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Letter's to the Editor

A player of a "Virat" race

Virat Kohli's form is currently being heavily debated. Virat, who missed the first ODI due to muscle soreness, was unable to perform as well as he wanted in the subsequent ODIs. Once came into discussion. That's why, Virat

It has been decided to withdraw from the West Indies tour for rest. The question has been raised as to why former Indian captain Kapil Dev does not remove Virat from the team. So, captain Rohit Sharma is seen strongly supporting Virat Kohli. England's T20 captain Jos Buttler also said that Virat Kohli needs a big innings. How fair is it to question the career of a player like Virat because of his low runs in some matches? Sportsmen are always suffering from physical problems. Sportsmen are also individual and can have mental problems too. Even the best player like Virat faces critics. Virat Kohli is a "big race player".

- Dattaprasad Shirodkar

Pathetic condition of Hindu students

The Muslims are 90% of the population in Manpur town. In the Upgraded middle school, a Government run school, Hindu students are refused admission. And the enrolled Hindu students previously admitted are expelled from the school. The education officer Kamta Prasad said, 'there is an enquiry going on about this issue.' The school's administrative committee and the Head Master Mahtab Ansari said that Muslims are 90% in the town so only Muslim children will get admission here. From this one can understand what happens when the Muslims become a majority in the town. It won't be difficult to imagine what will be the condition of the country when Muslims become a majority in the country.

- Dr.Jyoti Kale

Tattooing requires rules

The recent suicide of a person in Bengaluru as a result of allergic skin reaction after tattooing has piqued the interest of everyone in the nation who are obsessed with tattooing. It is simple for an individual to get a permanent tattoo of favourite art in a few hours on any part of the body's skin, but dermatologists advise caution when it comes to long-lasting body art. Before getting a tattoo, one should be aware of the risks and how to minimise them. The central government must establish strict rules and regulations, as well as licencing standards for the tattooing business imperatively without any sluggishness. The licencing and regulations should be supervised and handled by the state health department so that omnishambles that occurring from unprofessional tattooing businessman can be avertible.

- Vijaykumar H K

Illegal hoardings & banners.....

Over the years, there has been an explosion of banners/hoardings/posters all over the city. Every little occasion calls for huge hoardings. Even a Bhoomi Puja for road repairs or a new pipeline is highlighted with banners of party leaders. Why, even the birthday of a politician is good enough reason for them. The question is not so much of legal or illegal hoardings. The question is, do we need to have such hoardings in the first place? What purpose do they serve?

There is absolutely no doubt that hoardings are an eyesore, defacing the city and this menace needs to be curbed. By the way, are our politicians even bothered about the spiralling inflation, throwing the common man's budget out of gear. Can this be highlighted, not necessarily through hoardings or banners but through other means?

- Melville X. D'Souza

Save the tiger and its habitat



International Tiger Day (or World Tiger Day) is sometimes referred to as Global Tiger Day and is an annual event organised to raise awareness about the importance of tiger conservation. It is held every year on the 29th of July. NGOs, government organisations and ordinary citizens from every nook and corner of the world organise awareness programmes on this day to spread the significance of protecting the tiger.

Tiger Day was first started and celebrated in the year 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit and was conceptualised when experts realised that tigers were very close to extinction. Many animal welfare organisations came forward to pledge the protection of these beautiful creatures by helping to raise funds. The main aim of celebrating Tiger Day is to make sure that the protection and expansion of wild tiger habitats is promoted well. And this can happen only with the right awareness for tiger conservation.

The scientific name for a tiger is *Panthera tigris*. Many factors have caused tigers to dwindle, including habitat loss, climate change, hunting and poaching. Hence, by celebrating Tiger Day on July

29, it aims to protect and expand their habitats and raise awareness of the need for conservation.

In India, the tiger is the National animal of the country. The images of tigers are also seen in many prehistoric cave carvings and it is even worshipped in some countries of the world. The tiger is the largest cat species with dark vertical stripes on beautiful red-orange fur.

