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Maharashtra saw big drama today, but this was very much expected. If you look at the series of events you can decode the political crises. Many Shiv Sena leaders were against the alliance with Congress, and those who expressed their disappointments were asked to remain silent. Shiv Sena got divided into groups. Above all Aditya Thackrey's supremacy was not accepted by many veteran leaders.

During Rajya Sabha elections cross-voting by Sena and Congress members gave the BJP one more seat than it should have won. Yesterday, cross-voting took place again in key elections for the Legislative Council. The Sena also failed to get the support of independent MLAs and the smaller parties.

After the debacle, Eknath Shinde met Chief Minister. He expressed his reason of supporting the BJP, but Uddhav Thackrey did not take him serious meanwhile the report also suggests that the people around CM such as Narvekar and Aditya Thackrey become a hindrance in communication.

Sharad Pawar was in Delhi to

Shinde Quits Shivsena

Shinde is at the centre of the new political crisis Here's your 10-point guide to this big story

- Eknath Shinde is sheltered in place at a resort in Surat in Gujarat. Two Sena leaders are at the Surat hotel where the sulking Mr Shinde is camping. The fact that the G-22 he leads is being hosted in a state ruled by the BJP reveals the behind-the-scenes moves of the rebellion. The BJP president in Maharashtra, Chandrakant Patil, said that the party is open to forming a government with Mr Shinde.
- Thackeray held an emergency meeting this afternoon but the less-than-robust attendance meant it was not a significant show of strength; he has removed Mr Shinde as Chief Whip, an important party post; for his part, Mr Shinde has edited his Twitter bio, removing a reference to his Shiv Sena role.
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- Pawar also said he will fly to Bombay this evening to meet Mr Thackeray; earlier today, he was a principal at the large Opposition gathering in Delhi which decided on Yashwant Sinha, former Finance Minister, as its candidate for President of India.
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serve as a key player in the opposition's plan to contest the Presidential election. The master of mixed signals said last week that he would not be the Opposition's candidate, stating that he wants to remain in active politics. His allies could perhaps have taken that as a sign of something big in the mix.

Eknath Shinde was also upset at the growing primacy accorded to Sanjay Raut, Sena MP, by Uddhav Thackeray. Shinde, who is a mass leader from Thane and used to choreograph the biggest Sena events, felt slighted at the new order of precedence in the party and the government. Sources say that he had no problem with the increasing prominence. After suspected cross-voting in Maharashtra MLC elections and the camping of 'rebel' party MLAs in Gujarat, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday held an urgent meeting of all Shiv Sena MLAs.

Meanwhile, NCP chief Sharad Pawar told reporters in Mumbai that the MVA government in Maharashtra will continue in the state under the leadership of Uddhav Thackeray.



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CM Uddhav Thackeray call conversation with Eknath Shinde Important points

- Eknath Shinde -- who decamped last night for Surat, along with at least 21 other MLAs -- demanded that the Sena restore its alliance with the BJP and rule the state.
- Uddhav Thackeray had asked him to reconsider and return to the fold, sources said. Mr Shinde claimed that so far, he has not taken any decision or signed any document, and that he has taken this step for the betterment of the party.
- Mr Shinde is sheltering in place at a resort in Surat in Gujarat. Two Sena leaders met the sulking Mr Shinde for two hours at the hotel this evening. The fact that the G-22 he leads is being hosted in a state ruled by the BJP reveals the behind-the-scenes moves of the rebellion. The BJP president in Maharashtra, Chandrakant Patil, said that the party is open to forming a government with Mr Shinde.
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- To displace Mr Thackeray and win a vote of confidence - should it come to that - the BJP needs 37 MLAs apart from its own 106. Without the G-22, Mr Thackeray's government is perilously close to the majority mark at 133 (the Sena has 34 without the G-22)

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Letter's to the Editor

Narayan Murthy or Azim Premji are worthy candidates to become the next President of our country

The opposition is in disarray & they neither have the numbers nor the face to even stake a claim for the next President of the country. Both Sharad Pawar & Farooq Abdullah are aware of the outcome even before the elections as both have opted out of the race for obvious reasons. Presidential polls are a non-contest & anyone named by the ruling party will win hands down.

PM Modi believes in rewarding the honest & the worthy. Modi ji should propose the names of either Narayan Murthy or Azim Premji to contest the coming presidential elections. Both are respected names in the world of philanthropy apart from being IT (Information Technology) wizards who have done India proud by building institutions in the world of business that is globally not just respected but act as an inspiration for others to emulate. There is no one better person than either of them to become the next President of the country.

- SN Kabra

Tomato price goes up through the roof

The price of tomatoes has gone up to more than Rs 60 per kilogramme in several parts of the country. Tomatoes are a major source of lycopene — it reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer — and are also a great source of Vitamin C, potassium, folate and Vitamin K. The government must do all it can to bring down the price of tomatoes and other key food items to provide relief to the common people. People could also consider cooking with curd or tamarind as an alternative to tomatoes.

- Jubel D'Cruz

Aiming high with Agnipath - Taming the lion in its own den

The Central government is thinking in terms of safeguarding the security of the country and thus taking remedial measures to make our defence forces strong to meet any eventuality in the days to come. Terming Agnipath the only progressive step to make the Army younger, a senior military officer ruled out any rollback of the scheme and said those applying for it should give an undertaking that they did not take part in protests that broke out after its announcement. There will be police verification after that. There is no space for indiscipline in the armed forces. There is no space for arson and violence. All those who want to become a part of the armed forces under the Agnipath scheme will have to give a certificate that they were not part of any arson. So, this is one way of taming the lion in its own den.

- M R Jayanthi

'Rahul Mukerjea-Sheena Bora's most tragic love story of the city (editoritis)

Gives details of Sheena Bora's love story and her murder by her mother mercilessly. The whole story is of a heartless lady who was not sure of her own life and went on getting married and divorced, had a son, and daughters and had the grit to murder her own daughter because her love and marriage were inconvenient to her. The whole story is very sickening and shows how the so-called upper class plays with the relations and tries to fix everything for their own convenience. The love story of Rahul Mukerjea and Sheena Bora was 'different' from the start and asking their parents for approval was a mistake itself. Such marriages in near relations are abhorred by the society also but taking the life of the daughter was not the solution. Now that Indrani is out on bail and supposed to write her biography, we wait to hear her version of the story.

- Maya Hemant Bhatkar

Mid-Air Mayhem for SpiceJet passengers



Human beings are constantly threatened by a number of potential hazards; and the more we invent, the more we become vulnerable to the failures of our inventions. Presently, the number of threats that concern us is so great in number that it is foolish to even try to make a complete list. Let's narrow this down a bit more and talk about the threats of flying through the air in a giant metal-and-fibre container or, in other words, an aeroplane.

Airports in India are facing the problem of bird hits as there are a number of

abattoirs near the vicinity and there is a threat to flight operations. The situation is becoming worse. The SpiceJet aircraft took off from Patna airport and the engine was hit by a bird the Samaritans seeing the plane in flames reported to the airport authorities and that helped to take timely action. Thankfully all the 185 occupants were safe as the plane returned back to base with all the security measures in place. With the presence of mind and precautionary measures as per SOP, the Captain shut down the affected engine and decided to return to Patna.

