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The results of secondary schools certificate (SSC, std X) board examinations were announced on Friday. 3.41 lakh students in Mumbai division passed. Across the state 15.21 lakh passed. The exam was conducted in the nine divisions of state board including Pune, Mumbai, Amravati, Nagpur, Latur, Aurangabad, Konkan, Kolhapur and Nashik. The pass percentage has improved by 1.64% as compared to 2020 when exams were conducted offline. The pass percentage was 99.95% last year in 2021 when exam evaluation was based on internal marks due to Covid.

Konkan	→	99.27
Kolhapur	→	98.50
Latur	→	97.27
Nagpur	→	97.00
Pune	→	96.96
Mumbai	→	96.94
Amravati	→	96.81
Aurangabad	→	96.33
Nasik	→	95.90

percentage of 96.94 % in the secondary schools certificate (SSC - Class 10) board examinations. The results were announced by the chairman of the Maharashtra state board of secondary and higher secondary education on Friday.



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Technology can be sometimes a public jeopardy?

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Dr. Vaidehi

Despite the government's persistence may not be as clear-cut as a case of state domination and over-reach. It turns out that the Indian government might be right to fear that technology, for all the very real benefits it's brought India, could also help to magnify ancient communal tensions in a way that costs lives and, perhaps even worse, might destabilize the delicate social balance within the world's second-largest country. Technology didn't cause any of this, of course. But social media and text messaging, both of which are becoming increasingly common in the reaches of India's enormous lower and middle classes, accelerated the flow of rumors and of inflammatory images.

The government, unable to counter the destabilizing rumors, shut down some of the means of their dispersal. Whether the Indian government's censorship does anything to calm this crisis, their apparent desperation is understandable. Still, India's willingness to censor the web is part of the government's longer-running effort to standardize the Internet, to which Western governments and web freedom advocates have persistently objected. Some of India's sweeping restrictions compel web companies like Google and Facebook to self-police, and then self-censor, any content that could be

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perceived as profane or offensive to ethnic groups.

In the recent past #censorship was a big debate on social networks; the social network authorities deactivate or block these days. Censorship in India, which involves the suppression of speech or other public communication, raises issues of freedom of speech, which is protected by the Indian constitution. A classic example of censorship in India is the Central Board of Film Certification or Censor Board, which comes under the purview of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The Board regularly orders directors to remove anything it deems offensive or subjects considered to be politically subversive.

The Cinematograph Act, 1952 governs the censorship of films. It assigns certification as Universal, Adults, and Parental Guidance to films in India before public exhibition. The Indian government has earlier blocked around 250 websites, ordered Google and Facebook to pull content, threatened legal action against Twitter if it doesn't delete certain accounts, and has arrested several people for sending provocative text messages, all in the name of public safety.

Web freedom activists distinguish this as little more than an excuse for online authoritarianism, and they're probably often correct. We cannot isolate ourselves from this but can make a safe distance to access genuine information. A parallel system needs to strict its security norms so that any state against information and data is not in the reach of the common citizen of the country.

Being a person from Cyber Security, I know how much it is for us to fool inexperienced people on the internet and then use those resources to do something illegal and improper. There should be a body

which will not only work towards security of cybercrime in government and Militant organizations but also work towards enforcement of awareness of cybercrime. It is always better to take precautions.

Rapidly increasing two-edged sword, Social media has created a vibrant online community and widened public discourse, allowing a platform for activists with a thousand causes. On the flip side, it has also become a vehicle of skewed misinformation. The perspective of an individual using a social networking site enigmatically is much more in a social networking site than in a social media. There is no procedure for registration and ownership. And so there is no way to pin down the culprits.

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Countries have borders and restrictions to each other's jurisdiction, but cyberspace has no boundaries. Recent NE exodus was a disastrous moment for Indian Citizens and the Government. With 2-3 online users and a couple of hours of editing work, various groups could trigger the most massive internal exodus of People in India and nationwide protests. Most of the public who does this assumes that they do this with a false sense of secrecy.

While Cyber War between India and Pakistan is not new, something limited it to hacking off each other's websites. Interestingly, this time it may not have been carried out by so-called hackers. Since it was easier to spread hatred than to block

websites, 4-5 Social Media addicts have carried the whole episode out. The law is there to prevent this, but enforcement is far from adequate. There are many such instances and evidence that one country rages its anger or one particular religion condemns another religion, hurting its sentiments online.

But we did not do so. It was our prejudice and lack of unity that contributed to the success of the mischief-mongers. To control the situation and stabilize the country, the Government opted for censorship. There is no point in blaming the government. At least the educated should take pains to verify the truth. Pointing a finger at Pakistan will not solve the problem. The crisis has brought social media to the forefront, relegating the print and electronic media to the background. Perhaps it is one more revolution in the history of humanity. People today believe in non-stop, one-to-one communication/conversation, rather than the mass media.

Anyway, censorship might help control the situation, but this will remain as superficial of the problems that country is facing. Making the people aware of the "cyber threat" takes an hour but censorship can't be the exact way out. India really requires proper systems to be adopted in order to be safe or else this might really create colossal disasters in the future. In the information age we cannot lock our cyberspace because it is among one of the primary tools for the sustainable development of the state. But curbing cyber-attack in any form, either cyber war or putting illegitimate material on the web has really become necessary around the globe. Though we are having strict policies, we are still not guarding our information web properly and which causes recent NE exodus type events.



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Letter's to the Editor

Marital Rape

As it is pointed out, by the author, it is a big challenge. What we miss is mothers not grooming the sons and leaving them free. Where as some mothers impose restrictions on the daughters.

Boys should be taught by parents and teachers how to behave, especially with girls.

Movies are full of scenes heroes misbehaving with women. Audience pick up the indecent behaviour with girls and women. I earnestly request our learned directors of Movies to realise the negative impact of the movies on the audience especially the youth. I request them to show women characters respectfully. Men should learn how important is the consent of the partner before indulging in sex.

Educating men is more important than the making laws.

- KLRao

BCCI's Unsporting decision

Eventough as of now Indian cricket team is playing with inclusion of young players, against Proteas in T20I but still there are other players like Arshdeep Singh & Umran Malik who are yet to get a chance in playing eleven to make their international debut. Since Proteas leading 2-1 in ongoing series Arshdeep and Umran may not get chance as per Rahul Dravid's mode of selection for remaining matches. According to Ganguly's statement Indian team will make no more experiments with players who aren't debuted at international level during Irish series since ICC T20 world cup is ahead. Arshdeep, Umran & Rahul Tripathi may not get chance to play even in forthcoming Irish series since veterans like Sanju Samson and Surya Kumar Yadav will back in the team.

This seems to be totally unfair thing done by BCCI Chairman and team's Coach. Indian cricket loving hearts will definitely feel bad for BCCI decisions.

Even for next month's England White Ball series, selection and team management included only players who may play in Australia for ICC T20 World Cup. Therefore Arshdeep Singh, Umran Malik and Rahul Tripathi will only be a dumb spectators for sure.

