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SWAMI VIVEKANAND VIDYALAYA PARENTS **IRKED** WITH SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

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A lot of parents assembled at the Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya at Nehru Nagar in Kurla on Saturday to demonstrate against the fee hike. Irritated parents also claimed that the administration changed the design of the uniform this year despite online schooling. The new uniforms were introduced just last year. When the story was published in Mid-Day, our correspondent approached the parents to know their grievances.

One of the parents told Afternoon Voice under the condition of anonymity “the management literally exploits the parents, all these while the classes were online and students hardly used their uniforms. They changed their uniform design last year and now again they want to change it without informing or giving any notice to the students or parents. These are overhead expenses and we feel exploited”.

Another Parent Mrs. Chaudhary said, “Due to lockdown many parents either lost their jobs or faced financial difficulty. In spite of knowing the situation school has stressed to



them to pay fees on time. The annual fee last year was Rs 21,600; this has now increased to Rs 28,400. How one can afford this?”

Another parent told, “We the parents have written to the school management and the state’s school education department demanding that the issue be resolved by Monday. Such random decisions by the school’s management without taking the parents into confidence will boomerang at them.”

Another parent added, “The school changed the uniforms last year. Most of the parents bought these new uniforms only last month, as we had online classes until recently. The teachers had assured us that this uniform design would not change for the next three years at least. Now, they have changed the design again.”

The management has decided to meet parents on Monday to resolve the issue but the principal of the school wasn’t available to greet us and look into the matter.

Meanwhile, an official from the school education department said, “We have received parent's request and soon management will take an appropriate decision. By Monday we will try to resolve the issue by greeting the parents”.

Car insurance scam is rampant in India

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Did you know that an insurance policy purchased by you can be fake? Yes, there are chances when you do not research well or take enough safety while buying an insurance policy. Sadly, many policyholders realize that they have a fake insurance policy only when they make a claim. After all, what is an insurance policy till you make a claim? It is just a piece of paper with a seal and a signature. The growing number of insurance fraud cases has become a worry for insurance companies and policyholders in India. According to the Indian Forensic Centre for Studies report, the losses caused to the insurance industry due to frauds are estimated to be over Rs.30,000 crore every year. While one may think that insurance frauds are

generally committed by making false claims, fake insurance policies are one of the leading types of insurance fraud in India.

If currency notes can be duplicated in India, anything is possible. Anyone with a basic printer at home can print out a fake insurance agreement. Every year, there are thousands of policyholders who fall for this scam. Fake insurance policies are those policies that are sold by unauthorized insurance companies with an intention to make money without providing the insurance coverage. It is nothing but a fake insurance policy from a deceitful company which does not even exist.

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These other comments are arguments where under certain circumstances it's beneficial to SOME people. But the chances are it is not beneficial to you. This is why insurance can function as a for-profit business that is one of the most profitable businesses in the world and indeed how one of the richest men in the world Warren Buffet made most of his money. It is a guaranteed private tax on public citizens and mathematically as long as these businesses survive it will always benefit fewer people than it helps. In fact, the only people who probably have a net gain from insurance are people who have gamed the system in some way. For the rest of us it is simple math to add up your premium payments over the years and compare it to what you have been paid, which in most cases is nothing.

The brainwashed jesters here will tell you that it is worth it because it's easy to defend the status quo, but if we got rid of mandatory insurance there would be more money for everyone outside of the insurance industry. It is estimated that on an average, in one hour,



around 55 road accidents occur in our country. This is where car insurance comes into the picture. Those who have a valid insurance policy can approach their insurer. The insurer will pay for the damage. However, no one will cover the people who do not buy insurance. And if they cause an accident, they will have to bear the cost from their pocket.

This is exactly why it is a law in India to buy Car Insurance. Under Chapter 11 (Section 145 to 164) of The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, it is compulsory to buy at least a Third-party Car Insurance Policy in India. Buying insurance is parallel to saving money to cover yourself financially in case

of an accident. But the scope of these savings increases to a great extent when you have an insurance company to back you. The government has made it mandatory to buy car insurance because no person should suffer a financial loss from an accident. If they do, they should be compensated fairly. But 90 percent of the population spent their hard-earned money just assuming an accident but they pay money for years but such things happen. If a person pays for more than five long years and no casualty happens in that case the policy holder should get some concessions or benefit.

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Letter's to the Editor

Now Pakistan is a infernal

Pakistan is currently witnessing the "biggest humanitarian disaster on Earth," after Afghanistan according to IFRC Society . Pakistan need approximately a billion dollars to expand its response in the war-torn country.

According to the most recent update from the international society, more than 25% of Pakistan's overall population required emergency humanitarian help.

Decades of violence, severe drought, food insecurity, climate-related disasters, displacement, and health-care deficiencies are all wreaking havoc on the country. According IFRC Pakistan is experiencing the world's largest and worst humanitarian catastrophe after Afghanistan, with around 20 million people facing food insecurity.

In the face of rising poverty, 30% of households are unable to meet basic food and nonfood needs, with the consequences being particularly severe.

In the midst of all of this, Pakistan is abusing minority rights. Pakistan has also been accused of systematic persecution of minorities such as Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, and Ahmadiyyas around the world. In between all of this Pakistani extremists are lauded and monuments are erected in their honour. Instead of participating in terrorism, extremism, and vandalism, Pakistan has to focus on the food safety, security, and well-being of its majority and minority communities.

- Vijaykumar H.K.

Not a one man job!

The flood problem in Assam is aggravating with each passing year. It has seen new heights of destruction and havoc. The people of Assam have time and again puffed up their jugular veins asking the people in power to work towards a solution but to no avail. It seems that the people in power want something to discuss every year about the flood problem and they actually do not want to solve it as it would mean that they would not have the flood as an agenda in their elections which works like magic in the election time. The state government's proposal to the centre to declare the flood problem in Assam a national problem has gathered dust over the years. Discussions and solution searching over the years have only muddied the waters. It is time to work on some of those solutions, like dredging, it will increase the water retention capacity which would be a big relief though it is not a long term method. The central government in 2017 announced a 400 crore package to work on the dredging of the Brahmaputra river but this has not yet seen the light of the day. There was also a plan to create a 725km long expressway using the dredged up soil, a 40,000 crore project which sounds too good to be true someday. River linking is another solution that can be worked out as a long term solution to the flood problem but this too has implications as water disputes among states will be inevitable. The problem of flood in Assam is not a one man job to solve, it should be a collective effort. I urge all the states to come up and help Assam solve this problem once and for all. Are we together?

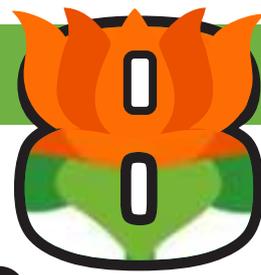
- Noopur Baruah

Take care of the children

Students have not been afraid of corona since the school has been online for two years in the wake of the Corona epidemic. This has been done. Therefore, the complete annihilation of Corona has not yet taken place. The school administration and parents should also be aware of the health of the children. Responsibility should not be shifted on each other. The school administration and parents should discuss this together.