They are predators by nature and hunt on animals like deer, snakes, monkeys, rabbits and buffaloes. But unfortunately, the tiger population in this world is fast dwindling. Every part of the tiger from the tail to the skin to the nail is traded in the illegal market for very high values, which makes tigers vulnerable to poaching, one of the key threat to their existence.

In some instances, they are also caught and raised as pets. 97 per cent of the world tiger population perished in the last one hundred years and according to the latest statistics, only around 3,800 tigers are left in the world, out of which around 2,200 are in India.

Destruction of tiger population is very much symbolic and is also a glaring indicator of the massive deforestation happening

across the world. If tigers get extinct from our forests completely, we will not only lose a species that is essential to many ecosystems, but it also means that enough forest habitats have been destroyed which can endanger many other animal species.

Most tiger reserves across the world are now declared as protected and are heavily guarded. Strict national and international laws are in place against poaching and trading of tiger parts. As a result, the number of tigers in the wild rises for the first time in more than hundred years.

Even though this is a marginal increase, it is a huge symbolic victory in our efforts against the destruction of forests and wildlife. It is therefore very important that we join together in this effort not only to save our tigers but to also save our forests and its precious inhabitants.



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City

IMD has issued an orange alert at the Gadchiroli and Gondia districts of Maharashtra

An orange alert has been issued for the districts Gadchiroli and Gondia by the Regional Meteorological Centre in Mumbai for Monday by predicting a thunderstorm and lightning with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places.

As the flood situation continues to prevail in Sironcha town of Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, the lives of people have been badly impacted as large swathes of land remain inundated in water.

The Regional Meteorological Centre, Mumbai, on Sunday issued an orange alert for the districts Gadchiroli and Gondia on Monday by predicting a very likely thunderstorm and lightning with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places, while for the other districts of the state the weather forecasting agency issued Yellow alert.

Earlier on Sunday, the National Disaster Response



Force (NDRF) personnel carried out relief work in flood-affected areas in Gadchiroli and distributed various essential items among the people.

According to a report from Maharashtra State Disaster Situation Report Index on Saturday, a total of 102 lives were lost in the rain and flood-related incidents that struck Maharashtra since June 1.

As per the SDMD, the death toll of animals, so far, stood at 189. Around 11,836 persons were evacuated and 73 relief camps were set up in the state,

the July 16 report of Maharashtra SDMD revealed.

Two deaths were recorded in the state in the 24 hours on Saturday, and a total of 68 persons were injured amidst the torrential downpour. Notably, several districts of Maharashtra have been facing the aftermath of torrential rainfalls, this season, after which the government of Maharashtra has positioned 13 NDRF and three SDRF teams in several districts of the state.

At least 28 districts have been reported affected due to heavy rainfalls in the state including Pune, Satara, Solapur, Nashik, Jalgaon, Ahmednagar, Beed, Latur, Washim, Yavatmal, Dhule, Jalna, Akola, Bhandara, Buldhana, Nagpur, Nandurbar, Mumbai Sub, Palghar, Thane, Nanded, Amravati, Wardha, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Gadchiroli, Sangli, and Chandrapur.

- ANI

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A spat with Parab had sparked speculation that Kadam would leave Shiv Sena, but when he met party spokesperson and MP Sanjay Raut, he was pacified. Earlier Kadam gave statements in the media, "As long as I am alive, I will not leave the party and carry the saffron flag till I die. I will never be dishonest with the party. No matter, they make many rumours and defamation attempts; there is no fact in it. I

will never stain myself. The saffron flag of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Shiv Sena chief and Shiv Sena will be on my shoulder till death, I will never leave its side."

Along with 39 legislators, Shiv Sena MLA Eknath Shinde rebelled against the party last month. Ramdas Kadam's son Yogesh Kadam, the MLA from Dapoli in Ratnagiri district, had joined the rebel faction led by Eknath Shinde. On June 30, Eknath Shinde took oath as Maharashtra Chief Minister



along with Bharatiya Janata Party leader Devendra Fadnavis as the Deputy CM following the collapse of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

Some Cong MLAs will vote as per their conscience, says Maha BJP chief: Presidential poll

Maharashtra BJP President Chandrakant Patil on Monday said he was sure that some of the Congress MLAs who remained absent during the Eknath Shinde government's trust vote will vote as per their conscience in favour of National Democratic Alliance's presidential poll candidate Droupadi Murmu.

