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**K**ing Charles remained at the Balmoral Castle, the Queen's summer residence in Scotland, with his wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, and addressed Britain. Condolences poured in from around the world following the demise of the 96-year-old monarch. Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered her as a "stalwart of our times", saying she "provided inspiring leadership to her nation and people" and "personified dignity and

decency in public life". The change happened after seven decades, and it's still not clear when his coronation will take place as Britain is observing the 10-day mourning period. But nearly 70 years ago, in 1953, Charles was four years old and attended coronation of his mother who acceded to the throne a year ago at the age of 25.

Mumbai's famed dabbawalas on Friday said they were grieving with the royal family and people all over the world after

the demise of Queen Elizabeth. "On behalf of all the dabbawalas of Mumbai, I pay my heartfelt condolences to the royal family," said Raghunath Medge, an office bearer of the Nutan Mumbai Tiffin Box Suppliers Association. Medge and another association office-bearer Sopan Mare attended the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles in April 2005.

The Queen was not keeping well of late and was under medical supervi-

sion as doctors were "concerned for Her Majesty's health". Buckingham palace announced she died at Balmoral Castle where members of the royal family had rushed to her side after her health took a turn for the worse. The Queen had been suffering from what Buckingham Palace called "episodic mobility problems" since the end of last year. After her coffin is brought back to London, the Queen will lie in state in Westminster Hall for about four days before her funeral.

## Dear Queen Elizabeth, you remain in the hearts of people forever

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

**S**he was a very dignified and beautiful royal woman. Her calmness was unique, behind her quiet smile and proper voice, there is a shy lady who loves animals and the countryside. The Queen is beautiful in how she possesses riches while enjoying the simple things in life like walking with her dogs or driving her own vehicle, riding the horse. She had her own way of humble living. She always had lovely, flashing eyes, and now, as a senior woman of 96, she carried herself well. She appears to keep her hair and makeup simple. She has the smooth skin characteristic of British women. It takes effort and daily commitment to keep oneself

looking healthy and presentable after 80. It might be tempting to sit around eating chocolates, but she seems to make the effort to go outside and move.

Her self-presentation in public was powerfully elegant and can even be robust at times, which is something beautiful knowing that she has the aches, pains, and limitations that all of us have when we reach old age—if not middle age. Queen Elizabeth was always dedicated to her people and job as monarch.

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Since declaring before the world on her 21st birthday that she would serve till the end of her life with the help of her people. On 9th of September last year, she became the longest reigning British monarch ever, some great achievement for her. I don't think anyone in Britain had a work ethic like Her Majesty. She, even at the old age of 96, was bustling with robustness, zeal, and drive. She never actively sought out to become Queen for ulterior, selfish motives, rather royalty was thrust upon her.

The adage is that Princes are born while Dukes are made. She was a hybrid of both. She never sought the monarchy, engulfed with its Royalty and riches, but rather inherited it. She has however crafted it in her own right, meaning she really works for it and earns her status. Queen Elizabeth uses to rise early and was busy working from daybreak up until past sundown. Only hard-working people can age like she has, and she was a very, very hard-working woman. Her Majesty, aside from being the monarch of the nation which has culturally influenced the globe like no other nation in the world has, is deeply non-partisan and apolitical.

Considering how influential Britain historically was and still is, both within its historical global context, as well as economic, political, legal, and most significantly, cultural. This is strikingly unusual. Queen Elizabeth also doesn't really speak much in the public. Her Uncle Edward's abdication from the throne to marry a twice-divorced woman, Wallis Simpson, is what led to Princess Elizabeth becoming Queen Elizabeth II on the death of her father, King George VI, in February 1952 when she was only 25 years old. She was a mechanic during WWII. Prince Philip appears to be the only man she ever loved. She met him when she was 13 and he was 18.

When Queen Elizabeth became Queen, Prince Philip had to give up his naval career. Queen Elizabeth was very close to her parents and her younger sister, Margaret. Her mother had a lot of control over her life even after she became Queen. Queen

Elizabeth knew her mother, Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, lived a very extravagant lifestyle but she indulged her and knew she couldn't change her. Her mother lived to be a hundred years of age. The Queen loves dogs and horses. She got her first corgi named Susan about age 18. She finds her animals easier to communicate with than her own children. She couldn't spend much time with Prince Charles and Princess Anne when they were young but she spent much more time with Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

The Queen said Prince Andrew was such a beautiful baby and everyone was going to spoil him. Prince Philip spent more time with Prince Edward and he may have been the first child he was in the room with when the Queen gave birth. The Queen once said in interview that Prince Andrew was a terror as a child since he liked to play pranks on family members and staff. The Queen tried to warn Princess Diana during the time of her marital problems to be careful as there are powerful men out there that we know nothing about.