- Vijaykumar H.K.

Fanatical mentality

India has second largest Muslim population in the world after Indonesia. The fact is Muslim population in Pakistan is less than that in India. During the Partition in 1947, over a million Hindus were massacred. All Political parties since Independence to the present-day BJP Government, have been appeasing Muslims. This has not only resulted in increase in their population, but has also led to flourishing of terrorist and jihadi activities. Conversely, the anti-Hindu Political parties went to the extent of calling Hindus 'Saffron terrorists'. Now, these very Muslims have been threatening Hindus to quit India! Now is the time for Hindu organisations and devout Hindu Governments to show the door to those who dare tell Hindus to quit India.

- Sagar Shirodkar

'Army aspirants agitate over the Center's Agneepath scheme' (editoritis)

'Army aspirants agitate over the Center's Agneepath scheme' (editoritis) gives the rough brief about apprehensions about Agneepath scheme in people's mind. It has become a routine now to criticise any new thing declared by the Madi Government and Agneepath is not an exception. There are very few jobs for 17.5 yr olds in our country, if government is offering Agneepath job to them which will be over by 21.5 yr when he will have some money in his hand and he can think of taking education or searching another job as his age limit is not exceeded. They may be preferred in some fields because of their military training. Without using it, just criticising Agneepath is not good and must give a chance to implement it.

- Maya Hemant Bhatkar

Celebrating Father's Day

Father's Day is a day that acknowledges and appreciates the important role played by a father in raising his child up and consequently building a stronger society.

Though fathers have been revered at all times by civilisations across the globe ironically, what was missing until the last century was the official recognition of the significance of fathers in one's life.

Father's Day story is the tale of realisation of the need for a Father's Day festival primarily by Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Washington DC. The story narrates Sonora's unflagging struggle to officially set a day to honour all fathers. Thanks to Sonora, today Father's Day is celebrated in a large number of countries around the world.

Historians have recorded that there was a tradition to celebrate Father's Day even thousands of years ago. Their study say that 4,000 years ago in Babylon, a man called Elmesu carved a Father's Day message on a clay card. In his message, Elmesu wished his father a long and healthy life. There is no knowledge as to what happened to this father-son duo but it is believed that several countries retained the custom of celebrating Father's Day.

The tradition of celebrating Father's Day as seen today originated in the last century. Though there are several people who are credited for furthering the cause of Father's Day, there is far greater acceptance for Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd's contribution. A doting daughter from Spokane, Washington, Ms Dodd is recognised as the founder of the Father's Day festival.

The inception of the Father's Day celebration took place in Sonora's mind when she happened to hear a Mother's Day sermon in church. Sonora, who was 27 years old then, had begun to recognise the hardships her father must have gone

Today, Father's Day has become a highly popular festival. Throughout the world, people thank their fathers and pay tribute to them. Most commonly, children gift Father's Day cards and flowers to their father. Neckties are a popular gift on the occasion of Father's Day.

through while bringing up his six children alone. When Sonora was 16 years old, her mother had died during childbirth. Sonora's father, a Civil War veteran by the name of William Jackson Smart, raised his six children up, including the newborn on his own. Sonora questioned that if there is a day to recognise mothers, then why not there is a day to honour fathers as well?

Many people laughed at Sonora's idea. But her will did not droop. She began a sincere campaign lobbying for the cause of Father's Day. Her hard work began to show signs of success when Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910 with the support of Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). To pay tribute to her affectionate father, Sonora wished that Father's Day be celebrated on her father's birthday on June 5, but it so happened that there was not enough time for preparation and the day came to be celebrated on third Sunday in the month of June.

The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day became quite popular in the United States so much so that President Woodrow Wilson approved of the festival in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea but it was President Lyndon Johnson who signed a Presidential Proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in the year 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June.

Today, Father's Day has become a highly popular festival. Throughout the world, people thank their fathers and pay tribute to them. Most commonly, children gift Father's Day cards and flowers to their father. Neckties are a popular gift on the occasion of Father's Day. Due to the tradition of giving gifts, cards makers, florists and gift sellers campaign for Father's Day festival in a big way and cash in on the sentiments of the people.

A father is the most important member of the family whose love for his children is just like oxygen for the survival of their lives. There is nothing as big that a father cannot do for his children and there is no such sacrifice that he will not do. Every little thing that he does makes him great. He has that unfathomable energy and the unconditional love in his heart that compels every child to keep following him in the hope of learning a new thing every time. The patience and perseverance he has to make everything possible in his children's life is quite a thing that makes him a superhero in his children's eyes. It is sometimes perplexing to understand from where he draws such great energy to make his children look at the positive aspect of every situation he may be in.

Father's Day is a celebration of only one day, but what about the other 364 days of the year? Do we just sit around and not love our dads? Father's Day should be celebrated every day of the year because fathers give and do a lot to help their kids.



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**News
This week**

- The Gamdevi police have registered an FIR for allegedly flying a drone on Monday, which was just a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi was to visit the city. The police said the incident took place at Pedder Road in south Mumbai.

- Of the 4,255 new coronavirus cases recorded in Maharashtra on Thursday, Mumbai accounted for 2,366 fresh cases. The state recorded the highest daily count since February 12 yesterday with total number of cases reaching 79,23,697.

- The Bombay High Court on Thursday concluded hearing on pleas by arrested NCP leaders Nawab Malik and Anil Deshmukh — who are seeking release for a few hours on June 20 to vote in the Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) elections — and said that it will pass its verdict at 2.30 pm on Friday.

- Congress leaders, including senior ministers of the Maharashtra government, were detained on Thursday as they demonstrated at Raj Bhavan against the Enforcement Directorate's questioning of party MP Rahul Gandhi.

- Rs 5-lakh gold mistakenly given away along with bread recovered from gutter

- The 50-year-old domestic help, a resident of a slum pocket at Aarey Colony in Goregaon (East), approached the police on Tuesday afternoon saying she had mistakenly given her gold ornaments to a woman who dealt in scrap materials. Police have recovered a domestic help's gold ornaments worth Rs 5 lakh that she had mistakenly given to a poor woman along with bread kept in a plastic bag in suburban Mumbai.

People may ask how Oppn will give capable PM if it can't field strong candidate for presidential polls: Sena

The Shiv Sena on Friday said people may ask how the Opposition will give a capable prime minister if it cannot field a strong candidate for the upcoming presidential polls, stressing that it needs to take the elections for the next president seriously.

In an editorial in its mouthpiece 'Saamana', the party said Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Gopal Krishna Gandhi and National Conference's Farooq Abdullah, the "regular names that crop up during the presidential polls", don't have the personality or heft to make it a tightly-contested battle.



Image Courtesy : thequint

On the other hand, the government is not also likely to come up with a "bright" candidate, the party said,

adding that five years back, two-three people shortlisted President Ram Nath Kovind's name and even this year they

are likely to do the same. The term of president Kovind ends on July 24 and an election to find his successor is scheduled to be held on July 18.