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The aircraft landed safely in Patna and passengers were safely deboarded. Post-flight inspection showed a bird hit with 3 fan blades damaged. Fortunately, timely action was taken to avoid a mishap. Fire engines were deployed at the airstrip where the emergency landing was made though the flames had, by then, come under control. AAI should pass strict strictures and see to the presence of Abattoirs causing dangerous situations and the danger in causing human deaths due to plane crash at landing or take off. It is time to address the pathetic position on a priority basis.

Even Mumbai International Airport Limited had expressed the pathetic position to the Supreme court in this regard. An alarming proportion to the tune of 20 confirmed bird hits in 2020 and an equal number of suspected bird hits shows the callous attitude and the impending danger. Even in the current year the position is not improving and causing concern. Over 200 slaughterhouses in the vicinity of the Airport pose a grave security threat to flight operations in airports in India. We can make the airports in India hi-tech with modern facilities but the environmental

dangers cause ripples as there are more hit-and-miss cases of bird hits in the last two years. Over and above stray dogs and even other animals get free entry in the airport landing strip and that is an alarming situation both at the time of taking-off and landing.

Although bird strikes pose a sizable threat to flight safety, the number of major accidents caused due to bird strikes is quite low. The majority of bird strikes do little damage to the affected aeroplane, but these collisions are almost always fatal to the birds involved in the accident. Birds usually collide with any of the forward-facing edges of an aeroplane, which include the wings, nose cone, and the most common site – the jet engine.

Although no lives were lost, this event did underline the catastrophic failure that bird strikes can actually cause to an airborne machine, even one as huge as an Airbus.



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Who is Eknath Shinde?

From working in a bar in Thane and driving an autorickshaw to make ends meet, to becoming the most powerful leader in the present Shiv Sena after the Thackerays, Eknath Shinde, 58, followed the path of Chhagan Bhujbal and Narayan Rane who had earlier managed to engineer a split in the Sena.

Eknath Shinde sidelined turns a rebel

The emergence of Aaditya Thackeray, who is also the Yuva Sena president, and his bid to groom the party's youth wing leaders like Varun Sardesai also upset Eknath Shinde. Once deemed to be the tallest leader in the party after the Thackerays, the rise of younger leaders in its ranks is said to have rankled Shinde.

While Shinde has always sworn allegiance to the Sena and Thackerays, there have been murmurs in recent months that he was "unhappy" over the way the party was being run and the treatment being meted out to old Sainiks like him. Over the past two years, as the Sena underwent a generational change in its leadership which saw the sidelining of its many senior leaders and the emergence of a new guard led by Aditya Thackeray, the son of party president and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Shinde was, meanwhile, removed from the post of party group leader. MLA Ajay Chaudhary replace Shinde. At least 30 MLAs of the Shiv Sena under the leadership of Shinde, Minister for Urban Development in the MVA government in Maharashtra, were taken to the Le Meridien hotel in Surat on Tuesday, indicating a rebellion that could break up the Sena and possibly trigger the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray government in the state. In another development, Milind Narvekar, the personal assistant of CM Uddhav Thackeray and MLC Ravindra Fatak have went to Surat to discuss with Shinde and convince him to return back to the state.

Meanwhile, hours after triggering a political crisis in Maharashtra, Shinde has said that he is a

part of "Balasaheb's staunch Shiv Sainiks," and he "will never cheat for power". "We are Balasaheb's staunch Shiv Sainiks ... Balasaheb has taught us Hindutva. We have never and will never cheat for power regarding Balasaheb's thoughts and Dharmaveer Anand Dighe Saheb's teachings," **Shinde** tweeted.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief **Sharad Pawar** has termed the issue as an "internal matter" of Shiv Sena and expressed confidence in the leadership of Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to find a solution to the political crisis faced by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, **Pawar** said that this is the third instance when someone has tried to destabilise the government and it may not succeed. "Looking at the situation, I think we will find out some solution," said **Pawar**.

MVA crisis: Sena leaders meet rebel Eknath Shinde in Surat

Senior Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, along with around 30 Sena MLAs, flew to Gujarat a day after the BJP won five of the 10 seats in the Legislative Council polls. Hours later, he was removed from the post of party group leader.

"It is true that some of the MLAs are not in Mumbai and some of them were not reachable since night. But contact has been established with a few MLAs who went out of the city due to a misunderstanding. Eknath Shinde is also out of the city and he has also been contacted," **Raut** said.

"I or the Shiv Sena do not find any merit in the kind of picture which is being created right now that there will be an earthquake (in Maharashtra politics)," the Sena MP said, adding that the current "suspicious atmosphere will be cleared soon. Now we are going to Varsha (the chief minister's official residence) for a meeting with CM Uddhav Thackeray." All MVA leaders are in touch with each other, he revealed.

Recalling the government formation by BJP leader Devendra Fadnis in 2019, **Raut** said, "In politics, we have to go through such situations. Two and a half years ago, the BJP did a similar experiment but it was not successful and hence they are trying to do the same now. This is also an attack on the back and from the front...."



After Shiv Sena minister Eknath Shinde went incommunicado triggering a crisis in the ruling Shiv Sena, the Congress, a constituent of the Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra, said all its 44 MLAs were in touch with Legislature Party leader and state revenue minister Balasaheb Thorat. The statement from the Congress came in the wake of reports of that some of its MLAs were "unreachable" after Monday's Maharashtra Legislative Council polls in which a candidate of the party, Chandrakant Handore, lost. The party statement also refuted reports that Thorat had quit as CLP leader terming them "mischievous and false". "Thorat is keeping a close watch on the unfolding political developments," the Congress statement said.

'Eknath, You've Done A Great Job': When CM Uddhav Thackeray Praised Shinde at Dighe Biopic Trailer Launch

Maharashtra's urban development minister and Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, who is at the moment scripting the state's political drama, had last month attended the trailer launch of Pravin Tarde's Dharmaveer, a biopic on late Shiv Sena party leader Anand Chintamani Dighe, with CM Uddhav Thackeray. Shinde and MLAs loyal to him have been unreachable since Monday evening, amid the political fallout of the ruling Sena-NCP-Congress's losses in the MLC elections. The buzz is he will float his own party, causing the fall of Thackeray-led Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA).

Milind Narvekar made Eknath Shinde to speak CM. During meeting

Shiv Sena's leader Milind Narvekar and Ravindra Phatak who reached Surat to meet party minister Eknath Shinde and other legislators to pacify them, were stopped by Gujrat police and not allowed to enter in the hotel where the rebel's and other MLAs are camped.

Afterwards Shiv Sena leader Narvekar allowed inside the hotel, to meet Eknath Shinde and other legislators camped.

Milind Narvekar made Eknath Shinde to speak to CM Uddhav

Thackeray during the meeting. Eknath Shinde claims he has 35 MLAs with him, adding if Uddhav Thackeray is ready to ally with the BJP, there won't be a split in the party.

Leader Eknath Shinde told Shiv Sena MLA Milind Narvekar, "I am with Hindutva and Shiv Sena has left Hindutva. I will not return to Shiv Sena."

Shiv Sena leader Narvekar leaves the hotel after a meeting which lasted for nearly 2 hours.