Princess Diana did not take her advice and paid with it with her life. The queen is the only female member of the British royal family to serve in WWII. She was only 18 when she joined the service. Furthermore, she was a driver for the military truck and used to change the wheels. She also drove ambulances. She has visited more than 115 countries without a passport. However, other Royal members do need to have a passport. She was one unique human being and royal queen, no one can ever replace her persona.

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## Voices



### Letters to the Editor

#### 80% govt schools are worse than junkyards

This is reference to AAP chieftain and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's shocking allegation that more than 80% of government school in the country are worse than junkyards. There is no denying that a lot of government-run schools suffer from inferior quality of education and infrastructure, but claiming 80% schools are worse than junkyards seems to be exaggerated in order to reap political mileage. In his message to PM Modi, Kejriwal wrote "The saddest thing is that even after the 75 years of independence, we didn't pay attention to giving good education to our children. Our country cannot become a developed nation without the provision of excellent education in every government school of the country. All state government should be brought together to implement the plan in the next five years". Whether we support or beg to differ with Kejriwal's claims, quality and infrastructure of education need to be improved manifold.

Ashima Sisodiya

#### Google Doodle celebrates Bhupen Hazarika

Google Doodle pays tribute to legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika, a PhD scholar who aced the world of music. Dr Hazarika was born in 1926 to Nikakanta and Shantipriya Hazarika in Assam's Sadiya. His father moved to Tabha when he sang traditional music at a function. Hazarika recorded his life to popularising Assamese music. He was at the forefront battle against casteism through his music, in his over six-decade. In 2019, nearly eight years after his death, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour. Union home minister Amit Shah also paid their presence to Hazarika through an Assamese tweet. He was a true maestro, whose songs touched the hearts of millions, we are thankful for his contribution to the world of music and mesmerizing music.

Akshita Dhurve

#### Adieu Ganesha Bappa

People in India worship Lord Ganesha before starting any new work. Ganesha is the eldest son of Shiva and Parvati and one of the five major Hindu deities. With his pot belly and elephant head, he is the god who removes all obstacles in the paths of those struggling to achieve both spiritual and worldly success. Almost every Hindu home has an image of Lord Ganesha over the doorway, and he is worshipped at the beginning of every important undertaking, whether it is the building of a new house, the beginning of a marriage, or the opening of a new account book.

Adieu Ganesh Bappa. Pudhchya varshi lavkar ya!

Jubel D'Cruz

# Daily Drinking Water A Fundamental Right



Water is connected to every form of life on earth. As a criteria, an adequate, reliable, clean, accessible, acceptable and safe drinking water supply has to be available for various users. The United Nation (UN) and other countries declared access to safe drinking water as a fundamental human right, and an essential step towards improving living standards. Access to water was one of the main goals of the Millennium Development Goals.

Despite getting a fair quota of monsoon rains Maharashtra could not provide water to everyone and the HC raps authorities for the plight of villagers, who get water twice a month. The Bombay High Court said supply of regular drinking water was a fundamental right and it was unfortunate that people had to knock on the court's doors to get water even after 75 years of independence. Water has to be supplied daily for at least a few hours.

This is their fundamental right. The observations were made by a Bench of Justices while hearing a petition by residents of Kambe village in Thane district, Maharashtra seeking supply of drinking water on a daily basis. The demand for water has also increased since the last few years due to an increase in population hence there is a requirement to upgrade the system, Drinking water is fundamental right: Bombay High Court on water supply failure in Thane village. It is indeed a sorry state of affairs.

Water remains the basic need of humanity. This need has transformed itself into one of the essential common freedoms in India. Notwithstanding the endless estimation of water, the advancement of the option to water is by all accounts slow in India. In India water law involves different components worldwide and public echelons. There are different government arrangements that require genuine re-thought and inquiries

of its authorization, regularly raised with no appropriate arrangements being given. In this light the need for providing daily drinking water has assumed greater importance.

Water is the most significant need for humankind without which mankind can't endure. Additionally, it stays a typical legacy and a benefit that must be delighted in by all in a

developing India. Even though water is overflowing into the sea during floods Union-State and inter-state relations is the need of the hour. Nationalising rivers can solve the problem permanently. Water is the solution of life not just for people, however for all living creatures that require it in the unadulterated structure.

