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## Students feel uncomfortable with Navratri Festival celebrations till midnight



**Brena Soni**

Days after the celebration of Ganpati festival with no curbs, the Shinde camp MLA Prakash Surve has appealed to the Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to allow garba-dandiya till midnight during Navratri across Maharashtra. He reiterated that the state government needs to allow garba-dandiya till midnight across the state during Navratri.

When speaking to residents of Mumbai, few of them were in favour of late-night Garba celebrations, but most of them felt its unnecessary demand by the minister. The residents said the government should come up with guidelines for celebration, traffic supervision rules and crowd management.

A local resident named Divya told

Afternoon Voice that "We are very much excited about the Navratri festival and if the government permits till 12:00 pm, then we are happy as people could not celebrate any festival from the last two years".

Another resident, Nidhi said "The celebration of this festival is only for a few days so it won't affect much but people have options of leaving early from venue or stay back till midnight"

While some people stated that there should be some management if the celebrations are allowed till midnight, A local resident named Sanjeev said "There is no issue for the celebration of the Garba festival but there should be some arrangement for the traffic management".

"If people are playing Garba till 10 it should be allowed till 10:00 pm during weekdays and if allowed till 12:00 pm then

it should be only during weekends" stated a local resident named Dhruv.

When asked by some students they stated that the celebration of the festival should be there but for a limited time frame and the government should not allow people to celebrate till midnight as this may disturb studies.

A student named Aryan Narvekar told Afternoon Voice that "We are preparing for the SSC examination and we have to study so the celebration of the garbha Festival should be till 10:00 pm"

Another student named Amol said "The festival celebrations should not be till midnight as people going to work even they might face inconvenience to reach home"

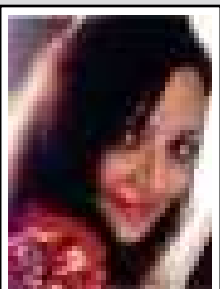
The Navratri Festival is all set to begin this year from September 26 till October 4 and also there are others which have allowed people for the Garba festival till

midnight with no curbs and some states have also started issuing identity cards for the people who would enter the grounds.

Surve, who was elected to the state assembly from Magathane constituency in north Mumbai, said that Navratri is being celebrated from September 26 to October 4 adding that Gujarat, Rajasthan and other states allow garba-dandiya up to midnight. Therefore, he urged the CM to give permission in Maharashtra too for playing garba-dandiya up to midnight. 'After Shinde-Fadnavis government came to power it removed all restrictions which paved the way for the grand celebration of Dahi Handi and Ganapati festival after almost two years in the state," said Surve. He pointed out that the garba-dandiya is being organised in the state and in North Mumbai in which people from all religions participate.

## Small-time gangsters are making their entries in Mumbai ?

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

For some strange reasons, the gangsters of Punjab want to eliminate actor Salman Khan. Punjab's Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav mentioned in a press conference that one of the three accused arrested in singer-politician Sidhu Moosewala murder case had conducted scouting of Khan's residence in Mumbai at the behest of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Bishnoi, who is the key accused and conspirator behind the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala, has his crime operations spread over five countries- India, Canada, Dubai, Austria, Mexico.

It is also believed that In India, Bishnoi's gang operates in seven states- Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Delhi, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh. Lawrence has over 65 criminal cases registered against him. He has also escaped from police custody once. The operations of the gang are completely digital. Around 1000 people are associated with the gang, which includes sharpshooters, crooks, and suppliers. They decided the targets of the gang through audio conferences from virtual numbers.

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A virtual phone number is a telephone number that is not bound to a fixed location. They can make or receive calls on any phone. They also do not require a SIM card or physical address. It uses internet technology to place calls. Bishnoi is the mastermind of this crime gang, whereas Goldy Brar is the backbone of the company. Lawrence's cousin, Sachin Bishnoi, heads the company's recruitment cell and target planning, while gangsters Anmol from Austria and Vikram Brar from Canada handle the company's finance deals.

Over the past few months, the Maharashtra police have taken action against gangs allegedly trying to get a foothold in the state, especially Mumbai. Two gangs, one bearing allegiance to Bishnoi, currently behind bars for allegedly ordering the hit on Moosewala, and the other linked to Harvinder Singh Rinda, associated with pro-Khalistan outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and suspected to be based out of Pakistan, have been on the radar of the state police over the past few months.

For decades, Bollywood has been an easy target of gangsters seeking extortion and publicity, which they used to further terrorise others. However, over the past few years, underworld gangsters notorious for making extortion calls in Mumbai, such as Dawood, Chota Shakil, Ravi Pujari, Ejaz Lakdawala and Chhota Rajan have been shunted out or shot by the Mumbai Police, majority of them being extradited. Once upon a time underworld controlled Mumbai, there were open shootouts and. Builders and film personalities used to pay them extortion amounts to live hazard free.

