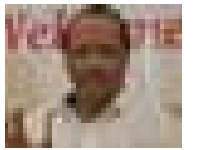




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## SETBACK FOR NARAYAN RANE

### UNION MINISTER FINED OVER ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION, COURT ORDERS DEMOLITION

Union minister Narayan Rane's bungalow in Juhu area made a lot of altercations which were illegal. The Bombay High Court directed BMC to demolish the illegal construction at Union minister Narayan Rane's bungalow in Juhu area, noting that it violated the Floor Space Index (FSI) and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) rules.

A division bench of Justices R D Dhanuka and Kamal Khata said the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation

(BMC) cannot be permitted to consider and allow the second application filed by a company run by the Rane family, seeking regularisation of the unauthorised construction as it would encourage "wholesale unauthorised constructions".

The court directed the BMC to demolish the unauthorised parts within a period of two weeks and submit a compliance report to the court one week thereafter. The bench also imposed a cost of ₹ 10 lakh on Mr Rane and directed

for the amount to be deposited towards the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority within two weeks. Mr Rane's advocate Shardul Singh sought that the court stay its order for six weeks so that he could approach the Supreme Court in appeal. The bench, however, rejected it.

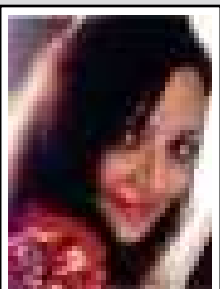
The court dismissed the petition filed by Kaalkaa Real Estates, a company owned by Mr Rane's family seeking directions to the BMC to decide their second application uninfluenced by the

orders passed by the civic body earlier. The BMC had in June this year rejected the regularisation application, noting that there were violations in the construction.

The company filed a second application in July, saying it was seeking regularisation of a smaller portion as compared to what it had sought previously, and under new provisions of the Development Control and Promotion Regulation 2034.

## Shinde-BJP alliance won more than 50 percent seats in panchayat elections

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Dr. Vaidehi

The ruling Eknath Shinde-BJP alliance and the deportee Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) have both claimed victory in Gram Panchayat elections held three days ago. While Devendra Fadnavis believed the BJP has become the number 1 party in Maharashtra again. On the other hand NCP's Ajit Pawar claimed the MVA has won most of the seats. The Sharad Pawar-led NCP came a distant second, while the Congress stands third in the tally and Uddhav Thackeray's faction is fourth. BJP's Maharashtra unit president Chandrashekhar Bawankule claimed

that 259 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-supported candidates and 40 nominees backed by the Shiv Sena faction headed by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde have been elected as sarpanches.

More than 50 per cent of the newly-elected sarpanches are supporters of the Shinde-BJP alliance. In Nashik, out of 88 gram panchayats in Nashik, NCP won 41, Thackeray faction 13, the BJP and Congress five each, Shinde camp one, and CPM eight.

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# Shinde-BJP alliance won more than 50 percent seats in panchayat elections

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In Pune, out of 61 gram panchayats in Pune, NCP won 30, six were held unopposed, the BJP and Shinde camp three each and local alliances won 23. Yavatmal (70 gram panchayats), Congress won 33, BJP 20, NCP nine, Thackeray faction three and local alliances six. In the sugarcane-rich Ahmednagar, NCP won 20 gram panchayats, BJP 16 and local alliances nine. Nandurbar (75 gram panchayats): BJP registered victory in 42 gram panchayats, Shinde camp won 28.

Voting for elections to 547 gram panchayats spread across 16 districts of the state was held on Sunday and 76 per cent turnout was reported. The elections were held on a non-party basis and the counting of votes was taken up on Monday. Besides elections to gram panchayats, direct polls for the post of village sarpanches were also held. The elections were held on a non-party basis and counting of votes was taken up on Monday. Besides elections to gram panchayats, direct polls for the post of village sarpanches were also held.

The opposition MVA, comprising the Shiv Sena, Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Congress, presented different figures. According to them, the BJP has won 144 seats, NCP has won 126 seats, the Congress has won 62 seats, the Shinde Sena has won 41 and Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena has won 37. By the MVA's count, therefore, it has won 225 of 494 seats while the Eknath Shinde-BJP alliance has won 185 seats. Senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar stressed that the rural polls are not contested on party symbols.

Meanwhile, elections for 1,166 Gram Panchayat in Maharashtra will take place on October 13. The 1,166 Gram Panchayats are spread in 18 districts. The polling will take place to elect Sarpanch and Gram Panchayat members. Voting will be conducted in all the villages going to polls on October

13 from 7.30 am to 5:50 pm. In the Maoist-hit areas, polling will end at 3 pm. Counting of votes will take place on October 14.