More trouble for Shiv Sena?

As per the anti-defection law, 36 legislators will have to defect to split the Shiv Sena. The legislators which include Anil Babar, Shahaji Patil, Mahendra Thorve, Prakash Abitkar, Sanjay Rathod, will form a separate group headed by Shinde and are expected to give a letter to the Governor soon.

Thereafter, the ball will be in the Governor's court as he will ask the CM to prove majority on the floor of house. If the CM is unsure of proving majority he will resign to avoid defeat on the floor of the house. Later, the governor may call the BJP to submit a letter with the support of legislators and a new CM will be sworn in and the Governor will later ask him to prove the majority on the floor of the house.

Fourth major split?

This will be the fourth major split in Sena if it really happens. It was Chhagan Bhujbal who defected to Congress in 1990. Later Narayan Rane left to join Congress in 2005. Thereafter Raj Thackeray also left in 2005 and later formed MNS.

Legislators missing

1. **Eknath Shinde** - Kaupari
2. **Abdul Sattar** - Sillod - Aurangabad
3. **Shambhuraj Desai** - Satara
4. **Sandipan Bhumre** - Paithan - Aurangabad
5. **Rajput with Udayas** - Kannada - Aurangabad
6. **Bharat Gogavale** - Mahad - Raigad
7. **Nitin Deshmukh** - Balapur - Akola
8. **Anil Babur** - Khanapur - Atpadi - Sangli
9. **Vishwanath Bhoir** - Kalyan West
10. **Sanjay Gaekwad** - Buldhana
11. **Sanjay Ramulkar** - Mehkar
12. **Mahesh Sinde** - Koregaon - Satara
13. **Shahaji Patil** - Sangola - Solapur
14. **Prakash Abitkar** - Radhapuri - Kolhapur
15. **Sanjay Rathore** - Digras - Yavatmal
16. **Gyanraj Chowgule** - Umargas - Osmanabad
17. **Tanaji Sawant** - Paroda - Osmanabad
18. **Sanjay Shirsat** - Aurangabad West
19. **Ramesh Bornare** - Baijapur - Aurangabad

Ex-Mayor of Mumbai Makes Emotional Appeal to Eknath Shinde, Says 'Return to Shiv Sena'

A teary eyed former mayor of Mumbai Kishori Pednekar has appealed to rebel Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde to return to the party and not join hands with BJP.

Our Congress MLAs Are Intact, Says HK Patil

"I am in touch with our leaders. Our Congress MLAs are intact, no reason to worry. Today we are going to have a meeting. BJP playing 'Operation Kamal' in all those states wherever there is Opposition," said Maharashtra Cong-in-charge HK Patil on brewing political crisis in state. Amid Rebellion in Sena, Maha Cong Says All 44 MLAs in Touch, Reports of CLP Leader Quitting False

Nation

Ajit doval states "Would like normal ties... tolerance against terrorism is very low"

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Tuesday said that while India wanted to have "normal relations" with Pakistan but its "tolerance threshold against terrorism is very low." In an exclusive interview with ANI Doval said, "We cannot have peace and war at the choice of our adversary. If we have to protect our interests, then we will decide when and with whom and under what terms we will have peace. When our core interests are involved, there is no question of peace at any cost. There has got to be peace and we got very good relations with our neighbors, Pakistan included."

"We would like to have very normal relations with them but



certainly tolerance threshold for terrorism is very low," he added. Doval mentioned that in the past eight years, India has not seen any terrorist activities except in Jammu and Kashmir, which has been adjusting to a proxy war. "It was a different type of proxy war," Doval said. The NSA pointed out that

between the years 2005 and 2014, there were "a whole range of" bombing incidents that took place in cities like Kanpur, Mumbai, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and others. He said that if the country was not firm and if we did not have clarity that we will fight it and that India "will not beg for peace at any terms." Due to the lack of even minimum support at the UN Human Rights Commission, Pakistan did not get a chance to raise the Kashmir issue. It is a result of India's growing clout that after the cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama and the subsequent airstrikes by India, all major global leaders stood in solidarity with India.

- ANI

360 degree decentralised consultation processes are being developed right from village



States and UTs are playing a major role in the curriculum development process, making it an example of cooperative federalism. The development of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) for school education is a huge consultative exercise, not limited to the national level. In fact, for the first time, it is based on a bottom-up and paperless approach, rather than a top-down approach, sources from NCERT informed ANI. On condition of anonymity, an NCERT official said that the NCF exercise is receiving inputs from each state and has set up 25 state focus groups each with its own set of experts on key areas, such as pedagogy, assessment, environmental studies, inclusion, knowledge of India,

various disciplines like language, social sciences, science, mathematics, technology, etc.

NCERT has received inputs from 27 states in the form of 608 position papers from each of their state focus groups. These will feed into the NCF.

"At least 3,000 mobile app-based surveys each is being conducted by each state/UT, of grassroots level stakeholders, such as teachers, Anganwadi workers, local communities, tradespersons, etc," NCERT official said. This entire process is paperless and a special portal has been designed by NCERT to receive these detailed inputs from all parts of the country, and from all categories of stakeholders.

- ANI

Over 41 lakh people in 34 districts affected

Over 41 lakh people in 34 districts of Assam continue to reel under the impact of ongoing flood and landslide situations. The flood situation in Assam's Karimganj district has deteriorated after the flood waters of Kushiyara, Longai, and Singla rivers have inundated more areas of the district affecting more than 1.34 lakh people of the district. The flood waters have submerged several main roads of the district. 82 people have

died in floods and landslides in the state this year so far in Assam.

5,424 villages under 125 revenue circles of 32 districts - Bajali, Baksa, Barpeta, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Dima Hasao, Goalpara, Golaghat, Hailakandi, Hojai, Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro), Karbi Anglong West, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sivasagar,

Sonitpur, South Salmara, Tamulpur, Tinsukia, Udalguri, are reeling under flood. More than 12.30 lakh people have been affected alone in lower Assam's Barpeta district followed by 4.69 lakh in Darrang, 4.40 lakh in Nagaon, 3.38 lakh in Bajali, 2.91 lakh in Dhubri, 2.82 lakh in Kamrup, 2.80 lakh in Goalpara, 2.07 lakh in Cachar, 1.84 lakh in Nalbari, 1.51 lakh in South Salmara, 1.46 lakh in Bongaigaon, 1.34 lakh in Karimganj district.

- ANI

Haryana CM assures guaranteed govt jobs for 'Agniveers'

Amid the row over the Centre's newly-launched Agnipath scheme for recruitment to Armed Forces, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said the 'Agniveers' after their four years of service will be provided guaranteed jobs in the state government. Chief Minister Khattar participated in the Yoga Day celebrations here on Tuesday. Speaking at the occasion, Khattar said, "Those (75 per cent of Agniveers who would return after four years of service) who want to get Haryana government jobs will be given guaranteed jobs. Those who want can get inducted into any cadre for Group C jobs. Otherwise, we have jobs in Police, which will be given to them." The "transformative" Agnipath scheme, announced by Union Minister Rajanath Singh on June 14, in the presence of the three service chiefs provides for the recruitment into the Armed services of youths between the age bracket of 17-and-a-half-years to 21 for only four years with a provision to retain 25 per



cent of them for 15 more years. The Centre later extended the upper age limit to 23 years for recruitment in 2022. After the policy was announced on June 14, protests erupted in various states including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Jharkhand and Assam.