On June 6, nearly a week after Moosewala was shot dead in Punjab's Mansa district on May 29, a threat letter was found on a bench in Mumbai's Bandstand Promenade, where Salim Khan, scriptwriter and father of Salman Khan, usually sits after his morning walk. It reads "Salman Khan; soon you will meet Moosewala's fate)." Earlier, Bishnoi had planned an attack on Khan. The timing of the letter is being viewed by some in the security establishment as an act of exploiting the publicity generated through Moosewala murder to extort from Bollywood personalities.

Notorious goon Santosh Jadhav from Manchar in Pune district and his accomplice Saurabh Mahakal are also the suspects in the Moosewala murder case. Sourabh Mahakal, had claimed that a prominent filmmaker too was on the radar of Bishnoi's gang. Maharashtra police then began work on neutralising Pune-based Santosh Jadhav who they saw as a conduit for Bishnoi gang to spread its tentacles in Maharashtra. Jadhav and Mahakal had shot dead Omkar Bankhele in Ambegaon taluka last year. Since then the two have been missing. According to the reports, Jadhav and Mahakal had gone to Punjab, Rajasthan. Jadhav was arrested in Rajasthan for firing on a businessman for extortion. It was learned that he came in contact with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang in a jail in Rajasthan. Police have arrested around 14 persons in connection with two FIRs registered against Jadhav, alleged to be the local operator of the Bishnoi gang in Maharashtra. Jadhav's name too first cropped up in the connection with the Moosewala murder case. The Maharashtra police, which had already been looking for Jadhav in connection with a 2021 murder case, arrested him on the border of Pune-Ahmednagar districts. Mahakal was arrested and produced in court which remanded him in police custody till June 20.

The police have also identified the person who delivered the threat letter. The interrogation has also revealed that Vikram Barad is the brain behind the threat letter to Salman Khan. Barad is a resident of Hanumangad, Rajasthan. He has more than two dozen cases against him. Mumbai and the underworld has a very old relationship and Bollywood was always under attack. With this recent development, cops have geared up against gangsters' and are ready to shun them from Maharashtra.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Corruption-crusader Arvind Kejriwal is corrupt?

Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena seems to have approved the proposal to forward a complaint to the CBI about the alleged irregularities in the procurement of 1,000 low-floor buses by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC). The complaint was registered by the Chief Secretary of Delhi Transport Corporation on June 9. The complaint states that the appointment of the Minister of Transport as the Chairman of the Committee for tendering and procurement of buses by DTC in a pre-mediated manner, while the irregularities in the bid of July 2019 for procurement of 1000 low floor BS-IV and BS-VI buses and a bid of March 2020 for purchase and annual maintenance contract of low floor BS-VI buses.

Another irregularity that was found was that TATA Motors Ltd made a bid for 600 buses only. If these deviations had become necessary, DTC should have ensured that they did some kind of reasonableness test for the rates of the AMC, especially since the rates were far higher than what they were in earlier contracts. To say that they did not have the expertise is not a good enough response. A greater effort for understanding the market and a greater degree of due diligence in assessing the reasonableness of bids was required compared to what seems to have been demonstrated.

Only God knows, all the allegations of corruption against AAP and its ministers are mere allegations or they have a tell of corruption to tell.

**Akshita Dhurve**

### A shock to the world

The deaths of former Tata Group Chairman Cyrus Mistry and his friend Jehangir Pandole on September 4 has come as a huge shock to the world of commerce and industry. The cause of their deaths has been over speeding. May their souls rest in peace.

**Jubel D'Cruz**

### Financial aid to Pakistan

The US has announced aid worth \$450 million (roughly 3,500 crore rupees) to Pakistan for F-16 fighter jets. The Joe Biden Government has announced this package to Pakistan for the fight against terrorism. Nothing can be more ridiculous than the announcement of millions of dollars of financial aid to Pakistan to end the jihadi terrorism which was created by Pakistan itself! India has lodged a strong protest with the US in this regard. India has expressed displeasure with the matter and timing of this decision to US Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia Donald Lu. Pakistan will use the aid of millions of dollars to spread terrorism in India. For how many more years will India have to tolerate jihadi terrorism? So now India needs to respond in a language that the US understands! India should show that courage now.

**Aparna Jagtap**

### Repaying the debt unto ancestors

At present 60 to 80% people from developing foreign countries are suffering from mental illnesses. In the US one out of five suffers from a mental illness. Why is a study not done then about why in a developing spiritual country like Bharat the comparative rate of mental illness is less? Solutions to all problems do not lie in modern science and worldly development. That is precisely why foreigners come to Gaya (Bihar) to perform shraddha, pindadan and tarpan. Offering pinda in pitrupaksha is a medium of repaying the debt unto ancestors. So that the onward journey of your near and dear ones is pleasant and free of conflict and so that they attain a good status after death, the rite of shraddha is performed. The mantras from the rite of shraddha possess the subtle energy to liberate ancestors.