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# Yakub Memon cannot be glorified, says CM Shinde over grave beautification of 93 bomb blast accused

**M**aharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday said that 1993 Mumbai blast convict Yakub Memon is an accused in the Bombay Blast and cannot be glorified after the row pertaining to the latter's grave beautification emerged.

While talking to the media persons in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Shinde said, "Yakub Memon is an accused in Bombay Blast, cannot be glorified. We won't accept this or let it happen. I have informed BMC & Mumbai Police about it, the Home Ministry will take appropriate action."

Earlier on Thursday, Shinde assured strict action concerning the "beautification" of 1993 Mumbai blasts convict Yakub Memon's grave in the Bada Qa-



brastan of Mumbai.

The Chief Minister had said that an investigation has been initiated after the order of an inquiry into the matter.

"An inquiry has been ordered. The investigation has also

been started. Strict actions will be taken against the persons responsible," Shinde had said.

Meanwhile, according to the sources in the DCM office, the Mumbai Police has been directed to do a proper inquiry into the

matter and also submit a report.

After the lighting arrangements at Yakub Memon's grave were removed from Bada Qabrastan, Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party MLA Ram Kadam asked if this was former state Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's patriotism to convert the grave of a terrorist into a Mazar.

"The grave of terrorist Yakub Memon who executed the 1993 Bombay bombings at Pakistan's behest, was converted into a Mazar when Uddhav Thackeray was the CM. Is this his love for Mumbai, patriotism?" said BJP MLA Ram Kadam seeking Thackeray's apology in the matter.

He had also sought an apology from NCP's Sharad Pawar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

and former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray. Memon was the lone convict in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts case, who was sent to the gallows.

On March 12, 1993, Mumbai (then Bombay) was rocked by a series of bomb blasts which killed 257 persons, injured more than 700 persons and destroyed property worth approximately Rs 27 crore.

The case was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on the request of the state government.

A number of accused persons were convicted in the case including Mustafa Dossa and Abu Salem on June 16, 2017. Wanted terrorist Dawood Ibrahim allegedly planned the attacks.

## Pudhchya varshi lavkar ya



**I**n Lalbaug, the 95-year-old Mumbaicha Raja of Ganesh Gully is the first to head out of its pandal at 8.30am and arrive at Girgaon Chowpatty by 5pm, said president Kiran Tawde.

Lalbaugcha Raja leaves later and is immersed around 6am the following morning.

Ten days of prayerful vigil will culminate in a tearful farewell to Lord Ganesh at Anant Chaturdashi on Friday.

Fistfuls of flower petals,

clouds of gulal and loud chants of "Pudhchya varshi lavkar ya" will escort the idol on its immersion journey.

'Manache (honored) Ganpati' will receive a special floral welcome as they head to Chowpatty.

The 'pushpavrushti' mandals of Lalbaug are making creative tableaux whose metal bottom slides to shower a burst of flower petals and gulal upon passing Ganpatis from a two storey height.

## Gov Koshyari visits Dy CM Fadavis' residence 'Sagar' to worship Lord Ganesha

**M**aharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari visited 'Sagar', the official residence of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday and had the darshan of Lord Ganesha.

Earlier on Wednesday, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited 12 Ganpati mandals in Pune and praised the excitement and enthusiasm of the public regarding the festival after two years of COVID restrictions.

Earlier on Monday, Amit Shah made the first visit to the state after Eknath Shinde took oath as the Chief Minister. He



offered prayers at the famous Mumbai Lalbaugcha Raja along with CM Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis.

The Lalbaugcha Raja Ganapati idol has been organized by the Kambli family for over eight decades.

Other leaders including Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Shiv Sena leader Neelam Gorhe, state Congress chief Nana Patole and Union Minister Ramdas Athawale, have also been visiting various Ganpati mandals.

## 4-year-old child washed away into flooded drain in Thane

**A** 4-year-old child is feared to have been washed away into a drain in Thane, due to a heavy downpour on Thursday. The police and disaster management have been carrying out the search and rescue operation.

On Thursday evening, water flowing from Kalwa hill and also after a heavy downpour caused waterlogging in the slums of Bhaskar Nagar in the Kalwa area.

The strong waterflow is feared to have swept the 4-year-



old child, named Aditya Maurya into the drain at the compound.