- Uday Waghvankar

Glorious 00 years of Modi Government



PM Modi has been leading the country since 2014, and in his second term, he was able to ensure that his party won the faith of the people by an even bigger margin. Since his ascension to the prime minister's post with a huge majority, Modi's popularity has grown. In 1987, when he joined the BJP, he had already made a name for himself as a tireless worker. Narendra Modi has been by far the best prime minister, India has ever seen. Modi led the BJP in the 2014 general election which gave the party a majority in the lower house of Indian parliament, the Lok Sabha, the first time for any single party since 1984. He started his journey as PM with the slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," and as he entered the second term, he added, "Sabka Vishwas Aur Sab Ka Prayas." Modi is, of course, a superlatively gifted politician. He sets the national agenda and political narrative.

In the year 2014 and 2019, the BJP had emerged victorious with massive majority. And now the party is gearing up for the 2024 general elections. He is the only non-Congress prime minister to have won two consecutive majorities in Lok Sabha elections. The BJP has expanded its footprint from just 6 states in May 2014 to 17 states in 2022. Baring some electoral setbacks in states like Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, the BJP's overall gains have been rather impressive. Through his mantra of 'Seva, Sushasan and Antyodaya' — service, good governance and uplifting the most marginalized, PM Modi has truly brought India to the 21st century. Hundreds of schemes of national interest are being implemented by the Modi government. Modi always believes in quick implementation of his ideas. He made it a mission and he swept the ground to make it successful. Modi has topped the global rating survey among the world leaders as the most popular leader, with an approval rating of 71



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percent. He is an honest man with wisdom, farsightedness, and aggressive, selfless service, patriotic, fluency in speech, positive thinking, unbiased opinion and respectable personality. The entire world now believes that he has uncommon leadership qualities.

In all these years he has clearly delivered a strong message: "We are not here for any positions but for a responsibility". First, Modi has fundamentally altered the way central governments used to understand economic policy-making. Modi is credited to have introduced some long-awaited reforms in the country. He brought in initiatives to eliminate the socio-economic backwardness of citizens, which had been undermined or played down by governments in the past. Modi has led Indian people into a state of collective amnesia. It counts its achievements day-in and day-out. From a "free" vaccination programme to the installation of escalators in railway stations, the BJP projects all aspects of governance as 'first-of-its-kind' steps. In the last 8 years, Modi government has left no stone unturned to turn that into a reality. He has managed to sustain this faith and trust, and it points towards the assertion that Modi has delivered according to their expectations. Through the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign, he exposed the evils of Indian society and

advised people to treat their daughters at par with their sons by giving them respect, love, education and rights. He launched too many initiatives and, based on his Gujarat experience, centralized decision-making within his office.

Country has been benefitted of reforms in key sectors, welfare of the poor and marginalized, reducing corruption, and redefining good governance under the visionary leadership of PM Modi. BJP government has always worked to ensure effective and transparent service delivery to the poor. First time the Indians looked up at the political leadership with respect and felt a nationalist fervor. This has not happened for decades.

There is no doubt that the PM who has achieved so much will not leave other grey areas uncovered. He will cover the rest of the things and may be more than one can even imagine.



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Bombay HC grants bail to accused



The Bombay High Court recently granted bail to one Harishchandra Yadav, accused of hatching a conspiracy with the main accused, Ravindra Pawar, in murdering the latter's wife and

daughter as the wife objected to the relationship between Pawar and her daughter.

Harishchandra Yadav was booked for conspiring with the main accused of the double murder in December 2020. The court held that since the investigation is complete and the chargesheet prima facie establishes the role of the main accused in murdering his wife and daughter and Yadav's role not being clear, he deserves to be released on bail.

Teen died following custodial interrogation

Eight police personnel, including a senior inspector of Mumbai Police, have been penalised and their increment suspended for three years following a departmental inquiry.

According to police, the departmental inquiry was set up after these officials, who were posted at the Dharavi police station in 2018, detained a 17-year-old boy for questioning in a theft case. Six days after he was released, the minor succumbed to illness.

According to family members of the deceased, Sachin Jaiswar was illegally picked up from their home in Dharavi on July 13, 2018. The family members



were told that Sunil had died due to leptospirosis. As the family sensed foul play, they complained against the police officials concerned and refused to take the body.

The body was lying at JJ Hospital till the Bombay High Court intervened in April 2021, after which the family took his body and conducted the final rites.

Two ailing Pune MLAs to travel to Mumbai by road ambulance to cast vote

The BJP has made arrangements to get Pune MLAs Laxman Jagtap and Mukta Tilak, who are both facing serious health issues, via road ambulance to Mumbai to vote in the state Legislative Council polls on June 20.

"We have made all necessary arrangements. Permissions and clearances, along with medical assistance for both members, have been secured..." said state BJP president Chandrakant Patil.

While Jagtap is BJP MLA from Pimpri-Chinchwad, Mukta Tilak is BJP MLA from Kasba Peth in Pune city.



Image Courtesy: Indian express

"Tilak... will arrive a day ahead. She will get admitted to a hospital on Sunday and on Monday, she will cast her vote," said Patil. In the case of Jagtap,

Opposition leader Devendra Fadnis is speaking to his family members. He will arrive on the same day and cast his vote," Patil said.

Revoked IT sec removed from Marathi actress case



The authorities probing a case against Marathi actress Ketaki Chitale earlier this week removed section 66A of the Information Technology (IT) Act from the

case diary.

While filing the FIR, this section which was struck down by the SC in 2015, was added by mistake and has now been removed from the case diary after the senior officers noticed it, said a senior police officer.

Chitale is facing multiple FIRs for allegedly making objectionable remarks about NCP chief Sharad Pawar on social media.

Badnera MLA Ravi Rana gets warrant in case of ink-throwing



Image Courtesy: TOI

Fresh trouble seems to be brewing for Badnera MLA and Yuva Swabhimani Party chief Ravi Rana. Personnel from Amravati city police went to Rana's Khar residence in Mumbai to deliver a bailable warrant for throwing ink at the municipal commissioner in February this year but he was not present.

Heavy rain expected at places over next 2 days

The city needs to brace itself for increase in rain activity starting next week. The IMD in its five day forecast for Mumbai, Thane and Palghar has issued a 'yellow' alert starting Sunday. It indicates heavy rain at isolated places being very likely. On June 20-21, however, heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places is very likely. For other adjoining regions, like Raigad, an orange alert has been issued indicating heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places. Saturday saw mainly cloudy skies through the day with very little rain activity. In the 24 hours ending 8.30am on Saturday, the IMD's Colaba observatory recorded 12.6 mm of rainfall while the Santacruz observatory recorded 1mm. Total rainfall recorded this season by Colaba and Santacruz observatories has been 142.5 mm and 99.1 mm.



Gurukul student makes painting and celebrate fathers day

Online teaching now seen as stop-gap arrangement'

Even as coaching classes have gone to operating round-the-clock, they say that the request for it came from students and parents, who felt they wanted to prepare harder for the upcoming JEE exams.

"After learning online for two years

in a solitary environment, students have opted for in-person education and community learning. Whilesome wanted intensive coaching, for others it was about clarifying doubts, taking more tests," said Praveen Tyagi, founder of IITiansPace.

While there were about 10,000

students on the rolls of this academy before the pandemic, that number was crossed last month even as enrolments will continue for another few weeks. Similar to his idea, Gyanmandir Coaching Class runs 'Abhyaas Mitras' (study with a senior) for all its students.

Thane logs 837 new Covid-19 cases, no deaths



With the addition of 837 new Covid-19 cases, the infection count in Maharashtra's Thane district has reached 7,18,884, an official said on Sunday. These new cases were reported on Saturday, he said. The death toll in the district remained unchanged at 11,898 and the Covid-19 mortality rate stood at 1.67 per cent, he added.