As the agitation intensified in some places, protestors went on the rampage setting trains on fire, torching vehicles and damaging both private and public properties. Protests had disrupted rail services in several parts of the country. Around 500 train services have been affected throughout the country due to the ongoing agitation, informed railway officials.

- ANI

All Odisha Congs MLAs called to New Delhi



laundry case involving the National Herald newspaper could figure during the discussions.

"The AICC secretary asked me to inform all legislators to reach Delhi by 6 pm today. The ED summons served on Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party leader Rahul Gandhi are an attempt to create fear among Congress activists and supporters," Bahinipati said.

The Congress had earlier called senior party leaders of the state to Delhi where newly appointed OPCC president Sarat Pattanayak and others are participating in the agitation protesting the alleged misuse of ED and CBI by the BJP-led central government. The party has already launched agitation on the issue in Odisha and other places across the country. Rahul Gandhi is being questioned by the probe agency for the fifth day on Tuesday.

- PTI

World

Ukraine acknowledged difficulties in fighting in east



Image Courtesy :voanews

Ukraine acknowledged on Tuesday difficulties in fighting in its east as Russian forces regrouped after stepping up pressure and making advances on two cities ahead of an EU summit this week expected to welcome Kyiv's bid to join the bloc.

The governor of the Luhansk region, scene of the heaviest Russian onslaughts in recent weeks, said Russian forces had launched a massive attack and gained some territory on Monday though it was relatively quiet overnight. "It's a calm before the storm," the governor, Serhiy Gaidai, said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy had predicted Russia would step up attacks ahead of the EU summit on Thursday and Friday. He was defiant in a late Monday address to the nation, though referring to "difficult" fighting in Luhansk for Sievierodonetsk

and its sister city, Lysychansk.

"We are defending Lysychansk, Sievierodonetsk, this whole area, the most difficult one. We have the most difficult fighting there," he said. "But we have our strong guys and girls there." Gaidai said Russian forces controlled most of Sievierodonetsk, apart from the Azot chemical plant, where more than 500 civilians, including 38 children, have been sheltering for weeks. The road connecting Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk to the city of Bakhmut was under constant shell fire, he said.

Rodion Miroshnik, ambassador to Russia of the self-styled Luhansk People's Republic, said its forces were "moving from the south towards Lysychansk" with firefights erupting in a number of towns.

- Reuters

US becomes India's largest trade partner

India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry latest data shows that the US has become India's largest trading partner, exceeding China with bilateral trade reaching USD 119.42 billion. From the breakdown data, India's trade exports to the US increased from about USD 51.62 billion in the previous fiscal year to USD 76.11 billion, while imports increased from about USD 29 billion to about USD 43.31 billion.

India's major exports to the US include polished diamonds, pharmaceutical products, jewellery, light oil and petroleum, frozen shrimp, cosmetics and more. India's imports from the United States are mainly oil, liquefied natural gas, gold, coal, recycled products and scrap iron,

large almonds, etc. The data also shows that the bilateral trade volume between India and China in the 2021-2022 fiscal year is about USD 115.42 billion, an increase of about 1/3 from the USD 86.4 billion in the previous fiscal year.

Among them, India's exports to China are about USD 21.25 billion, and its imports to China are about USD 94.16 billion. It is reported that the trade volume of imported goods from China is increasing, and the top 100 imported items each have an import value of more than USD 100 million.

Indian experts believe that India's dependence on China for imports of manufactured goods shows no sign of easing.

- Reuters

No Biden move on Chinese tariffs likely before G7 meeting

U.S. President Joe Biden is considering scrapping tariffs on a range of Chinese goods to curb inflation, but no decision is likely before next week's Group of Seven summit, people familiar with the matter said.

White House officials discussed options on Friday with Biden for reducing some of former President Donald Trump's punitive duties on China, including potentially substantial cuts, three of the sources said. The scale of any potential final move is not yet decided, they said.

The president told reporters



on Saturday that he was in the process of making up his mind. "Conversations on this issue are ongoing and intensifying," a senior administration official told Reuters. "But this is not a binary (choice to) lift all tariffs or don't. It has to make sense strategically."

Margaret Cekuta, a former U.S. trade official who is now a principal with the Capitol Counsel lobbying firm, said easing tariffs would likely have a limited impact on inflation and could take about eight months to become fully effective. But it could remove tariffs on a large number of consumer goods hit with tariffs in 2018 and 2019 as Trump's trade war with Beijing escalated - some \$320 billion at the time they were imposed. These included internet routers, Bluetooth devices, vacuum cleaners, luggage and vinyl flooring.

- Reuters

Second test for space rocket conducted by South Korea



South Korea conducted the second test launch of its domestically produced Nuri space rocket on Tuesday, eight months after the first test successfully blasted off but failed to place a dummy satellite in orbit.

The rocket lifted off from Naro Space Center on the southern coast of South Korea at 4 p.m. (0700 GMT), and officials expected to know about an hour later whether it had successfully placed its payload in orbit.

The three-stage KSLV-II Nuri rocket, designed by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI) to eventually put 1.5-ton

payloads into orbit 600 to 800 km above the Earth, is a cornerstone of the country's plans to jumpstart its space programme and achieve ambitious goals in 6G networks, spy satellites, and even lunar probes.

It uses only Korean rocket technologies, and is the country's first domestically built space launch vehicle. South Korea's last booster, launched in 2013 after multiple delays and several failed tests, was jointly developed with Russia. In Nuri's first test in October, the rocket completed its flight sequences but failed to put the test payload into orbit after its third-stage engine burned out earlier than planned. Engineers adjusted the helium tank inside Nuri's third-stage oxidizer tank to address that problem, Yonhap news agency reported. KARI has said it plans to conduct at least four more test launches by 2027.

- Reuters

Head of Poland's ruling Law and Justice Party

The head of Poland's ruling Law and Justice (PiS) party, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, said on Tuesday that he had stepped down from his post. "I am no longer in government. Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and, as far as I know, President Andrzej Duda accepted my resignation," Kaczynski said, as quoted by state-run Polish news agency PAP. Kaczynski has been at the helm of the PiS party since



2003.

After being re-elected as party leader last summer, he said he would not run for the post again.

- ANI

Israel accuses Iran of cyberattack triggering false alarm in Jerusalem

Israel on Monday accused Iran of being behind a cyberattack the previous day that activated false rocket warning sirens in Jerusalem, state-owned Kan TV news reported. The Israel National Cyber Directorate believes the alarms, heard for about an hour on Sunday evening in Jerusalem and the southern Israeli resort city of Eilat, were triggered by a cyberattack carried out by Iran, according to Kan.

In a statement issued on Sunday night, the military said the sirens were false alarms and "the issue is under investigation," adding later that the hacked sirens belong to the local authorities and are not part of the Home Front Command's system.