After the police were informed about the incident, police along with the Disaster Manage-

ment team reached the affected slum. They have conducted enquiries from the locals, but no one has seen the boy being flown in water.

But since the child is not with his family, there is a huge probability that the child might have got swept in the water, if he had stepped out of his house.

The search operation is underway which started on Thursday, but had to be stopped at night.

The search operation again resumed today.

# Nation

## SC posts pleas challenging Places of Worship Act 1991 before 3-judge bench



The Supreme Court on Friday posted for hearing, before a three-judge bench, the pleas challenging the Constitutional validity of certain sections of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991. A

bench headed by Chief Justice of India UU Lalit also asked the Centre to file its response to the pleas within two weeks. It noted that the Central government has not yet filed any response to the pleas in which the notice was is-

sued last year.

It also allowed applicants to intervene in the main pleas challenging the Places of Worship Act and can file written submissions for not more than five pages. It also issued notice to the Centre on some pleas

and intervention applications filed on the matter. Posting the matter for hearing on October 11, it said that in the meantime all parties are directed to complete pleadings. Earlier, the apex court had granted liberty to petitioners, challenging the Act, to file an intervention application in already pending pleas on the same issue. The plea challenged the Places of Worship Act saying that the Act takes away the rights of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs to restore their 'places of worship and pilgrimages' destroyed by the invaders. The daughter of Kashi Royal Family,

Maharaja Kumari Krishna Priya; BJP leader Subramanian Swamy; Chintamani Malviya, former Member of Parliament; Anil Kabotra, a retired army officer; advocate Chandra Shekhar; Rudra Vikram Singh, resident of Varanasi; Swami Jeetendranand Saraswati, a religious leader; Devkinandan Thakur, resident of Mathura and a religious guru among others have filed the pleas in the apex court against the 1991 Act.

The apex court had issued notices to the Centre on the plea of advocate Ashwini Upadhyay and one other plea challenging the Act.

## "Salary delays, misgovernance" by Delhi Govt, says Delhi University Teachers' Association, urges Centre's intervention



The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) on Friday urged the Centre to take over colleges run by the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government claiming that teachers were not getting proper salaries due to budget cuts while political activists were being appointed as head of governing bodies. DUTA chief A K Bhagi also claimed that teachers had even held demonstrations outside Chief Minister Kejriwal's house but to no avail. "Due to fund deficit, pay cut of teachers is happening since last two yrs in 12 colleges under Delhi government. We've held demonstrations outside CM's house, gone to Deputy CM, nobody listened to us. We want the Central govt to take these colleges under its wings," Bhagi said. The teachers' body took the strong stance after the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya college told staff members that a part of their salaries was being withheld due to fund-crunch. Bhagi said the 12 colleges funded by the Delhi government faced a deficit of about 85 to 90 crores. "This problem has been going on for 5 years, earlier funds were delayed, but funds are being cut for the last two years. At present, there is a deficit of about

85 to 90 crores in 12 colleges funded by the Delhi government," said Bhagi. The DUTA chief claimed that "misgovernance" was rampant across several colleges being run by the Delhi government. He also accused AAP of politicising their governing bodies. "There's misgovernance in 20 more colleges under the Delhi governmnt. Governing bodies in those colleges have been politicized, AAP workers appointed as members," the DUTA president said. The issue has the potential to snowball into another major confrontation between the BJP, which is in power at the Centre, and AAP, which rules Delhi. While the AAP government has repeatedly sought to project its 'education model' as a revolutionary one, the BJP has consistently questioned the claims. BJP has accused AAP of corruption, improprieties and misleading people through publicity on a range of issues. The AAP has claimed that the BJP charges are politically motivated.

DUTA president Bhagi added that not only teachers but students were also facing problems as even basic amenities were not freely available on campuses. "Even the medical bills of the people are not being reimbursed, there is a problem in allowances. Not only teachers but students are also facing problems as there is no maintenance. Sometimes there is a problem of water, sometimes there is no electricity because the bills are not paid on time," the DUTA president said.

## Supreme Court grants bail to Journalist Siddique Kappan, stated every person has right to freedom of "speech and Expression"

The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan who was booked by the Uttar Pradesh police under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), while observing that every person has the Right To Freedom of Speech and Expression. A bench of Chief Justice UU Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and P Narasimha directed that Kappan shall be produced before the trial court within three days and he shall be released on bail.