**Sagar Shirodkar**

# RECREATING RUKHMABAI REAL LIFE



**R**ukhmabai was an amazing lady. She more than deserves to be honoured by Google's doodle in the year 2017 and remembered for her achievements. She is one of the first of the India's women physicians. In terms of actual dates, the honour of being the first Indian woman physician (in the sense of studying and practicing modern medicine) goes to Kadambini Ganguly née Bose from Calcutta and to Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi (who obtained her medical degree from the United States).

Thanks Google for sharing this kind of informative news about the Women of Our Country. We had not known before. Inspirational article for empowering Indian Ladies, who accomplished phenomenal achievements in the field of science.

An earlier version of this report had said that Rukhmabai was the first woman physician in India. She is among the first. But Rukhmabai has another feather in her cap. If women in modern India can assert their rights of consent, it is

due to Rukhmabai refusing to recognise her marriage and the case filed by her husband thereafter.

Born on this day in 1864 in Bombay, Rukhmabai was the only daughter of Janardhan Pandurang and Jayantibai. She lost her father when she was eight years old and was married off at the age of 11 to Dadaji Bhikaji. Her mother later married Sakharam Arjun, an eminent physician and the founding member of Bombay Natural History Society.

Rukhmabai continued to stay with her mother and step-father even after marriage. Seven years later, Dadaji moved court seeking it to order his wife to live with him. Rukhmabai refused to move in with her husband stating that a woman cannot be compelled to stay in a wedlock when she is not interested. Her decision was supported by her step-father who helped her fight the case in the court. The Dadaji vs. Rukhmabai case that went on for three years triggered a debate in both England and India. The verdict went in favour of Dadaji. The

court ordered Rukhmabai to live with her husband or face six months imprisonment. A brave Rukhmabai said she was willing to opt for the latter.

The verdict was subsequently overruled by Queen Victoria. This prompted the government to bring the Age of Consent Act, 1891, despite opposition from conservative Indians.

Rukhmabai legally separated from her husband in 1888 and moved to England to study medicine. She got support from Dr. Edith Pechey of Bombay's Cama Hospital, activists, and fellow Indians in England to complete her course in the London.

School of Medicine for Women. She returned to India in 1894 and practised in Surat, Rajkot, and Bombay for the next 35 years. She passed away on September 25, 1955.

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## MNS leader been arrested for raping a woman over a promise of party ticket



**A** 43-year-old leader of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) has been arrested after a party worker lodged a complaint that he raped her after promising a ticket for the upcoming Mumbai civic polls and offering a party post, police said on Tuesday. The accused, identified as a former Vibhag Pramukh or division head of MNS, was arrested on Monday after the married party worker lodged a complaint with the VP Road police station.

A police official said the accused and the complainant have been in touch since 2020. The

woman, 43, claimed in her complaint that the MNS leader assured her that he will help her secure a ticket for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls and also allot her a post in the party, and raped her in July this year, as per the First Information Report (FIR). The complainant approached the MNS leadership after the accused failed to keep his promise, following which he was removed from the post of Vibhag Pramukh recently.

After the woman approached the police, a case of rape was registered at the VP road police station in Girgaon.

## 14 villages are included in the limits of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation



**A**s many as 14 villages from Thane tehsil in the district have been now included in the limits of the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, an official release said here on Tuesday. A preliminary notification to this effect has been issued following a directive by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, it said.

On account of this change, the Urban Development Department has asked the State Election Commission to postpone the elections to Gram Panchayats in Thane taluka to December, the release added. The villages that

have newly become part of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation are Dahisar, Mokashi, Valivali, Pimpri, Nighu, Navali, Vaklan, Bamali, Narivali, Bale, Nagaon, Bhandali, Uttarshiv and Goteghar.

## Woman loses Rs 8 lakh to cyber fraudster in customs scam

**A** 22-year-old woman was duped of Rs 8.2 lakh by a cyber fraudster claiming to be a surgeon from London wanting to send her a rakhi gift. The Dahisar police have lodged an FIR and are probing the case further. The complainant works as a sales executive with a private firm. On August 1, she received a follow request on Instagram from an unknown

handle "doctor.kzamesjayden". After she accepted the request they began to chat and shortly, shared her phone number. He would address her as 'sister.' and told her he was going shopping and would purchase gifts for her for Raksha Bandhan. He told her, on August 14, that he had sent her a gift but she would have to pay customs charges.

