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Kishori Pednekar

lashes out at Amit Shah over his remarks

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Mumbai was to hit up political corridors. Shah said to finish Shiv Sena in BMC, Pednekar rubbished BJP's claim of winning the Mayoral election and declared that Shiv Sena will emerge victorious to retain power in BMC. Amit Shah's blistering attack against the party president Uddhav Thackeray and its claim to win 150 seats in the upcoming BMC elections has not gone well with Shiv Sena.

Former mayor Kishori Pednekar said, "Amit Shah is making deliberate attacks on Shiv Sena supremo, Ud-

dhav Thackeray, but that will not change their fate in BMC elections. People can see who is intimidating whom and who is giving boxes, who is robbing whom. Amit Shah's present state is like Ghajini? After two and a half years why did he now disclose that the alliance (Shiv Sena-BJP) broke for two seats."

Pednekar, who after meeting Uddhav Thackeray, without naming BJP, slammed the alienated ally saying that everyone knows it's agenda of finishing local and regional parties. "Shiv Sena has already announced the slogan of winning 150 seats in BMC elections. If they

(BJP) have made an announcement of Mission 150 seats, let them copy (Shiv Sena)," she noted.

The leader of the opposition in the state council, Ambadas Danve criticised Shah and claimed that BJP was giving importance to Ahmedabad by reducing the importance of Mumbai, which is the commercial capital of India. "Amit Shah has done his best to show immense love to Mumbai. We have made an attempt to reduce the importance of Mumbai and the Marathi Manoos. It would have been understandable if many offices in Mumbai were shifted to Delhi, but it shifted them

to Ahmedabad."

Danve took a dig at Shah and BJP saying why they need BMC when the entire country is under their control? "BJP is insufficient in Mumbai. After realising that nothing would happen by merely holding meetings, BJP engineered a split in the Shiv Sena as 40 MLAs joined hands with it. Now BJP is desperately chasing MNS to bring the Raj Thackeray-led party on board for BMC elections," he said. Despite BJP's machinations, he said Maharashtra's new generation will remain with Shiv Sena. He added that Shiv Sena will retain its power in BMC.

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Dr. Vaidehi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Mumbai has put the BJP on combat mode with an eye on 'Mission Mumbai 150 plus'. Amit Shah clearly indicated that his two-day tour was - fight to finish Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena in Mumbai. Since Amit Shah arrived in Mumbai, he visited the Lalbaugcha Raja, one of the city's most famous Ganesh mandals. He went on to become deputy CM, Mumbai party chief and many leaders of the ruling party. This time he visited Mumbai with his beloved wife; they both not only seek darshan but gave a powerful message of togetherness.

In spite of Shah's hectic and brief visit to the city he gave

a personal visit to Shinde's residence to subtly convey a message to rivals that the political partnership between the BJP and the rebel Sena faction is here to stay. During his meeting with the CM, Shah echoed BJP's unconditional support to the Shinde Sena, thus laying the groundwork for the two parties to contest all future elections - to the BMC, Thane Municipal Corporation and 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections - together. Mumbai is Shah's birthplace and also now it is his ego to take on Shiv Sena who betrayed them once.

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Political chanakya had multiple motives behind his visit and preliminarily he wants Shiv Sena to get rooted out form Maharashtra politics. He reasserts the BJP’s dominance in the upcoming BMC elections. On the offensive while launching the party poll campaign, he reopened old wounds and cried out “betrayal and backstabbing” by Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray during the 2019 state assembly elections and said that his “greed” was the reason his own party turned against him.

He openly said teach Uddhav a lesson and show him his place in Mumbai politics. Shah feels Uddhav betrayed them after seeking votes in the names of Narendra Modi and Devendra Fadnavis. He should be punished by winning Mumbai. The BJP’s target is to win 150 seats in the civic poll. While exhorting party workers to defeat Thackeray’s faction, he asserted that the Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde-led leaders are the real Shiv Sena. Shah asserted, “I want to say it again that we never promised Uddhav Thackeray the post of chief minister. We practice politics openly, not in closed rooms.”

The Union minister said those who ditch somebody in politics never become successful. “Shiv Sena under Uddhav Thackeray’s leadership has become weak and reached its present state due to its politics of betrayal. The BJP should dominate the politics in Mumbai. Spelling out the BJP’s future political line, he also said the party wants to end the anti-Hindu politics in Maharashtra. Meanwhile, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis asked party workers to treat the upcoming BMC elections as if they are “the last and work hard for the party’s victory”.

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even engineered a split in the parliamentary party by wearing away 12 out of 18 Sena MPs. In a twist that few saw coming post the tumultuous political events which led to the demise of the MVA, the BJP’s central leadership gave the coveted chief minister’s post to Shinde. Many read the move as a reward to Shinde for breaking up the Sena and weakening Uddhav Thackeray’s hold on the party. With 40 of Sena’s 55 MLAs on his side, Shinde reduced the strength of the Uddhav faction to just 15 MLAs.