The process to file nominations for the presidential polls began on Wednesday. Seventeen opposition parties, including the Congress, DMK, NCP and Samajwadi Party, attended the crucial meeting in Delhi on June 15, convened by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to build a consensus on fielding a joint candidate against the BJP-led NDA in the presidential elections.

- PTI

BMC Asia's most corrupt civic body, claims former Mumbai Congress chief Milind Deora

With elections for the BMC round the corner, the Congress has stepped up its attack on the state of affairs in the BMC, which is controlled by the Shiv Sena. Former Mumbai Congress chief Milind Deora on Thursday called the BMC "Asia's most corrupt civic body".

"It's about time we exposed Asia's most corrupt civic body and ensured that those responsible for BMC's mis-



governance are brought to account. We owe this to everyday Mumbaikars," he stated in a tweet.

Not keen on new BEST scheme, parents seek resumption of special school bus service

Even as schools have resumed, there is no clarity yet on the status of special school bus service provided by the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST).

The transport undertaking has announced a new scheme of special discounted rates for students but parents have are seeking the resumption of the old school-bus service by BEST.



At 4,255, Maha logs highest COVID-19 cases in over 4 months; 3 die, active tally tops 20,000



Image Source : business today

Maharashtra on Thursday recorded 4,255 new coronavirus cases, the highest daily count since February 12, while three more patients succumbed to the infection even as the active tally crossed the 20,000-mark, the state health department said. With

these additions, the state's overall COVID-19 tally rose to 79,23,697, while the death toll increased to 1,47,880, the department said in a bulletin.

A day before, the state had recorded 4,024 new cases and two deaths linked to the infection. The fresh tally of 4,255 was the

highest since February 12 when the state had recorded 4,359 COVID-19 cases. As many as 2,879 patients recovered from COVID-19 in the state since previous evening, pushing up their cumulative count to 77,55,183 and leaving the state with 20,634 active cases, the bulletin said.

The coronavirus recovery rate in the state stood at 97.87 per cent. Nandurbar is the only district in the state which does not have active cases currently. Two more cases of B.A.5 sub-variant of COVID-19 were reported in the state on Thursday, the health department said.

- PTI

Elgaar Parishad accused seek mosquito nets, jail authorities call it security risk



In a reply to applications filed by Elgaar Parishad case accused Gautam Navlakha and Sagar Gorkhe seeking mosquito nets, Taloja Central Jail authorities have said mosquito nets are a security concern to undertrials. Jail authorities said mosquito nets require a long rope and nails to set up and so, are a security risk to undertrials who may want to harm themselves or others.

News

As Metro work along Lady Jamshedji Road commuters feel insecure to travel



Image Courtesy : indian express

It's been almost six years that a stretch between Mahim bus stop and Sitladevi temple on the Lady Jamshedji Road has been dug up for tunnelling work of the Mumbai Metro Line 3 and construction of Sitladevi Metro station. The barricades put up for carrying out the work have blocked more than half of the road which is

causing major traffic congestion on the stretch, peak hours or not. A single bus entering the area forces vehicles to crawl and takes several minutes to cover the distance of just a few 100 metres. Not only commuters, local shopkeepers and residents too are having nightmares due to the never-ending work and traffic snarls on the stretch.

Gang extorts money from septuagenarian farmer using obscene video



Police have arrested a woman and her male accomplice for allegedly blackmailing a 72-year-old farmer in Latur district of Maharashtra and extorting Rs 14 lakh from him by threatening to file a complaint of rape on the basis of his obscene video that they had recorded after making him drink alcohol, an official said on Friday. The incident occurred in Sukani village in Udgir tehsil and the gang members extorted money from him since the past over one month, he said.

The accused, identified as Rupali Dhage and Musa Allauddin Shaikh, both residents of Amhedpur, were arrested on Wednesday. One of their accomplices has been detained,

while another one - Jakir Gulabsab Shaikh - is on the run, police said. "Before trapping the elderly farmer, the trio had collected information about him. Last month, the accused went to the victim's farm, offered alcohol to him. After that, they recorded his obscene video with the woman," the official said. The accused then started blackmailing him as they threatened to make public his video with the woman and also file a complaint of rape against him, he added. Between May 5 and June 15, they demanded money from him. Accordingly, he paid Rs 10 lakh and Rs 4 lakh on different occasions.

"But when the accused kept demanding more money, he approached the Ahmedpur police. The police later arrested the woman from Kalegao Road in the district. A case was registered against the accused at Ahmadpur police station under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 386 (extortion), 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) and others.

- PTI

Frustrated by looking after her, woman kills mentally ill teen daughter, say Police

A 41-year-old woman was arrested on Thursday for allegedly murdering her mentally ill 19-year-old daughter at their residence in Andheri, and making it look like a case of suicide. The woman told police that she was extremely frustrated with her daughter, who had been mentally ill since birth and needed someone to take care of her all the time.



The incident took place around 2.30 pm on Wednesday in their one-room kitchen house on the second floor of a building in Parsiwada on Sahar Road. The woman, Shradha Suresh, 41, lived there with her husband and three children. The victim, Vaishnavi, was her eldest daughter. She also has two other daughters, aged 16 and two.

One more instance of a face-off between the Centre and the Maharashtra government

The Centre has refused to accept a proposal by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government on redeveloping the pre-independence era Bombay Development Department (BDD) chawl in Sewri, which is located on land owned by the Mumbai Port Trust.

Responding to a letter by Shiv Sena Member of Parliament Arvind Sawant, Union Minister of Shipping Sarbananda Sonowal has said there are no

enabling provisions under any existing policy of the ministry to grant the proposal in its present form. Nearly 960 families currently live in 12 buildings at the BDD chawl in Sewri, which is spread across 5.73 acres of land. There are a total of four BDD chawl clusters in Mumbai, located in Worli, Naigaon (Dadar), NM Joshi Marg in Parel and Sewri. The three chawls, other than Sewri, have over 15,500 families living in 195 buildings.

Navi Mumbai cops rescue kidnapped toddler in 12 hours, arrest woman

A two-year-old boy who was kidnapped from close to Panvel railway station was rescued and reunited with his parents within 12 hours, a Navi Mumbai police official said on Friday.

"Acting on a tip off, we rushed to Bhingarwadi village and nabbed the woman and rescued the child. The accused has said she picked up the child as he was found alone but we have doubts on her version of events. A probe is underway," he added.

- PTI

ED records jailed Maha MLC Anil Bhosale's statement in money laundering case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has been recording the statement of Maharashtra legislator Anil Bhosale at Yerawada prison in Pune, where he is currently lodged, in connection with a money laundering case registered against him, an official said on Friday. The ED officials on Thursday approached the prison authorities and showed to them the court's permission to record Bhosale's statement, an official said. "A team of ED officials reached the prison on Friday morning as well and started recording Bhosale's statement," the official said, adding that the process is likely to continue till June 21.