The Home Front Command said in a separate statement that the local authorities were instructed to take preventative measures against the threat. Commenting on the incident on Army Radio, Yair Golan, a lawmaker with the ruling coalition and former deputy chief of the army, said Israeli security agencies have been preparing themselves for Iranian attempts to attack civilian systems in the country using cyber warfare. Iran has not responded to the Israeli allegations yet.

- ANI

Business

Indian investors deceived from nearly Rs 1,000 cr to false crypto exchanges

Fake cryptocurrency exchanges have duped Indian investors of more than \$128 million (nearly Rs 1,000 crore) as the global crypto market tanks, a new report by Cyber-security company CloudSEK claimed on Tuesday.



The company said it has uncovered an ongoing operation involving several phishing domains and Android-based fake crypto applications.

"This large-scale campaign entices unwary individuals into a huge gambling scam. Many of these bogus websites impersonate "CoinEgg", a legitimate UK-based cryptocurrency trading platform," according to the report.

CloudSEK was approached by a victim who allegedly lost Rs 50 lakh (\$64,000) to such a cryptocurrency scam, in addition to other costs such as deposit amount, tax, etc.

"We estimate that threat actors have defrauded victims of up to \$128 million (about Rs 1,000 crore) via such crypto scams," said Rahul Sasi, Founder and CEO of CloudSEK.

As investors shift their focus

on the cryptocurrency markets, scammers and cheats turn their attention to them as well,' Sasi added. Threat actors first create fake domains that impersonate legitimate crypto trading platforms.

The sites are designed to replicate the official website's dashboard and user experience. The attackers then create a female profile on social media to approach the potential victim and establish a friendship.

The profile influences the victim to invest in cryptocurrency and start trading.

"The profile also shares \$100-dollar credit, as a gift to a particular crypto exchange, which in this case is a duplicate of a legitimate crypto exchange," the report mentioned.

The victim initially makes a significant profit, which bolsters

their trust in the platform and the threat actor. After the victim seemingly makes a profit, the scammer convinces them to invest a higher amount, promising better returns.

Once the victim adds their own money to the fake exchange, the threat actor freezes their account, ensuring the victim can't withdraw their investment, and disappears with the victim's money.

When victims take to various platforms to complain about losing access to their accounts, the same, or new, threat actors reach out to them in the guise of investigators.

"To retrieve the frozen assets, they request victims to provide confidential information such as ID cards and bank details, via email. These details are then used to perpetrate other nefarious activities," the report warned.

In the long-term, it is imperative for the collaboration between crypto exchanges, Internet service providers (ISPs), and cyber crime cells to raise awareness and take action against threat groups," said Sasi.

- Reuters

Mutual funds can resume investing in international stocks: Sebi

Capital markets regulator Sebi has permitted mutual funds to again invest in foreign stocks within the aggregate mandated limit of USD 7 billion for the industry.

This came in the wake of a major correction in global markets that brought down the valuation of international stocks.

In January, Sebi had asked mutual fund houses to stop taking fresh subscriptions in schemes investing in overseas stocks. The directive to stop subscription was mainly on account of the mutual fund industry crossing the mandated limit of USD 7 billion for overseas investments.

The recent meltdown in global stocks reduced the cumulative value of investments made by all the mutual fund houses together.

"Mutual fund schemes may resume subscriptions and make

investments in overseas funds/securities up to the headroom available without breaching the overseas investment limits as of end-of-day of February 1, 2022, at the mutual fund level," Sebi said in a communication sent to Amfi on Friday.

Also, the regulator has asked Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) to ensure that the total utilisation of the overseas limit by each AMC or mutual fund remains capped at the February level.

The regulator's approval came after Amfi made a request to Sebi for reviewing investment in overseas securities by mutual funds.

Meanwhile, Edelweiss Mutual Fund announced that it will be accepting inflows in its international schemes from Tuesday.

- PTI

India ranks 4th in global gold recycling; recycled 75 tonnes in 2021: WGC

India has emerged as the fourth largest recycler in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021, according to a World Gold Council (WGC) report.

According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling', China topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by Italy in the second position with 80 tonnes and the US at the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021.

India's Q1 gold demand declines 18% to 135.5 tonnes amid higher prices: WGC

India was ranked fourth in the list as the country recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.

According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling' from 300 tonnes in 2013, India's gold refining capacity increased by 1,500 tonnes (500%) in 2021.

The report further noted that the gold refining landscape in the country has changed over the last decade,

with the number of formal operations increasing from less than five in 2013 to 33 in 2021.

While the informal sector accounts for as much as an additional 300-500 tonnes, it is worth noting that the scale of unorganised refining has fallen, largely due to the government's tightening of pollution regulations.

On the other hand, tax advantages have underpinned the growth of India's gold refining industry like the import duty differential on dore over refined bullion has spurred the growth of organised refining in India.

As a result, gold dore's share of overall imports has risen from just 7% in 2013 to around 22% in 2021, it noted.

"India has potential to emerge as a competitive refining hub if the next phase of bullion market reforms promotes responsible sourcing, exports of bars and consistent supply of dore or scrap.

- PTI

Rupee inches 6 paise lower in early trade at 78.04 against US dollar

The rupee inched lower by 6 paise to 78.04 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, as persistent foreign fund outflows and strong dollar demand globally weighed on investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 78 against the American dollar, then lost further ground to quote at 78.04, registering a fall of 6 paise over the last close.

"Continuing FII's outflow and strong dollar demand globally is putting up pressure on Indian Rupee to depreciate further with oil buying for payments," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury, Finrex Treasury Advisors.

- ANI

Akasa Air welcomes the arrival of its first of 72 Boeing 737 Max aircraft



Akasa Air on Tuesday welcomed the arrival of the first of its 72 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, in the presence of its leadership team. The airline received the ceremonial keys for the aircraft at Seattle, USA on June 15.

The delivery of Akasa Air's first aircraft brings the airline closer to obtaining its Air Operator's Permit (AOP), which is required for it to launch commercial operations in the country.

Commenting on the timely arrival of the aircraft, Vinay Dube, Founder, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Akasa Air said, "The arrival of our first aircraft is a very happy moment for all of us and marks an important milestone, bringing us closer to our vision of building India's greenest, most dependable, and most affordable airline."

"Akasa Air is a prime example of the progress made by Indian aviation in recent years and is also a testimony to the country's vibrant start-up ecosystem. This is not just a significant milestone for us and Indian aviation, but it's the story of a new India", added Dube.

- PTI

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Currency exchange

1 USD	78.5125 (INR)
1 GBP	95.9750 (INR)
1 EUR	82.6150 (INR)

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Top Gainers			Top Losers		
Scrip Name	Price	%Gain	Scrip Name	Price	%Loss
Titan Company	2,078.10	5.93	Apollo Hospital	3,808.20	-0.09
Hindalco	339.25	5.52	-	-	-
JSW Steel	576.20	4.70	-	-	-
Coal India	184.80	4.50	-	-	-
Adani Ports	689.10	3.91	-	-	-



Head coach Rahul Dravid joins Team India in Leicester

Team India head coach Rahul Dravid has joined the Test squad in Leicester, where they will take on Leicestershire in a four-day warm-up game match ahead of their fifth and final Test against England at Edgbaston, Birmingham which will start from July 1. "Look who's here! Head Coach Rahul Dravid has joined the Test squad in Leicester. #TeamIndia," tweeted BCCI. Ahead of the rescheduled fifth Test against England, Team India on Friday began training for the match after arriving in London for the tour. India will lock horns with England

for the rescheduled fifth Test at Old Trafford starting on July 1. But before that, it will have a four-day warm-up match with Leicestershire from June 24-27 to prepare for the Test. The rescheduled fifth Test is counted as the fifth match of India's 2021 series in England, which the visitors lead by 2-1.