The Shiv Sena has reacted sharply against Amit Shah’s blistering attack against the party president Uddhav Thackeray and its claim to win 150 seats in the upcoming BMC elections. The Shiv Sena deputy leader and former mayor Kishori Pednekar told media that the Shiv Sena will retain power in BMC.

Meanwhile Danve also took a dig at Shah and BJP saying why they need BMC when the entire country is under their control? After realising that nothing would happen, now BJP is desperately chasing MNS to bring the Raj Thackeray-led party on board for BMC elections. Despite BJP’s machinations, Maharashtra’s new generation will remain with Shiv Sena. He added that Shiv Sena will retain its power in BMC, well this time people are not with Shiv Sena for sure. It is a tough task for Shiv Sena and NCP to gain as many seats as they won last time. Let’s see who gets the mandate.

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Letters to the Editor

R.I.P Cyrus Mistry!

The untimely demise of Cyrus Mistry in a road accident is shocking news for the corporate world. A young visionary who was a dominant player in our country's economy was snatched away by the Almighty when he was on the cusp of greatness. Road accident on national highways has become a common phenomenon & thousands of people are killed each year which needs retrospection on the safety aspects of our roads.

Road & highways Minister Nitin Gadkari needs to plug loopholes on accident black spots on most roads in the country. Cyrus Mistry may have fought a bitter battle with Ratan Tata over control of their investment arm Tata Sons but the vision & outlook which he had for the group as a whole cannot be questioned & his efforts deserves appreciation from one & all. A journey cut short but a life well lived. R.I.P Cyrus Mistry!

- SN Kabra

Follow the footsteps of St. Teresa of Kolkata

On September 8, the Catholic Church all over the world celebrates the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary who is also known as the role model of mercy.

It is also a time for each one of us to introspect on the values of St. Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity and worked to support the poor and the downtrodden. This is also an invitation for us to imitate the values by reaching out to the poor and the needy of the broken world and the shattered society, particularly those isolated and neglected by society. Let's open our hearts and reach out to the people who need our help and care. There is a need to help the unemployed people who go into depression and frustration caused by unemployment and take up negative ways like alcoholism, drug addiction, and other wrong ways.

This is an invitation for us to imitate St. Teresa of Kolkata, who is known for ministering the sick and the dying in the world's poorest areas. We have to imitate St. Teresa of Kolkata to help who are not just physically sick, but those who are affected by different sort of addictions like drug addiction, alcoholism, etc. Hence, let's pray to St. Teresa that she will lead us in the right path to follow Christ's divine path to heaven.

- Jubel D'Cruz

Problem of Rohingya Muslims

There are more than 1 lakh Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh. We all know that it is a huge burden for us. India is a big country and can accommodate them. We are not talking only to India. Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina had stated that the international community and neighbouring countries should talk to them and make them take some steps to allow the Rohingya Muslims to return to their country. She also said India could play a huge role in solving the Rohingya problem. Rohingyas who have arrived in various countries in Asia have created a nuisance for the Government there. They have created many kinds of problems in India also. So India should not get trapped by such statements. Bangladesh is an Islamic country. So the problem of Rohingya Muslims is the problem of Islamic countries. If Bangladesh does not want to accommodate them, then other Islamic countries should come forward to accommodate them.

- Sagar Shirodkar

Our Friend Mobile

When the mobile phone was invented, its purpose was only one person without wires to exchange voice with another person sitting at a distance. After this, with the help of this, any message could be sent to another person by typing it with the keyboard. As time passed, with the help of technology, four moons started appearing in it. After a few years, we could see the time, use the calculator, play games to pass the time and have fun, alarms, torches, calendars, etc. things were also used. Later we could listen to songs, watch videos, use it as a camera. By storing any image later when you wanted to see it.

Could exchange music, images, etc. between two devices. Gradually, with the use of the Internet, we could make any information available in

seconds. You can download files. By using email, it could be used exactly like a post office. But despite this, the mind of the explorers was not filled. Gradually many features were added to it and finally Google launched Android in 2005 and Apple launched iPhone in 2007. Today we have this phone in our hands. And these phones have become the friend of man because they do not refuse any command given by the person, but like a good child, without any hustle and bustle, they do it in a smart way.

Today there is no need for the student to carry a fat bag on the body, all his books, notebooks etc., all facilities are available. He does not need to attend lectures at the scheduled time in a class full of children. Whenever he wants, wherever he wants, he can get it from this device

at any time. Today, if you do not understand from one teacher, then the option of another teacher is available immediately. A farmer makes available the necessary items for his farming like improved seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and weather information from his smart phone.

Now there is no need to carry large, thick files for office paperwork. Today all this work is done by phone. There is no need to wait in long queues of movies for entertainment, your favorite program is available on one click and can be downloaded and watched, listened to anytime. And do not know how to work with the help of this device. But there are not only positive aspects of any thing, there are also some negative aspects. The electromagnetic radiations emanating from mobile phones have a bad effect on the body parts.

Apart from this, many diseases arise due to excessive use of mobile, such as mental diseases, cancer, brain tumor, diabetes, heart disease etc. Children take wrong information from this mobile phone. Due to being busy on the phone day and night, the nature becomes irritable, forgetting to eat and drink for the sake of it, which has a bad effect on health. Mobile phones are our friends, they should be used in the right way in the right place.

