept the inauthenticity of a straight guy playing a gay guy," he said. He added, "It's not a crime, it's not boohooed, that someone would say we are going to demand more of a movie in the modern realm of authenticity."