The fifth Test was postponed at the last minute following a COVID-19 outbreak in 2021. On the other side, the Ireland-bound squad under VVS Laxman will leave for Dublin either on June 23 or June 24 as the team members have been given a three-day rest. India is scheduled to play two T20Is against Ireland on June 26 and June 28.

- ANI

Prabir Das signs three-year contract with Bengaluru FC

The southern club Bengaluru FC have signed ATK Mohun Bagan player Prabir Das on a three-year deal. His football career began at Pailan Arrows (now Indian Arrows). Then he was transferred to Dempo after a breakthrough season with Arrows in 2012-13 and then went on loan to FC Goa and Delhi Dynamos in the ISL's

inaugural seasons. From 2016 onwards he's been with the Kolkata-based side.

"I am very happy at having signed for Bengaluru FC because this is a football club that I have admired for a while now. I have played at the Kanteerava and the atmosphere is always high-energy, and I am waiting to experience it while wearing the Bengaluru shirt," said Das in a statement.

Before joining the Mariners, the 28-years-old defender played for ATK FC, where he played a crucial role in winning them their second ISL title. Das was tied for the most assists by a defender with five during the 2019-20 season, and he also went on to win the title with ATK that year. The defender has made 39 appearances for ATK Mohun Bagan in the last two seasons. "Das is a player we had set our sights on for some time now, and we're happy to have him commit his future to Bengaluru FC. Having a plethora of talent on the left, what the team needed was strengthening on the right. With Prabir and his experience, BFC have found a trusted and able player who makes us stronger," said club Director, Parth Jindal. "We are confident we can give Prabir the platform to excel and get back to the national team while helping Bengaluru FC achieve its goal of getting back to where we belong - right at the top," he added.

- ANI



Welsh manager Ryan Giggs quits ahead of FIFA World Cup

Former Manchester United great Ryan Giggs has stepped down as Wales manager with immediate effect. Giggs has been on leave from his post since November 2020 and faces a domestic violence trial in Manchester on August 8. This comes after Wales qualified for the Qatar 2022 World Cup in his absence as he awaits trial for domestic violence-related charges. The 48-year-old is accused of controlling and coercive behaviour against his former girlfriend Kate Greville between August 2017 and November 2020. Giggs has denied the allegations and pleaded not guilty to all charges. Wales interim boss Rob Page has guided Wales to their first

World Cup appearance since 1958 - and Giggs has now made the decision to cede responsibility ahead of the global tournament.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to manage my country, but it is only right that the Wales FA, the coaching staff and the players prepare for the tournament with certainty, without speculation around the position of their head coach," Ryan Giggs said in a statement on Monday.

- ANI

China doubles great Zhao Yunlei inducted into badminton Hall of Fame

Chinese doubles maestro Zhao Yunlei is the next inductee into the BWF Hall of Fame, joining doubles contemporary Liliyana Natsir in the class of 2022. Zhao Yunlei was possibly the most versatile female doubles player of her time. She had few equals when it came to dominance in two categories over an extended period and retired as one of the most accomplished players ever - two Olympic and five World

Championships gold among the several titles she picked up in her career. BWF President Poul-Erik Hoyer hailed Zhao's inclusion into the BWF Hall of Fame.

"Making the BWF Hall of Fame is the ultimate tribute in badminton," Hoyer said. "The Hall of Fame recognises the best of the best, and Zhao surely deserves a place in this elite list. Winning an Olympic or World Championships gold is a dream for most athletes. That Zhao achieved a double at an Olym.



Olympics and two World Championships is an incredible achievement," he added.

Zhao has a complete set of World Championship medals. She won gold in 2014 and 2015, silver in 2011 and bronze in 2013. On Saturday, Badminton icon Liliyana Natsir was inducted into the BWF Hall of Fame at the venue beloved by all Indonesian fans - Stadium Istora. This was where she won four Indonesia Open titles, and where she retired. Liliyana

Natsir is the eighth Indonesian, and only the second Indonesian woman, to be inducted into the BWF Hall of Fame after Rudy Hartono, Dick Sudirman, Christian Hadinata, Liem Swie King, Susi Susanti, Tjun Tjun/Johan Wahjudi and Rexy Mainaky/Ricky Subagja. Among the many achievements in her career, the most striking are an Olympic gold and silver, and four World Championships titles.

- ANI

Health

Helps lose weight

Yoga is considered one of the most effective ways to lose weight. It is also ideal for people of all ages and weights as it can be altered to one's convenience.

Elevates mood

Yoga incorporates mindfulness and meditation. This relaxing workout regime incorporated with meditation has been proven to boost the production of happy hormones in the body.

Helps with mood disorders

As discussed above, yoga helps boost the production of happy hormones. In addition to this, yoga also helps reduce stress, anxiety, and other mood disorders through meditation and helps relax the mind.

Increases flexibility

Yoga is performed through various poses and positions. These yoga poses focus on increasing the body's ability to stretch. This boost to elasticity has also been proven to better blood circulation.

Boost immunity

Yoga has been proven to boost immunity. Yoga helps strengthen the body's immune system and makes it less vulnerable to external radicals that might otherwise adversely affect the body.

Improves digestive system

Yoga poses can be practiced to improve one's digestive system as a whole. Certain yoga poses help better the functioning of the gut and various other body organs that promote better digestion.

Betters brain functions

Besides reducing stress and promoting the production of happy hormones, Yoga also helps improve various brain functions such as focus, memory, cognition, and so on through multiple positions and meditation.

Improves muscle strength

As yoga is performed through practicing various poses, it strengthens the body's muscles. Through practicing yoga, one can gradually build and strengthen muscles.

Boosts metabolism

Yoga has been proven to boost metabolism. Besides aiding weight loss, yoga also improves metabolism. A high metabolism means your body is better equipped at burning calories which makes you less prone to weight gain in the future.

Improves skin

Yoga as discussed earlier helps increase blood circulation in the body. Along with this, yoga has also been proven to remove toxins from the body. All of these factors help promote better skin health.

Adjustable

Working out at the gym or weight training are high-intensity workouts and cannot be performed by everyone. Yoga, on the other hand, is adjustable and can be altered to one's convenience.



Why
you need
Yoga
to your
daily routine

- Manya Singh

Improves breathing issues

Yoga incorporates positions along with breathing techniques. A combination of these two has been proven to improve oxygen absorption and it might also improve symptoms of various breathing/lung-related diseases.

Improves posture

As yoga inculcates various poses and positions, it helps better hydrate the spine and various other joints and muscles. All these factors help better our posture.

Helps with inflammation

Yoga has anti-inflammatory properties. The body might react to certain external forces or internal causes and experience inflammation. This can be reduced through a regular practice of yoga.