Speaking to reporters in the Maharashtra Vidhan Bhavan



premises where voting was underway for the presidential election, Patil said the Congress

cannot even guard its own MLAs.

"I am sure that some Congress MLAs who remained absent during the vote of confidence will apply their conscience this time as well," he quipped.

The NDA has fielded Droupadi Murmu for the country's top constitutional post, while the opposition has nominated former Union minister Yashwant Sinha.

Bombay HC refuses to stay eviction of occupants from illegal buildings in Thane

The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to stay the eviction of people from nine illegal buildings in Thane district, observing that it wanted all citizens to lead a "dignified life", and not live in fear that their houses might collapse like a "pack of cards" in the rains.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice M S Karnik said it did not want citizens to live a life fraught with the risk of their buildings collapsing during the rains.

"We want all of you to live a dignified life. Not a life that is always at risk... that whenever it rains, the building might collapse like a pack of cards," the court said.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation filed by three residents of Thane district, seeking eviction of residents and demolition of nine dilapidated illegal buildings in the Mumbra area of the district.

Last week, the petitioners' counsel Neeta Karnik had informed the bench that though the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) had served demolition notices and cut off the power and water supply to these buildings, residents continue to occupy the premises and have accessed water and electricity illegally.

The TMC's counsel Ram Apte



on Monday confirmed that the civic body had served the demolition notices to the buildings in 2019 and again in 2021.

Suhas Oak, the counsel for the residents of the said buildings, sought time to vacate the premises.

Matthew Nedumpara, who wished to file an intervention application on behalf of some other residents of the area, urged the high court to stay the eviction process and demolition notices for some time.

The court, however, said it had asked all residents last week to voluntarily vacate the premises only to ensure their own safety.

"For us, the lives of all these residents are very precious," the bench said.

The court also directed the TMC to file an affidavit by the end of the day detailing the number of occupants in each of the nine buildings.

- PTI

Maha BJP objects to Nitin Raut for standing in a queue to vote at Prez Polls



Maharashtra BJP MLA Babanrao Lonikar on Monday objected to Congress legislator Nitin Raut not standing in a queue in the Vidhan Bhawan here to vote for the presidential election. Lonikar said he will appeal to the Election Commission to declare Raut's vote as invalid.

Voting began at 10 am in the central hall of the Vidhan Bhawan for lawmakers to cast their votes to elect the country's next president. The voting will continue till 5 pm. Speaking to reporters in the Vidhan

Bhawan premises, Lonikar said Nitin Raut arrived in the central hall before voting began. "Instead of standing in the queue like us, he directly went inside to cast his vote. This is unacceptable. I am going to write to the Election Commission of India that his vote should be considered invalid," Lonikar said.

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) at the Centre has fielded Droupadi Murmu for the country's top constitutional post, while the opposition has nominated former Union minister Yashwant Sinha.

Nation

Army chief Manoj Pande receives Guard of Honour in Bangladesh



Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande, who is on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, received a Guard of Honour at a convention centre of Bangladesh Armed Forces in Dhaka on Monday. "General Manoj Pande COAS received an impressive Guard of Honour at Senakunja Bangladesh.

He also planted a tree to commemorate the friendship between the two Armies," Indian Army tweeted. "General Manoj Pande COAS laid a wreath at ShikhaAnirban and paid tributes to the #Bravehearts who laid down their lives for the Liberation of Bangladesh," it said in another tweet.

The Indian Army chief is visiting the neighbouring country to further strengthen defence and bilateral ties between the two nations. The year 2021 marked the Golden Jubilee of the Liberation War of Bangladesh and 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh.