- Khemu Parashar

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Cyrus Mistry's accident: "will cooperate with officials", says Car manufacturer company

Amid the ongoing investigations around the industrialist and former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry's death in a road accident in Palghar, the car manufacturer said that the team would provide clarifications to the officials wherever required and will cooperate.

The remarks came after the Police asked the car manufacturer company why the airbags in the ill-fated SUV did not open at the time of the accident.

"As a responsible brand respecting customer privacy, our team is cooperating with the authorities where possible, and we will provide any clarifications to them directly as required. We will continue our ongoing efforts to increase road safety awareness as a responsible manufacturer while equipping our vehicles with the latest safety features and technologies," read a statement from Mercedes-Benz India.

"We are deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Mr. Cyrus Mistry and Mr. Jehangir Pandole



in the unfortunate road accident. At the same time we are glad to learn that Ms Anahita Pandole and Mr Darius Pandole are recovering," it added.

Earlier in the day, Palghar Police asked several questions to the car manufacturer company, "Why do not the airbags open? Was there any mechanical fault in the vehicle? What was the brake fluid of the car? What was the tire pressure?" Police said that these vehicles come out of the plant only after proper testing.

"In such a situation, what is the report of the collision impact of the manufacturer's investigation? Was

the steering locked after the collision?" Police asked the car manufacturer. The car manufacturer team will submit the answers to all these questions in its report.

According to sources, the car manufacturer company has informed the Palghar police that the data recorder chip of the vehicle will be sent to Germany for decoding and after decoding from Germany, detailed information about the SUV will be made available to the police.

It may take several days in this process. In this data recorder, detailed information about the vehicle will be available.

Information will be there like how the brake, air bag and other machinery were working. The speed of the car at the time of the accident will also be known.

The estimates about the speed of the vehicle are made on the basis of different video footage or time calculations.

The average speed of the vehicle will be known but it is impossible to estimate the speed of the vehicle at different places at different times.

Therefore, whatever the speed of the vehicle must have been at the time of the accident, the exact information will be revealed only after getting detailed information from the data recorder, police sources told to agencies.

Sources said Cyrus Mistry and others had left Udvarda at 1:25 pm on Sunday and the accident happened around 2:28 pm. So they covered a distance of about 60 to 65 km's in 1 hour and 2 minutes.

Police are verifying whether they had stopped somewhere during this journey or they were mov-

ing at a very high speed in the middle. Well-known industrialist and former Tata Sons chairman Mistry died in a road accident near Mumbai on Sunday evening.

According to Palghar Police, Mistry was travelling from Ahmedabad to Mumbai when his car hit the divider. There were four people in the car. Two died on the spot, including Mistry, while the other two were shifted to hospital.

Apart from Mistry, another deceased has been identified as Jahangir Dinsha Pandole. The injured Anayata Pandole and Darius Pandole are currently undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The driver of the car in which Cyrus Mistry was travelling lost control due to overspeeding and rammmed into the divider, said Palghar Police sources on Sunday.

"Prima facie, it looks like the car driver lost control. Cyrus Mistry's mortal remains are at a government hospital in Kasa. An Accidental Death Report (ADR) is being filed by the police, as per procedure," Palghar Police sources told to agencies.

The Mumbai police registered case against five Shiv Sena workers for tearing BJP banners

Banners put up by BJP workers in the Lower Parel area of the city were torn by Sena workers. The incident took place on Saturday but the case was registered late Monday after one of the BJP workers approached the N M Joshi Marg police station with a complaint. "On Saturday, Shiv Sena workers led by Sanket Sawant tore down the banners put up by the BJP. Due to which there was an altercation between both the party workers," said an officer.

Track men detected rail fracture, stop train in time

On duty track men Heera Lal and Mithun Kumar noticed rail fracture near Patripul, Kalyan on down fast line at 6.35 am today. Upon seeing Train 22105 Indrayani Express approaching with speed, Mithun Kumar immediately ran towards the approaching train with Red signal and timely stopped the train whereas Heera Lal protected the site. The work of restoration/ making track safe for traffic completed at 7.15 am. Due to their prompt and vigilant patrolling and action, a major mishap was averted.

57,420 idols of Lord Ganesh immersed in Mumbai in two days

A total of 57,420 idols of Lord Ganesh were immersed in the sea and artificial lakes in Mumbai in two days, a civic official said on Monday.

On the sixth day of the Ganesh festival on Monday, 26,055 idols were immersed till 9 PM. No untoward incident was reported, he said.

While 22,164 were household idols, 85 Sarvajanic (public) idols and 3,806 idols of goddess Gauri and Lord Ganesh were immersed in the sea and artificial



lakes. Among these idols, a maximum of 8,770 household idols were immersed in artificial lakes.

Police have tightened security at immersion points and sea fronts at Juhu, Dadar, and Girgaon, the official said.

