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## PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION 2023



### Both Houses adjourned amid rumpus over Rahul Gandhi's democracy remarks

As the Upper House congregated at 2 pm after an earlier adjournment, Union Minister and Leader of the House Piyush Goyal reiterated the government's stance that Gandhi must apologise over his remarks. In Lok Sabha, BJP members raised slogans seeking an apology from Rahul Gandhi, while the Congress-led opposition waved placards with quotes from speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visits

abroad. The proceedings of the both houses of the Parliament have been adjourned for the day over the government's demand for an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for seeking intervention of the US and European nations over "disappearing" democracy in India.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with his top ministers including Pralhad Joshi, Piyush Goyal Narendra Singh Tomar, Kiren Ri-

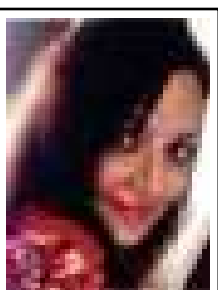
jiju, Anurag Thakur and Nitin Gadkari, in the Parliament today. Meanwhile, leaders of 16 opposition parties met in the Parliament complex this morning and decided to step up their demand for a JPC on the Adani issue.

Also, Congress party today gave a notice for raising a breach of privilege against union minister and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Piyush Goyal, a day after he attacked its senior leader

and Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi over his remarks in London that "democracy" is under attack in India. Without naming Gandhi, Goyal on Monday said a senior Opposition leader had attacked India's democracy in a shameless manner in a foreign country. He had alleged that the Opposition leader had insulted the Indian Army, Indian Parliament, Lok Sabha Speaker, Election Commission, judiciary and media on foreign soil.

### The water supply will be shut on March 15 in some parts of Mumbai

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Dr. Vaidehi

The water supply to Majiwada, Ghodbunder Road, Patlipada, Gandhinagar, Siddanchal, Ritupark, Jeltaki, Siddheshwar, Samtanagar, Indiranagar, Lokmanyagar, Srinagar, Ramnagar, etc, areas will be affected. The civic body said that the water supply will be shut for 24 hours in some parts of Kalwa and Mumbra. Due to the shutdown, the civic body said, the water supply is likely to be at low pressure for the next one to two days until the water supply is fully restored. The civic body has advised citizens to store water and use it wisely. Water scarcity is not new to the city. The growing population water management infrastructure.

In 1986, the population was estimated at 530,225 but modern

Dharavi has a population of between 600,000 and over 1 million people. Dharavi is one of the largest slums in the world. It used to be the largest slum in Mumbai at one time, but as of 2011, there are four slums in Mumbai larger than Dharavi. There have been many plans since 1997 to redevelop Dharavi like the former slums of Hong Kong such as Tai Hang. In 2004, the cost of redevelopment was estimated to be 5,000 crore. Companies from around the world have bid to redevelop Dharavi, including Lehman Brothers, Dubai's Limitless and Singapore's CapitaLand Ltd. In 2010, it was estimated to cost 15,000 crore to redevelop.

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As of November 2006 there was only one toilet per 1,440 residents in Dharavi. Mahim Creek, a local river, is widely used by local residents for urination and defecation, leading to the spread of contagious diseases. The area also suffers from problems with inadequate drinking water supply. In most large cities, the floor space index (FSI) varies from 5 to 15 in the Central Business District (CBD) to about 0.5, or below, in the suburbs. In Mumbai the permitted FSI is uniform and in 1991 was fixed at 1.33. The regulations that restrict the FSI greatly reduce the floor space available for residence and business.

In expensive Mumbai, Dharavi provides a cheap alternative where rents were as low as US\$4 per month in 2006. Dharavi exports goods around the world. The total turnover is estimated to be between US\$500 million and over US\$650 million per year. Dharavi is situated between Mumbai's two main suburban railway lines, the Western and Central Railways. To its west are Mahim and Bandra, and to the north lies the Mithi River, which empties into the Arabian Sea through the Mahim Creek. To its south and east are Sion and Matunga. Both its location and poor drainage systems make Dharavi particularly vulnerable to floods during the wet season.