India and Bangladesh enjoy robust and multifaceted bilateral cooperation in diverse areas, including trade and connectivity, energy and power, water resources, border management, defence and

security, culture and people-to-people links.

As part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsh, both countries celebrated Maitri Diwas on 6 December 2021 in India and Bangladesh. Maitri Diwas was also commemorated in 18 countries – Belgium, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Russia, Qatar, Singapore, United Kingdom, Australia, France, Japan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America.

The India-Bangladesh relationship is an important element of India's "Neighbourhood First" policy. The year 2021 was of special significance as both countries celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations, five decades of Bangladesh's independence and the birth centenary of its Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

India and Bangladesh celebrated 6 December 2021 as "Maitri Diwas" (Friendship Day) in New Delhi, Dhaka and 18 other world capitals, to commemorate the day on which India extended diplomatic recognition to Bangladesh in 1971.

- ANI

Delhi High Court rejected a plea to stop the operation of Spice Jet airline

The Delhi High Court on Monday rejected public interest litigation (PIL) seeking to stop the operation of SpiceJet airline for allegedly flying its aircraft in breach of professional and safety obligations.

The court cannot stay the operation of an airline on the basis of a PIL and press reports, a bench headed by Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma said while dealing with the petition by lawyer Rahul Bhardwaj.

The bench, also comprising Justice Subramaniam Prasad,

stated that the law provided a "robust mechanism" for the aviation industry and recorded the DGCA's stand that it has already initiated action and issued show cause notices in relation to incidents mentioned in the present case.

In the recent past, the petitioner alleged, there have been instances concerning the "landing" of SpiceJet aircraft, its aircraft taking off without passengers' baggage, and employees not being paid.

- PTI

WB governor Jagdeep Dhankar files nomination for Vice – President

NDA's vice presidential candidate West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar filed his nomination on Monday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He filed his nomination papers for the Vice-President's post on the day when Presidential elections are being held. His name was announced for the second top constitutional post by BJP chief Jagat Prakash Nadda on Saturday.

Immediately after filing the nomination, Dhankar said that he will strive for the democratic values of the country. "I will always strive to enhance the democratic values of the country. Never thought even in my dreams that a person with a humble background like me will get this opportunity."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, and BJP chief Nadda was present when Dhankar



filed his nomination.

JP Nadda said Dhankar was a "Kisan-Putra" (son of a farmer) who has established himself as a "people's governor". Nadda has also urged all the parties including UPA allies to support the NDA vice presidential candidate. Dhankar, who is a lawyer by profession, entered into politics in 1989. He became the governor of West Bengal in July 2019 and has made headlines since then over his tumultuous relations with the Mamata Banerjee government.

Earlier on Sunday, Jagdeep Dhankar met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who

congratulated him on his nomination as NDA's VP candidate and said his understanding of ground problems and constitutional knowledge will greatly benefit the country.

The Union Home Minister wrote in a tweet in Hindi, "Congratulations to Shri @jdhanekar1 ji on being elected as NDA's Vice Presidential candidate. Born in a simple farmer family, Dhankar ji's life was dedicated to the welfare of the people and upliftment of the society." "I am sure that his understanding of ground problems and constitutional knowledge will be of great benefit to the country," Shah tweeted.

Meanwhile, Dhankar will face Opposition candidate veteran Congress leader and former Union minister Margaret Alva in the August 6 Vice Presidential election 2022.

- ANI

PM Modi casts his vote at Parliament in the Prez polls



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the first to cast his vote in Parliament as voting for the presidential election began on Monday in which NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu is pitted against joint opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha.

Polling began at 10 am at the Parliament House and the state legislative assemblies with MPs and MLAs casting their votes to elect the 15th President of India.

The voting process will conclude at 5 pm. The counting of votes is scheduled to take place on July 21. Ahead of the commencement of the Monsoon Session of the Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged all members of

Parliament to make the session fruitful and productive by holding discussions and debates with an open mind.

"There should be dialogue in the Parliament with an open mind, if necessary, there should be a debate. I urge all MPs to contemplate deeply and discuss matters to make this session as fruitful and productive as possible," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Parliament.