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City logs 2,054 fresh Covid cases, 2 deaths in last 24 hours

After more than three months, the city recorded 11 Covid-19 deaths in a week. Mumbai, on the bright side, reported a drop in cases for the second consecutive day despite registering 2,000 cases.

On Saturday, 2,054 cases and two deaths were reported in Mumbai. Between June 12 and 18, 11 deaths have occurred due to Covid-19 in Mumbai.



On Saturday, a 90-year-old man with hypertension and diabetes and a 54-year-old man with hypertension and chronic

kidney disease were the latest casualties in the city. Stay with TOI for all the latest updates.

- TOI

KEM to hire 3 psychologists to counsel its students



In a bid to reduce stress in a medical student's life, the BMC-run KEM Hospital in Parel has advertised for three posts of counselling psychologists whose job would be to counsel its students.

The advertisement, dated June 16, asked for counselling psychologists on a contractual basis and offered a monthly salary of Rs 30,000.

KEM dean Dr Sangeeta Ravat said, "A few decades back, most students in medical colleges were locals. But now over 70% of our students come from outside Mumbai. They are barely 18 years old, far away from their parents and pursuing one of the most difficult courses."

43-year-old man clears Maharashtra Class 10 board exams, but son fails

A 43-year-old man from Pune and his son both appeared for the Class 10 Maharashtra board examinations this year, but the results brought a mixed bag of feelings for the family as the father cleared the exam, while the son failed. The results of the annual Class 10 exams conducted by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education were declared on Friday.

- PTI

State CM Thackeray slams Centre's Agnipath scheme, says wrong to play with lives and ambition of youth

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday hit out at the Centre over its 'Agnipath' military recruitment scheme and said it was wrong to play with the lives and ambitions of the country's youth.

Addressing Shiv Sena MLAs and senior leaders on the occasion of the party's 56th foundation day, Thackeray said if the youth do not have jobs, there is no use of speaking only about Lord Ram. He said



farmers were the first to take to the streets against some of the Centre's agriculture laws. "You must assure only what you can deliver," the chief minister said. Why give names like 'Agniveer' and 'Agnipath' to schemes which have no meaning? What will the youth aged 17 to 21 years get after four years? he asked.

"Having soldiers on the contract is dangerous, and playing with the ambitions and lives of youth is wrong. There is no use of only speaking about

Lord Ram, if the youth do not have jobs," the Sena president said. "Today may be my day, tomorrow some one else will emerge as a better alternative," he added.

As the protests intensified in various parts of the country, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday approved a proposal to reserve 10 per cent of the jobs in various organisations under the ministry for recruits under the 'Agnipath' scheme if they meet the requisite eligibility criteria.

One Warkari killed, 22 others injured as truck hits their tractor

On Sunday, one warkari, devotee of Lord Vitthal, was killed and 22 others were injured after a vegetable-laden tempo rammed into their tractor-trolley on Pune-Bengaluru highway in Satara district.

The warkaris from Kolhapur were on their way to Pune to

join the annual procession, as part of the 'wari' tradition. The accident took place around 3 am near Shirval village, when 43 warkaris were enrooted Alandi in Pune district.

"A speeding vegetable-laden tempo heading towards Pune rammed into the tractor-trolley carrying warkaris from

behind. The warkaris fell on the road and the tempo also got damaged," Shivral police station inspector N Madne said.

"At least 23 'warkaris' suffered injuries and were rushed to a hospital, where one of them succumbed during treatment," the official said.

Kerala man using bumble to find a place on rent in mumbai leaves internet impressed

Police stood first in the 'Dial 112' project across Maharashtra by clocking the response time of 7.58 minutes in May and nine minutes in April this year, a senior official said.

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areas in cases of criminal activities and emergencies. The system has a state-of-the-art mechanism installed in the control rooms of all 45 commissionerates and offices of districts superintendent.

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The system has a GPS-fitted police vehicle and the tracking can be done from both district control rooms and the contact centres to monitor the time it takes for help to reach those in need of it.

Vijay Kumar Magar, Superintendent of Police, Nagpur (Rural) said the police personnel were working hard to maintain the response time. "Regular meetings and coordination with beat marshals and police station in-charge helped to achieve the success," he said.

- PTI

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Man kills wife and surrenders in Delhi's Mukund Pur

A man on Sunday murdered his wife and further surrendered at Police Station. The incident took place in Kapil Vihar, Mukund Pur area of the national capital, said police. The accused was identified as Vijay (38) s/o Daya Ram r/o Kapil Vihar, Mukund Pur, Delhi.

Police said, "On June 18, he came to Police station Bhalswa Dairy and told that he has murdered his wife. Upon enquiry, the police visited the spot and found that there was a deceased namely Santoshi Devi wrapped in some cloths by the accused." The First Information Report (FIR) was lodged and it came to know that Vijay was married earlier to a lady (1st wife) and he was having 4



children. Thereafter, he came in touch with another lady (deceased Santoshi) who used to work in some hospital as told by accused Vijay. Thereafter, his first wife left him alone. The second lady was also having 4 children and she had been living separately from her husband. Meanwhile, the accused Vijay and the deceased started living together and also gave birth to a child presently of 2 years age.

Over time, some petty issues got started between Vijay and Santoshi regarding the care of all children. On the evening of June 17, Santoshi returned from her work and around 11.30 pm, some quarrel took place between them. All the children were sleeping on the ground floor and Vijay and Santoshi were on the roof. The quarrel escalated and the accused strangled Santoshi and wrapped her body in cloth for disposal. But he could not manage the things and he went to the police on June 18 and told the whole story. Thereafter, an FIR was registered under sections 482/22 u/s 302/201 of IPC against the accused and further investigation is on.

- ANI

Body found from JNU campus over two weeks, yet to be identified

The dead body of a man that was found hanging from a tree in the forest area of the Jawaharlal Nehru University on June 3 has not been identified yet. According to the police, they are trying to identify the dead body from the last 15 days but till now success has not been achieved, according to the police. To identify the dead body, the missing report of all the police stations of the entire South West district has been searched, but the missing report of that person has not been registered anywhere, apart from this, the police of South West district is also in touch with the rest of the districts.

Apart from this, no family has contacted the police about their family member not returning from the JNU campus. The body is in a very mutilated condition, with the entire face disfigured. This is a major reason why difficulties are being faced in identifying the dead body. The police found the body of an unidentified person hanging



from a tree in a very rotten condition in the forest of Jawaharlal Nehru University. As per the officials, a PCR call was received at around 6.30 pm on June 3. On reaching the spot they found a dead body hanging from a tree in a very mutilated condition in the forest area. They took the body into possession and sent it for postmortem, the person was found to have died due to hanging in the post-mortem, according to the police on Friday (June 3). The age of the deceased seems to be between 40-45 years, the man hanged himself with a red-coloured nylon rope, police added. Further investigation is underway.

- ANI

Gujarat ATS seizes drugs

A team of Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) seized huge quantity of drugs from Chulha Chicken Hotel from Bhat village in Gandhinagar on Sunday. The accused have been identified as Jaikishan Thakur and Ankit Singh Kulari. Cannabis drugs were seized from Amazon parcel bags and two accused have been arrested.

As per preliminary information, they were selling drugs for the last 1 year. As per the reports from Gujarat ATS, 6 biscuits made from cannabis oil called THC and CBD, 16 grams of shatter and 40 grams of charas were seized. Further investigation was handed over to Gandhinagar SOG.