## CM Shinde points finger at Thackeray's MVA govt over Yakub grave 'beautification'

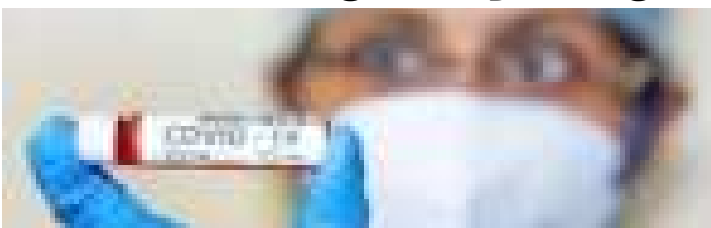
**C**M Eknath Shinde challenged the Uddhav Thackeray camp on Monday to come forward and clarify before Maharashtra as to who had backstabbed Balasaheb Thackeray and in whose tenure the grave of Yakub Memon had been decorated. "It is better to join hands with Modi and Shah, instead of enemies of the country like Dawood Ibrahim," he said. The Thackeray faction took a dig at deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis for allowing Yakub Memon's body to be buried at a cemetery



in Mumbai, saying Fadnavis had decided to hand over Yakub's body to his relatives. Meanwhile, on allegations of involvement of the Dawood Ibrahim gang in the

Bhendi Bazaar redevelopment project, Fadnavis on Monday said if the Dawood gang was seen to be active anywhere, strict action would be taken.

## As Covid graph sees a dip in Maharashtra, H1N1 cases surge to 5-year high



**A**s Covid-19 fades, other communicable diseases have started to make a comeback in the state. In fact, some infectious diseases like influenza H1N1 are now witnessing a surge in incidence, the highest in five years. Data

shared by the public health department on Monday showed that active cases of Covid have dropped by 54% over the last 40 days— from 12,808 on August 1 to 5,862 on September 12. Deaths are down to single digits for almost 50 days now.

## Shinde faction gets ready for Dussehra rally at BKC

**W**ith the BMC likely to go for the 'first come first served' formula for Shiv Sena's annual Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park, CM Eknath Shinde's faction on Monday said

that if they don't get permission to hold the rally at Shivaji Park, they will organize it at the MMRDA grounds in BandraKurla Complex. In the wake of the tussle over the Dussehra rally, chief minister

Eknath Shinde also said on Monday that the number of people present at his rally at Paithan was a "clear sign of which is the true Shiv Sena, the Shiv Sena of Balasaheb Thackeray."

## CR motormen turn saviours, lives of 12 saved on tracks between Apr-Aug

**I**t's a job of responsibility driving Mumbai's local train and ferrying lakhs of commuters daily to their destinations. But apart from that, there have also been these life saviours who have prevented people from dying on

the tracks -with 12 lives saved by motormen between April and August, a senior official from Central Railway said on Monday. Of the 12 lives saved in the past five months, four incidents were witnessed in August.

## Car catches fire on highway in Mumbai; Maha CM Shinde stops to help

**A** luxury car caught fire on Mumbai's Western Express Highway in the wee hours of Tuesday, an official said. Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, whose convoy was passing by, stopped to help the car occupant. No one was injured in the incident which took place in Vile Parle area on the highway, which is the major north-south arterial road in Mumbai, a fire official said. The fire department received a call about the blaze at 12.25am. Two



fire engines were rushed to the spot and the blaze was doused, he said.

# Nation

## Congress is "finished" in Gujarat: Delhi CM Kejriwal

Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday claimed that the Congress party is "finished" in Gujarat, where assembly polls will be held later this year.

Kejriwal's claim came in response to a reporter's question regarding a Congress leader's allegation during his visit to the poll-bound state, where AAP is presenting itself as a strong contender and alternative to the ruling BJP.

Congress had alleged that



the AAP government in Punjab is spending crores on ads for the Gujarat polls whereas Punjab is

"on the brink of bankruptcy".

Responding to the allegation, Kejriwal said, "Congress is

finished. You should stop taking their questions. People no more care about their questions."

Notably, the AAP supremo has urged the people on multiple occasions not to "waste their votes" on Congress. Kejriwal has pitched AAP as the "only alternative" to the BJP in the state.

After its landslide victory in the recently held Punjab Assembly elections, AAP is seeking to expand its footprints in other states.

AAP had made its debut in Gujarat in the 2017 Assembly

polls, but could not open its account. AAP's hopes in Gujarat have been fueled by its performance in the February 2021 Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) polls in which BJP won 93 seats, while Aam Aadmi Party bagged 27 seats and the Congress drew a blank.

Meanwhile, in the 2017 Assembly elections, Congress had given a scare to the ruling BJP by restricting its MLAs to 99 and winning 77 seats on its own. There are 182 assembly seats in Gujarat.