On the fifth day of immersion on Sunday, 31,365 Ganesh idols were immersed in the sea and artificial ponds in Mumbai.

Till 6 am on Monday, 30,446

household idols, 27 Hartalika and 892 sarvajanic (public) idols were immersed, the official from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said.

At least 12,030 household idols, 16 Hartalika and 377 public mandal idols were immersed in the artificial ponds built at different places in the city. The other idols were immersed in the sea at various beaches here, he said.

There is a growing demand to reopen educational institutions

With certain restrictions in the city having been relaxed, there is a growing demand to reopen educational institutions, too. So far, only academicians were in favour of resuming in-person classes, but now students and parents also seem to agree. A latest national survey has

shown that 53 per cent parents are now willing to send their children back to school, while an online petition has requested the state government to reopen colleges. The petition refers to tremendous academic loss due to limitations of online platforms of education. "It's been a considerably long time

using online education, but there is still a difficulty in adaptation, teachers and students are not actually used to this type of education and it just makes things worse," states the petition, after pointing out that technical glitches, internet and device issues are hampering online education for many.

Neither 'claimant nor desirous' for PM's post, working for united Oppn: Nitish Kumar

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday met several opposition leaders, including those from the Left and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, and claimed that he is neither a claimant for the prime minister's post nor desirous of it.

After meeting CPI-M general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Kumar, who is on his first visit to the national capital after snapping ties with the BJP-led NDA last month, asserted that his focus is to bring together all opposition parties.

It is time for the Left parties, the Congress and all regional parties to come together to form a united opposition, Kumar told reporters, amid speculation that his party is eyeing the leadership role

for him in a proposed united front against the BJP in the run up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

He is also expected to meet Samajwadi Party's Mulayam Singh Yadav and INLD's Om Prakash Chautala.

The JD-U leader also met CPI general secretary D Raja.

"I have had a long association with the CPI-M from my younger days. You all have not seen me, but whenever I used to come to Delhi, I used to come to this office. Today we are all together again. Our entire focus is to unite all Left parties, the regional parties, Congress. This will be a big deal if all of us come together," he said.

Asked about his aspirations to become prime minister, Kumar

said, "This is wrong. I am not a claimant for the post, nor am I desirous of it." According to Yechury, Kumar's return to the Opposition fold and his desire to be part of a fight against the BJP is a great signal for Indian politics.

"First, the agenda is to unite all parties, not to decide on the PM candidate. When the time comes we will decide the PM candidate and let you all know," he said.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was also present in Kumar's meeting with AAP leader Kejriwal, whose equations with several other opposition parties like the Congress are far from smooth. JD(U) leader Sanjay Jha accompanied Kumar in his meetings.



"Many thanks to Nitish ji for visiting my residence. Discussion was held on many serious issues related to the country like education, health, 'operation lotus', open horse-trading of MLAs to topple

popularly elected governments, and increasing unrestrained corruption, unemployment and corruption for BJP dispensations," Kejriwal tweeted while attacking the saffron party.

Delhi HC seeks reply on plea of MCD challenging constitution of committee of corporation

The Delhi High court on Tuesday sought a reply from Delhi government on a plea moved by the Municipal Cooperation of Delhi (MCD) challenging the constitution of a committee of corporations. The MCD has also sought a direction for quashing orders directing to furnish information.

Justice Yashwant Varma directed the counsel for Delhi Government to file a reply to the petition of MCD. The court has also called for a report from the competent officer of the Delhi Government. The matter has been listed for October 11, 2022. MCD through a petition filed through advocate Nazia Parveen has said that the Delhi Government through its legislative House constitutes various Committees in terms of their rules. Post amendment no rules of the house has been framed nor sanctioned by the Lt. Governor or the presence of India has been taken before forming a "Committee for Municipal Corporations in Delhi". It is pertinent to mention that the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) Act has been amended whereby Lt. Governor is the administrator of NCT of Delhi and GNCTD has no powers to make any rules and form assembly committees to question and examine issues relating to the

administration of Capital, the petition stated. The petitioner seeking the quashing of two orders issued by the committee, submitted that this committee issued a letter on July 26, 2022, stating that a meeting of the Committee was held on July 22, 2022.

On the basis of the meeting, the Committee has raised various demands for information regarding subjects like buildings, Veterinary Department, Policies, Guidelines of Construction, Issuance of NOC for National Flag etc. The information was declined by the MCD through a reply of August 4, 2022, the petition said. The Delhi Government was informed that information cannot be provided as it is barred and prohibited as per Section 33 of the GNCTD Act and as such amounts to the conduct of inquiry into the affairs of the Corporation on the administrative side. It is stated the Delhi Government through a reply on August 24, 2022, reiterated demands raised on July 26, 2022, stating that the information sought is not barred by section 33 of the GNCTD act. It also raises questions as to whether the respondent can seek information and call the officers of the petitioner in Committee meetings particularly when they lack authority and power in view of recent amendments to the DMC Act and GNCTD Act, the petition stated.