The failure of the system in providing due care is not surprising. Isn't it the way our system functions? The upper authorities consume their share; the middlemen consume theirs and if the resource reaches in the hands of the poor the bigger fishes there eat away the share of the smaller ones. So first the authorities will have to acknowledge that slum dwellers are there and their population increases at rate better than the common people population so swift action is required to solve their problems. They must return something to the city that makes them what they are today. The root causes of this issue are three-fold. First is the unmitigated flow of population to this premier city, second is the lack of affordable housing for the poor and the third and the most important reason why the SRA could not succeed is that Maharashtra politics is dominated by the builders lobby.

In all the major cities of Maharashtra, builders have become politicians and vice versa and this is true across all political parties. However, one may not misconstrue that all slum-dwellers are below-poverty line people. In fact many of them are quite industrious and economically well off. It is just that land is simply not available in Mumbai and the politician-builder community has grabbed whatever was available. The SRA never was or is the solution. What is needed is the greater spread of the city with a faster and efficient transport system, so that the population can shift and commute faster.

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## 'Hindu Jan Aakrosh Morcha' organised by right-wing organisations across Maharashtra



As part of the 'Hindu Jan Aakrosh Morcha' being organised by right-wing organisations across Maharashtra, yet another rally was held on Mira Road on Sunday, where calls to economically boycott the Muslim community were raised by speakers who addressed the protesters.

The protesters marched for about 2 km from Mira Road's Golden Nest Chowk. After the march ended, speeches were

made against alleged 'love jihad' and 'land jihad' with some of the speakers giving a call to economically boycott the Muslim community. "There are three major aspects of Islamic aggression. First is love jihad, second comes land jihad and finally there is the problem of conversion.... For these three Suleimani keedas (pests) there is a Ram-led solution, a solution for which you will not be stopped by the political leaders, the Supreme Court or

even the media and that solution is their economic boycott," Kajal Hindustani, one of the speakers who addressed the protesters, said.

During the gathering which was recorded by police, Hindustani said, "Naya Nagar on Mira Road is today occupied by 97-98 per cent jihadis. Where will Hindus seek refuge." The rally was flagged off by Geeta Jain, Independent MLA from Mira Bhayandar. It was attended by BJP leaders including MLA Nitesh Rane along with local BJP leaders and members of outfits like VHP and Bajrang Dal.

The rallies come against the backdrop of a Supreme Court directive that Hindu Jan Aakrosh Morcha would only be allowed if there is "no hate speech". When asked about the inflammatory statements made by the speakers, Rane said he supported calls for economic boycott of the Muslim community.

## A man booked for unruly behaviour on an Air India flight



A man booked for alleged unruly behaviour and smoking on an Air India flight was sent to jail by a court here after he refused to pay Rs 25,000 for bail and instead cited online 'search' to claim the fine payable under the IPC section

was Rs 250. A court has granted the accused, Ratnakar Dwivedi, a cash bail, but he refused to pay the amount and told the court on Monday he was ready to go to jail. He was booked under section 336 (the act of endangering life or personal safety of others)

of the Indian Penal Code after he was allegedly caught smoking in the lavatory of Air India's London-Mumbai flight and behaving in an unruly manner on March 10.

The accused told the court he had read online that the fine payable under section 336 of the IPC is Rs 250, which he was willing to pay, but not the bail amount. Following this, the Andheri metropolitan magistrate sent him to jail on Monday. Air India had said a passenger was found smoking in the lavatory of the flight and behaved in an unruly and aggressive manner, despite repeated warnings.

## State to form panel for SOP to stop construction site mishaps

The state government on Monday announced in the Legislative Council that it will form an expert committee to draft a Standard

Operating Procedure (SOP) to prevent mishaps at under-construction buildings and other infrastructure project sites. The announcement was made by in-

dustries minister Uday Samant in the Legislative Council while relaying to a Calling Attention motion moved by Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Sunil Shinde.

## Sanjay Raut demands CBI, ED probe against BJP MLA Rahul Kul, writes to Fadnavis



Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut Monday wrote to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, demanding a probe by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) against BJP MLA Rahul Kul. Raut alleged financial mismanagement in the Kaul-owned and operated Bhima cooperative sugar mill at Daund in the Pune district. "It has come to our notice that the Bhima cooperative sugar mill of BJP MLA Rahul Kul in Daund has committed a financial violation. The money laundering is worth Rs 500 crore. Therefore, the deputy CM should immediately order a CBI and ED investigation in the matter."