- ANI

ITBP retrieves body of missing trekker in Himachal

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) retrieved a body of a missing trekker near Lamkhaga Pass in Himachal Pradesh. The body was found during ITBP Patrol on June 17, 2022. The body was carried for 10 Kilometres in inhospitable terrains by the Second Battalion ITBP to hand it over to Himachal Pradesh Police on late Saturday evening. According to ITBP, a trekker group from West Bengal was trapped in sudden snowfall when they were crossing Lamkhaga Pass on their Harsil-Chitkul trek in October 2021.

ITBP had carried out search and rescue operations and had retrieved 2 dead bodies from the Himachal side of Lamkhaga Pass. One trekker was not found due to heavy snow accumulation. "It is probably the same missing

trekker. Cameras and personal belongings were found in the bag of the deceased," said ITBP. Earlier, 12 bodies of trekkers from two trekking groups who had gone missing in two separate places near the Lamkhaga Pass were recovered in October last.

Six of the missing trekkers were rescued while four continued to be missing, officials had said. The climbers were reported missing on the trekking route near the Lamkhaga Pass that connects Chitkul in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district with Harshil in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district. Uttarakhand and parts of Himachal Pradesh had been hit by heavy rainfall in October last year.

- ANI

Delhi CM to hold roadshow in Sangrur on Monday



Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal will conduct a roadshow in Punjab's Sangrur on June 20. Kejriwal will hold the roadshow in support of AAP candidate Gurmel Singh.

he Lok Sabha seat was vacated by the current Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after he became MLA from the Dhuri constituency. Earlier on Saturday, He did a road-show with the people of Narayana for Rajendra Nagar by-election. "Did a road-show with the people of Narayana today in the campaign for Rajendra Nagar by-election. Here people are giving us more love and blessings than last time," tweeted the Delhi Chief Minister.

- ANI

India to grant e-visas to over 100 Sikhs, Hindus in Afghanistan

Following the attack on Karte Parwan Gurdwara in Kabul on Saturday that resulted in the death of two persons, India has decided to grant e-visas to over 100 Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan on priority. As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) sources, the decision was taken late last night. Meanwhile, Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) on Sunday claimed the responsibility for the Karte

Parwan Gurdwara attack in Kabul. ISKP released a statement claiming responsibility for the attack. According to ISKP, 'Abu Mohammed al Tajiki' carried out the attack which lasted for three hours. The group claimed that besides submachine guns and hand grenades, four IEDs and a car bomb were also used in the attack. It further claimed that about 50 Hindu Sikhs and Taliban members were killed in



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According to reports, the Holy Book was taken to the residence of Gurnam Singh, president, of Gurdwara Karte Parwan. Religious minorities in Afghanistan, including the Sikh community, have been targets

of violence in Afghanistan. In October, last year 15 to 20 terrorists entered a Gurdwara in the Kart-e-Parwan District of Kabul and tied up the guards. In March 2020, a deadly attack took place at Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Gurudwara in Kabul's Short Bazaar area in which 27 Sikhs were killed and several were injured. Islamic State terrorists claimed responsibility for the attack.

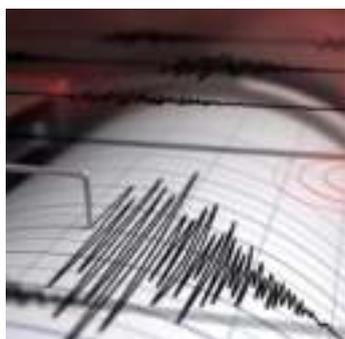
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World

Earthquake of magnitude 5.4 hits Japan Prefecture; no tsunami alert issued

A strong earthquake of magnitude 5.4 hit Japan's Noto region in Ishikawa Prefecture on Sunday, however, no tsunami alert has been issued. As per NHK World, the quake hit shortly after 3 pm (local time). The quake registered a lower 6 on Japan's seismic intensity scale of zero to 7 at Suzu City. Noto Town registered lower 5, and the city of Wajima recorded 4.

Japan's Meteorological Agency said that the quake was at a depth of about 10 kilometres. The Kasuga Shrine in Suzu reported that its torii stone gate was broken from the



bottom, and stone lanterns and stairs were partially collapsed, reported NHK World. The city registered a quake with an intensity of lower than five in September last year. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said that

the government has set up a task force at his office. Kishida said, "I have instructed the members of the task force to immediately assess the extent of the damage, provide accurate information to the public, and make all-out efforts to take emergency measures against disasters. No major damage has been reported so far. There have not been any reports of damage at the Shika nuclear power plant and nearby nuclear power plants. We will continue to take all possible measures with the utmost caution."

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US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan tests positive for COVID



National security adviser Jake Sullivan on Saturday (local time) tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, according to a National Security Council spokesperson. He is the latest member of the Biden administration to have been infected with the coronavirus.

He is asymptomatic, and he has not been in close contact with the President," said NSC spokesperson Adrienne Watson, reported CNN. Sullivan met Friday with Aissata Tall Sall, the foreign minister of Senegal, at the White House to discuss Russia's invasion of Ukraine and global food security, according to a statement from the NSC. He also met with his Chinese counterpart on Monday in Luxembourg. According to the latest data from Johns Hopkins University, the United States has reported nearly 86 million COVID-19 cases and over 1 million related deaths in total.

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conducted as revenge for the insult of Prophet Mohammed by an Indian politician. However, in the attack, only two people were killed and seven others were wounded. Strong action has already been taken against those who made derogatory remarks.

A statement was also issued by concerned quarters emphasizing respect for all religions, denouncing insult to any religious personality or demeaning any religion or sect. Vested interests that are against India-Kuwait relations have been inciting the people using these derogatory comments.

Attack on passenger bus leaves two dead in SW Rwanda

Two people were killed and six injured when armed insurgents attacked a passenger bus Saturday afternoon in southwestern Rwanda, Rwandan police said.

The attack by suspected members of the National Liberation Front (FLN) rebel group occurred at 2 p.m. local time in Nyamagabe district, in the Nyungwe forest, according to a statement by the Rwanda National Police.

"Armed thugs suspected to be members of the FLN operating across the border, shot at a public passenger bus on the Nyamagabe-Rusizi road," the statement said.

The dead included the bus driver and a passenger, police

said, adding that a manhunt has been launched to track the assailants.

FLN is a military wing of the Rwandan Movement for Democratic Change led by Paul Rusesabagina, a Hollywood film Hotel Rwanda hero who was last year sentenced to 25 years in prison for terrorism committed by the FLN in 2018, which claimed the lives of nine civilians in Rwanda's southwest.

The group reportedly operates in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In April, a Rwandan court in the capital Kigali upheld a 25-year jail sentence for Rusesabagina following an appeal by the prosecution.

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China mobilises retired cadres to stem future dissent



In a move that smacks of totalitarianism in the Xi Jinping era, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is ensuring that the services of millions of retired communist cadres are utilised to meet the twin challenges of a stalling Chinese population and the possibility of senior citizens taking part in any protest against the State. The General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China has recently issued the "Opinions on Strengthening the Party Building of Retired Cadres in the New Era".

It is a party tenet that all regions and departments are to implement at once and without question. This is in line with various rules and orders that

have been issued in the last couple of years to bring the entire population under the direct control of the CCP and instil in the people blind loyalty to the party and President Xi Jinping. The CCP is extremely wary of the negative domestic impact of the Covid pandemic years. The economy took a serious hit as a result of which millions of jobs were lost, manufacturing came to a standstill and exports plummeted.