The Prime Minister also briefed about the upcoming Presidential and Vice-Presidential polls. He said, "This Session is also important because elections for the office of President and Vice President are taking place right now. Voting (for the Presidential election) is taking place today. During this period, the new President and Vice President will begin guiding the nation."

The Presidential Election is being held today while the Vice Presidential election will be held on August 6. Highlighting the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Prime Minister said, "This period is very important. It is the period of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

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Bus fell in Narmada river at least 12 were killed in MP



On Monday bus fell in Narmada river in Dhar district and at least 12 passengers were killed in the incident. The bus was heading toward Maharashtra, a senior government official said.

The bus was carrying more than 30 passengers, the railing of bridge was broke by bus in the national highway no 3 (Agra-Mumbai road) situated to Dhar and Khargone border, then fell into the river, he said.

The bus running from Indoor to Nagpur, he added.

MP Home Department's Additional Chief Secretary Dr Rajesh Rajora inform media agencies that Twelve bodies retrieved from the bus. NDRF team rushed to the incident spot, he added.

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Opinion

Sonia & Teesta shouldn't capitulate to 'Communal Hindutva' just because SCI is not a court, rather should first move UNHRC / USA

The case of Sonia Gandhi who is accused by the BJP of communal Hindutva forces of conspiring to topple the 2002 Gujarat Government and maligning the then Chief Minister (and now Prime Minister) Narendra Modi as reported at

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/sonia-gandhi-acted-through-patel-to-target-modi-bjp-on-gujarat-police-claims-in-setalvad-case/articleshow/92916708.cms> and the case of Teesta Setalvad who has been put in a difficult situation due to over reach of the Supreme Court of India (SCI) as reported and mentioned (at <https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/06/28/india-free-drop-charges-against-teesta-setalvad> and <https://thewire.in/law/full-text-madan-lokur-karan-thapar-teesta-setalvad-supreme-court>) are the cases which go beyond the individuals and has wider & profound implication for the political health of secular democratic India. Therefore both Sonia Gandhi and Teesta Setalvad (Sonia as the supreme leader of Congress party and Teesta as Secretary of NGO Citizens for Justice and Peace) are under moral obligation to defend and fight their case PROPERLY in the interest of protecting democratic secularism of India, as mentioned below:-

(1)- First and foremost Sonia & Teesta should understand that the communal Hindutva forces could damage Indian secularism so much through the Ayodhya dispute for the simple reason that it could pressurize the SCI which is not difficult because the SCI technically is not a court. In modern judicial practices a court can't be in abeyance and a court can't be under siege. But the SCI is under seizure by Delhi police (hence one can't approach SCI physically & freely without permission of Delhi police). This is the main reason that the SCI knows the xyz of criminal law without understanding the abcd of it.



The main purpose of criminal law is to make the citizens fearless but when the SCI itself is not fearless (hence is sitting in court under Delhi police protection) then how can it make India fearless. This unfortunate situation is mainly due to the fact that India is weak in martial power (which only can make the judiciary fearless).

(2)- Therefore Sonia & Teesta will have to take the help of the martial power of some institution of which India is a part. This is the United Nations. But everybody knows that the UN / 'UN Human Rights Commission' (UNHRC) will also take up this matter if the USA takes interest in it. The White House or US-Congress or 'US Commission on International Religious Freedom' (USCIRF) can take interest in this matter to move the UNHRC (or independently) to move the appropriate institutions in India. Even the NHRC of India can also be moved by the US authorities where the NHRC of India can be requested in any fresh writ petition (which Sonia & Teesta should file in the SCI) to intervene in the courts proceedings with court's approval under section 2 (1) (f) and 12 (b) of the "Protection of Human Right Act".