Stating that Shiv Sena (UBT) favoured eradicating corruption from its roots, Raut, a Rajya

Sabha member, said, "The central agencies' probes should be in all cases of corruption. It should not be selective. Nor should it be targeting only opposition leaders while sparing ruling members." In 2014, Kul contested as a Rashtriya Samaj Paksha candidate and won from the Daund assembly seat. In 2019, he joined the BJP and retained the seat.

Raut's letter to Fadnavis comes at a time when central agencies are investigating senior NCP leader and former minister Hasan Mushrif for financial irregularities and money laundering in the Sar Senapati Santaji Ghorpade sugar factory in Kolhapur. Reacting to Raut's letter, Kul said, "The allegations against me of money laundering are baseless. It is political vendetta."

## Panel of retd employees, babus to study OPS: CM



CM Eknath Shinde and Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis as well as leader of opposition in the assembly Ajit Pawar and leader of the legislative council Ambadas Danve, on Monday afternoon, met the state

government employees' union, which is pressing for a return to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). "The government will set up a committee of officials and retired employees to study the OPS and give its report soon," Shinde said.

## Kharge slams Modi govt, says those 'destroying' democracy are talking of saving it



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday hit back at the government for raising Rahul Gandhi's democracy remarks in Parliament, saying those "crushing" democracy are talking of saving it. He also dubbed Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "dictator".

Kharge took out a protest march from Parliament House complex to Vijay Chowk along with MPs of other opposition parties, including those of the

BRS, Left parties and AAP, after the BJP launched an offensive against Gandhi for allegedly defaming India by his remarks on democracy and demanded an apology from him.

Talking to reporters at Vijay Chowk, Kharge said, "They (BJP) are crushing and destroying democracy and are talking of saving democracy and the country's pride." He charged that there was no rule of law and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was running the country like a "dictator".

"They are 'suppressing' opposition parties through 'misuse' of agencies. This is like 'ulta chor kotwal ko daante' (pot calling the kettle black)," the Congress chief alleged. Kharge alleged that PM Modi has "ridiculed" India abroad several times and cited examples of his speeches in China, South Korea, Canada, UAE.

If the prime minister can say all kinds of things against India, why is it a crime if Rahul Gandhi does so, he said. Kharge alleged that all this is being done by the government to divert attention from the Adani-Hindenburg issue. "We are demanding a JPC on the Adani issue. The government is trying to divert attention from this...We are together and will continue to demand JPC on the Adani issue," he said.

The Leader of Opposition also alleged that he was being discriminated against in the Rajya Sabha as the Leader of the House was allowed to speak for 10 minutes and when he rose the House was adjourned after two minutes. (PTI)

## Jagdeep Dhankhar rejects notices to discuss the govt's failure to constitute a JPC to investigate the charges of fraud by Adani Group



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected notices under Rule 267 by Congress members Pramod Tiwari, KC Venugopal, Kumar Ketkar, Neeraj Danghi, Akhilesh Prasad Singh, Syed Naseer Hussain and Ameer Yajnik to discuss the government's failure to constitute a Joint Parliamentary Committee to investigate the charges of fraud, corruption and financial mismanagement by Adani Group companies.

Dhankhar also rejected no-

tices by the BRS' K Kesava Rao and the AAP's Sanjay Singh to discuss the Hindenburg report on Adani Enterprises and other group companies, along with demands for discussions on the post-poll violence in Tripura and prohibition of online gambling and regulation of online games in Tamil Nadu by other members.

Rule 267 calls for suspension of the day's business to take up an issue being mentioned in the notice. (PTI)

## RRR global endorsement of PM's choice: Piyush Goyal



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said that spotlight on 'RRR' is a global endorsement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's choice for nominating to Rajya Sabha script writer V Vijayendra Prasad who is associated with the Oscar award-winning action film.

Telugu period film RRR's foot-tapping chartbuster song 'Naatu Naatu' bagged the Oscar for Best Original Song.

In his Facebook post -- Rajya Sabha Nomination, An Action for Prime Minister's Choice --, Goyal said, 'Prime Minister Narendra

Modi ji has left his stamp of quality in nominating members to the Rajya Sabha by choosing outstanding personalities who have made a mark in diverse fields such as Indian culture, social work and sports.'