Bhosale, who was the chairman of Shivajirao Bhosale Co-operative Bank between 2016 and 2019, allegedly misused his position and conspired with others to siphon off Rs 71.8 crore from



the bank. Pune police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) had arrested him in 2020 in connection with a bank fraud case and in 2021 the ED also had taken his custody in an alleged money

laundering case, the official said. Bhosale, who originally belongs to the NCP and went on to develop proximity with the BJP, is a sitting member of the state Legislative Council.

- PTI

Nation

ED conducts raids in money laundering case against Delhi minister Satyendar Jain

The Enforcement Directorate is conducting raids at multiple locations in the national capital region in connection with a money laundering case against Delhi minister Satyendar Jain and his associates, officials said Friday morning.

At least 10 residential and business locations are being covered by the officials of the federal probe agency under the searches. Jain, 57, was arrested



by the Enforcement Directorate on May 30 under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and is in judicial custody at present.

The agency had claimed to have seized "unexplained" cash worth Rs 2.85 crore and 133 gold coins after similar raids were conducted against Jain's family and others after his arrest.

- PTI

Address learning gap, don't rush with syllabus, Sisodia tells school

There is no rush to complete the syllabus, focus on conceptual understanding, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia told the heads of 800 Delhi government schools in a meeting Thursday.

The meeting was conducted to set targets and strategies for the 2022-2023 academic session. Currently, summer vacations are ongoing and schools will reopen in July.

"Mission Buniyaad classes recently got over and schools have performed very well. But we need to think about our future strategies now, to bridge the learning gap which has



widened due to the pandemic in the past two years. We need to start from the point where we left two years ago and strategise accordingly. There is no rush to complete the syllabus. The focus of schools should be on building conceptual understanding," he said.

Agnipath scheme protests: Stir turns violent in Haryana's Palwal, cars torched, cops injured



Protests against the Agnipath scheme turned violent in Palwal on Thursday as hundreds of youths demanding a withdrawal of the new recruitment policy took to streets and gheraoed the residence of deputy commissioner of the town. The police said that the protesters blocked the roads and started pelting stones and torched vehicles.

In purported videos, policemen could be seen firing gunshots in the air to disperse the crowd. A statement issued by the Palwal police said that 15 police personnel were injured and five government vehicles were set on fire by the protesters. It added that the police resorted to lathicharge and used tear gas shells to control the crowd. Section 144 was also imposed in the area

Police deployed at Prayagraj's Atala area



The Prayagraj Development Authority's decision to demolish the house of Mohammad Javed, a political activist and businessman, on June 12, after serving just a day's notice to vacate goes against a 2020 ruling of the Allahabad High Court that issued a directive to the Uttar Pradesh government to allow a 30-day window from issuing a notice to the property owner.

Indian Diaspora condemned rape of two Hindu sisters in Pakistan

June 17, 2022-US Based North American Punjabi Association (NAPA) strongly condemned the alleged rape of two teenage Hindu sisters by two men in Pakistan's Punjab province.

This was disclosed here by Satnam Singh Chahal executive director in a press release issued here today.

Chahal said that Minorities in Pakistan are not safe and they are living under the shadow of fear and insecurity. He said that attacks on minorities are happening daily in one or the other corner of Pakistan.

Chahal further said that the Victim's two sisters, aged 16 and 17, left their house in Bahawalnagar, Fort Abbas, some 300 km from Lahore on the morning of June 5 to attend the nature's call in a nearby field when two men allegedly held them at gunpoint and the alleged men were identified as Umair

Ashfaq and Kashif Ali who allegedly raped them and fled the scene.

Chahal further said that although Police registered the case after a three-day delay as some influential people of the area reportedly wanted to settle the matter with the victims' families amicably but in spite of this attack on minorities can not be stopped due to political good power.

When One suspected rapist Kashif reportedly belongs to an influential family of the area then a Justice can not be delivered to the victim.

NAPA urged the East Punjab Government to ensure the security of lives and properties of minorities living in Pakistan and the organization also assured the two sisters and their families the whole community stand with them in this hour of grief and express their solidarity with the family.

Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorists including school teacher Rajni Bala's murderers neutralized



Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar on Friday termed the Kulgam encounter an "important one" as the terrorists involved in the killing of school teacher Rajni Bala was neutralised in the operation. "The Kulgam encounter is an important one, as the terrorists were involved in the killing of school teacher Rajni Bala on May 31 (in Gopalpora area of Kulgam). We were tracking the terrorist since then... Yesterday, two other terrorists were killed," said Vijay Kumar.

Bala was killed by terrorists in the High School Gopalpora area of Kulgam district of Kashmir on May 31. "The common part about the Anantnag and Kulgam encounters held yesterday was that the victims were women; one a political activist and the other a teacher. Security forces neutralized the terrorists involved. Search for

third terrorist underway in Kulgam," added IGP Kashmir. Three terrorists affiliated with the terror outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), including one involved in the killing of a teacher last month, were neutralised in twin anti-terrorist operations in Kulgam and Anantnag districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, said police. "Two terrorists of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) terror outfit were killed in the Anantnag encounter... one of them, Junaid Bhat had been active since June 2018," said Kumar.

"Terrorist Basit was involved in the killing of BJP's Sarpanch Gh Rasool Dar and his wife, a Panch in 2021 in Anantnag," added Kumar. On June 14, acting on specific information about the presence of terrorists in the village Mishipora area of Kulgam, police along with 1st RR launched a cordon and search operation in the said area. As the joint party proceeded towards the suspected spot the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately upon the search party which was retaliated effectively by the joint forces. "After the initial exchange of fire with the security forces, the terrorists managed to move to the general area of Mishipora.

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World

Over 36 million children displaced worldwide, highest since World War II

An unprecedented 36.5 million children were displaced by conflict, violence and other crises by the end of 2021, the highest number since World War II, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported Friday. The figure, which increased by 2.2 million in 2021, includes 13.7 million child refugees and asylum-seekers and nearly 22.8 million internally displaced due to conflict and violence, according to the statement issued by the agency. Children displaced by climate and environmental shocks and disasters, and those displaced in 2022, including by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, are not included in the report.

The record number is a direct result of cascading crises, including "acute and protracted conflicts such as in Afghanistan, and fragility in countries like the Democratic Republic of the Congo or Yemen -- all exacerbated by the destructive impacts of climate change," the statement added further. UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said she hopes the alarming number



will move governments to prevent children from being displaced and ensure the access of those displaced to education, protection and other critical services. Only half of all refugee children are enrolled in primary schools, while less than a quarter of refugee adolescents are in secondary schools, as a record number of displaced and refugee children are in need of support and services like healthcare, education and protection, according to the report. Unaccompanied or separated children, in particular, are facing a high risk of trafficking, exploitation, violence and abuse, the agency said, adding that globally, children make up approximately 28 per cent of victims of human trafficking.

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UK approves Julian Assange's extradition to the US

UK Home Secretary Priti Patel approved the US government's request to extradite the WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the United States to face charges over the alleged leak of classified documents related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It follows a British court ruling that he could be sent to the US.