The results of these elections have reaffirmed the faith of the people in the Shinde-Fadnavis government? In June, 39 Shiv Sena MLAs under the leadership of Shinde had revolted against Uddhav Thackeray. After this the Shiv Sena-Congress-NCP government led by Thackeray fell. Then Shinde formed a new government with the BJP in the state.

In the meantime Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction has got permission for the Dussehra rally at BKC ground in Mumbai. At the same time, Uddhav Thackeray will rally at Shivaji Maidan. Shiv Sena factions had claimed to hold their rallies at the iconic Shivaji Park. However, earlier both the parties had sought permission to hold a rally on Dussehra in BKC. Shinde faction has got permission to hold its rally in BKC. But no decision has been taken by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation for the Shivaji Park ground. Spokesperson Arvind Sawant said that on the basis of first-come-first-served principle, they will get permission for the rally at Shivaji Park.

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# Voices



## Letters to the Editor

### The joys of having a daughter

National Daughters' Day is celebrated on September 25 and it is a day to celebrate and cherish our daughters who bring in so much of love into our lives. Although we don't really need a reason to celebrate our children, it's nice to be given the opportunity to pay our daughters some extra attention and show them how much they are loved.

Daughters are often deemed as 'Lakshmi'. The day signifies the importance of females in society and how girls are no less than boys in any spheres of life.

Daughters bring a certain kind of joy into our world. Like all children, they have their own personalities and strengths.

The joy of raising a daughter into a fully-grown woman means a lot to parents, thereby showing that a girl child needs special treatment as the flower of the house.

Daughters' Day is celebrated to honour our daughters and to appreciate all that they do for the family. It is a special day set out to celebrate girls for being equal opportunity human beings.

Jubel D'Cruz

### Chant the name of Deity Datta

By chanting the Name of Deity Datta in Pitru-paksha the onward sojourn of the ancestors is faster. Hence, during this period, chant for at least six hours daily. If the problem is severe in nature, chant 'Shri Gurudev Datta' for at least four to six hours daily. Perform rites like Tripindi Shraddha where Jyotirlingas (Powerful Divine lingas (Sacred symbols of Deity Shiva) situated at 12 places in Bharat) are situated. Along with these, perform spiritual practice at a seat of worship of Deity Datta or serve a Saint to receive His blessings. Some foreigners even come to Bharat to perform the rituals of pindadan and tarpan to liberate the souls of their near and dear ones. Famous Hollywood actor Sylvester Stallone was constantly aware of the soul of his deceased son because of which he sent his entire family to Haridwar to perform pindadan and shraddha for the repose of his soul.

Ramchandra Lugade

### Game, Set & Match on a career that was full of life!

It is Game, Set & Match for 41-Yr-Old Roger Federer as he decides to hang his boots but will go down in the history as one of the greatest tennis players ever to have played the game. He was cool as a cucumber on the tennis arena & no amount of tantrums from his opponents ever bothered him which was reason of his mass popularity & success.

20 Grand Slam titles is no mean achievement which would have been more but for the fact that he was bothered by injuries in the later part of his career. He was a treat to watch & gracious personified. A magician with the racquet & a charmer with his behaviour. Federer was a master on all surfaces which made him the greatest of all time. Well played Roger Federer. A glittering career finally comes to an end but he will be remembered as long as tennis is alive!

S. N. Kabra

# How New-Age Education is defined by Innovation



Today, a mix of traditional offline methods and new online tools forms the key for success. With constant evolution, we need to adapt at a relentless pace where coherent changes in the learning ecosystem with a futuristic approach are needed. Classroom continuity is permanently embedded in the current teaching methods and by quickly adapting to the changing scenarios, we can accelerate the transformation of making learning centres more student centric. The way forward in the new normal has now become clear and is helping stakeholders shape the current education landscape. Different elements of the new age education system include the following:

#### Driving the future

As tech-enabled solutions creates ways for easy delivery of lessons, the concept of hybrid learning is becoming more popular. In addition to helping institutions run classes, it has also bridged the gap between home and school education. Online video communication tools have enabled schools to transform into e-learning platforms out of necessity. Schools find these ed-tech solutions to be convenient, especially during these volatile times, to enhance learning exercises.

#### Skill-based learning

Today, there is focus on skill-based/practical learning over conventional methods, which is important as they help prepare a future ready workforce. This will help students go through an immersive learning experience

to help them present their skills across organisations and portfolios as they move from school to college. The NEP has set a goal to educate teachers to help them deliver skill-based learning and teach problem-solving methods to students in the era of digital transformation.