## DMK's A Raja stokes controversy over Shudra remark



DMK deputy general secretary A Raja stoked a controversy over his Shudra remark and drew BJP's ire with the saffron party accusing him of spewing hatred against a community to appease others.

Shudras, the Nilgiris MP claimed, were insulted in Manu-smrithi and denied equality, education, employment and entry into temples.

"You are a Shudra till you remain a Hindu. You are the son of a prostitute till you remain as Shudra. You are a Panchaman (Dalit) till you remain a Hindu. You are an untouchable till you remain a Hindu," Raja said while addressing a meeting of Dravidar Kazhagam here.

In a video that went viral in social media he was heard saying "how many of you wish to stay as children of prostitutes? How many of you wish to remain untouchables? Only if we are vocal about these questions, it will become elemental in breaking Sanathana (dharma)."

The former Union Minister claimed that the Supreme Court had ruled that if one is not a Christian, Muslim or Persian,

then one has to be a Hindu.

"Is there any other country meting out such cruelty?" he wondered. Raja, who took to Twitter to express his view, asked "Who are Shudras? Are they not Hindus? Why have they been insulted in Manu-smrithi and denied equality, education, employment and temple entry. The Dravidian movement, as a saviour of 90% of Hindus, questioned and redressed these, cannot be anti-Hindus."

Flaying him, BJP State chief K Annamalai termed his justification as "a sorry state of political discourse in Tamil Nadu."

"MP has yet again spewed hatred against one community with the sole aim of appeasing others. Very, very unfortunate mindset of these political leaders who think they own Tamil Nadu," he tweeted.

BJP Mahila Morcha national president Vanathi Srinivasan said Raja has insulted the women and Hindus on numerous occasions. This time too, he has spewed venom stating that all Shudras are children of prostitutes and they will remain so until they remain in Hinduism.

## UP Govt starts survey of unrecognized madrassas; UK CM Dhami also announced the same

Uttar Pradesh government started a survey in unrecognized madrassas to ascertain information on the number of students, teachers, curriculum and its affiliation with any non-government organization. Also, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami informed that the Uttarakhand government will conduct a survey of all madrassas in the state.

The survey will be on the basis of 12 aspects, according to the government order in Uttar Pradesh. The teams of officials for the Madrassas survey have been constituted by District Magistrate (DM) as per government order.

"As per government orders, a survey of all unrecognized Madrasas is to be done. The DM has constituted teams of officials, Tehsil-wise. Survey work will start today on the basis of 12 points," SDM Arvind Kumar Singh said.

CM Yogi Adityanath's gov-



ernment is taking a fully active approach regarding the education system in madrassas as all the District Magistrates (DMs) have been issued instructions regarding the survey.

Once the survey is conducted it has also been instructed to hand over the report to the Additional District Magistrate (ADM) after which ADM will present the consolidated statements to the District Magistrates (DMs).

"Survey of all madrasas will

be done in Uttarakhand too. Many types of things come up from time to time, so it is very important to conduct a proper survey of madrassas at once. We will get them surveyed, these institutions should also be fine for us, so the survey is very important," CM Dhami told to agencies.

Dhami also announced the release of the recruitment calendar by the Uttarakhand Public Service Commission in a week.

## IIT Roorkee professor found dead in his apartment

An IIT-Roorkee professor was found dead inside his apartment here on Monday, police said.

Kailash Chand Gupta, professor in the Chemistry department, who used to live in the fifth-floor apartment, was found dead on a chair.

Another professor from the neighborhood had informed the security administration on Monday of a strong odor emanating from his neighbor's flat. Profes-

sor Gupta was not seen by anyone for the last 4-5 days, police said.

After the administration informed the Roorkee police, cops reached the spot and broke open the door of Professor Kailash's flat. The professor was found dead in his chair. The body was sent for post-mortem. Professor Kailash was 63 years old. Professor Gupta was unmarried and used to live alone in the flat, police said.

Dr Yogendra Singh Rawat, the SSP of Haridwar told to the agencies that the professor's body was found inside the apartment and it had been sent for post-mortem.

"After looking at the body, it seems it is 4-5 days old. He was inside the room for the last few days and he was found dead on his chair. We have sent the body for post-mortem so that the actual reason for his death can be ascertained," the Haridwar SSP said.

# World

## Imran Khan's bail extended till Sept 20 in anti-terrorism case

Former Pakistani Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan's bail was extended till September 20 in an anti-terrorism case.

An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Islamabad on Monday granted an extension in the pre-arrest bail plea of Imran Khan in a terror case for allegedly threatening Additional Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry during a public rally in Islamabad on August 20, reported agencies.

Last month, the court took notice of the former prime minister's speech at a public rally, where he allegedly threatened Islamabad additional sessions judge Zeba Chaudhry for extending PTI leader Shahbaz Gill's remand.