Improves sleep quality

As yoga helps better elasticity, blood circulation, mental health, and various other essential functions of the body, these factors also promote better quality sleep. Yoga may also help cure various sleep disorders such as sleep apnea, etc.

Helps maintain heart health

Yoga has been proven to improve heart health and may also aid the recovery of pre-existing heart disorders. It helps regulate blood pressure, clears out blood vessels of any build-up, improves blood circulation, and so on.



Opinion

Dharma-based Gurukula education needed to make India Vishwaguru

The education that builds self-confidence in life, builds character, is the true education. On the other hand, in the current education system, even highly educated youth commit suicide. In the Gurukula system, the feeling of 'family' was being created as the students were living together. The Indian education system was Acharya-oriented, Knowledge-oriented, creating a sense of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The world is one family). The spiritual revolution that will take place through this education will be a guide for the world. Therefore, for the bright future of India and to make India Vishwaguru, Dharma-based Gurukul education should be given; a resolution to this effect was passed in the Third 'Hindu Rashtra Sansad'. In this 'Hindu Rashtra Sansad' on the subject 'In the present situation, how to adopt Hindu



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education policy', **Mr. Neeraj Atri acted as Speaker and Sadguru (Dr.) Charudatta Pingale as Deputy Speaker and Mr. Shambhu Gaware as the Secretary.**

If Hindus wish to learn Shrimadbhagavadgeeta, then Parliament should pass such a resolution! - Mr. Ramesh Shinde

The opposition in Sansad

moved the resolution "Since the Supreme Court has rejected Shrimadbhagavadgeeta as a 'National scripture', it is not appropriate to include 'Geeta' in education" Ramesh Shinde refuting this said, "The decision of the Supreme Court in the Shahbano case was reversed by the then Parliament to appease the

Muslims. Therefore, if the majority of Hindus want to learn Shrimadbhagavadgeeta, then the Sovereign Parliament has the right to pass such a resolution". An opposition leader said. "We should teach English along with other languages". Ramesh Shinde said, "We have an example of Abhimanyu gaining knowledge not in his birth but in the womb during the Mahabharata period. So what is the need for English education when the mother tongue has the power to impart knowledge in the womb? Many countries ruled by the British are now imparting education in their mother tongue. When will India come out of this slavery? Therefore, mother tongue should be taught right from primary education in India".

While approving the proposal put forward by Mr. Abhay Bhandari, "Teachers

should be recruited not only on the basis of academic qualifications, but also they should have pure character", Sadguru (Dr.) Charudatta Pingale, the Deputy Speaker said, "Since the teachers are appointed nowadays by collecting money, the students do not understand the subject well, so they simply learn by repetitions. Therefore, students do not get proper education". Advocate Umesh Sharma, a member of the Sansad's Special Committeesaid, "English is just a language, not knowledge. Every regional language in India is rich and English is not required to be taught". Among the resolutions passed at the time were 'Festivals not related to Indian culture should not be celebrated in schools', 'Education should be given in mother tongue', 'Students should be taught Sanskrit language', etc.

Assassinations and displacement continue even after 32 years; when will Kashmiri Hindus get justice ?

- Rahul Kaul, National President, Youth for Panun Kashmir

It has been 32 years since Kashmiri Hindus were displaced due to Jihadi terrorism in their own country, but their horrific killing spree by targeting Kashmiri Hindus is still going on. Hindus are literally being slaughtered and killed selectively. In the last few months, 10 Hindus have been killed in Kashmir. Therefore, even today, Hindus have to flee Kashmir to save their lives and Dharma. Why has it not stopped despite the existence of the Constitution and rule of law in India? Despite the removal of Article 370, efforts are being made to make Kashmir 100% Islamic State without Hindus. The Government should accept that killing of Kashmiri Hindus is their genocide. The return of Hindus in Kashmir is not only the return of a few lakh



people, but also the return of India, the patriots of India. If the killing and displacement of Kashmiri Hindus continue even after 32 years, when will the Kashmiri Hindus get justice?', asked Mr. Rahul Kaul, National President, Youth for Panun Kashmir, the Central Government on behalf of Kashmiri Hindus.

He was speaking at a press conference held on the fourth

day of the 10th Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Rashtra Adhiveshan at Vidyadhiraj Hall, Shri Ramnath Temple, Ponda, Goa. On the occasion, the National Vice President of 'Youth for Panun Kashmir' Mr. Rohit Bhat, Founder -President of 'Hindu Makkal Katchi' in Tamil Nadu Mr. Arjun Sampath and National Spokesperson of 'Hindu Janajagruiti Samiti' Mr. Ramesh Shinde were present.

The National Vice President of 'Youth for Panun Kashmir' Mr. Rohit Bhat said, "The Government should take strict military action against the terrorists who are killing Hindus in Kashmir. Other separatist and terrorist organisations, such as the 'Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front', should be banned and eliminated. For the 7 lakh displaced Kashmiri Hindus to return to Kashmir, a separate 'Union Territory - Panun Kashmir' should be created for the Hindus in the Kashmir Valley in east and north of the Jhelum River. The Government of India should take action in accordance with 'The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (CPCPG)'. Parliament should approve 'Panun Kashmir

Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Bill 2020".

The founder-President of 'Hindu Makkal Katchi' in Tamil Nadu, Mr. Arjun Sampath said, "Every Kashmiri Hindu should be given armed protection. The Union Government should immediately take control of 'Pakistan-occupied Kashmir' and annex it to India". Mr. Ramesh Shinde said, "The embarrassing time for Kashmiri Hindus to be displaced once again in their own country is in a way a challenge to the Central Government posed by terrorists and separatists. If we do not want such Kashmiris to be created in India today, then Hindus must come out of the delusion of 'Sarvadharmasambhav' and 'Secularism' and make themselves ready to protect Hindus.

Different Strokes

As the ongoing protest of the youth against the Agnipath scheme for 4-years recruitment in the Indian armed forces has spread to 19 states, large-scale damage has been done to the national property including railway stations, trains, buses, and other government vehicles at different places in the country. There are incidents of sabotage and arson. Railway tracks and roads are also being blocked due to which the general public is facing a lot of trouble. Violent agitations started after the Central Government announced the Agnipath scheme on June 14. The agitations began in Bihar and spread to Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and many other states. Surprisingly, news related to sabotage, violence and road blocking, and agitation is being given in detail in the newspapers, but nowhere in these reports is mentioned which organization or political party is spearheading or fuelling the movement. One thing is very clear unorganized youth cannot run such a large-scale movement on their own. Surely there will be such political parties behind this stir, who do not like peace and prosperity in India and who intend to run their shops by burning the country.

Such incidents have been happening again and again in the country for the last few years, when there is a large-scale ruckus and protest as soon as a new scheme of the central government is implemented. The surprising thing is that when big schemes are implemented, why are the schemes not publicized widely in advance? Why is public opinion not taken on schemes which have a large-scale impact? Why don't the schemes properly explained to the stakeholders? What's the point of suddenly forcing a plan on the public? Due to the communication gap, the country has to suffer heavy losses time and again. The same shortcoming was noticed during the time of the controversial Farm Laws. In June 2020, the three agricultural laws were approved by the parliament in a hurry, when the country was under lockdown and the distribution of newspapers had come to a standstill. Now the Agnipath scheme has been announced in the same manner for the recruitment of short-service Agniveers in the armed forces.