This led to serious inflationary trends and price rises and poverty figures bloated. The Xi government took desperate measures to rectify the situation but its subsequent Zero Covid Policy led to the second phase of economic destabilisation as millions of citizens were forced into quarantine.

UN chief warns against stigma, discrimination fueled by internet

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday warned against the stigma and discrimination fanned by the internet and social media. "The internet and social media have turbocharged hate speech, enabling it to spread like wildfire across borders," the UN chief said in his message for the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, which was marked the first time since a UN General Assembly adopted a related resolution last year. "The spread of hate speech against minorities during the COVID-19 pandemic provides further evidence that many societies are highly vulnerable to the stigma, discrimination and conspiracies it promotes," the secretary-general noted. Guterres underlined that "hate speech incites violence, undermines diversity and social cohesion, and threatens the common values



and principles that bind us together.

In response to this growing threat, three years ago, I launched the United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech. This provides a framework for our support to member states to counter this scourge while respecting freedom of expression and opinion, in collaboration with civil society, the media, technology companies and social media platforms," said the top UN official. The UN chief warned that hate speech is a danger to everyone and fighting it is a job for everyone.

Business

Govt asks employees to opt for lowest air fare, book tickets 21-days in advance

The Finance Ministry has asked government employees to opt for 'cheapest fare available' on their entitled travel class and book air tickets at least three weeks prior to their date of travel for tours and LTC, as it looks to cut down on unnecessary expenditure.

The Ministry further said that employees should book only one ticket for each leg of intended travel, make bookings even if approval of the tour programme is under process and also avoid "unnecessary cancellations".



Government employees are currently required to purchase air tickets only from three authorised travel agents -- Balmer Lawrie & Co, Ashok Travel & Tours and IRCTC.

Any booking made within less than 72 hours of intended travel

on tour or any cancellation made less than 24 hours before intended travel will require the submission of self-declared justification by the employee, as per the modified instructions regarding booking of air tickets on the government account.

"Employees are to choose flights having the Best Available Fare on their entitled travel class which is the Cheapest Fare available, preferably for non-stop flight in a given slot at the time of booking," said the office memorandum of the Department of Expenditure.

- PTI

Flight of FPIs continues; equities worth Rs 31,430 crore sold in June so far



Aggressive rate hike by the US Federal Reserve, coupled with elevated inflation and high valuation of equities continued to keep foreign investors at bay from the Indian stock market as they pulled out Rs 31,430 crore in this month so far. With this, net outflow by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from equities reached Rs 1.98 lakh crore so far in 2022, data with

depositories showed.

Going forward, FPI flows to remain volatile in the emerging markets on account of rising geopolitical risk, rising inflation, tightening of monetary policy by central banks, among others, Shrikant Chouhan, Head – Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities, said.

According to the data, foreign investors withdrew a net amount of Rs 31,430 crore from equities in the month of June (till 17th). The massive selling by FPIs continued in June too as they have been incessantly withdrawing money from Indian equities since October 2021.

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428 infra projects show cost overruns of Rs 4.98-lakh cr



According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, which monitors infrastructure projects of 150 crore and above, out of 1,559 projects, 428 projects reported cost overruns and as many as 647 projects were delayed.

"Total original cost of implementation of the 1559 projects was 21,73,907.11 crore and their anticipated completion cost is likely to be 26,72,201.26 crore, which reflects overall cost overruns of 4,98,294.15 crore (22.92 per cent of original cost)," the ministry's latest report for April 2022 said.

According to the report, the expenditure incurred on these projects till April 2022 was 13,50,610.98 crore, which was 50.54 per cent of their anticipated cost. However, the number of delayed projects decreases to 525 if the delay is calculated on the basis of the latest schedule of completion. Further, for 619 projects neither the year of commissioning nor the tentative gestation period has been reported.

Out of the 647 delayed projects, 103 have overall delays in the range of 1-12

months, 111 have been delayed for 13-24 months, 314 projects for 25-60 months and 119 projects have been delayed for 61 months and above. The average time overrun in these 647 delayed projects was 42.83 months.

Reasons for time overruns as reported by various project implementing agencies include delay in land acquisition, delay in obtaining forest and environment clearances, and lack of infrastructure support and linkages.

Delay in tie-up for project financing, delay in finalisation of detailed engineering, change in scope, delay in tendering, ordering and equipment supply, and law and order problems are among the other reasons.

The report also cited state-wise lockdowns due to Covid-19 as a reason for the delay in implementation of these projects. It has also been observed that project agencies are not reporting revised cost estimates and commissioning schedules for many projects, which suggests that time/cost overrun figures are under-reported, it stated.

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Selling diesel at Rs 20-25/ltr loss, petrol at Rs 14-18/ltr loss: Pvt retailers to govt



Selling diesel at Rs 20-25 a litre below cost and petrol at Rs 14-18 per litre below cost, as a result of a price freeze despite soaring crude rates is unsustainable, an industry body representing private fuel

retailers like Jio-bp and Nayara Energy has told the Oil Ministry and has sought its intervention to create a viable investment environment.

On June 10, the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI), which besides private fuel retailers also counts state-owned firms such as IOC NSE - 3.65 %, BPCL NSE -3.42 % and HPCL NSE -1.20 % as its members, wrote to the Petroleum Ministry saying losses on petrol and diesel will limit further investments in

retailing business.

International crude oil and product prices have risen sharply to a decade high but state-owned fuel retailers, who control 90 per cent of the market, have frozen petrol and diesel prices at rates equivalent to two-third of the cost.

This has left private fuel retailers like Jio-bp, Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy and Shell to either raise prices and lose customers, or to curtail sales to cut losses.

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RBI aims to make India a powerhouse of payments globally by 2025: Experts

The Reserve Bank's 'Payments Vision 2025' document, which seeks a three-fold jump in the number of digital payments, is progressive and aims to establish India as a powerhouse of payments globally, opined industry players.

The RBI on Friday came out with its 'Payments Vision 2025' document which also talks about ring-fencing of domestic payment systems, including the need to mandate domestic processing of payment transactions, in view of the emerging geopolitical risks.

The core theme of the vision documents is 'E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime' (4Es), with an overall objective to provide every user with safe, secure, fast, convenient, accessible, and



affordable e-payment options.

Commenting on the document, Rajesh Mirjankar, MD and CEO, Kiya.ai, said the Payments Vision 2025 is progressive and has an outlook to establish India as a powerhouse of payments globally.

"One of the most important forward-looking initiatives is the global outreach of UPI, RTGS, NEFT and RuPay cards with internationalisation, where bilateral treaties with nations especially covering the

USD, GBP and Euro will hugely benefit Indian residents and their counterparties overseas with online realisation at lesser costs," said Mirjankar.