#### Preferring technology subjects

The new age is witnessing the introduction of tech-based courses at the school level; subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science, Cybersecurity, and Blockchain are all seeing an upward trend. Today, students yearn to be abreast with the latest technologies and topics that will help them be in sync with transformations happening worldwide. Teachers are also being trained in these subjects to pass on that knowledge to students.

#### Adaptive learning is key

This assists students in learning as efficiently and effectively as possible. Adaptive learning is vital as students are exposed to multiple courses. During the course of education, they must grasp facts and knowledge from these diverse disciplines while exhibiting analytical capabilities, problem-solving skills and a good memory. Educators should also be aware of all that their learners are struggling with, so they can quickly adapt instructions to the changing requirements.

#### Innovative assessment

Just like student learning, assessment of learning has also changed. Teachers use a variety of performance-based assess-

ments to evaluate student learning. Tests that measure a student's ability to memorise and recall facts are no longer the sole means of assessing student learning. Instead, teachers use student projects, presentations, as well as other quantitative and qualitative assessments to determine students' achievement and their individual needs.

#### Socio-emotional learning

Today, schools ensure that the mental health of students is at its best to ensure better relationships and interactions among them as well as with teachers. Adding a collaborative touch to learning has also become important in the online age. Psychology is an important focus for schools, wherein counsellors play a key role in addressing the needs and anxieties of students.

Thus, it can be said that education is a non-linear process where skills and knowledge, both formally and informally, are upgraded continuously. Hubs of innovation will emerge around the world that will test, enhance, and prove new approaches of learning. If we can crack the education access challenge and give every student a better opportunity, the potential to expand new systems of learning is enormous.

- Vijay GarG

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## Vedanta decided to move project to Gujarat during MVA rule is lie: Ajit Pawar

**N**CP leader Ajit Pawar on Tuesday dubbed as "complete lies" the Maharashtra government's claim that Vedanta-Foxconn had decided to take their project to Gujarat when the Maha Vikas Aghadi was in power in Maharashtra.

The Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government and the opposition have been holding each other responsible for the multi-billion project going to neighbouring Gujarat.



The joint venture semiconductor project of the Indian conglomerate Vedanta and Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn,

proposed to be set up near Pune city earlier, will come up in Gujarat now.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led MVA government, which comprised the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress, collapsed in June this year after Shinde led a revolt against the Sena leadership. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnis on Friday alleged that a "10 per cent commission" had to be paid when the MVA

was in power for every subsidy that was announced.

Addressing a press conference in Mumbai on Tuesday, Ajit Pawar, the leader of opposition in the Maharashtra Assembly, challenged the government to conduct a probe into the charge that money was being asked by some in the MVA government which led to the (Vedanta-Foxconn) company deciding to set up its plant in Gujarat.

### CM Eknath Shinde appoints Chandrakant Patil as sub-committee head of the panel



In the chief minister's office discussion of the committee said that will be following up on the legal and technical aspects to ensure the Maratha community will be getting its quota.

In the discussion of this matter state ministers Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, Girish Mahajan, Dada Bhuse, Shambhuraj Desai and Uday Samant are other members of the committee were present.

Earlier the head of the sub-committee was former minister Ashok Chavan under the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

The reservation of Maratha quota case had gone to supreme court and in the year 2021. The Supreme Court did not allow the reservation of Maratha quota in the state as it said "Unconstitutional".

**C**hief Minister of Maharashtra on Tuesday reconstituted the sub-committee for the reservation of Marathas to be implemented in education and government jobs for this panel discussion technical education minister Chandrakant patil has been appointed as the head of the panel.

### NIA gets 90-day extension to file charge sheet in pharmacist murder

**A** special court here on Tuesday granted 90 days extension to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to file a charge sheet in the case of murder of pharmacist Umesh Kolhe in Maharashtra's Amravati city.

Kolhe was killed on June 21 after he shared on social media a post supporting suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma over her controversial remarks about Prophet Mohammad.

Ten people have so far been arrested in the case, while four are absconding, as per the probe agency. The NIA had sought more time to file the charge sheet,

saying in order to complete the chain of events (that led to the murder) with "cogent and reliable evidence", it will require another 90 days.

A counsel for the accused had opposed the NIA's plea. After hearing both the sides, special judge A K Lahoti granted 90 days time to the NIA to file the charge sheet.

The NIA had told the court that the accused were misleading the probe agency and as a result, they had to record statements of 20 witnesses last week and it will require time for corroboration.

The agency said the accused have the right to remain silent but they cannot mislead the probe.