COVID-19: India's first intranasal vaccine by Bharat Biotech gets DCGI approval

The Bharat Biotech on Tuesday got emergency use authorisation from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for the Intranasal Covid-19 vaccine. This will be India's first nasal vaccine for COVID-19. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya termed it a 'Big boost' to India's fight against Covid-19.

He took to Twitter and said,

"Big Boost to India's Fight Against COVID-19! Bharat Biotech's ChAd36-SARS-CoV-S COVID-19 (Chimpanzee Adenovirus Vectored) recombinant nasal vaccine approved by @CDSCO_INDIA_INF for primary immunization against COVID-19 in 18+ age group for restricted use in emergency situation."

"This step will further

strengthen our collective fight against the pandemic. India has harnessed its science, R&D, and human resources in the fight against COVID-19 under PM @ NarendraModi Ji's leadership," he added. He also said that we will defeat Covid-19 with a science-driven approach. "With the science-driven approach and Sabka Prayas, we will defeat COVID-19," he said.

SC asks Centre to hold discussion with State Chief Secretaries on Section 66A of the IT Act

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provision being scrapped by it in 2015.

A bench of Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justice S Ravindra Bhat asked chief secretaries of all states to take remedial measures to tackle the continued use of section 66A of the IT Act.

has communicated the top court's judgment on Section 66A to all the Chief Secretaries of States. To this, the bench asked the Centre to get in touch with state governments to take remedial action. "It is a matter of serious concern that despite authoritative pronouncement, the offences are still being registered and continued," the bench noted. The apex court now posted the matter for further hearing after

three weeks.

Senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, appearing for PUCI, submitted details of the cases registered by the Police and law enforcement agencies under Section 66A of the IT Act even after the top court had struck it down.

The plea, seeking implementation of the top court's verdict, has submitted that Section 66A of the IT Act has continued to be in use not only within police stations but also in cases before the trial courts across the country. Last year on July 5, the apex court had said it is "amazing and shocking" that people are still being booked under Section 66A of the IT Act which was scrapped by its verdict

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh holds bilateral talks with Mongolian counterpart



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday held bilateral talks with Mongolian Defence Minister Saikhanbayar Gursed in Ulaanbaatar and discussed ways to further expand bilateral defence cooperation and other regional and global issues of mutual interest.

The Defence Minister wrote on his Twitter handle, "Productive interaction with Mongolia's Defence

Minister, Mr Saikhanbayar Gursed in Ulaanbaatar today. We had in-depth deliberations on adding further momentum to India-Mongolia defence cooperation."

Before initiating the bilateral talks with the Mongolian Defence minister, Rajnath Singh inspected the ceremonial guard of honour in the Mongolian capital city.

He also inaugurated the Cyber Security Training Centre at

National Defence University in Ulaanbaatar. The centre built with assistance from the Government of India is a one-of-its-kind cyber-related international cooperation project which will be instrumental in imparting cyber security training to the Mongolian Armed Forces.

Rajnath Singh also met with the Speaker of Mongolian Parliament, Gombojavyn Zandanshatar and complimented him on his consistent support to promote and expand the shared heritage of Buddhism.

Besides, the Defence minister called upon the Mongolian President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh and expressed commitment to deepening the multifaceted Strategic Partnership with Mongolia. "Excellent meeting with the President of Mongolia, H.E. U.

Khurelsukh in Ulaanbaatar. Recalled my last meeting with him in 2018, when he was the Prime Minister of the country. We are fully committed to further deepening our multifaceted Strategic Partnership with Mongolia," Rajnath tweeted.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina holds talks with PM Modi to strengthen ties



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi held bilateral talks to review and further strengthen the relationship between both countries at Hyderabad House on Tuesday. The official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet that both leaders had met 12 times since 2015.

"PM @narendramodi and PM Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh hold talks to review and further strengthen the all-encompassing India-Bangladesh partnership. Having met 12 times already since 2015, regular engagements between our leaders add significant momentum to ties," Bagchi tweeted. Earlier, Hasina laid a wreath and paid tribute to Ma-

hatma Gandhi at Rajghat.

She received a ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Soon after the welcome, the Bangladesh Prime Minister said she feels happy to be in India every time while noting significant ties between New Delhi and Dhaka.

"India is our friend. Whenever I come here, it is a pleasure for me, especially because we always recall the contribution India has made during our liberation war. We have a friendly relationship, we are cooperating with each other," the Bangladesh Premier said today.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Bangladesh PM Hasina as she arrived at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Hasina shook hands with PM Modi. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was also present.

Indo-Pacific region will benefit from India-Australia collaboration

External Affairs minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said Australia has been an early and vigorous supporter of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Indopacific region will benefit from the strong bilateral relationship between the two countries which allows them to contribute effectively at a regional and global level.

Jaishankar's remarks came while he was virtually addressing the fifth edition of the Australia-India Leadership Dialogue 2022, along with the Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, where the EAM touched upon various topics related to Australia-India friendship. He said that the leadership dialogue is taking place as India-Australia relations have shifted gears and moved into a higher orbit.