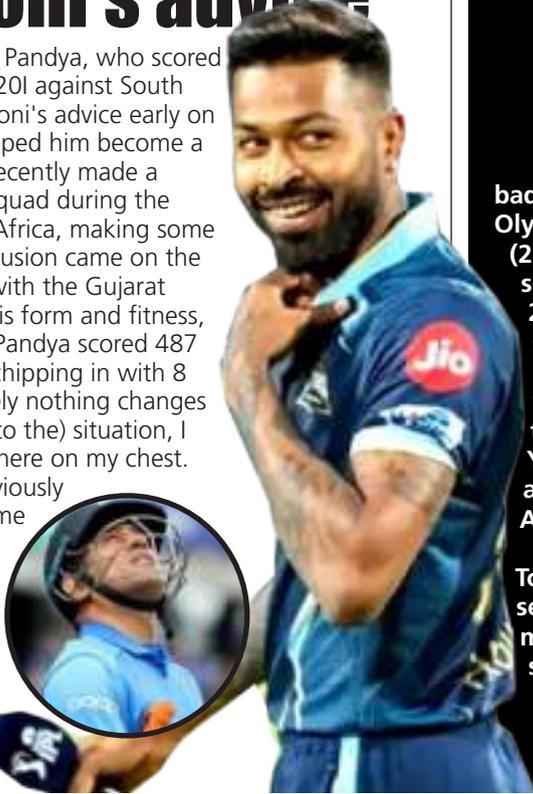
V Swaminathan, Executive Chairman, Andromeda Loans and Apnapaisa, said the RBI came out with its Payments Vision 2025 document to check the flow of cash in distribution and enhance the overall digital transactions in the country.

"Overall, the RBI seems to be pushing digital transactions and reducing the time taken in various settlements. With the UPI on its side, the momentum is on the rise and the nation looks forward to having multiple options to transact irrespective of the quantum of the amount to be transacted," he said.

Sports

Hardik Pandya reveals MS Dhoni's advice

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who scored 46 runs in the fourth T20I against South Africa, revealed MS Dhoni's advice early on in his career which has helped him become a better player. Hardik has recently made a comeback into the India squad during the T20I series against South Africa, making some vital contributions. His inclusion came on the back of a sensational IPL with the Gujarat Titans, where he proved his form and fitness, leading them to the title. Pandya scored 487 runs in the IPL while also chipping in with 8 wickets. "For me, genuinely nothing changes because I play (according to the) situation, I play the symbol which is there on my chest. The only thing which I obviously want to get better with time is how smoothly and frequently I keep doing the things I did for Gujarat Titans and for India," Hardik told fellow teammate Dinesh Karthik in a video posted on BCCI.TV.



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Indonesia Open 2022: Tai Tzu Ying claims women's singles title

The second-seed Tai Tzu Ying defeated Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi of China on Sunday in Jakarta to claim the women's singles title at the badminton's Indonesia Open 2022. Chinese Taipei's Olympic silver medallist narrowly lost the first game (21-23) but immediately reacted by taking the second period 21-6. Then Tai, who's going to turn 28 on Monday, took control of the decider and saw off Wang 21-15 to take her second consecutive title in the BWF World Tour after the Thailand Open. The final day started with the success of China's Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong, who earned the mixed doubles title after seeing off Watanabe Yuta and Higashino Arisa of Japan in two games (21-14, 21-16). In the semi-final clash, Tai Tzu Ying saw off Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Chen Yu Fei. The second seed of the tournament lost the first game in 13 minutes but then tied the score in a thrilling second set (33') after saving five match points (26-24). Tai, who had lost to Chen in the last Olympic final, then comfortably won the decide.



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Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra wins gold



Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the Kuortane Games in Finland, beating reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada for the second time in four days, on Saturday. The 24-year-old Chopra's

opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance. Trinidad and Tobago's 2012 Olympics champion Keshorn Walcott was second with a first round throw of 86.64m. Peters was third with a best throw of 84.75m, which also came in the opening round. Chopra's second and third attempts were fouls and he

made only three throws. That meant Chopra had a single legal throw and he won the competition with it. His throw was not as big as the 89.30m effort while finishing second in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, in a star-studded field but the win will surely boost his confidence ahead of the Stockholm Diamond League on June 30.

Lucy Bronze signs for FC Barcelona



Lucy Bronze leaves Manchester City to join the Spanish club FC Barcelona. On Saturday, the English international signed a contract tying her to the club until June 30, 2024. In the morning she took a medical at Hospital de Barcelona and in the afternoon donned her new strip for the first time at the Ciutat Esportiva and Camp Nou.

The formal event in the presence of president Joan Laporta has yet to happen. Considered one of the best women footballers of the last decade, 30-year-old Bronze is coming to Catalonia after spending two seasons at Manchester City. This is her second overseas adventure after playing for Olympique Lyon from 2017-20, where she won the Champions League three times. She won FIFA's The Best award in 2020 and was the UEFA European Player of the Season in 2019.

Ledecky leads US medal haul of world championships

Olympic silver medallist Katie Ledecky powered to victory in the women's 400 metres freestyle event on the opening day of the swimming world championships in Budapest on Saturday to capture a record-extending 16th gold medal in the competition. Ledecky, 25, was already the most successful female swimmer coming into the world championships and now has 19 medals in total. Only her male compatriots Michael Phelps (26 titles) and Ryan Lochte (18) have won more gold medals. Ledecky took full advantage of the absence of



reigning world and Olympic champion Ariarne Titmus of Australia to reclaim her title with a time of three minutes and 58.15 seconds, finishing ahead of Canadian 15-year-old Summer McIntosh, who took silver. American Leah Smith was third, nearly four seconds behind her compatriot. "It feels good. It's the fastest I've ever been at worlds so I'm really happy with that and really excited about the rest of the week I have ahead of me," Ledecky told Olympics.com. "Summer is now in the sub four-minute club so it's only going to get harder. I know I have my work cut out for me."

- Reuters

Liverpool sign defender Ramsay from Aberdeen

Liverpool have signed defender Calvin Ramsay from Scottish Premiership side Aberdeen, the Premier League club said on Sunday. British media reported that Liverpool paid Aberdeen 4.5 million pounds (\$5.50 million) plus add-ons for the 18-year-old right back. Ramsay recorded nine assists in 33 appearances across all competitions for Aberdeen in the 2021-22 season as they narrowly avoided relegation from the Scottish top-flight and reached the final round of qualifying for the UEFA Europa Conference League. "It was a dream come true to play for Aberdeen, and now to be at one of the biggest, if not the biggest club in the world, it's a massive achievement and I'm looking forward to trying to show the fans what I've got," Ramsay said.

- Reuters



Opinion

10th 'Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' gets an unprecedented and spontaneous response**We will establish the Hindu Rashtra through Constitutional means ! – Devout Hindu organisations**

Panaji (Goa) – Hindu organisations unanimously agreed during the 'Hindu Rashtra Sansad' conducted under the 10th 'Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' that the Hindu Rashtra can be established Constitutionally and with the help of the Indian Parliament. From the Sansad, many good and legally sound resolutions have been generated, which we will be submitting to the Central Government. Along with this, the devout Hindu organisations unanimously supported the proposal to make Nepal a Hindu Rashtra again.

The 'Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan' received an unprecedented response, which saw the participation of devout Hindus from 26 States in India, besides over 400 representatives of more than 177 organisations from the USA, Hong Kong, Nepal, Fiji and UK. This information was provided in the concluding Press Conference here by Sadguru (Dr) Charudatta Pingale (National Guide of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti).

Mr Ramesh Shinde (National Spokesperson of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti), Mr Ankit Salgaonkar (President of 'Gomantak Hindu Pratishthan'), Mrs Esther Dhanraj (A scholar working against the religious conversions being carried out by missionaries in Telangana) and Mr Chetan Rajhans (National Spokesperson of Sanatan Sanstha) were present on the occasion.