The Home Office on June 17 said the interior minister "must sign an extradition order if there are no grounds to prohibit the (extradition) order being made" (under the Extradition Act 2003), and the courts had found none.

Wikileaks has responded with a statement posted on Twitter, saying that Mr Assange would appeal his extradition.

The decision is a big moment in Assange's years-long battle to avoid being sent to the US — though not necessarily the end of the tale. However, a counter appeal by Assange's legal team is expected to restart another round of legal battle.

No grounds found to prohibit extradition order

"On 17 June, following consideration by both the magistrate's court and High Court, the extradition of Mr Julian Assange to the US was ordered. Mr Assange retains the normal 14-day right to appeal," a UK Home Office spokesperson said. Extradition requests are only sent to the home secretary once a judge decides it can proceed after considering various aspects of the case, the spokesperson said.

"In this case, the UK courts have not found that it would be oppressive, unjust, or an abuse of process to extradite Mr Assange. Nor have they found that extradition would be incompatible with his human rights, including his right to a fair trial and to freedom of expression, and that whilst in the US he will be treated appropriately, including in relation to his health," the spokesperson's statement said.

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China to host 14th BRICS Summit on June 23

Chinese President Xi Jinping will be hosting the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23, the foreign ministry said on Friday. Hua Chunying, spokesperson of the foreign ministry announced, "President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23. The Summit will be held in virtual format under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'." President Xi Jinping will host the High-level Dialogue on Global Development in Beijing on June 24, he added.

The Dialogue will also be held virtually under the theme "Foster a Global Development Partnership for the New Era to Jointly Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". BRICS leaders and leaders of relevant emerging markets and developing countries will attend the event, Hua stated. Xi will attend the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum virtually and deliver a keynote speech on June 22, his statement further read. BRICS is a multilateral forum consisting of five major emerging economies of the world, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

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India calls on EU to fight against terrorism



Image Courtesy : Republic

India on Friday (local time) called on the EU to collectively fight against terrorism and emphasised the need to resolve the Ukraine conflict in order to resolve the peace and security challenges at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). India's deputy envoy to United Nations, R Ravindra said, "The EU has an important role to play in our continued fight against terrorism and other new and emerging challenges. India is the chair of the counter-terrorism committee and 1988 sanctions committee. In this capacity, India would like the EU to step up its support to make our fight against terrorism a collective fight and one fought with "zero tolerance", without any double-speak." He highlighted the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine conflict and stressed the need to strengthen the partnership and linkages between the UN and regional organisations. "The world continues to be confronted with peace and security challenges that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine crisis, and its consequent

food and energy security challenges. This is disproportionately impacting the global south." "We need to strengthen the partnership and enhance linkages between the UN and regional organisations in line with Chapter 8 of the UN Charter. We need to pursue greater international cooperation and solidarity to overcome our common challenges," Ravindra added.

The deputy envoy also said that India and the EU share a common interest in ensuring security prosperity and sustainable development in the multipolar world. "India has advocated the need for reformed multilateralism. We have been consistent in calling for meaningful and comprehensive reform of the global multilateral architecture including the UN Security Council. EU has an important role to play in tackling global challenges with the UN and the core of multilateral efforts." "The contribution of the EU to the progress of global discourse on climate change and sustainable development goals has been noteworthy. We need to find a balanced approach to continue to meet these challenges without burdening the developing countries," Ravindra said.

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Pakistan once again shows interest in India for trade

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Thursday emphasised the country's interest in trade and engagement with India saying that Pakistan was isolated on the world stage due to past policies. "Despite a "long history of war and conflict" and the Indian government's actions in occupied Kashmir and its anti-Muslim agenda, it was not in Pakistan's interest to remain disengaged," Bilawal said while speaking at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, a government-funded think tank, the Dawn reported. Referring to the former government of Pakistan-Tahreek-i-Insaf (PTI), he said that the coalition government had inherited an "internationally isolated and internationally disengaged" country, adding "But it was time for pivoting to economic diplomacy and focusing on

engagement." "Do we achieve our objectives, whatever they may be; be it Kashmir, be it the rising Islamophobia, be it the Hindutva sort of supremacist nature of the government in India. Does it serve our objective?" Bilawal said. He highlighted the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir and said, "these issues remained the "cornerstone" of Pakistan's narrative and the government was taking them up "in the most serious and most aggressive manner," the Dawn reported. "We have practically cut off all engagement" with India, the Dawn quoted Bilawal as saying. Bilawal further said that if Pakistan had achieved economic engagement with India in the past, it would have been in a better position to influence Delhi's policy and prevented both countries from taking extreme positions.

Meanwhile, Bilawal also



stressed the country's problematic diplomatic relations with the United States, which were affected after the ousted Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government (PTI) accused the United States of collaborating with the opposition parties to remove it from office, the Dawn reported. PTI chief and former prime minister Imran Khan ran an aggressive campaign after being deposed by a no-confidence vote in parliament, calling for freedom from the "slaves of foreign powers".

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Different Strokes

Lack of quality in Medical Education

There are many types of messing with MBBS education. According to the law, only those students who have been selected from the NEET exam according to the number of seats should get admission in the medical college. But the situation is that the students who are in the rank of more than two lakhs, they are also getting admission on the basis of money.

Despite the shortage of doctors in the country, it is a matter of concern that one thousand four hundred and fifty six seats remain vacant in the postgraduate classes of medical education. These seats have remained vacant after the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET PG). Expressing displeasure over this, the Supreme Court had strongly reprimanded the Medical Consultative Committee (MCC). Along with this, it was instructed that not a single seat should remain vacant, so the seats should be filled after special consultation. But in the next hearing, the court upheld the decision of the Central Government and MCC and said that it cannot be called an arbitrary decision, because the quality of education cannot be compromised. If they do so, public health will be affected. Hence the decision of MCC is in the interest of public health. The irony in this perspective is that on the one hand a large number of seats remained vacant due to lack of quality education, and on the other hand, many talented students do not want to pursue post-graduation in complex subjects.

When any one prevailing system is in trouble, many questionable questions are bound to arise. One of the reasons behind the remaining vacant seats in medical science postgraduate courses is also the lack of interest of the students. In this context, in 2015-16, one hundred and four in surgery (heart), fifty-five in cardiologists,

(Such reforms should be seen in medical education)

eighty-seven in pediatrics, 58 in plastic surgery, forty-eight in neurological specialists and forty-eight seats in nervous system surgery are vacant. Was left Two reasons were cited for this decrease.

One is that sufficient number of qualified candidates were not found for the entrance examination of these courses and secondly that even the qualified students who got the post graduation, they refused to study in these courses. Now the absence of qualified students is said to be the reason behind the vacant seats of one thousand four hundred and fifty six. After all, what are the reasons that despite the increase in many facilities in medical education, the crisis of quality education is deepening?