(3)- Sonia & Teesta should (in addition to other proofs with them of complicity of Gujarat State & its constitutional authorities also as mentioned

at <http://www.salem-news.com/articles/october312012/indian-hypocrites-hr.php>) give this proof also of giving free hand to Hindutva forces about inciting killing, injuring, property destruction of thousands of innocent Muslims including loss of honor of Muslim women during 2002 Gujarat massacre - where VHP leader was allowed through PRESS CONFERENCE to justify (and further incite) communal Hindus against innocent Muslims (as <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/violence-result-of-natural-outburst-vhp/articleshow/2400238.cms>) where VHP leader said that incidents occurred during Gujarat bandh on Thursday was natural outburst over Godhra massacre and result of extreme anguish within people (notwithstanding talk of peace and law etc by this VHP leader which is a normal practice by leaders of Hindutva forces including of BJP and which fools no one).

(4)- Here, to be fair to communal Hindutva forces & the SCI, it should also be mentioned that they could harm the secularism of India to the extent they could by their acts of commission for the simple reason that the Indian Muslims allowed them to do so by their acts of omission because Indian Muslims didn't file proper writ petitions in the SCI as mentioned at

<https://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/opinion-details/4020>

(5)- Sonia & Teesta are quite capable & competent to mobilize UNHRC directly or through the USA (as per laws of the USA) especially in this year of US - Congressional elections when it becomes easy to mobilize White House, Capitol Hill, USCIRF through media, think tanks, HR-NGOs, academicians, political commentators and parties etc. The only mental barrier they will have to break is about so-called sovereignty & over-blown ego of the UN member countries where most of the countries who don't have sufficient military and economic power to exercise sovereignty or countries like India which doesn't have adequate military power to exercise its sovereignty [that is why it's Supreme Court (with vast powers under Article 141, 142 and 144 of the Constitution) is not a court, as mentioned above] but think that they are citizens of a sovereign country hence why they should approach the USA for relief in such a basic & fundamental political issue as the protection of democratic secularism in India.

(6)- Sonia & Teesta should not mind approaching the USA (in the individual capacity and Sonia as the supreme leader of Congress party and Teesta as Secretary of NGO Citizens for Justice and Peace) for two more reasons :-

(i)- Due to the unprecedented advance of modern science & technology globalization became inevitable which needs a global order which was launched & led by the USA. Though Russia has damaged it considerably through the Ukraine war, Russia is not prepared to launch an alternate global order, hence the USA will remain the leader of the global order of the free world. Therefore Sonia & Teesta should have no problem in approaching the USA

(ii)- Though sexist approaches normally should be avoided but this case is important as it is vital for secular democracy. If two most prominent and powerful ladies Sonia & Teesta can't get justice in India then what message will it send to the women of India (half the population hence important for democracy) about the possibility of ordinary Indian women getting Justice in India. Therefore Sonia & Teesta should not mind invoking the office of US Vice-President Kamala Harris too (by invoking this sexist aspect and also by reminding her that she is half an Indian through mother's side). Only the roping-in of Kamal for this mission (which is the main mission of the USA too in cold war - II of 'liberal Western democracy' against 'authoritarian Chinese democracy') will ensure half the success for Sonia & Teesta.

It is hoped Sonia Gandhi and Teesta Setalvad will realize the ground reality and profound seriousness of the matter and will mobilize UNHRC / USA before going to the Supreme Court and NHRC of India, as mentioned above, in the interest of protecting secular democracy in India.



- Hemraj Jain

Author of 'Betrayal of Americanism'

Column

Special Dialogue : Is PFI conspiring to convert India into an Islamic Nation by 2047 ?**The Nation will be saved only if Hindus keep aside their individual happiness-sorrow & suffering and take initiative to protect the Nation - Mahant Deepak Goswami****Mahant Deepak Goswami,**
Founder, 'Jnanam Foundation'

received Rs. 120 cores from various countries to oppose The Citizens Amendment Act (CAA). This organisation has orchestrated the murders of many devout Hindu activists. The members of banned organisation SIMI (The Student Islamic Movement of India) are active through the medium of PFI and are carrying out anti-national activities. It is this very organisation that had made a public appeal in a rally in Kerala to massacre a 10 year old boy. Hence, PFI as well as associated organisations should be banned.