Sadguru (Dr) Charudatta Pingale added that just as we have a Parliament of people's representatives, a



ABHRA Panaji Press Conf_17June R_C - From left, Shri. Ramesh Shinde, Shri. Chetan Rajhans, Sadguru (Dr.) Charudatta Pingale, Mrs. Esther Dhanraj and Shri. Ankit Salgaonkar

'Hindu Rashtra Sansad' was conducted within the Adhiveshan for 3 days by representatives of Dharma who held discussions on subjects related to its welfare. The resolutions passed in this Sansad will be sent to people's representatives. On the basis of these resolutions, discussions can take place in the Indian Parliament. For example – Laws should be presented as per the Bharatiya culture, creation of a Gurukul Education Council, financial assistance be provided to priests in temples and Vedapathashalas, defining the understanding of 'minorities' as at the world level, Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta be declared the National Scripture.

Mrs Esther Dhanraj (from Telangana) said that the Pope should seek forgiveness and publicly apologies for the inhuman cruelties perpetrated by the Christian missionaries on the Goans for over 250 years under the name of the

'Inquisition'. Under the guise of religious conversions, efforts are being made to eliminate nationalism today. Therefore, religious conversions should be banned at the national level.

Mr Ankit Salgaonkar (from Goa) said that, 'Dominic and Joe Ministry' under the Believers Church based at Siolim (Shivali) has converted numerous Hindus over the past few years. In the name of curing illnesses, people are being sold oil that costs Rs 15 for Rs 100 – 150, and thus, being cheated. A Pastor of this Church did not use this so-called 'Healing Oil' on himself when he was sick but got admitted to a hospital. The innocent Hindus who have been entrapped by such missionaries must be made to understand this truth. Crores of Rupees are being collected through religious conversions. Pastor Dominic's wealth and properties should be investigated by the ED. We demand this of the Goa

Government.

Mr Ramesh Shinde (who has authored a book on 'Halal Jihad?' and studied this matter deeply) said that, Halal is mandatory for the Muslims, not for the people of other religions and sects. Even then, forcing 'Halal Certified' meat and other products on the Hindus, who are in majority, is against the freedom of religion (as enshrined in the Indian Constitution) and Consumer rights. This is why, cases must be filed against Multinationals such as MacDonald and KFC, which sell 100% 'Halal Certified' food items. Now, to oppose this 'Halal Economy', 'Anti-Halal Action Committees' are getting established at the District level. Through these, there is a plan to start agitations against the 'Halal Economy'. We appeal that maximum number of people read the book 'Halal Jihad?', which has been published by Hindu Janajagruti Samiti.

Mr Chetan Rajhans questioned – Why should cities and towns still be named after the invaders, who we fought and kicked out of India? We have demanded from the Government that a 'Central naming Commission' be established to identify and rename cities, towns, roads, buildings, museums, etc. which still carry the names of foreign invaders. On these very lines, Vasco (a city in Goa), which is named after a foreign invader Vasco-da-Gama, be now called Sambhajinagar (after Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj who fought to protect the Goans).



- Ramesh Shinde

National Spokesperson,
Hindu Janajagruti Samiti

Different Strokes

The paradigm shift from governance to political governance in India

Media as an extended part of the government

The responsibilities of the media in India seem to be an agent and extended arm of the ruling government. Whereas, a large number of news related to poverty, unemployment, inflation are sidelined. Media remains intact in creating stories of such news and facts which amount to be sensitive, decisive and pivotal in nature. The year of 2020 will be remembered as death year of news as the media themselves launched their own investigations in Sushant's death case, portraying the Tablighi Jamaat Members for spike in COVID-19 case, misreporting of communal nature etc. While the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated media bias in India as pro-government news channels blamed the farmers' protests for limited oxygen supplies for COVID-19 patients, in Delhi though supplies were actually scarce due to poor public health infrastructure. Likewise, in the 2019 general election, the newspapers that received more advertisement revenue from the BJP, hence, remains pro-actively engaged in propagating the government policies despite of the government are exposed on several points including policy making and effectiveness. Such practices on the part of the biased attitude of the media leads to the emergence of 'political governance' in India.

Distrust towards independence of institutions

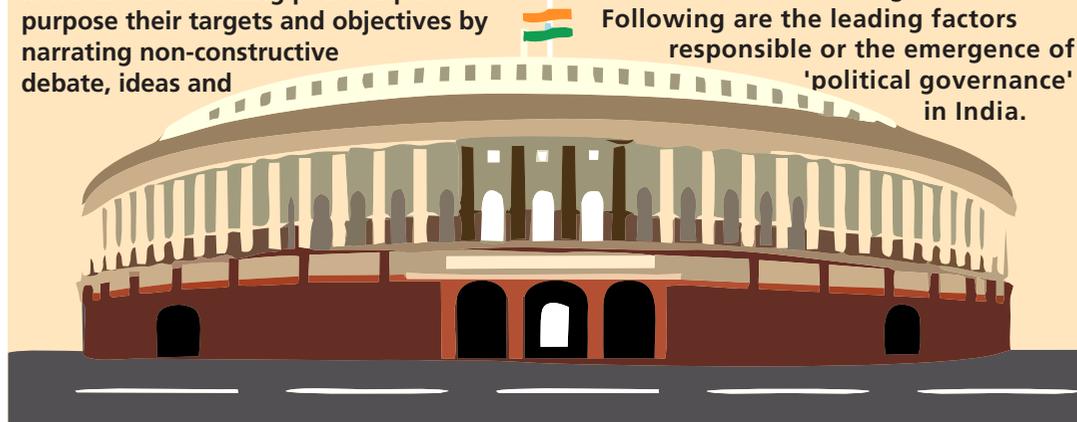
The credibility of CBI, ED, Vigilance department, police department, etc. has come under deep public scrutiny with the passage of time in India as their actions and inactions have raised questions in some cases. Since 2014, more than 570 investigations or cases against BJP's rivals, a staggering 340 per cent increase compared with similar raids-summons-investigations-interrogations during the second Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government, have taken place. Recently, summoning Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi for more questioning for investigations into the National Herald money laundering case of 2012, and Delhi's health minister

Governance is commonly defined as the exercise of power or authority by elected government for the well-being of their country's citizens in accordance with the constitutional provision, the nation's ethos and inclusiveness. Whereas, 'political governance' is the latest paradigm in the evolution of political system in which power or authority is exercised in such a way, so as to primarily fulfill the political aspirations of the ruling government. Despite, India has passed its seventy five years of independence, we are far behind from the concept of governance as several prolonged issues such as communal riots, and discrimination, caste-conflict and other divisive mind-set still find an ample space while governing the nation. Now, 'governance' turns to be a new model known as 'political governance' as all the ruling political parties in India remain engaged in administering the country by prioritizing their political ideologies and each of every administrative actions are associated with political agenda. 'Political governance' evolves to be discriminatory in nature as the ruling political parties purpose their targets and objectives by narrating non-constructive debate, ideas and

discussion so as to displace the main objectives of governance.

At the same time, the opposition political parties are also expected to raise social issues, social evils and concern of social changes if the governments do not address the issues and they remain unnoticed for a long time. Though, for the last a couple of years, social issues like, inflation, fuel price, education, unemployment, poverty and Covid-19 management and health have been totally sidelined by other opposition parties. Politics in India are being moved around divisive cycle, such as caste, religion, culture, language etc. Such divisive politics seems to be a new beginning of 'political governance' as every administrative action of the ruling government as well as role of opposition parties appear to be politically affiliated and motivated. Currently, 'political governance' has evolved over the period in India as a strong weapon for ruling parties which amounts to be a threatening to the notion of a welfare state as dreamed by our national freedom fighters.