Medical experts believe that today's students do not want to study in courses that take a long time to specialize. On the contrary, they want to acquire proficiency in such courses, where one can get the degree of specialization soon and there are opportunities to earn money. Kidney, nose, ear, tooth, throat diseases and various technical examinations specialists start surgery after reaching the age of thirty-five, whereas heart and nervous system specialists get this opportunity after the age of forty-five years.

Clearly, the matter of heart and mind is very delicate, so long experience is also necessary in these. But if this problem persists, then in future there is bound to be a shortage of doctors related to the treatment of these diseases. Where is the deficiency in this system, finding it and then resolving it is the job of the government and the people associated



with allopathy education. But at present, in the background of the reasons for this, whether the formation of a 'National Medical Council' by rejecting the Medical Council of India and medical education is becoming more and more expensive?

NMC was formed in the year 2016. Its objective was to improve the deteriorating standard of medical education, to make the profession corruption-free and to break the unethical nexus of private medical colleges. But when NMC came in the form of law, there was a big flexibility in it that Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani doctors also get the right to do allopathic medicine legally by doing bridge courses at the government level. This process also went on across the country through voluntary organizations.

Twenty five thousand rupees for this course. Although still most of these doctors prescribe allopathy medicines without any hesitation, but this system is still illegal and runs on the malpractice of the government health department of the district. It is possible that from the point of view of eliminating this contradiction and making illegal treatment legal, it has been giving legality to allopathic medicine by facilitating bridge-course in this

law? That is why the question arose whether an ordinary auto-taxi licensee driver could be allowed to operate an aeroplane after training for some time? In fact, every method of treatment is a scientific method and has been perfected by hundreds of years of experiments and training. Everyone's studies are different. The methods of knowing the symptoms of the disease are different and the medicines are also different. In such a situation, how can any alternative doctor become a doctor or specialist of allopathy after four-six months of different studies?

The entrance exam for MBBS and postgraduate courses in allied subjects is very tough. There are total sixty seven thousand two hundred and eighteen seats in MBBS. According to the set standard of the World Health Organization, there should be one doctor per thousand population, whereas in our case this ratio is 0.62. In 2015, the then Union Health Minister had told in the Rajya Sabha that there is a shortage of fourteen lakh allopathic doctors in the country. But now this figure has crossed 20 lakhs. Similarly, there is a shortage of four million nurses in the country. From government district hospitals to all other health centers, the supply of technicians was not in proportion to the equipment.

If seen, there are many types of playing with MBBS education. According to the law, only those students who have been selected from the NEET exam according to the number of seats should get admission in the medical college. But the situation is that the students

who are in the rank of more than two lakhs, they are also getting admission on the basis of money. This situation persists because the meritorious students who are not able to pay the fees of private colleges, they give up their seats out of compulsion. Later, the students ranked in the lower class get admission by purchasing this seat.

The cost of this seat ranges from sixty lakh to one crore. By the way, the fee for one year in government colleges of the country is only four lakhs, whereas in private universities and colleges the same fee is sixty four lakh rupees. The same rigging is being done with NRI and minority quota students. For admission in MD, in private institutions which have management jurisdiction and grant based seats, the amount of admission fee is two crore to five crore.

On the one hand, we scoff at caste-based qualifications and disqualifications in the name of reservation, while on the other hand, through this law, private colleges have been allowed to fill 60 percent seats at the discretion of the management. Now only forty percent of the seats will be filled through competitive examination. Clearly, the management will openly auction 60 percent of the seats under its jurisdiction. As a result the effect of this law is now clearly visible as PG seats remain vacant. This situation is a sign of jeopardizing the future healthcare of the country. In fact, such reforms should have been seen in medical education, which would have blocked the entry of money into it.



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Sports



Geje Eustaquio responds to Gurdarshan Mangat's callout

Former ONE Flyweight World Champion Geje "Gravity" Eustaquio has reached the highest of highs and the lowest of lows during his time in ONE Championship. And he isn't afraid of anyone calling him out to a fight. Gurdarshan Mangat, who was victorious over Thai striker Yodkaikaew Fairtex at the recently concluded ONE 158, immediately focused his crosshairs at the Filipino former flyweight king. Mangat used his in-ring interview with commentator Mitch Chilson and his post-fight press conference to call out Eustaquio. Not one to back down from a fight, the Team Lakay star gladly accepted the challenge. "Yes! I can't wait to share the Circle with him. Thanks for calling me out Gary. I will stand my ground and bring you a good fight, let us settle this out," Eustaquio said. "Gravity" is enjoying a strong run of form going 3-1 in his past four fights. His latest match saw him take a dominant unanimous decision

win over South Korea's Song Min Jong back at ONE: Inside The Matrix III in November 2020. Eustaquio could be his ticket to break into the flyweight elite. While he's glad to receive the challenge, Eustaquio is also impressed with how Mangat has evolved inside the Circle. Mangat's improvements, Eustaquio said, were on full display against the dangerous Yodkaikaew. Mangat was able to trade strikes with the natural Muay Thai fighter while using his wrestling to control the pace of the match in the first two rounds. These advancements in Mangat's game were what made Eustaquio even more excited for their potential showdown. "He made a lot of movements; he strikes good and wrestles well. No doubt, his development was mirrored in his performance. I am about to know that when the fight happens. But I think I am in this business for a longer period of time," Eustaquio said.

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Kerala Blasters FC sign midfielder Bryce Miranda

Kerala Blasters FC have been active in terms of squad-building and announced their first new signing of the season as they acquired the services of midfielder Bryce Miranda from Churchill Brothers. The 22-year-old has signed a deal that will keep him at the Kochi-based club till 2026. Miranda started his



professional career with Mumbai FC with whom, he represented all age group teams up to U-18. He then went on to a short stint with Union Bank FC before joining FC Goa's developmental team in 2018. A year later, he joined Income Tax FC where he had a breakout season, scoring three goals and providing 10 assists in the 2019 Elite division.

Looking forward to be part of new golden era of Indian football: Sahal Abdul Samad

A historic second successive qualification for the AFC Asian Cup has made Sahal Abdul Samad confident of the Indian national football team ushering in a 'new golden era'. The midfielder is assured in playing a major part in it as India qualified for the Asian Cup in style having beaten all three opponents in their group in the third and final round of qualifiers in Kolkata. "I am still young and I really look forward to being a part of Indian football's golden era now. I am really happy about how we have been approaching the matches," 25-year-old Sahal said.

India defeated Cambodia and Afghanistan before thrashing Hong Kong 4-0 on its road to the Asian Cup, where India will now aim to take the next step in hopefully progressing out of the group stages. Apart

from Sunil Chhetri, Manvir Singh, Ishan Pandita, and Anwar Ali scored for India against Hong Kong on Tuesday. Defender Anwar, who resumed his football career in August last year after a two-year hiatus owing to a heart condition, got his debut goal for the senior national team, in only his sixth appearance.