It directed that upon release

Kappan shall stay in Delhi and mark his presence in a local police station on every Monday. After six weeks he can relocate to his native place in Kerala and report to the local police station, it said. He was directed not to leave Delhi without permission of the trial court. Kappan or his lawyer shall attend every single hearing of trial court and he shall surrender his passport before release, the bench further stated. The Supreme Court said Kappan shall not misuse the liberty or be in touch with any person concerned with the matter or are accused. It

also granted liberty to Kappan to apply for bail in the proceedings initiated against him under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act of 2002.

The order of the top court came on a plea filed by Kappan against the order of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court that had rejected his bail application saying "the use of tainted money cannot be ruled out". Kappan was booked under UAPA and other charges in the alleged Hathras conspiracy case.

## Supreme Court seeks entire record of proceedings from Gujarat govt in Bilkis Bano Case

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Gujarat government to file the entire record of the proceedings in the Bilkis Bano case, including the remission order given to the 11 convicts who had gang-raped Bano and murdered her family members during the 2002 Godhra riots. A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and BV Nagarathna granted two weeks to the Gujarat government to produce all relevant records in the case. The bench also issued notice to the Gujarat government and convicts on a plea filed by TMC MP Mahua Moitra against the release of the convicts. Earlier, the apex court had issued notice to the Gujarat government on the plea filed by Communist Party of In-

dia (Marxist) member Subhashini Ali, journalist Revati Laul, and social activist and professor Roop Rekha Verma. It asked the petitioner to impede convicts in the petition. The plea has sought setting aside of order granting remission to 11 convicts and directing their immediate re-arrest. "It is submitted that it would appear that the constitution of members of the competent authority of the Gujarat government also bore allegiance to a political party and sitting MLAs. As such, it would appear that the competent authority was not an authority that was entirely independent, and one that could independently apply its mind to the facts at hand," the plea stated.

The plea filed by the three

women said they had challenged the order of competent authority of the government of Gujarat by way of which 11 persons who were accused in a set of heinous offences committed in Gujarat were allowed to walk free on August 15, 2022, pursuant to remission being extended to them. "The 11 persons were sentenced to life imprisonment for commission of the offences of, among other things, gang-rape and murder of multiple people during the large-scale communal riots in Gujarat in 2002 on January 18, 2008, passed by the Sessions Court in Greater Mumbai and the conviction was upheld by way of Judgment dated May 4, 2017, passed by High Court of Mumbai," the petition stated.

# World

## Union Jack flag flown at half-mast at British High Commission in New Delhi

The Union Jack flag at the British High Commission in New Delhi was flown at half-mast on Friday following the demise of Queen Elizabeth II. "Her Majesty lived a life of service, of constancy which inspired and continues to inspire deep respect and affection. On this sad day I remember what She gave to my country and to so many people around the world," British High Commissioner to Alex Ellis tweeted.



Elizabeth II died peacefully at Balmoral castle aged 96, the royal family said in a statement on Thursday. The UK's longest-reigning monarch was placed under medical supervision earlier on Thursday after her condition deteriorated. Her eldest son, Charles III, will officially become the King on Friday.

The UK lawmakers are expected to swear an oath of loyalty to King Charles III on Saturday, UK newspaper The Independent reported, citing the UK House of Commons authorities. On Thursday, UK media reported that Charles III was expected to be offi-

cially named the king of the United Kingdom on Friday. All UK lawmakers will have an opportunity to take the oath after the 10-day mourning period, but it is "not a formal requirement," according to the report. Several leaders globally expressed grief over the passing away of the Queen, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Taking to Twitter, the Prime Minister recalled his memorable meetings with the Queen during his UK visits in 2015 and 2018. "I will never forget her warmth and kindness. During one of the meetings, she showed me the handkerchief Mahatma Gandhi gifted her on her wedding. I will always cherish that gesture," PM Modi tweeted

## Pakistan trade body asks federal govt to allow import of cotton from India

Due to the dire condition of the textile industry in the country following devastating floods, a Pakistan trade body has approached the Shehbaz Sharif government to allow the import of cotton from India.

In the wake of losses suffered by cotton producers in Sindh and Punjab, the Pakistan Textile Exporters Association is proposing trade with India through Wagah to meet the rising export orders, the Dawn newspaper reported.

A total of 25 per cent of the standing cotton crop had been damaged and there is a possibility of a raw material shortage in Pakistan, the Pakistani newspaper said citing early estimates from exporters. On Wednesday, the Pakistan

government formed a committee that will negotiate with seed companies and facilitate them to introduce state-of-the-art cotton seeds into the local market.