Following are the leading factors responsible or the emergence of 'political governance' in India.



Satyendar Jain's arrest by the ED, seems to be a kind of political vendettas. On the other hand, in Maharashtra, the Maha Vikas Aghadi recently arrested independent legislators Navneet and Ravi Rana for sedition, and arrest of former chief minister Narayan Rane of the BJP amounts to be a tit for tat policy after the arrest of Nationalist Congress Party minister Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik in a 1999 money laundering case. In every case, the opposition has defended itself by describing the

investigation-arrest-summons-interrogation in the terminology of victimhood as vendetta politics and vice versa. Such practices in our political system lead to diminish the independence and impartiality of the agencies. The continuation of these practices on the part of agencies or against fits to be an example of 'political governance'.

Delay in delivery of justice

Justice delayed, it is often said, is justice denied. In India, though, justice is often

indefinitely kept pending for a long time. Now, there are more than 4.5 crore pending cases across all courts including high courts, supreme court and lower courts in India. In fact, in 2019, there were 3.3 crore pending cases, which means that in the last two years, India has added 23 cases every minute to its pendency list. The delay in delivery of justice pumps the executive to introduce the bulldozer justice system as being experienced in the BJP ruled states. As a lesson to the

suspected, accused the Chief Ministers of BJP ruled states have reportedly officially exhorted officials to take such action against those guilty that it sets an example, so that no one commits a crime or takes the law into their hands. Although, the significance of due process of law, the difference between accused and convicted persons and the role of the judiciary appears to be insignificant and time consuming. Hence, invoking the National Security Act, 1980, and the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986 by the Uttar Pradesh government against those found guilty of unlawful protests as well as to take suo-motu cognizance against recent demolition drives in Uttar Pradesh sparks a fresh debate on separation of power system in India. If delay in delivery of justice is continued, executive actions of the government would be more aggressive, discriminatory and inhuman, which leads to introduce the concept of 'political governance'.

To summarize, governance may be defined as the process of the government and proper functioning of the institutions. Though, several politically motivated administrative actions for the last one decade such as demolition by bulldozer, illegal detention of suspected and religious discrimination etc. on account of law and order issues puts a question mark on the idea of governance. Unfortunately, a large number of media section remains intact in glorifying such inhuman approach of administration in which the due process of law is always left aside. Unfortunately, the new term 'political governance' has replaced the idea of governance in India and all the other agencies, including media and people at large welcome such changes from governance to 'political governance' model.



- Dr. Ahmed Raza

Assistant Professor,
& An author

Gossip

Rajkummar Rao holidays with wife Patralekha in Rome

Actor Rajkummar Rao has become the talk of the town ever since the teaser for his upcoming movie 'HIT: The First Case' was released.

Amidst hectic promotions, the 'Badhai Do' actor decided to take a break and fly to Italy with his wife Patralekha.

Patralekha and Rajkummar tied the knot last year and both the actors often give their fans a glimpse of their lives on social media. The couple that is currently in Rome, took to their Instagram to share an adorable video of themselves chilling in the Italian capital.

Patralekha captioned the video "Roman Holiday".

On the work front, Rajkummar Rao will soon be seen in the action thriller film 'Hit: the First Case' opposite



Sanya Malhotra. In the film, Rajkummar will be seen playing the role of a cop, while Sanya Malhotra will essay the role of the female lead.

Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, the upcoming thriller is the Hindi remake of the Telugu film of the same name. The film is set to hit the theatres on July 15.

Apart from 'Hit-the first case', Rajkummar will be seen in a bunch of movies. He is shooting for 'Mr And Mrs Mahi' opposite Janhvi Kapoor. The film is helmed by 'Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl' director Sharan Sharma. Rajkummar is also

a part of Anubhav Sinha's 'Bheed', the sequel to his hit film 'Stree', Abhishek Jain's 'Second Innings', Shrikanth Bolla Biopic, Hansal Mehta's 'Swagat Hai,' and Anurag Basu's 'Life in a metro' sequel.

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Bhumi Pednekar starts shooting for Sudhir Mishra next film in Jodhpur

Actor Bhumi Pednekar who was last seen in 'Badhai Do' alongside Rajkummar Rao now has another exciting project for her fans. Bhumi has started shooting for her next film in Rajasthan. Taking to her Instagram, Bhumi shared a video from Jodhpur where she mentioned that the shooting for her next film 'Afwaah' has begun.

In the film, Bhumi will be seen playing the lead character alongside Nawazuddin Siddiqui. The film is a thriller and is being directed by celebrated director Sudhir Mishra. Produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series and filmmaker Anubhav Sinha's Benaras Mediaworks, the film is a film based on a novel story rooted in the heartland of India. When the film was announced, giving details about the upcoming thriller, the ace director said, "It's a story I have lived with for a long time and I have only worked each day make it quirky and twisted. Beneath of the quirkiness lies a crucial message which I want my viewers to take back home with them. Bhumi and Nawaz are both such powerhouse performers and together they bring fresh chemistry. I can't wait to be set with them."

On the work front, Bhumi will also be seen in 'Bheed' opposite Rajkummar Rao.

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Filmmaker Karan Johar, who is a single father to twins Roohi and Yash, has a special message for all the single parents on Father's Day. He wrote: "A decision I could never have made from my heart if I didn't have my mother's hand on my head and her relentless love, time and support. She is the wind beneath our wings of love. My bachas !!!"

Does Amitabh Bachchan hint to be part of 'Don 3'



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan, with his recent picture on Instagram, hints at

the biggest crossover in Bollywood, fans assume that the actor might be a part of Shah Rukh Khan's Don 3. On Saturday, the 'Sholay' film actor went down his memory lane and shared a throwback picture featuring Shah Rukh Khan. In the picture, the megastar can be seen signing up the vintage poster of his action thriller film 'Don', while Shah Rukh Khan gives him a

look. Sharing the throwback picture, the actor captioned, "... and ... err ... continuing in the same vein .. DON".

Soon after the post was shared by the actor, fans started to assume that this might be the biggest crossover in the history of Bollywood as they could see both on-screen 'Don's' together, and the fans swamped the comment section with excitement. "Is that any hint on Don 3?" a user tweeted sharing the picture.

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Kate Bush tops UK charts with 1985 song featured in 'Stranger Things'

Fate Bush, a British recording artist, has continued to dominate the charts with a song that peaked 37 years ago. According to Page Six, Thanks to its appearance in the Netflix sci-fi drama series 'Stranger Things,' Bush's eerie 1985 art-pop song 'Running Up That Hill (A Deal With God)' set three all-time records Friday. As per Official Charts Company, the 37-year-old resurgent hit now holds the record for the longest time for a single to reach No. 1.

Bush, 63, is now the oldest female artist to reach the top of the charts. She also now holds

the record for the longest time between No. 1 singles. Her song 'Wuthering Heights' was a top hit in the United Kingdom 44 years ago. When 'Running Up That Hill' was first released, it reached No. 3 on the Billboard Hot 100. "It's very touching that the song has been so warmly received, especially because it's being driven by young fans who love the shows," Bush said earlier this month in a statement, as reported by Page Six. It's not the first time a classic hit has been re-released as a result of renewed interest from a recent pop culture moment.

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