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FIA to introduce measures to control porpoising



In the wake of the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the FIA have announced plans to control the phenomenon of porpoising that has become a theme in the 2022 season, issuing a Technical Directive to the teams to give guidance about the measures they intend to take to tackle the issue.

A return to ground effect cars for 2022 has seen a

revival in F1 of the porpoising phenomenon, where cars lose and then regain downforce in quick succession, setting up a cycle of the car moving up and down. Meanwhile, with ground effect working best when cars are run as low to the ground as possible, some teams have also struggled with additional issues like bottoming out and bouncing.

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World Championships Silver-medallist boxer Manju Rani eyes Paris Olympics

Manju Rani was training at her hometown village of Rithal in Rohtak district of Haryana when she witnessed Mary Kom win the Bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics. Mary Kom's historic win inspired Manju to continue with boxing despite several hardships in her career. In 2019, Manju's hard work reaped rewards when she won the Silver medal at the Women's Boxing World Championships. "It was the proudest moment of my career. After Mary Kom, I was the second woman boxer in India who had won the Silver medal at the age of 20 at the World Championships. It was a very proud moment for me and my family," Manju Rani said.

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Opinion

The Halal economy endangering Indian economy as well as Indian safety - Ramesh Shinde

Hindu society has taken to roads to oppose the compulsion of Halal. Halal is an Islamic concept and is being forced on 78% Hindus in Secular Bharat. When the Indian Government has its own departments 'Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and 'Food and Drug Administration' (FDA), a private Muslim organisation named Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind Halal Trust is taking thousands of Rupees from the producers and issuing Halal certificate. This certificate was originally meant for meat. However, it is now applicable to eatables, cosmetics, Ayurvedic medicines, hospitals, etc. Besides, multinational companies such as McDonald's, KFC have also taken these certificates and declared that their over 100 outlets in India are all Halal certified. Serving only Halal certified products to

Hindus (who are major clients of these organisations) is a gross insult of freedom of religion given to these Hindu clients by the Constitution. Thus, an Islamic economy is being set up in India that is run on religions support. It is reliably learnt that the money collected through the medium of Halal economy is being used to support terrorist activities. In India too, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind is giving legal support to over 700 Muslim criminals involved in bomb explosions across the Nation. Halal economy is endangering not only Indian economy but Indian defence as well. In this regard, Government of India is expected to take serious action



immediately. This was stated by Mr Ramesh Shinde - the author of the text 'Halal Jihad ?' and the National Spokesperson of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti. He was speaking on the topic of 'How to retaliate the Jihadi terrorism' on the fourth day of Dasham Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan. Halal Jihad text has been published in Hindi and Marathi. During the speech he appealed to the attendees to ensure that this text reaches every Hindu, so that maximum people become aware about Halal Jihad. During this session, National President of Youth for Panun Kashmir Mr Rahul Kaul, President of Hindu Makkal Katchi Mr Arjun Sampath and

film distributor and businessman from Karnataka Mr Prashant Sambargi also guided the gathering.

Bollywood Jihad for harming Bharat and Hindu Dharma - Prashant Sambargi, Film Distributor

Bollywood movies are being used as a medium to influence the youth in the age group 18-24, with Muslim and western thinking. In 2019 a survey of 250 films was conducted in Gujarat. The survey report stated that in these films, Muslims places of worship were shown as strong, that Muslims are humanitarian and conversely, Brahmans are corrupt and evil people. In Bollywood, approximately 3000 songs are released every year. Of these, 300 songs are on the glory of Allah. Conversely, the glory of Hindu Deities is sung in only 4% of songs. Underlying this strategy is Dubai funding and Karachi



distribution. The money of infamous hooligans is used for production of Bollywood films. Through these films Love Jihad is encouraged. The drugs from Afghanistan and Pakistan are smuggled into India through Punjab and distributed all over India. Bollywood Jihad is a conspiracy to harm Bharat and Hindu Dharma. This was stated by the film Distributor and businessman from Karnataka Mr Prashant Sambargi while speaking on the topic of Drug Jihad of Bollywood.

- Sanatan Sanstha

Very soon Goa Files – 2 will be released to give the people of Goa information about the atrocities committed during Inquisition

Bhagawan Parshuram is the Deity who protects Goa. During the dark history of Goa, the so-called Saint Francis Xavier was very much instrumental for the inquisition. Hence, it is necessary to pass on the information about the oppressive atrocities committed through the medium of inquisition for over 250 years to the new generation. I am placing before the goans the part-2 of Goa Files. This was stated by Prof. Subhash Velingkar (Retd. Principal), the state Sanghachalak of Bharat Mataki Jai organisation. He was speaking on the subject 'The successful experiment of devout Hindu organisations : Hindu Raksha Mahaaghad'. At that time on the dais were present Swami Atmaswaroopanand Maharaj, Pujya Paramatma Ji Maharaj, from Dharwad, Karnataka and Mr Chetan Rajhans, the National spokesperson of Sanatan Sanstha.

Prof. Subhash Velingkar further stated, "The

infiltration of Rohingya and Bangladeshi Muslims has increased a lot in Goa. Muslims are controlling a lot of places in Goa. The radical Muslim organisation Popular Front of India has become active in Goa. The fanatic Muslims in Goa have challenged the Chief Minister of Goa and have dared to give the slogan of Pakistan Zindabad. To face all this, it is necessary to unite the Hindu organisations. As a step towards this, with the help of 350 representatives of big-small organisations we have established Hindu Raksha Maha-aghadi. A five point program of opposing conversion, opposing jihad, protecting the temples, education on Dharma and imparting Hindu sanskar has been decided upon and the Mahaaghad will function accordingly. All the associated organisations from Goa that are active in various fields will incorporate this five point program in their operations.

- Sanatan Sanstha

All the Saints and Mahatmas should act for establishing the Hindu Rashtra – H.H. (Dr) Paramatma Ji Maharaj, Karnataka

When Dharma (Righteousness) attacked adhama (unrighteousness), Bhagawan Parshuram lifted His Parshu (weapon). We should idolise Deity Parshuram who acted the unrighteous thus. This is the time to retaliate. To do that every Saint and religious mendicant should demand the 'Hindu Rashtra'. They should work for establishing the 'Hindu Rashtra'. This appeal was made by H.H. Paramatmaji Maharaj, Dharwad, Karnataka. He was speaking on the subject 'Efforts made to unite spiritual organisations to establish the 'Hindu Rashtra'.

He further added that 'India is a spiritual land. If we refer to the history of India, we will find that whenever there has been some change, spiritual organisations were mainly instrumental in bringing it. We have a large number of spiritual organisations and Saints. If all of them unite for demanding the 'Hindu Rashtra', establishing the 'Hindu Rashtra' will not take time'.