The scale at which the Agnipath programme is being opposed, raises the question



The nation

can't afford damage to public property

that why not those people are not informed in advance for whom the plans are made? Why their opinion is not taken into account at the beginning itself? Why not such plans are reconsidered even after their stiff opposition. So much sabotage, violence, loss, and trouble caused to the general public, and loss of government property can be avoided if the communication gap is not maintained. At the same time, youth are also expected to behave responsibly. On the one hand, they want to join the army, and on the other side, they are involved in the sabotage of public property. This is not done. Even peacefully you can register your protest. Why do you resort to violence? Why are you damaging government property, which is basically a public asset?

The youth involved in violent protests should understand one thing very well the records of agitators are kept with the police. Due to this reason, the youth involved in such criminal acts may face a lot of difficulty in getting government jobs in the future. Youth have the

right to protest against the Agnipath scheme of the government, but they do not have the right to damage national property. It is also a crime to cause inconvenience to the citizens of the nation. Violence should never happen in the name of protest. Sabotage cannot be accepted under any circumstances.

People are also being harassed by the new-age digital loan providers. Many digital companies on social media give enticing advertisements for easy loan lending. The reactions of the borrowers show that they got the loan easily, but have been facing many problems later. These companies may charge interest arbitrarily and harass the borrowers in various ways if the money is not returned. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shakti Kant Das is worried about this pattern. He has said that the banking sector is passing through a major transformation and the Reserve Bank of India is looking to issue guidelines to strengthen the digital lending ecosystem soon. The rules will

be tightened on the digital companies giving loans because it has become necessary to do so in the interest of the common people. With the entry of technology-based giants such as Google, Amazon, and Facebook (Meta) into the financial sector, the threat to ordinary consumers will increase further. The entry of such giant companies into the financial business will not only increase competition but will also raise questions about the privacy of data. It is necessary to assess such risks and put in place mechanisms to deal with them. Thanks to the RBI for smelling the trouble and taking measures.

In the front of the development, the construction work of the expressway between Delhi and Dehradun is going on in full swing. On completion, it will take only two and a half hours to reach Dehradun from Delhi, whereas it takes 6 to 7 hours currently. The target is to have the expressway ready by 2024. In its construction, an 18-km-long elevated road is being prepared

through Rajaji National Park without disturbing water, forest, and mountain, for which the work of building pillars is going on. For the first time in the country, underpasses are being developed for the movement of wildlife. The speed limit of vehicles on this route will be 100 km per hour. The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway will pass through the Rajaji National Park which is home to several species of wildlife like Gular, Barasingha, Deer, Elephant, Crocodile, and Nilgai. After the construction of the Delhi Dehradun Expressway, it will be easy to go from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir to Delhi, Western Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.



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Gossip

Vignesh Shivan shares romantic moments with wife Nayanthara



and Vignesh look cosy and relaxed. Nayanthara is seen wearing a yellow summer dress while Vignesh kept it casual in a basic t-shirt and pants. In the first picture, it looks like the couple is finding it difficult to keep their eyes off each other.

In another one, they are caught in a romantic moment.

Earlier, Vignesh shared an unseen picture from the wedding where he thanked the organisers and their team for making the couple's big day a great one. He captioned the photo, "The last-minute changes, the final minute twists and turns. U guys made sure everything is perfect for us for the most special day of our lives

On the work front, Nayanthara is reportedly set to make her Bollywood debut opposite Shah Rukh Khan in the upcoming film 'Jawan'. The film will be directed by Atlee. Produced by Gauri Khan, 'Jawan' will be Shah Rukh Khan's first pan-India film, which will be released on June 2, 2023, across five languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada.

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Newlyweds Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara are currently on a dreamy honeymoon in Thailand. Taking

to his Instagram, Vignesh shared some romantic pictures of the couple and netizens can't keep their eyes off it. In the pictures, both Nayanthara

Sharvari Wagh in white bodysuit is making summer days hotter

Actor Sharvari Wagh is a rising next-gen trendsetter in Bollywood. Since her big-screen debut in *Bunty Aur Babli 2*, the actress has experimented with everything from monochrome ensembles to embroidered traditional costumes to flirty short dresses. Her followers' breath is always taken away by the final effect. Sharvari's sensual and attractive photo shoots have captivated our hearts on several occasions, and the most recent one is no different.

Sharvari offered us a sneak peek at her new photo shoot a day ago. She is dressed in a full-sleeved white ribbed swimsuit with collars and buttons. Sharvari can be seen flaunting off her toned legs. Sharvari ultimately chose open dishevelled hair, bare lips, on-trend brows, radiant complexion, pink cheeks, and a dab of highlighter as her glam options. Sharvari captioned her image "Where is WFH when you need it?" After Sharvari uploaded the photos on her page, she received a lot of likes and comments from her fans. Rohan Shrestha, the star's photographer, commented on her post with the "fire" emoji. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sharvari was last seen in *Bunty Aur Babli 2* with Rani Mukerji, Saif Ali Khan and Siddhant Chaturvedi. She also won the award for the Best Debut female category at the IIFA Awards 2022 for her role in *Bunty Aur Babli 2*.



Ajay Devgn, Tabu's 'Drishyam 2' to release on November 18



And the wait is finally over! Ajay Devgn and Tabu-starrer 'Drishyam 2' has got a release date. On Tuesday, Ajay took to Instagram and shared that the sequel to hit thriller will be out in theatres on November 18, 2022.

"Attention!#Drishyam 2 releasing in theatres on 18th November 2022," he posted.

As soon as the makers unveiled the release date, netizens expressed their excitement about the film. "Yesssss, I love #Drishyam ... can't wait for #Drishyam2," a social media user commented. "Omg ... Cant wait for

#drishyam2 love it... Best film," another one wrote.

"The way you act in Drishyam was incredible. Waiting for this one," an Instagram user commented. Tabu, too, shared the update on her Instagram handle. Tabu will reprise her role as Meera Deshmukh, Inspector General of Police. The Hindi version, headlined by Ajay, was a remake of 2013's Malayalam movie of the same name, starring Mohanlal as the lead. It was helmed by National-Award-winning director Nishikant Kamat, who died in 2020 at the age of 50.

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Catherine Reitman's 'Workin' Moms' to end on CBS and Netflix

'Workin' Moms, a mommy-comedy sitcom created by Catherine Reitman, will conclude after its upcoming seventh season. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the sitcom, which debuted on the CBC network in Canada in 2017 before being picked up by Netflix two years later, is written, directed, and starred in by the daughter of the late Hollywood director Ivan Reitman.

In the winter of 2023, the final season will premiere on CBC and CBC Gem, followed by a global Netflix release. The final season, which will have 13 half-hour episodes, is now being worked on by Wolf + Rabbit Entertainment in Toronto. "And so, it is with love and gratitude that I'm announcing season seven as our final season. The biggest thank you to our partners, CBC and Netflix, for getting

behind a show that points a flashlight into the darkest corners of motherhood. To those of you who've stopped me on the street, to share your love of the show -- I see you. I hear you. And I thank you. Go get 'em mamas," Reitman said in a statement.

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