He said that Vijayendra Prasad, the scriptwriter of the film RRR, is one of the several exceptional people whom the Prime Minister nominated to the Rajya Sabha in July 2022. The scriptwriter from Andhra Pradesh has been associated with the creative world for decades. (PTI)

## Naxal violence down by 77 per cent, Govt tells Lok Sabha

Naxal violence in India has decreased by 77 per cent over the past 12 years and the number of deaths in related incidents has also reduced by 90 per cent during the same period, the government said in Lok Sabha on Tuesday, news

agency PTI reported.

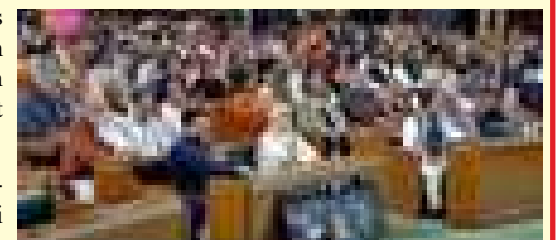
Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the geographical spread of LWE-related violence has significantly reduced and only 176 police stations of 45 districts reported related violence in 2022. In 2010, at least 465 po-

lice stations of 96 districts had reported LWE-related violence.

Replying to a written question, Rai said the number of LWE-related deaths (security forces and civilians) has reduced from an all-time high of 1005 in 2010 to just 98 in 2022.

## Parliament Budget Session 2023

- Congress Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari gives adjournment motion notice to hold a discussion on "the essence, substance and spirit of Freedom of Speech accorded to Members of Parliament under Article 105 of the Constitution".
- Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tiwari gives suspension of business notice under rule 267 on Adani stocks issue
- AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh gives suspension of business notice under rule 267 demanding an investigation into the Adani-Hindenburg case and a discussion in the House on this issue.
- Congress Rajya Sabha MP Dr Naseer Hussain has given notice under rule 267 to suspend the proceedings of the House & discuss the "failure of Govt in constituting JPC in the Adani financial fraud case".



- BRS Rajya Sabha MP K Keshav Rao has given a suspension of business notice under rule 267 and demanded JPC probe into the Hindenburg report
- Congress MP Manickam Tagore gives adjournment motion notice in Lok Sabha demanding JPC probe into Hindenburg report
- AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh gives zero-hour notice over the "misuse of central agencies against opposition leaders"

## World

## Pakistan government bans PM, President, judges from receiving gifts valued over USD 300



Pakistan federal government has banned giving of Toshakhana presents, valued over USD 300, to elected officials, including the president, prime minister and cabinet members, Geo News reported on Tuesday.

Judges, as well as civil and military leaders have also been restricted from accepting gifts that cost more than US\$300, the daily said.

The toshakhana-policy-2023">Toshakhana Policy 2023 will be put into effect right away, according to the administration,

which has issued the necessary directives.

The new policy was put into place as a result of the 2002-2023 record showing that prominent political figures kept present after making the bare minimum payments.

The Toshakhana gifts and presents from foreign notables and dignitaries, when given to top state and government officials and deposited in a 'treasure house', are typically regarded as the state's property, according to Geo News.

These presents, however, are

only given to the political and bureaucratic elite, both civilian and military, as well as judges of the supreme judiciary, as per official policy.

The presents that these most powerful groups of people get on official foreign trips or from foreign dignitaries are typically allowed to be kept by them at heavily discounted rates, or they are auctioned off to federal government and armed forces officers. Everything that remains is incorporated into the Toshakhana.

Sources claim that the government has outlawed receiving presents worth millions of rupees, including cars, jewellery, watches, and other items.

The president, prime minister, cabinet members, judges and civil and military officers will be banned from receiving gifts worth more than \$300 dollars, while the president, prime minister and cabinet members receiving cash as gifts from domestic and foreign dignitaries will also be prohibited, reported Geo News, citing the sources.

## Pakistan: Clashes outside Imran Khan's residence between police and PTI workers after Police reach to arrest him

The area outside former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's residence at Zaman Park has turned into a battleground as police and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf workers clashed on Tuesday as the heavy armoured police in riot gear has reached to arrest Imran Khan.

Amid the chaotic scenes, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chief Imran Khan has released a video message and asked the "kaum" to keep fighting.

Police is only 50 yards away from Imran Khan's residence and there are only 50-60 PTI workers left outside his residence as Police started arresting party workers. It appears that Police will be able to enter the residence and arrest him while there is also speculation that Imran Khan may court arrest. Intense shelling is being reported at Zaman park.