H.H. (Dr) Paramatma Ji Maharaj, Karnataka

Need of teachers who will develop ideal character – H.H. (Dr) Shiv Narayan Sen, Bengal

During the old times, schools were run in the temple premises. Almost every village had a temple and a school. According to a British officer Thomas Munro, in the year 1826, there were 1,28,000 schools in south India. In these schools, 25% students would be Brahmins, Kshatriyas and Vaishya; shudra students would be more. Later the British changed all this. Even today, education on Dharma cannot be imparted in any school. Hence, all the organisations should unite and press for education on Dharma in schools so that the students will develop ideal character. This appeal was made deputy would be Hindu Rashtra'



H.H. (Dr) Shiv Narayan Sen, Bengal

Review

Jackie Shroff, Sanjay Dutt, Mithun Chakraborty and Sunny Deol have announced an action film, Baap

Anouncing the project on social media, Jackie Shroff dropped a picture with Mithun and Sanjay. He wrote, "Jahan chaar yaar mil jaaye....arre chautha kidhar hain bhidu.... Their film announcement comes on Mithun's 72nd birthday. Previously, media reports had suggested that Sanjay, Mithun, Jackie and Sunny will be headlining an upcoming action flick directed by Vivek Chauhan. The film team will reportedly wrap up its filming within a month with their marathon schedule, taking place at multiple locations. They are believed to be filming



a portion of the film in a Mumbai studio as well. While makers are yet to officially announce the project, Pinkvilla had reported that Baap is being backed by Ahmed Khan in collaboration with Zee Studio. Mithun Chakraborty was last seen in Vivek Agnihotri's The Kashmir Files. He has a Bengali film, titled Projapoti in his kitty. Jackie Shroff, on the other hand, was last seen in Akshay Kumar-starrer Sooryavanshi. Meanwhile, Sanjay Dutt is currently basking in the success of KGF: Chapter 2, which starred Yash. He will be next seen in Ranbir Kapoor's Shamshera and Khalnayak 2.

Actor Sai Pallavi, who is busy with the promotions of her forthcoming Telugu film Virata Parvam

She spoke about her marriage plans in a new interview. Without revealing when she will marry, Sai said that she had no such plans, as of now. She also added that she was happy being alone for the time being, and was on a journey of self-exploration. In an interview with TV9, Sai opened up on her marriage plans, and if she will marry a Telugu guy. "I've got so used to speaking Telugu at

home that my father jokes about me eventually marrying a Telugu guy. At home, we speak Badaga, but I end up using Telugu often," she said. When she was asked if marriage is on the cards anytime soon, she said: "I don't think it'll happen anytime soon. Right now, I'm happy being alone and I'm trying to know about myself more. I'm on that journey."



Kiara Advani spoke about rumours linking her and actor Sidharth Malhotra



Actor Kiara Advani addressed rumours of her dating actor Sidharth Malhotra in a new interview. Kiara said she was not immune to such link-ups, but wondered who was spreading these. The actor said she wanted to know who these 'mirch masala wale sources' (sources sharing speculations) were. Kiara's new film Bhool Bhulaiya 2 with actor Kartik Aaryan earned 175 crore at the box office, making it one of the biggest hits of 2022.

Dhappa, a 1950s-based musical play starring Puneet Issar in Hindi for the first time

Actor Puneet Issar plays an experimental role for the first time in theatre

Aum Theatre Mumbai is all set to launch the play "Dhappa, a 1950s-based musical play starring Puneet Issar" a thriller Hindi play on 18th June 2022 at St Andrew Theatre Bandra. Actor Puneet Issar, who is forever embedded in our minds as the great Duryodhan of B. R. Chopra's TV series Mahabharat will be playing an experimental role for the first time in theatre. The play is written and produced by Akshay Mishra and Sharon Chandra and directed by Akshay Mishra. Play Dhappa has a splendid set, vintage design costumes, a fantastic script, melodious songs and music, and dance that will captivate the audience.

DHAPPA is a very meaningful and realistic play where one can relate to the sacrifices, repentance, passion, and perseverance enacted by the actors on stage. Actor Puneet Issar has transformed himself into a character in DHAPPA that he has never played before. The play also showcases the work of Sharon Chandra who is playing a pivotal role in DHAPPA. Sharon

is a theatre actress and Kathak dancer and hails from the Fiji Islands. She has attained a Diploma in Kathak from Kathak Kendra, New Delhi.

Writer and director, Akshay Mishra tried to envisage the 1950s era and wrote DHAPPA, the musical play said "I was besotted with the kind of dance, music, costumes, and sets that were used in great films like Mughal-e-Azam, Jalsaghar, Pakeezah, Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baje, etc. One always looks up to these veterans who have worked tirelessly and given us such invaluable gems. We are forever indebted to their work which gives us a glimpse of a beautiful era gone by. I wanted to recreate some of that time through a play. And DHAPPA was born! But it was not an easy feat. I researched a lot on the types of thumris that were played during that era and endeavored to write thumris that would resonate with my audience. I was inspired by the thumris sung by Shamshad Begum, Begum Akhtar, Siddheshwari Devi, and many more and tried to recreate a little sprinkle of that golden era



that these maestros ruled in. I can't wait for the audience to hear these beautiful pieces of music. We took inspiration from the 1950s and styled our costumes, a magnificent setting

with a staircase and chandelier, vintage props, and soulful music and dance to give our audience a sneak peek into our version of the unheard stories of the 1950s."

Actor Puneet Issar says, "I had a faraway memory that blurred with time. Gems like Ritwik Ghatak, Satyajit Ray, Bimal Roy, V. Shantaram, Guru Dutt, Raj Kapoor, Mehboob Khan, and Vijay Anand had speckled our lives with the most realistic souvenirs. Their work jostled me to see the pain and struggles faced by real people. In that golden age, these directors had freed opinions, fought with patriarchy, wept with the unfortunate, and rebelled against the unkind. I always thought if only I would have gotten the chance to work in that era. When Akshay narrated the script, it immediately made me feel that this would be my opportunity to possibly portray a writer and director of the 1950s and show the real pain that these filmmakers felt. And coincidentally, when I read the script, there was a line about 'Duryodhan'. It just clicked! I knew this script was destined for me!"

Actress and Producer Sharon Chandra says, "I feel extremely lucky and happy to get an opportunity to work with Puneetji. His work ethic, dedication, and support to our team motivate us. He is an inspiration to us and always ensures to guide us. I am happy that I represent my country Fiji and hopefully motivate people from my country to come to India and live the adventurous life of an artist!"

Directing an original script is always a gamble but Akshay Mishra had a fine answer in store. "There is an actual need to tell original stories! Writers such as Saadat Hasan Manto, Ismat Chughtai, Nirmal Varma, Harishankar Parsai, Kafka, Maupassant, Sharat Chandra, Dhanveer Bharti, Tolstoy, Gorkhi, Bhishm Sahani, etc. have inspired and led us into the right direction. Truth be told, just using these prestigious writers' work more or less guarantees a certain percentage of the audience. Our generation should also take inspiration from these writers and attempt to write original stories and plays that would later become a pathway for the upcoming generation of writers. I kept perfecting the script and song lyrics and it brought me great joy when Puneet Issar sir agreed to come on board on the first read!"