### MACT dismisses accident claim, orders action against cop for fabricating

**T**he Motor Accident Claims Tribunal in Maharashtra's Thane district dismissed a claim made by the family of a man killed in an accident and ordered departmental action against a policeman of Navi Mumbai police for fabricating the case.

MACT H M Bhosale, in his order dated September 17, directed the police to also file a criminal case against the owner of a transport company for conniving to fabricate the case.

The claim was filed by the family of Rahul Mukesh Chandara Dixit, an employee of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd seeking compensation to the tune of Rs 1.99 crore.

The petitioners had claimed that on February 1, 2020 Dixit was travelling towards Shilphata via Mahape-Shilphata road on his two-wheeler, when a trailer dashed his vehicle from behind and ran over him.

Advocate K V Poojari appearing for Reliance General Insurance Co.Ltd, one of the respondents in the case, argued that the entire case was a concocted one.

After hearing the arguments, the tribunal observed that the case had been fabricated. The trailer owner, who owns a transport business, had colluded with the claimants and police to create eye-witnesses.

The claim was the outcome of mala fide intention on the part of the petitioners, who had planted the vehicle (the trailer) by joining hands with the trailer owner and the police, it said.

The tribunal observed that while the man had died after being hit by some unknown vehicle, the petitioners were not entitled to claim the compensation as the offending trailer was not involved in this accident

### Four booked for employing children, practising bonded labour in Palghar

**F**IR have been registered against four persons in Maharashtra's Thane and Palghar districts for allegedly employing children and practising bonded labour, police said on Tuesday.

The cases were registered at Padgha police station in Thane and Jawhar police station in Palghar on Monday and no arrests have been made so far, an official said. According to the police, the case registered

in Jawhar was against Deoram Kandadkar and Pundalik Kandadkar, who had allegedly taken two sisters, aged six and eight, to Akole in Ahmednagar and employed them to graze sheep and goats.

The parents of the girls in Jawhar were paid a meagre sum for the work done by the children since March 2021 till this month, the official said.

Similarly, two FIRs were registered against Bhiva Goikar

and Sambaji Khatal of Raigad and Ahmednagar, who had allegedly employed two boys, aged 17 and 12, from Padgha over the last couple of years, he said.

Based on complaints lodged by the parents of the victims, the cases were registered under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act and Juvenile Justice Act, the official added.

### Man killed by unidentified persons in Mumbra

**A** 20-year-old man was killed by unidentified persons in Mumbra town of Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Tuesday.

The body of Mohammad Ittehad Mohammad Abdul Vashid, a

native of Malda in West Bengal, was found in a house in Kausa area of the town on Monday morning, an official said.

An offence under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered

against unidentified persons, the station house officer of Mumbra police station said. The victim's throat had been slit with a sharp weapon, he said, adding that the body has been sent for post-mortem to a government hospital.

# Nation

## BJP slams Mehbooba Mufti's 'Hindutva' agenda remark

After former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti accused the central government of spreading the BJP's "Hindutva" agenda, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former J-K Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta slammed the PDP leader for making everything controversial. Calling out Mufti's remarks, Gupta said that "may the PDP leader be blessed with good thoughts".



Mehbooba Mufti tries to make everything controversial. She has been trying to mislead the public regarding the bhajan

'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' being sung in a school in Kashmir," Gupta told agencies.

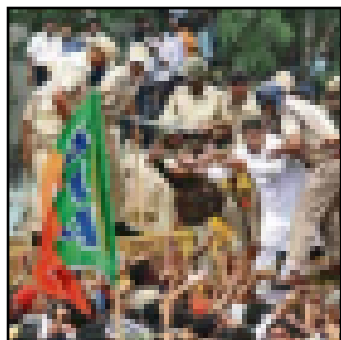
He further slammed Mufti and said, "The bhajan also has 'Ishwar Allah tero naam, sabko sanmati de bhagwaan'. May Mehbooba Mufti get this sanmati."

His remarks came after the PDP leader on a micro-blogging site shared a video from a school in the valley. The school is located in Kulgam where the teachers can be seen singing a

bhajan while the students join the tune and wave their hands.

Taking to Twitter, she slammed the government and wrote, "Jailing religious scholars, shutting down Jama Masjid and directing school kids here to sing Hindu hymns exposes the real Hindutva agenda of Government of India in Kashmir. Refusing these rabid dictates invites PSA and UAPA. It is the cost that we are paying for this so-called 'Badalta J&K'.