This decision on forming a committee was reached during a key meeting to consult with stakeholders and review proposals for the enhancement of yield and area of cotton crops, the report said.

We have approached Finance Minister Miftah Ismail to look into one of our demands," Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) Patron in Chief Khurram Mukhtar told Dawn on Wednesday. According to Mukhtar, the actual calculations of cotton demand would be made after September 15. "We might need to import 2.5 million bales from India," he said.

## Volker Turk appointed new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed on Thursday Volker Turk of Austria as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, following approval by the General Assembly.

"Turk has devoted his long and distinguished career to advancing universal human rights, notably the international protection of some of the world's most vulnerable people - refugees and Stateless persons," the UN chief said in a statement.

The new High Commissioner is currently coordinating global policy work as an Under Secretary-General in the UN's Executive Office. "Deeply honoured to be appointed @UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. I feel a deep sense of responsibility and

will give it my all to advance the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for everyone, everywhere," Turk tweeted.

He also ensures UN system-wide coordination in the follow-up to the Secretary General's "Call to Action for Human Rights" and his report, Our Common Agenda, which sets out a vision to tackle the world's interconnected challenges on foundations of trust, solidarity and human rights.

From 2019 to 2021, Turk served as Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the UN chief's Executive Office. Previously, he was the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at UN refugees, UNHCR, in Geneva where he played a key role in the development of the landmark Global Compact on Refugees.

## Rajnath Singh, S Jaishankar call on Japanese PM in Tokyo day after 2+2 meeting

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar called on Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday at the conclusion of the 2+2 meeting between the two countries. Jaishankar said that he expressed confidence that the vision articulated by PM Kishida and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be realised soon. "Pleased to call on PM Fumio Kishida at the conclusion of our 2+2 meeting. Underlined the importance of closer coordination of policies and interests of India and Japan at this time," Jaishankar tweeted.

"Expressed confidence that the vision which he and PM @narendramodi have articulated will be realised early," he added. On



Thursday, the Defence and Foreign ministers of India and Japan held the second 2+2 ministerial.

They discussed regional and global issues of mutual interests and concerns, particularly those in the Indo-Pacific and Ukraine. Defence Minister Singh and EAM Jaishankar held meetings with their counterpart from Japan, Foreign Affairs Minister Hayashi Yoshima-

sa and Defence Minister Hamada Yasukazu.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the meeting featured a discussion on the progress in defence cooperation as the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based global order that respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

## NASA has two new dates in mind for Artemis moon mission launch, but hurdles remain

After postponing the Artemis I mission last Saturday, NASA once again has two new dates in mind, September 23 or September 27, for the next attempt to launch its massive moon rocket on an uncrewed mission. But there are still several things that could stand in the way of getting the Artemis I mission off the ground, any of which could push the launch date back further, agencies reported. Earlier, NASA postponed the launch of the mission during the last launch attempt at the Kennedy Space Center in