"In what today seems like history, the ambitions for our ties were expressed initially by the India Economic Strategy Report 2035 released by the Australian side and the CII Australia Economic Strategy issued by India. A trade of USD 20 billion-plus and investments at the USD 25 billion level stand to rapidly expand by the Economic

Cooperation and Trade Agreement that was concluded in April 2022. Australia is a major educational destination for Indian students, who number in excess of 100,000. The Indian community, estimated at 720,000, is a source of strength for both societies," he said.

"The deficit in global goods has sought to be addressed by India and Australia working together bilaterally as well as in larger formats. This reflects their shared concerns about respect for international law and a rules-based order. The two countries may have long interacted in ASEAN-led forums, Commonwealth, Indian Ocean Rim Association, etc. But stronger leadership and more open exchanges have brought out the mutual benefits of closer cooperation and coordination," the minister added.

Jaishankar said that Australia has been an early and vigorous supporter of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI). "The big change has been the realization that a stronger bilateral relationship today allows the two nations to contribute much more effectively at a regional and at a global level," he added.

Teesta water-sharing issue will be resolved soon: Sheikh Hasina

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, during the joint press statement at Hyderabad House, expressed hope that the issue of Teesta water sharing with India will be resolved soon. She highlighted the ties between both the countries and called India the most important and closest neighbour of Bangladesh.

"The two countries have resolved many outstanding issues and we hope that all outstanding issues, including Teesta water-sharing treaty, would be concluded at an early date," she said in a joint statement with PM Narendra Modi.

The Teesta river dispute is an important point of bilateral talks between India and Bangladesh. Both countries signed an agreement in 2011 to share surface waters at the Farakka Barrage near their mutual border.



Sheikh Hasina appreciated PM Modi's leadership that continues to provide momentum to bilateral relations. "I appreciate Modi ji's visionary leadership that continues to provide added momentum to our bilateral relations. India is the most important & closest neighbour of Bangladesh.

India-Bangladesh bilateral relations are known to be a role model for neighbourhood diplomacy," she said. Hasina began her four-day visit to India on Monday. She held bilateral talks with

PM Modi to further strengthen the relationship between both countries at Hyderabad House.

"Today PM Modi and I have just concluded another round of fruitful discussions, the outcome of which will bring benefits to the people of both countries. We had the meeting in a spirit of close friendship and cooperation," she said. Sheikh Hasina further extended her best wishes as India moves forward to attaining the resolutions made for Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

"At the new dawn of the Amrit Kaal for the next 25 years, I extend our best wishes as India moves forward to attaining the resolutions made for Aatmanirbhar Bharat," she said, thanking the Indian government for the warm hospitality. India and Bangladesh signed seven memorandums of understanding (MoUs) today.

Teacher in Digital Age

Vijay Garg

A Teacher to the learner is an embodiment of wisdom. Teacher is said to be divine and Teaching has been considered revered profession through the ages of Indian history. The famous sages, seers, sadhus, sants, rishis, munis, pundits, panths gurus, and acharyas of India are known for their sagacity and abundant knowledge and their preaching and teaching are eternal. Their inquisitiveness, passion in interpretation of knowledge

treasure, philosophical discourses stand no comparisons. Acharyas carried the highest regard, attitude of reverence and an example of esteem in the society in general and among the learned community in particular. The knowledge seekers ie., shishyas or abhyasaks are known for their unflinching loyalty, trust worthiness, high degree of dedication, absolute obedience and voluntary acceptance.

Dithering values

In the era of modernisation, liberalisation and globalization the Teachers' prominence and his pivotal position in teaching is considerably corroding. In modern times, the solo and unilateral teaching of a teacher is invariably associated with electronic gadgets and other audio-visual teaching aids. The teacher dominated classroom has been replaced with child centred education and each child is identified with unique potential. In the contemporary times we observe a significant transformation in the teacher- student interrelationship.

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The teacher hitherto is expected to be friendly and had to walk an extra mile to win over the hearts of the learner. The proactive teacher has to become a co-learner, guide and mentor. The integrated curriculum and dynamic pedagogy has made the teaching robust, comprehensive and experimental. The interconnection between the teacher-taught has become overly informal and intimate.

The bond and affinity between guru-shysha affected with the Students' access to acquisition of abundant knowledge becoming more open and accessible at their door step or click of mouse. The Knowledge seekers are enjoying more free will in learning and less dependence on the teacher. The autonomy of the learner has mitigated the elevated status of the teacher. The self-reliance of the learner considerably affected the esteem, stature and monopoly of the teacher in the teaching-learning process.

Hybrid teacher

Approaches to education in the 21st century took a turn around with the addition of virtual learning taking the prime stage of the Edu spectrum. Learn, unlearn and relearn have become the essential skills of the 21st century



generation. The knowledge providing portals for the learners are available through multiple platforms. The Covid pandemic made the teacher to reach out the learner in blended mode.

The teaching became a dynamic process with the onset of the technology enabled delivery system. In the age of Technological revolution, the programmed learning is operational even without human indulgence. A radical shift in the role of a teacher is in the place due to smartech innovations and with the embracing of Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. The learner has the autonomy to choose from among the types of information, delivery channels, human resources expertise and technology.