## BJP holds massive protest against Rajasthan govt for cattle deaths



The Bharatiya Janata Party held a massive protest over the death of thousands of cattle in Rajasthan due to Lumpy skin disease. As per reports, Lumpy disease is a viral disease that affects cattle. It is transmitted by blood-feeding insects, such as certain species of flies and mosquitoes, or ticks. It causes fever and nodules on the skin and can lead to the death of the cattle.

Rajasthan BJP chief Satish Poonia climbed atop a police barricade during the party's protest

in Jaipur. Earlier, in an unusual incident on Monday, Pushkar BJP MLA Suresh Rawat reached the Rajasthan Assembly along with a cow. The act was carried out with the aim to protest against the spread of Lumpy disease in livestock.

As soon as the BJP MLA reached the spot and started giving a statement, the cow ran away. On September 19, Rajasthan Chief Minister took note of the issue and said that the addressal of the lumpy disease is the state government's priority however the vaccines for the same would be given by the Centre.

"I called a meeting on August 15 regarding lumpy skin disease and called the leaders of the opposition, talked to everyone, talked to the religious leaders, our priority is how to save the lives of cows from lumpy skin disease, but the central government will give the vaccines and medicines," tweeted CM Gehlot.

## Karnataka govt decides to withdraw 35 criminal cases

The Karnataka Cabinet has decided to withdraw 35 criminal cases registered in various police stations of the state. The Cabinet's decision came in accordance with the recommendation of a sub-committee. In the meeting that was held on Monday night, the Cabinet gave its nod over several matters including the appointment of civic workers as government employees.

The meeting at the Vidhan Soudha concluded with the nod to approve the appointment of civic workers who were performing duties on an outsourcing basis as gov-

ernment employees.

With this, the government will appoint 11,133 civil servants serving in the Municipal Corporations and other local bodies of the state as government employees under the special recruitment rules. 3,673 employees of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), 5,533 in municipal councils and 1,927 civil servants in municipal corporations are working on contract basis.

Now recruitment will be done as government employees and the civil servants will be working under the pay scale of Rs 17,000-28,980, the meeting concluded

## Jyotiraditya Scindia says will probe Bhagwant Mann

After a row over Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann allegedly being deplaned on a Delhi-bound flight from Germany allegedly because he was inebriated, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday said he will investigate the matter and has sought a detailed report from Lufthansa Airlines. On Monday, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Singh Badal levelled serious allegations against Mann and asked him to clarify media reports of him being deplaned from a flight from Frankfurt to Delhi on Sunday as he was "too drunk to walk" leading to a 4-hour delay in the flight. Scindia on Tuesday said that he will investigate the matter based on the requests made to him.



"This was an incident on international soil, will have to make sure to verify the details and facts. It's up to Lufthansa airlines to provide that data," Scindia said. India's aviation ministry received details about Mann's last-minute skipping of his Lufthansa Airways flight and on the basis of the details, the ministry

decided to seek a report in detail from Lufthansa. "Based on a request which has been sent to me... I will certainly look into the matter," Scindia told mediapersons. The Punjab chief minister was on a visit to Germany from September 11-18 to attract investments and strategic alliances in various sectors. Notably,

## Man carrying 1 kg gold inside his body arrested at Karipur airport

One person was arrested at Karipur airport, who was carrying one kilogram of gold inside four capsules in his stomach. The accused has been identified as Naufal (36), a native of Variamkode in the Malappuram district. He arrived at Karipur airport from Dubai on September 19.

He tried to smuggle 1.063 Kg of gold by concealing it as 4 capsules of the gold compound in his rectum. The police carried out a thorough inspection of his body and luggage but failed to recover the gold. Following this, Naufal



was taken to a private hospital at Kondotty and was subjected to a detailed medical examination. The X-ray revealed four capsules containing gold inside his stomach.

This is the 59th gold smuggling case being reported at Karipur airport within the past few months.

Strong tremors were felt in nearby Colima which is situated around 100 kilometers (62 miles) from the epicentre whereas light to moderate shaking was felt in Mexico City. Moreover, several buildings are closed by firefighters due to concerns of collapse, according to local media.

## World

# UK plans to replace Chinese language schools with teachers from Taiwan

A group of cross-party British lawmakers is in talks with Taiwan to provide Chinese language teachers to the United Kingdom as the government seeks to phase out Confucius Institutes, according to media reports.

Chinese state-linked Confucius language learning and teaching project has been under heavy scrutiny as the bilateral relations between China and the UK continue to deteriorate. Taipei Times reported that there are 30 branches of the institute operating across the UK. Notably, the schools are effectively joint ventures between a host university in Britain, a partner university in China and the Chinese International Education Foundation, a Beijing-based organization.