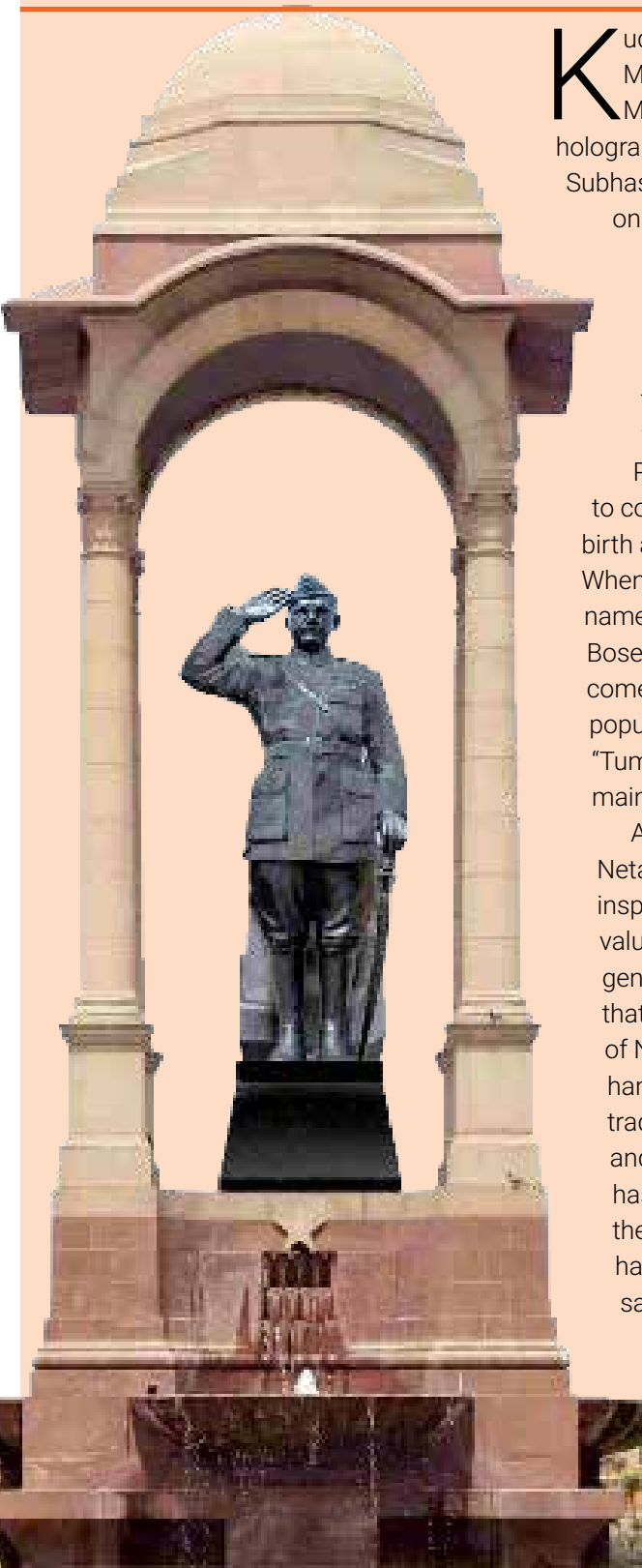


Florida on September 3, after an issue was found related to a leak in the hardware transferring fuel into the rocket. The rocket sprung a big leak as it was being fueled up with super-chilled liquid hydrogen. NASA is trying to work through the leaky fuel problem with the rocket, called the Space Launch

System or SLS. And while the rocket is still on the pad, NASA is looking to troubleshoot that issue by repairing and replacing some seals before running tests to make sure all the leaks are plugged, NASA officials said at a Thursday press conference. It's not yet clear how long that will take. Then, there's the issue with certification. The US Space Force, an arm of the military, still oversees all rocket launches from the United States East Coast, including NASA's Florida launch site, and that area is known as the "Eastern Range."

# PM Modi unveiling hologram of Netaji at India Gate

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**K**udos to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for unveiling a hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the occasion of his 125th birth anniversary. The Modi government in 2021 announced to observe January 23 as Parakram Diwas; to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bose. Whenever we hear the name Subhash Chandra Bose, the first thing that comes in our mind is a popular saying by him, "Tum Mujhe Khoon do main tumhe Azadi dunga".

As PM Modi said Netaji's statue will really inspire democratic values and future generations. It is nice that the grand statue of Netaji is completely hand sculpted using traditional techniques and modern tools. He has rightly said that the freedom struggle had involved the sacrifice of lakhs of people, but after Independence there was an attempt to erase their contribution.

Subhash Chandra Bose, popularly known as "Netaji", a great militant, freedom fighter and patriot was born at Cuttack, Orissa.

He was selected for the Indian Civil Service but he did not want to stay in England and serve the British government. He resigned from his Civil Service job in 1921 and returned to India after hearing of the national turmoil in India.

His political and ideological views were largely influenced by the Bhagavad Gita and he worked tirelessly to gain independence for India from British rule. He believed in the ideals of democracy, however, he also believed that pure democracy would not work in a post-colonial India.

He was a warrior, who had to wage the freedom struggle. Not only did he embrace the freedom movement wholeheartedly, but also became an inspiration for freedom. With the slogan "Give me blood and I will give you freedom", he started preparing to awaken the country. Bose's selfless contribution to India's Independence Movement and organizing and leading the Indian National Army is indispensable. His struggle of

Independence was highlighted during the Civil Disobedience Movement for which he had even been arrested. He was called "the Iron Man" for his strong demeanour.

According to him freedom cannot be attained solely by non-violent means; it also necessitates violence.

He actively participated in the Salt Satyagraha of 1930 and vehemently opposed the suspension of Civil Disobedience Movement and signing of the Gandhi-Irwin Pact in 1931.