**- Ramesh Shinde**National Spokesperson,
Hindu Janajagruti Samiti

There is documented proof in which Popular Front of India (PFI) has confidently stated that 'If 10% Muslims support the conversion of India into an Islamic Nation, by the year 2047, we will literally be able to make the majority Hindus kneel down before us and accept Islam'. No way can we neglect these documents. It is because of this attitude of not being serious about such threats, that we have lost Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka that were once upon a time parts of India. If we retract today with fear of some damage, there will be no Nation left tomorrow for us. If there is no Nation to which we belong, it will be the end of the road for us. Even the Secular Government will cease to exist. In one of the schools in Jharkhand, the number of Muslim students exceeds 70%. That school today has stopped Hindu students from folding hands during prayers. Hence, this Nation will

survive only if Hindus keep aside their individual happiness-sorrow and suffering and take initiative to protect the Nation. This was stated by the founder of Jnanam Foundation, Rajasthan, Mahant Deepak Goswami. He was speaking on the Online special dialogue 'Is PFI conspiring to convert India into an Islamic Nation by 2047 ?' organised by Hindu Janajagruti Samiti (HJS).

During this Special Dialogue, the National Secretary of Bharatiya JanKranti Dal Adv. Rakesh Datta Mishra said that based on the Bihar incident, it is incorrect to compare PFI with RSS. PFI trains its activists in use of various dangerous weapons and thereby, initiates violent activities all over India; whereas, the RSS is a patriotic organisation that teaches the citizens self-defence techniques. In fact, inquiry needs to be conducted if the Police officer of Bihar Mr Manavjit

Singh Dillon who has made derogatory statement about the RSS has any links with the Khalistani terrorists.

Ban the anti-national organisations like PFI

Mr Narendra Surve, the Spokesperson of HJS said that the IHH group from Turkey, under the pretext of donations, is involved in terrorist activities all over the

world. There have been many meetings of this group with the PFI. China has donated crores of Rupees to the PFI. It has been revealed during the investigations conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) that Camps Front of India (CFI), a sister organisation of PFI and other such organisations have received Rs. 100 crores. PFI has



There is a new presidential election on July 18. The present President Ram Nath Kovind served as the President of the country for 5 years. The child artists of Gurukul wished by drawing a picture.

Entertainment

'Laal Singh Chaddha' makers unveil music video of 'Kahani' sung by Sonu Nigam

The makers of Bollywood actor Aamir Khan starrer 'Laal Singh Chaddha', on Monday, dropped the highly anticipated music video of the film's song 'Kahani', sung by Sonu Nigam. The official social media handle of Aamir Khan Productions unveiled the song by tweeting, "Introducing you to the loving and innocent world of Laal Singh Chaddha, in the voice of none other than Sonu Nigam :)"

The audio version of 'Kahani', which received widespread adulation for its soothing nature, was sung by Mohan whereas the vocals to the music video song are given by Sonu.

The video of the song showcases the innocent journey of the film's protagonist Laal Singh Chaddha and Aamir's performance in it is simply exemplary. Helmed by Advait Chandan, 'Laal Singh Chaddha' is an official Hindi adaptation of the Academy



Award-winning 1994 film Forrest Gump, which had Tom Hanks in the lead role. It is scheduled to release on August 11 this year. Kareena Kapoor Khan and Mona Singh are also a part of the film. A few weeks ago, Aamir unveiled the film's trailer which took viewers on a joyride of emotions. The almost 3-minute-long trailer gave a glimpse into the fascinating and innocent world of Laal Singh Chaddha, the film's protagonist. His slow-witted approach and childlike optimism are the driving force of the movie.

- ANI

Vicky Kaushal, birthday girl Katrina looks surreal in new pictures from Maldives

Finally the wait is over! Bollywood star Vicky Kaushal dropped a 'so-much-in-love' glimpse of himself with his wife, actor Katrina Kaif from her Maldives birthday celebrations. On Monday, Vicky treated the 'Vickat' fans with this glimpse, which he posted on his Instagram handle. Fans and celebrities have taken notice of Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's postcard-quality photos from the Maldives.