Earlier in 2014, current British Prime Minister Liz Truss had praised the network of Confucius



classrooms. Serving as education minister at the time, she said the institutes "will put in place a strong infrastructure for Mandarin" in the UK, as per agencies.

However, now the last week's reports suggested that she was prepared to declare China an "acute threat" to the UK's national security, placing it in the same category as Russia. Citing a study conducted by the China Research Group showed in June,

Taipei Times reported that almost all British government spending on Chinese-language teaching at schools is channelled through university-based Confucius Institutes.

As per the estimates, the amounts to at least PS7 million (US\$8.1 million) allocated from 2015 to 2024. Under the new proposal, the funding could be redirected to alternative programs such as those from Taiwan.

# Game over for Shehbaz govt as Pakistan reels under economic distress: Rashid Ahmed

Former Interior Minister of Pakistan, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, on Sunday slammed the Shehbaz Sharif-led government for the deteriorating economic situation in Pakistan and said that it is game over for the ruling government now. Taking to Twitter, Ahmed wrote, "The Supreme Court will restore 150 corruption references of the rulers, God willing."

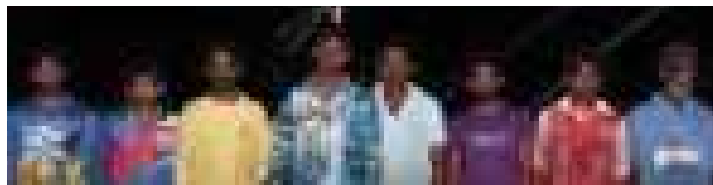
"The NAB amendments will be invalidated and the 10 million overseas Pakistanis will get the right to vote," he said. Taking a sharp dig at Pakistan People's Party (PPP) chairman, Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, the former Interior Minister said Bhutto came to Pakistan as a guest actor and did not attend his office, reported agencies.

In a subsequent tweet, he said the PDM had burdened Paki-

stan with extreme inflation and claimed that the "petrol mafia" had prevented the government from reducing fuel prices for three days now.

Notably, the massive rise in inflation in Pakistan has also resulted in demand destruction and created difficulties for the citizens to meet their basic requirements. With a shrinking economy and rising inflation in Pakistan, experts worry that Pakistan's future is bleak saying that while Sri Lanka's collapse worries the region, Pakistan's collapse should also be a cause for concern. The inflation increased by 6.34 per cent month-on-month (MoM) and reached 21.32 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in June. According to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), inflation in the country will remain in the range of 18-20 per cent this fiscal year.

# Eight Indian fishermen held by Sri Lankan Navy



Eight Indian fishermen were apprehended by Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly engaging in "illegal fishing" in Sri Lankan waters, according to Q branch police. As per the police statement, the fishermen were apprehended about 22 nautical miles from Jagadapattinam at 10.00 pm on Monday.

Last month, ten Indian fishermen had been arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy, the Sri Lankan fishermen association said.

Prior to that, nine fishermen travelling in a boat from the coastal district of Tamil Nadu have been arrested for allegedly trespassing and fishing in Sri Lankan waters. Rameswaram

Police said the arrested fishermen from Nagapattinam are being taken to Trincomalee port. Earlier, Sri Lankan Navy rescued six Indian fishermen who were stranded after their boat drifted in Lankan waters due to a glitch.

Fishermen hailing from Tamil Nadu's Rameswaram went into the sea for fishing. Around 532 boats from Rameswaram fishing harbour left for the sea. But the boat owned by Sageer Pandian developed a mechanical snag in the Palk Bay area, the Indian-Sri Lankan sea border

# Tribesmen hold protests against atrocities of Khyber police

Angry locals of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan blocked roads for several hours on Sunday to protest against rising atrocities by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police. Dawn reported that the agitators blocked the main Peshawar-Torkham Highway for long hours, demanding the Khyber police stop their atrocities and unlawful acts in the region.

The protest emerged straight after some officials in a recent incident forced the vehicle of one of the protestors to stop and forc-

ibly search the personal belongings of the female family members, insisting that the women were drug carriers. As per Dawn, the women were held under illegal detention and subjected to an unlawful body search. Moreover, their vehicle was also taken to an auto workshop for further search. The family demanded the suspension of the officials involved in the detention of women by unlawful means and a brief enquiry into their acts.

The deteriorated law and order situation in Khyber Pakh-

tunkhwa has always been a major cause of concern for the locals residing in the region and have only added to the miseries of their lives.

In a recent move, the Chamkani tribe of Kurram in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province gathered outside the Peshawar Press Club and protested carrying banners and placards inscribed with slogans of their demands, urging the government to take practical and effective steps to maintain law and order.