The party had moved the Islamabad High Court (IHC) to grant Khan transit bail till August 25, but the court had directed the former premier to approach an ATC as it was a terror case.

The FIR registered against Khan states that he threatened Additional Sessions Judge Zeba Chaudhry and police officers at

a rally in F-9 Park to "terrorise" police officials and the judiciary, reported.

The main aim was to prevent the police officers and judiciary from carrying out their legal obligations, states the FIR. The FIR was registered on the complaint of Magistrate Ali Javed in Islamabad's Margalla Police Station under Section 7 of ATA.

## India to hold over 200 G20 meetings across the country during its Presidency

India will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, and during its Presidency, it is expected to host over 200 G20 meetings across the country.

The G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10, 2023 in New Delhi, read the Ministry of External Affairs press release.

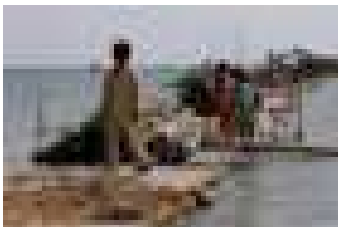
The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises 19 countries - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Ara-

bia, South Africa, Turkey, UK, USA - and the European Union (EU). Collectively, the G20 accounts for 85 per cent of global GDP, 75 per cent of international trade and two-thirds of the world population, making it the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

India is currently part of the G20 Troika (current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies) comprising Indonesia, Italy and India. During its Presidency, India, Indonesia and Brazil would form the troika.

This would be the first time when the troika would consist of three developing countries and emerging economies, providing them with a greater voice, added the release.

## Pak floods add to misery of already marginalised people of Sindh



Floods that devastated parts of Pakistan have left thousands in despair, however, it has added to the miseries of the already marginalized people of Sindh.

Experts warn that Sindh province of Pakistan is witnessing erratic rains and weather conditions, which has added to the plight of Hindus, who have already been facing adversity and severe institutional discrimination in Pakistan, reported Islam Khabar.

"I was running behind cars, which came to distribute the ration. I ran and ran for ration but did not get it. Instead got scratches on my leg and arm," says a Hindu community member who is a farmer and the flood affected the roadside of Badin-Mirpurkhas. As she shows her injuries, she reiterates that pain is a more painful empty stomach. Pakistan has lost more than

1,000 people to floods, and about 33 million are displaced.

Homes are inundated, roads and bridges swept away, and there are still many dead bodies that are missing. Sindh and Balochistan have suffered heavily, but Sindh is worse affected, reported Islam Khabar.

Badin, Dadu, or anywhere in the flood-affected areas of Sindh, affected have similar stories to share and at the core of complaints is the fact that the state has done nothing. Instead, it treats people like trash.

Moreover, the government's camp at Government Polytechnic Institute at Dadu is pathetic, people live in conditions that are worse even for animals to live, reported Islam Khabar.

"Flood damaged our homes and now we are left to die by the government," says an old woman in Badin.

Not many were ready to speak about their sufferings, as they feared the wrath of influential people. They were displaying their ID cards to show that they are residents who have suffered from floods. Some of them could not suppress their anger, reported Islam Khabar.

## China promoting Taliban for better business deals in Afghanistan

China is currently engaged in pampering the Taliban, which finds itself in a state of diplomatic isolation. Its focus is on business with hopes of a better deal. It is towards this end that China is walking the extra mile to offer a helping hand to the Taliban regime firstly in the matter of travel ban exemptions, and secondly, in grappling with its economic and humanitarian crisis, reported Al Arabiya Post. China's recent efforts to promote and support the Taliban 2.0 re-

gime indicate that it is getting ready to recognize the government currently in place in Afghanistan.

On the one hand, it is building a case for international recognition of the Taliban and for the continuance of the waiver of the travel ban on Taliban leaders. On the other hand, it is engaged in what is much more than business and cultural diplomacy to broaden its footprint in Afghanistan.

The state-run Communist Party of China (CPC) media has,

in recent months, run a concerted campaign to show how the Taliban 2.0 have fairly handled the security situation and taken steps to improve the economy in Afghanistan, reported Al Arabiya Post.

These media report also highlight the contribution of China and its companies in bringing prosperity to the country. Business activity combined with cultural diplomacy suggests that China is getting ready to recognize Taliban 2.0.

## India, China completes disengagement process in eastern Ladakh

Armies of India and China on Tuesday completed the disengagement process in the Gogra Heights-Hot Springs area near Patrolling Point-15 in the eastern Ladakh sector, according to government sources.

The two sides have also completed verification of each other's positions adapter pulling back troops from friction point.

The process started on September 8 after the discussions between the two sides during the 16th round of corps commander level.