The online and open and distance learning has emerged as a powerful and convenient spectrum to pursue education and the career. The teacher apart from content delivery and counseling is expected to acquire, explore and communicate through

technology. The required pace and the speed of the teacher in updating their knowledge are like never before and often the gifted teacher has to compete with google guru.

The techno savvy student's dependence on formal learning from the teacher is fast shrinking. The Independent teacher is becoming interdependent in a triangular contest with the learner and technology at two diagonal sides. Teacher as an encyclopedia and technology as a Wikipedia of knowledge houses are competing with each other.

The teachers who are considered to be gifted in teaching are hardly making much headway in adapting to the technology buzz. The Edu Teach teaching profession has become an industry and less attractive or non preferential to the present ambitious generation. The noble profession is demanding competencies, character and credentials and considered less remunerative, yet comprehensive,

with holistic dimension compared to positions in the hardware and software fields and in other emerging technologically driven careers and even among entrepreneurs classes.

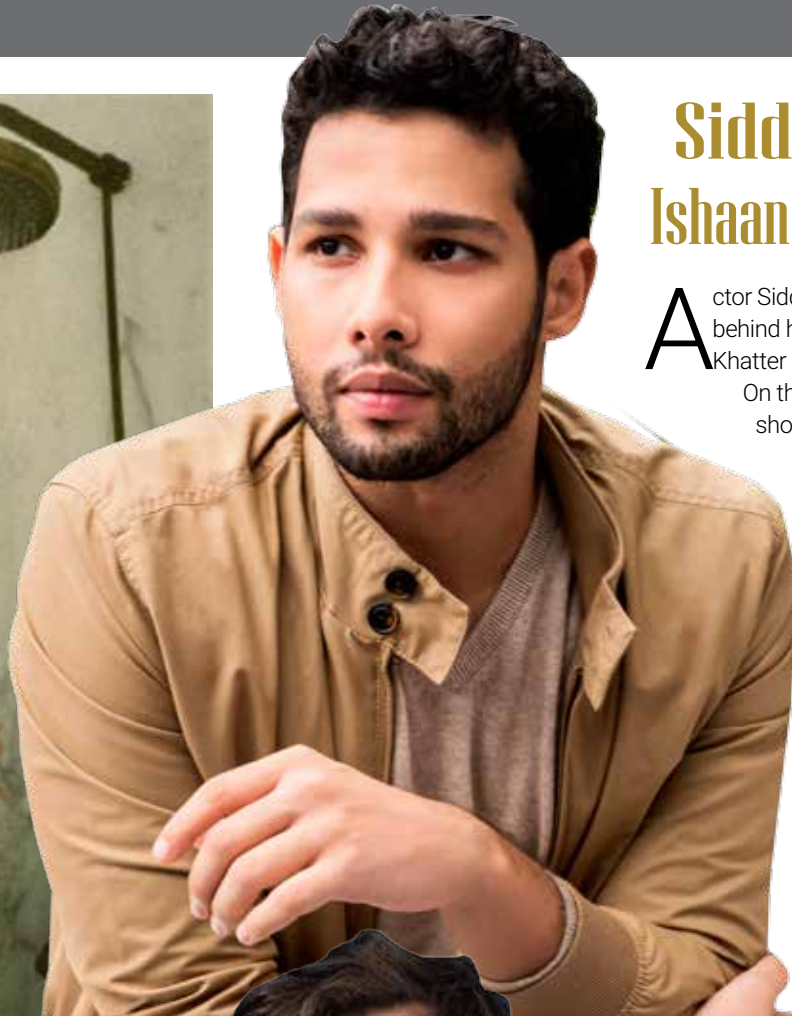
The teaching values are counted in tangible terms of monetary benefits or gains. Going with the current trend AI based machines/robots already are replicating the roles of a teacher in the classrooms where the role of the teacher is reduced to only aid, assist and supplement potential presentation of the robots.

However, the scenario is not abysmal. Though the pride position of the teacher appears to be at stake, there are plenty of alternate models to sail along aggressively with the vibrant technology. The teachers' emotions, attachments, passions, influence and impact of personality on the learner cannot be replaced with a machine or technology as they themselves emerged from the thought process of human brain only.

Thus, the teacher continues to be the centre of axis in educational learning to be in bygone or forthcoming years. Setting aside the critical talk and controversies, among all the professions the teaching profession continues to give maximum satisfaction, contentment, derives respect and reverence despite the technological interventions and changing aspirations of the learners and expectations of the stakeholders.

A teacher while retaining the core competencies to his flavor of teaching, adding innovation and experimentation in his classroom presentations and adapting to the emerging technology would regain and restore the glory and sanctity of teaching profession. The emerging India is now poised to reclaim the status of vishwaguru. Hence Teachers are required to carry forward the legacy of being Character builders, by defining the personality of a child and destiny makers of the nation.

Entertainment



Siddhant reveals why Ishaan Khatter may be single

Actor Siddhant Chaturvedi has finally leaked the reason behind his 'Phone Bhoot' co-actor and friend Ishaan Khatter being single and it is hilarious.