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A resident of Hariwan Municipality-2 in Sarlahi, Lal Mohammad, was shot three rounds-two on the head and one on the thigh, the CCTV video from the incident site confirmed following which he was taken to Tribhuvan

University Teaching Hospital in Maharajgunj. Yet, he died there," Spokesman of District Police Range Kathmandu, SP Dineshraj Mainali told agencies. The shootout took place at Gothatar on the outskirts of Kathmandu. As per the official, Lal was seriously injured in the shootout.

Released CCTV footage showcased the assailants chasing Lal Mohammad while aiming fire at him. However, the unidentified persons fled the scene after a girl (confirmed to be the victim's daughter) jumped down from the first floor of the house.

Police have only been able to confirm that the attackers were wearing a red t-shirt and jeans and drove a motorcycle.

## Column

# Peace should prevail

- Vijaykumar H K

We observe International Day for Peace on September 21st of each year. The large bell known as the "peace bell" was donated to the United Nations by Japan in 1950. Two times a year, on the first day of spring, as well as on September 21 to mark International Day of Peace, the bell is rung. Given the current circumstances, it is imperative that all nations choose peace over conflict. Everything on this globe looks beautiful when there is only peace.

This year, the bell needs to ring louder in order to specifically reach the ears of the nations who are both directly and indirectly engaged in conflict. The world has been battling the pandemic for the past two years, but the war against COVID-19 is still far from over. In the interim, some nations have been engaged in territorial disputes. So peace is important topic at this time. What we call in Sanskrit Shanti Mantram is most required now. Here, it is possible to recall the tale of Alexander the Great.

The ancient Greek Alexander the Great oversaw numerous military operations and built one of history's biggest empires, spanning from

Greece to India. He completed all of this work when he was just about 30 years old. Alexander was ill when he got back to Babylon. As he lay dying, he reflected on the immense empire he had created, every single war booty he had taken, and the power of his military apparatus.

He fell into a deep despair after realising that nothing was worthwhile because, despite living a very good life, he would eventually pass away. Before leaving, he wanted to spend one final moment with his mother, but he knew he would not be able to do it and would soon pass away. He made three final requests to his devoted Generals over the phone before passing away.

My first wish is that my doctors should alone carry my coffin," he reportedly said to his devoted generals. My second wish is that the road leading to my grave be strewn with gold, silver, and all of the priceless items in my treasury, while my body is being brought to be buried. My third and final wish is to have both of my hands left hanging outside of my casket. The three wishes shocked the Generals, who questioned Alexander about the unusual requests. Alexander's first response was, I want my doctors to carry my casket so they may spread the message that no doctor can

cure anyone. They are helpless and helpless to prevent death.

The second is to scatter gold, silver, and other precious stones along the path leading to the cemetery to demonstrate to the public that, despite having spent my whole life acquiring wealth, not a single grain of gold will accompany me when I depart this world. When one yearns to be wealthy, it is a complete waste of time, energy, and tranquilly. Third is sticking my hands out of the casket., I want people to know that I came empty handed into this world and likewise will go empty handed from this world So, therefore he wanted to teach the rest of the world that peace is ultimate thing to win hearths not wars. In regards to this year's peace day, the theme is "End racism and build peace" Every society's institutions, social structures, and standard of living are still tainted by racism. It still serves as a major contributor to enduring inequality.

And it keeps denying people their basic human rights. The connections between racism and gender inequality are undeniable, and they destabilise societies, damage democracies, and diminish the legitimacy of governments. We have observed racial

discrimination at borders as wars continue to flare around the world and force people to flee.

We have observed that some racial groups have been struck considerably harder than others as COVID-19 continues to strike our neighbourhoods. As economies struggle, racial minorities have been the target of hate speech and acts of violence. In order to promote peace, each of us must play a part. And one important way to participate is to combat racism. We may fight to undermine the institutionalised racism in our society. All across the world, we may help movements for equality and human rights.

Education and restitution for past wrongs are two ways we may advance anti-racism. A world devoid of racism and racial discrimination should be our goal. A society where empathy and compassion prevail over prejudice and hostility. a world in which we may actually take pride. Real peace requires much more than just putting down weapons, so to speak. It necessitates creating cultures in which everyone feels that they may prosper. It entails establishing a society in where everyone is treated fairly, regardless of race.

# Entertainment



## Richa Chadha to tie knot with Ali Fazal on October

Actor Richa Chadha is all set to tie the knot with her beau Ali Fazal and while fans are awaiting more details about what their fairytale wedding is going to look like, we have learned that the tentative date of her wedding is October 4.