Both armies were supposed to move back from their present positions towards their respective



sides of the LAC and verify each others' positions after that. The two sides have now resolved all the friction points that came up after the May 2020 aggression by

the Chinese army in an attempt to alter the status quo on the LAC.

The disengagement process included the dismantling of infrastructure built by the two sides at the location where they had deployed troops and other assets.

The previous locations from where they had disengaged included the Galwan area and the two banks of the Pangong lake in eastern Ladakh.

Earlier, in response to a media query earlier, MEA Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the disengagement process in the area will be completed by September 12.

# Media made smother path for Hindi

- Satish Singh

For almost 200 years, the media has been working to expand Hindi on a global scale. The name of the first Hindi newspaper was Udant Martand, which was published in Kolkata in 1826 and played an important role in the promotion of Hindi. Today's media, including print, electronic, social or web media, are using Hindi as a medium of communication, as Hindi is the language of a large population of the country and the medium of communication for many non-Hindi speaking people. Because, today, this has become a means of earning for a large population.

Radio started in India in the third decade of the twentieth century, while Doordarshan started in the sixth decade of the twentieth century. Private TV channels came to India in the nineties of the twentieth century. The Internet also came in this decade, but social media and web media came to India in the first decade of the twenty-first century. With the arrival of these new faces of the media, there was an unprecedented speed in the spread of Hindi in the country and abroad. Hindi is heard and learned even in the states where Hindi was not spoken earlier.

Dainik Bhaskar, a Hindi daily, is today the most circulated newspaper in the country. The total circulation of Dainik Bhaskar Group

newspapers in the period January to June 2019 was more than 54 lakhs. It is noteworthy that this number is more than one million from the second-ranked Times of India group.

Today, news, advertisements and programs are being broadcasted on TV in Hindi language. Hindi is also dominated by social and web media. Hindi newspapers are being published from abroad. For example, the newspaper "Hum Hindustani" is being published from America. Many Hindi portals are also being operated from abroad. For example, Hindi literary portal "Setu" is being operated from Pittsburgh, USA.

According to Ethnologue, the 22nd edition of the World Language Database, English is the most widely spoken language in the world, with Mandarin in second place and Hindi in third place. About 113 crore people speak English, while 62 crore people speak Hindi. Today Hindi is spoken and understood prominently in more than 3 dozen countries. Hindi is the second most popular language in America after English.

Hindi language literature is very rich. It is full of emotions, heroism, devotion etc. It is compared with the best literature of the world. Hindi literature has been continuously enriching since the last 1200 years. The Hindi language has inherited a rich vocabulary of many languages and dialects. Hindi has openly

accepted words from Arabic-Persian, Urdu, English, Sanskrit, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya and dialects of Awadhi, Magahi, Bhojpuri, Brajbhasha, Bundelkhandi etc. People of the country and abroad are also learning Hindi to read Hindi books, Indian cultures etc. Many people learned Hindi by reading the novel "Chandrakanta Santati" which was written by Devaki Nandan Khatri.

Hindi language is also technically flexible, as it can be easily used on computer, internet, social and web media. Today a large number of books, newspapers and magazines are being published in Hindi language on topics related to technology and business. Hindi has become internet and computer friendly. Hindi is also the language of email, social media, and web media. Hindi has become the vehicle of development of science and technology and business. Today, books related to science and business are being translated into Hindi. Business newspapers are being published in Hindi, in which the names of Business Standard, Financial Express and Economic Times can be taken prominently.

Social media originated in the first decade of the 21st century. Social media is conducted through the Internet. Social media like Orkut was very popular during the year

2007. Later came Facebook. At present, Instagram, Twitter, Google, WhatsApp etc., are popular social medias. Hindi language is being used the most in all these social media.

Hindi is the language of the people and because of the media today Hindi is being spoken and understood the most in India. Although defective Hindi or Hinglish is also being used in electronic, social and web media, but it cannot be considered as a hindrance in the development of Hindi. Due to this, Hindi is getting rich continuously. Most of the films are being made in Hindi because film is the most popular medium of entertainment and partly education. Films of desi and foreign languages are being dubbed in Hindi and served to Hindi speaking and understanding audience, due to which its popularity is increasing rapidly. With the advent of OTT platform, we can watch movies and plays made in Hindi language by staying in any corner of the world.

The first condition of becoming a global language is that more and more people communicate in that language, it can assimilate the words of other languages, its literature should be rich etc. If seen, Hindi meets all these criteria. This is the reason why it is today expanding rapidly in the world.

## Entertainment

# Lee Jung-jae, Zendaya wins best lead actor in Emmy Awards



Emmy Awards were full of surprises with a few unexpected ones topping the winners' list and many expected names like Ted Lasso's Jason Sudeikis and Zendaya making a comeback this season.