He built a force and presented that force before the enemies of the country as the Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army). He gave the slogan of "Dilli Chalo" with a new spirit. Thousands of soldiers of his 60,000-strong army sacrificed their lives for the country. Despite his failure at leading a military revolt against the British Occupation, Bose was extremely successful in another area. In 1941, a Free India Radio was set up with help from Germany, on which Bose regularly spoke about the Indian Freedom Movement.

Due to his charisma and charm, he succeeded in generating a wave of support for the Indian Freedom Movement. Bose, a ferocious fighter and the embodiment of intellect, trailed throughout the globe, meeting prominent leaders from Germany, Italy, and Japan before forming the INA (Indian National Army) in 1941. Subhash Chandra Bose is an unforgettable national hero.

He had tremendous love for his country. Bose lived with this philosophy and also inspired others. Netaji encountered failures several times, but he converted those failures to triumph with his struggle. Today's young generation should learn a great deal about Subhash Chandra Bose and his life.

# Entertainment



## Allu Arjun's Pushpa craze inspires Ganapati Pandal

While the audience has been eagerly waiting for Allu Arjun's 'Pushpa: The Rule', the fever of its Pushparaj doesn't seem to settle down yet. Being a hub of Ganesh Utsav, the state of Maharashtra is celebrating its biggest festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, where everyone is in full swing to enjoy and seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha in a different way and interestingly, many people have chosen to celebrate the festival in a filmy way. The kind of rage that 'Pushpa: The Rise' has created among the masses is on a different level and is constantly rising in anticipation of its second part. The people of Maharashtra are celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi in wholly new and fresh ways.

A video of one of the Ganesh Pandal in Khetwadi, Mumbai was seen using a Pushpa theme in a very creative way and went viral. A video was posted by Allu Arjun's fan page on Twitter.

The organizer have dedicated one pandal to decorate it with a Pushpa theme among the 12 pandals. Among the 12 pandals, one of them was decorated with a Pushpa theme. And an interesting entry of Bappa in a Pushpa style could be seen in a video.



## Forever with you in everything: Anushka

Actor Anushka Sharma is a happy and proud wife as her husband Virat Kohli completed his 71st century in international cricket on Thursday in the Asia Cup 2022. Taking to Instagram, the 'Sultan' actor dropped pictures of her hubby Virat from the match along with a sweet caption. She wrote, "Forever with you through any and everything," with a heart emoji

In the series of pictures, Virat was seen celebrating his century during the match. As soon as the pictures were posted, the couple's friends chimed into the comment section.

Star Indian batter Virat Kohli completed his much-anticipated 71st international century and powered India to a massive 212/2 in their 20 overs during their last Super Four clash against Afghanistan at the ongoing Asia Cup 2022. After his 71st century in international cricket, Virat Kohli dedicated his ton to his wife and their daughter.

"Last two and a half years have taught me a lot. I am going to turn 34 in a month. So those angry celebrations are a thing of the past. Actually, I was shocked. This is the last format I thought. It was an accumulation of a lot of things. The team has been open and helpful. I know there was a lot of stuff going outside," said Virat after his innings to broadcasters.

"And I kissed my ring. You see me standing here because one person has put things in perspective for me. That's Anushka. This hundred is for her and for our little daughter Vamika as well. When you have someone next to you having conversations putting things in perspective, like Anushka has been... when I came back I was not desperate. Six weeks off I was refreshed. I realised how tired I was. Competitiveness doesn't allow it, but this break allowed me enjoy the game again," he added.

# CELEBS MOURN DEMISE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II



"What an incredible & truly celebrated life!!! She loved colors & lived every shade of it, in a single lifetime...The very embodiment of QUEEN!!! Rest in peace Queen Elizabeth II."

SUSHMITA SEN



"End of an era!! Through the toughest times she never let got of her dignity. Today is indeed a sad day, condolences to the family and the people of UK. #QueenElizabethII."

RITEISH DESHMUKH



"I, like so many, was deeply saddened by the news today and my thoughts are with The Royal Family, those she loved and all those who loved her. She leaves an incomparable legacy and will be profoundly missed."

DANIEL CRAIG



"Along with the rest of the nation, I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's passing. She was an inspiring presence to be around and led the country through some of our greatest and darkest moments with grace, decency and genuine caring warmth."

ELTON JOHN



"I'm mourning along with the rest of my country, the passing of a great Queen. I'm proud to call myself of the Elizabethan age. If there was a definition of nobility, Elizabeth Windsor embodied it."

HELEN MIRREN