With family and friends, the couple set out for the Maldives. At Katrina's favourite place, they celebrated her 39th birthday. On a yacht, Vicky and Katrina Kaif can be seen laughing in the photo. Vicky decided to go for a contemporary style by donning a white shirt, flaunting his new 'clean-shaved' look while Katrina donned a white dress. Vicky held Katrina's hand as they had a special moment when the sun was setting, and the moment was captured. The two could be seen having a great time together in this neutral-toned set-up.

Sharing the picture, Vicky captioned it with an infinity sign in the caption. Reacting to the picture, Farah Khan wrote in the comments, "bless" with heart emojis. Neha Dhupia also reacted soon after. A fan wrote, "A wonderful couple." "OMG (oh my god) the long wait is over," commented another user. Prior to this, pictures of Katrina hanging out with Vicky, Isabelle Kaif, Sunny Kaushal, and his rumoured lover Sharvari Wagh were among those she and her pals uploaded during their trip to the Maldives. Along with Mini Mathur, their pals, Angira Dhar and Ileana D'Cruz, were shown in the photos.

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Kajol asks fans to 'guess' her new show as she announces OTT debut

Bollywood actress Kajol has announced she is stepping into the world of web series as she asked audiences to "guess" what was brewing. "Kuch kuch ho raha hai, tum nahi samjhoge. Can you guess what we're up to?" captioned Kajol on Instagram by sharing an intriguing video.

The clip shows the 'Fanna' actor dressed in a red pantsuit, standing among lights on a set as the background voiceover urges her to 'palat' or turn, seemingly recreating the famous scene from her movie 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge'.

Kajol in a graceful move twirls around with a smile and says that she is coming on the OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar with a brand new show. However, neither the title of the show nor the plot or cast details was revealed. This will be the first time the actress will leave the silver screen and make her debut in the world of OTT.

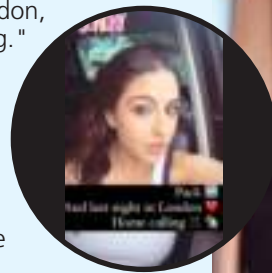
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Sara wraps her shoot in London, says 'Home calling'

Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan finally wrapped up shooting for her forthcoming film in London. On Sunday, 'Kedarnath' actor treated fans with a new video on her social media account. Taking to her Instagram handle, the 'Atrangi Re' actor shared a post on her story in which she was seen donning a white tank top and keeping her hair half tied, enjoying the fresh air.

Sharing the video, Sara captioned, "Pack up and last night in London, Home calling." Earlier, the 'Love Aaj Kal 2' actor dropped a video while getting ready for the shoot along with a caption, "Shoot day." The video features, Sara getting her hair done by the hairstylist and she was seen in a white outfit. Her makeup was all done. She looked stunning as always.

- ANI



'It was excruciating pain': Emilia Clarke speaks about surviving two brain aneurysms

British actor Emilia Clarke of 'Game of Thrones' fame has opened up about her experience of surviving two brain aneurysms and expressed gratitude for being able to recover after losing "quite a bit" of the organ.

According to Variety, during a recent interview with a news outlet, Clarke recalled her health. "It was the most excruciating pain. It was incredibly helpful to have 'Game of Thrones' sweep me up and give me that purpose," she said. Clarke suffered two life-threatening brain aneurysms in 2011 and 2013. Both medical emergencies necessitated lengthy

recovery periods.

She had first opened up about the difficult situation in 2019, with the assurance that she is now completely better. "The amount of my brain that is no longer usable -- it's remarkable that I am able to speak, sometimes articulately, and live my life completely normally with absolutely no repercussions," Clarke stated. She then remembered the time when she saw her brain scans. "There's quite a bit missing," Clarke said before erupting into a big chuckle. She has since created a charity for brain injury and stroke victims called SameYou, though she has put her own medical troubles behind her and accepted her current health condition.

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