This year the contention for Emmys was quite cut-throat with the best of the Television and Web world being nominated against each other.

Check out the full list of winners below to see if your favorite actor or series made the cut!

- ★ Best Drama Series - Succession (HBO)
- ★ Best Comedy Series - Ted Lasso (Apple TV+)
- ★ Best Limited or Anthology Series - The White Lotus (HBO)
- ★ Lead Actor in Drama Series - Lee Jung-Jae (Squid Game)
- ★ Lead Actress in a Drama Series - Zendaya (Euphoria)
- ★ Lead Actor in a Comedy Series - Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso)
- ★ Lead Actress in a Comedy Series - Jean Smart (Hacks)
- ★ Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie - Michael Keaton (Dopesick)
- ★ Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie - Amanda Seyfried (The Dropout)
- ★ Supporting Actor in a Drama Series - Matthew Macfadyen (Succession)
- ★ Supporting Actress in a Drama Series - Julia Garner (Ozark)
- ★ Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series - Brett Goldstein (Ted Lasso)
- ★ Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series - Sheryl Lee Ralph (Abbott Elementary)
- ★ Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie - Murray Bartlett (The White Lotus)
- ★ Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie - Jennifer Coolidge (The White Lotus)
- ★ Directing for a Drama Series - Hwang Dong-hyuk for Squid Game
- ★ Directing for a Comedy Series - MJ Delaney for Ted Lasso
- ★ Directing for a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie - Mike White for The White Lotus
- ★ Writing for a Drama Series - Succession Written by Jesse Armstrong
- ★ Writing for a Comedy Series - Abbott Elementary Written by Quinta Brunson
- ★ Writing for a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie - The White Lotus Written by -- Mike White
- ★ Competition Program - Lizzo's Watch Out for the Big Grrrls (Amazon Prime Video)
- ★ Variety Talk Series - Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO)
- ★ Variety Sketch Series - Saturday Night Live (NBC)

# Mahesh Babu joins hands with SS Rajamouli for his next action adventure



Mahesh Babu joined hands with one of the most celebrated directors in Indian cinema SS Rajamouli whose films 'Bahubali', 'Bahubali 2' & 'RRR' among many others have left a huge impact on the audience.

Babu is currently busy doing an epic action entertainer with wizard of words Trivikram Srinivas movie 'SSMB28' that went on floors on September 12. Rajamouli disclosed that his film with Mahesh Babu is going to be a globetrotting action adventure. The director is currently in the USA to attend a film festival where some of his movies are screened.

While speaking with the media, Rajamouli made the revelation about the film's genre. As the genre suggested, the story is set in different locations across the world.

Mahesh Babu did action roles in many of his films, but Rajamouli who is the master of commercial cinema is going to show the superstar in a one-of-a-kind role and the director is working on

the script of the movie.

This movie will roll after Mahesh Babu is done with Trivikram Srinivas' movie. Meanwhile, on the work front, Mahesh Babu was last seen in the hit Telegu film 'Sarkaru Vaari Paata'.

The movie also starred Keerthy Suresh and was directed by Parasuram Petla. It was released in theatres on May 12. In the film, Mahesh played the role of a US-based money lender, who travels to India for personal reasons.

But, as the story proceeds further, he is drawn into a woman's life, who has suffered from the nexus between politicians and banking officials. He then takes a pledge to help the woman and ends up fixing the banking system in the country.

The film wasn't received well by critics and didn't do expected business at the box office either. However, it did manage to be a profitable one, owing to Mahesh Babu will also be seen sharing the big screen with Pooja Hedge in 'Jana Gana Mana'.

# Zendaya bags Emmy award for her role in Euphoria



Zendaya has won yet another Emmy for her performance in the celebrated series 'Euphoria'!

On Tuesday, Zendaya bagged the Emmy award for 'Lead Actress in a Drama' for her portrayal of Rue Benett in Euphoria. This is Zendaya's second Emmy award. She won her first in 2020 for Euphoria. Zendaya has a total of four Emmy nominations this year.

Apart from 'Lead Actress in a Drama series', she is nominated for her work as an executive producer on the second season of 'Euphoria' and two Outstanding Original Music and

Lyrics nominations for the songs 'Elliot's Song' and 'I'm Tired', both featured on 'Euphoria' season two, which is nominated Outstanding Drama category.

For her role as Rue in 'Euphoria', she already made history in 2020 by becoming the youngest lead actress drama winner (24 at the time), and only the second-ever Black woman to win the category, following Viola Davis for 'How to Get Away With Murder'.

Based on the Israeli series of the same name, which was created by Ron Leshem and Daphna Levin from HOT, Euphoria follows a group of high school students in the town of East Highland, including Zendaya's 17-year-old drug addict Rue, through their experiences of identity, trauma, drugs, family, friendships, love and sex.