On the 10th episode of the tongue and cheek chat show, Siddhant will be accompanied with his co-stars Katrina Kaif and Ishaan Katter.

Host Karan Johar finally puts this curiosity to rest on his show by evoking a full and final response from Ishaan on his current relationship status.

"It does not matter who broke up with whom but I am currently single," finally declared the actor but not without his close friend Siddhant Chaturvedi revealing a possible reason for Ishaan's singlehood.

"Mere saath ghumte ghumte ye bhi single ho gaya!" Siddhant added.

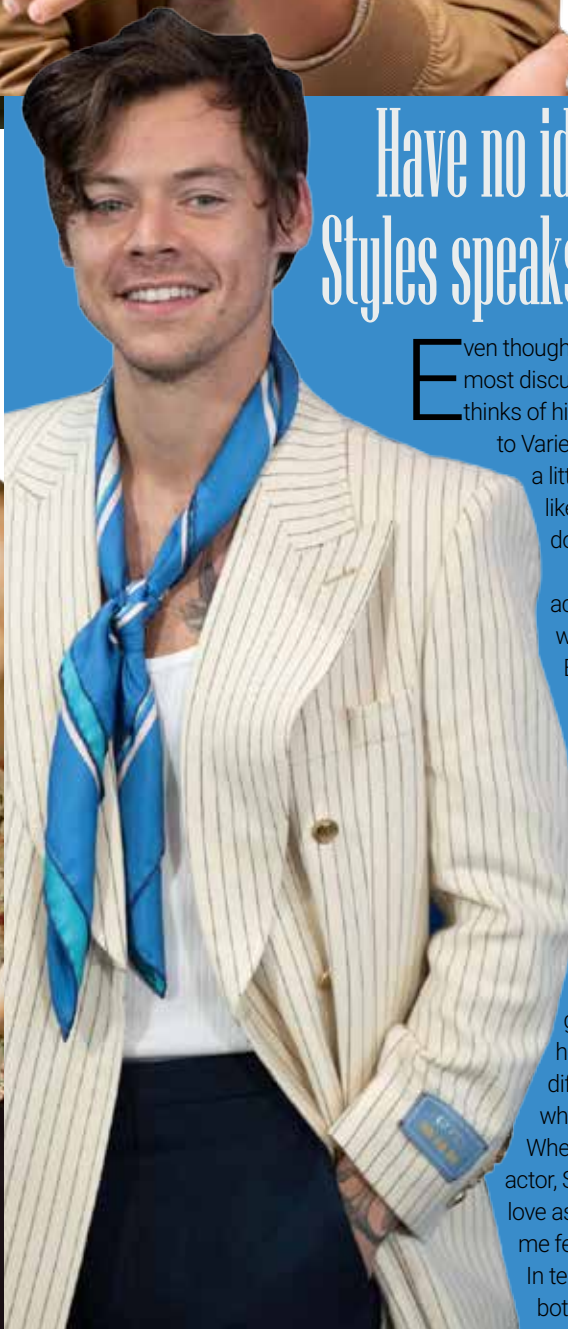
'Phone Bhoot' is a horror comedy film directed by Gurmeet Singh and produced by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani under the banner of Excel Entertainment. The film revolves around a shop, where every kind of problems involving ghosts are solved.

Jennifer Aniston teases 'something's coming' with shower picture

Actress Jennifer Aniston teased her fans that "something's coming" with a nude shower picture.

The 53-year-old actress, who is known for her long shiny hair, promoted an exciting addition to her LolaVie hair care line. With her back to the camera, she stood naked in the shower as water and shampoo foam streamed down over her body, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The 'We're the Millers' star wrote in the caption: "Something's coming 9.8.22," adding a shower emoji.



Have no idea what I'm doing: Harry Styles speaks about his acting career

Even though British pop star Harry Styles is part of one of the most discussed movies at the Venice Film Festival, he still thinks of himself as a newbie in the world of acting. According to Variety, Styles told journalists in Venice, "Music I've done a little longer so I'm a bit more comfortable. What I like about acting is I feel like I have no idea what I'm doing."

The musician said he considers music and acting to be "opposite in a lot of ways." Styles, who was speaking at a press conference for the Warner Bros. Discovery movie on Monday afternoon, said, "Making music is a really personal thing."

The 'Don't Worry Darling' star was joined by his co-stars Gemma Chan and Chris Pine, along with his director and rumoured girlfriend Olivia Wilde.

Speaking about acting, he continued, "There are aspects of acting where you're drawing from experiences a bit, but for the most part you're pretending to play someone else."

"That's what I find the most interesting about it. They can aid each other in a way. Any time you get to view the world through a different lens, it can help to create whichever way it goes. I find it really different. I think the fun part is that you never know what you're doing in either one of them," Styles added.

When asked how he sees his future shaping up as an actor, Styles said, "I feel very lucky I get to do something I love as a job. I feel like being able to explore this has made me feel even luckier I get to do two things I really enjoy. In terms of the future...I enjoy both. It's all fun to play in both worlds and see how they affect each other."