A source close to the actor told agencies that she is likely to tie the knot with Ali Fazal on October 4 in Mumbai and the couple will be hosting a wedding reception a day later for their family, friends, and industry peers. Their wedding festivities will begin on September 30.

There are likely to be three prewedding functions - Cocktail, Sangeet, and Mehendi. All three functions, as revealed by our source, are likely to be held in New Delhi.

Although the outfit Richa is going to be wearing for her wedding isn't known to us yet, the jewellery has been picked from Bikaner. For the Delhi functions, the actress' jewellery is being custom-made by a 175 old jeweller family from Bikaner. The Khajanchi family are a revered family of jewellers who are known for their statement heirloom pieces and they will be designing signature pieces for Richa.

The Khajanchi family are descendants of Moti Chand Khajanchi, one of the earliest art collectors in Rajasthan and the patrons of their jewellery, includes the royal family of Bikaner.



## "Bonjour" says Kriti Sanon as she drops pictures from

Bollywood actor Kriti Sanon, on Monday, dropped a string of adorable pictures from her family vacation in Paris. Taking to Instagram, Kriti shared the pictures which she captioned, "Bonjour #FranceDiaries."

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CisEbqELJhB/> In the first picture, the 'Luka Chuppi' actor could be seen posing in front of the Eiffel Tower in a denim jumpsuit. In another picture, Kriti could be seen hugging her family members on a rooftop.

Along with this, the 'Mimi' actor also dropped some glimpses from her visit to Disneyland. In the end, she shared a couple of pictures featuring her father and her mother.

Soon after Kriti shared these adorable pictures, fans swamped the comment section and dropped red heart and fire emoticons.

"You looking so cute," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Keep smiling like this always kritsu." Talking about the work front, Kriti will be next seen in an upcoming horror comedy film 'Bhediya' alongside Varun Dhawan, which is all set to hit the theatres on November 25, 2022.

Apart from that, she will be also seen in an upcoming Pan-India film 'Adipurush' alongside south actor Prabhas, Saif Ali Khan and Sunny Singh, in 'Ganpath: Part 1' opposite Tiger Shroff, which is slated to release on the occasion of Christmas 2022, and in 'Shehzada' along.

A day after Vivek Agnihotri tweeted about reports that claimed 'Brahmastra' has overtaken his film 'The Kashmir Files' at the box office, Kangana Ranaut has once again bashed Karan Johar! Kangana shared Vivek Agnihotri's tweet on her Instagram story and wrote, "The audacity to belittle The Kashmir Files, a film made on Hindu genocide (and) also trying to ride on its success. The Kashmir Files was made in Rs10 crores..."

Kangana came to all guns blazing at Karan Johar and wrote, "Now, according to mafia minions, Karan Johar film has beaten it (The Kashmir Files) brutally... Karan Johar ji aap kya cheeze ho yaar"

In another story, she wrote, "Post pandemic verdict model, specially invented for Karan Johar films... BTW Thugs of Hindustan earned around Rs280 crore worldwide gross and its budget was also around Rs280 crore... Lekin they didn't spend on PR machinery. Nahi toh with the new KJo models, no film will ever flop."

Talking about Vivek Agnihotri's tweet, on Monday he banished reports of Ayan Mukerji's film beating his and wrote, "Hahahaha. I don't know how did they beat #TheKashmirFiles...with sticks, rods, hockey... or AK47 or stones... Or with paid PR and influencers? Let Bollywood films compete with each other. Leave us alone. I am not in that dumb race. Thanks."



## Kangana blasts Karan Johar once again



## 'The Lion King' and 'Motown' star Marva Hicks passes away at 66

Marva Hicks, a singer and actor who is known for her roles in 'The Lion King' and 'Motown: The Musical' and for television credits that included Star Trek: Voyager passed away at the age of 66. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Hicks passed away on Friday in New York City, according to a statement from her agent Tanya Young Williams. Her cause of death is not disclosed yet.

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our dear Marva Hicks Taha. Our beloved wife, family member and friend will be greatly missed and remain marvellous in our hearts forever," her husband, Akwasi Taha, and family said in a statement shared to The Hollywood Reporter.

"The love she had for her husband, family, friends and entertainment community knew no bounds. We have been deeply touched by the incredible outpouring of love. Thank you for your compassion and prayers."

Hicks, who was born in Petersburg, Virginia, attended Howard University and earned a degree before embarking on a career that lasted for forty years. She started out as a musician and released her debut record under her own name in 1991, which featured the tune "Never Been in Love Before."