More police contingents have been deployed and internet ser-

vices at Zaman Park and the adjoining areas have been suspended. All routes leading to Zaman Park have been blocked.

In the video message, Imran Khan asks the PTI workers to keep fighting. He said that the struggle should not stop if he is sent to Jail or killed, the people of Pakistan have to keep fighting for their rights and freedom. "My dear Pakistanis, police are here to arrest me. They think that "kaum" will sleep when Imran Khan will go to jail. You have to prove them wrong. You have to prove that it is an alive "kaum".

Notably, while fighting for their "Freedom", PTI workers injured Islamabad Police Chairman this evening. A team of Islamabad police is in Lahore since yesterday to comply with the court orders that had directed authorities to arrest the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief who is facing a number of cases filed against him in different cities.

## North Korea launches two short-range ballistic missiles into Sea of Japan

A day after the start of an important military exercise between South Korea and the US, North Korea launched two short-range ballistic missiles from its west coast into the Sea of Japan on Tuesday, according to the South Korean military, reported Kyodo News.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff was cited as saying in the daily that the missiles launched from Jangyon in South Hwanghae Province between 7:41 am and 7:51 am travelled 620 kilometres.

According to the North's state-run media and the JCS, the most recent launches came after North Korea launched two cruise missiles on Sunday from a submarine off the coast of Sinpo in the country's east.

On Thursday, Pyongyang launched at least one short-range ballistic missile into the Yellow Sea from the western city of Nampo, denouncing US-South

Korean military manoeuvres as "rehearsals" for war and invasion. Pyongyang had previously warned against the new exercise.

According to the South Korean and American forces, the 11-day Freedom Shield exercise--the first such springtime exercise in five years--is to improve response capabilities in light of North Korean nuclear and missile threats, read a report in Kyodo News.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters in Tokyo that he has not heard of any harm occurring in Japan.

Separately, Yasukazu Hamada, Japan's defence minister, stated that based on information already available, the missiles had not come down inside Japan's exclusive economic zone.

Ned Price, a spokesperson for the US State Department, justified the Freedom Shield exercise on Monday by claiming it is "purely defensive in character."

## AUKUS: US, UK Australia announce nuclear-powered submarine project

United States President Joe Biden along with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday announced that Australia will purchase nuclear-powered attack submarines from the US to modernise its fleet.

The agreement is aimed at countering China's influence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Addressing a joint statement after holding in person bilateral talks on a US naval base in San Diego, California, the three leaders underscored their shared commitment to the 18-month-old trilateral security partnership given the acronym AUKUS -- for Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"Today, we're announcing the steps to carry out our first project under AUKUS and developing Australia's conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarine capacity. The submarines are



nuclear-powered and not nuclear-armed," said US President Joe Biden at the Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego.

Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese underlined the important features of the AUKUS agreement such as building a future in Australia while investing in skills, jobs and infrastructure.

Albanese said, "AUKUS agreement represents the biggest single investment in Australia's defence capability in all of our history, strengthening Australia's national security and stability;

building a future made in Australia with record investments in skills, jobs and infrastructure."

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak cited growing challenges such as "Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, China's growing assertiveness, and the destabilising behaviour of Iran and North Korea all threaten to create a world defined by danger, disorder and division."

"Our partnership is significant because not just are we building these submarines together, they'll also be truly interoperable," Sunak said.



# Women's Rights and Equality in Islam: Challenges and Progress



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"The concept of guardianship in Islam is not meant to give men control over women but rather to ensure their protection and well-being."

Have you ever pondered why women in our society seem to age faster than men? Why do daughters start resembling their mothers' sisters within a few years of getting married? The most stunning woman's body may become unshapely and unsightly before its time, while a man can appear to be his own wife's younger brother only a few years after their marriage. Who, or what, is responsible for this situation: the physical makeup of our society, or the men and women who inhabit it?

Although women may be physically weaker than men, nature has endowed them with all the faculties necessary not only to carry out the task of reproduction, but also to maintain a physique that is appealing to men and a source of happiness. However, in our society, the opposite seems to be the case. The majority of girls in our culture do not wish to get married, and often their acquiescence is in some way a form of compromise.

Sometimes, this compromise is made by the woman herself, with gratitude toward her parents, love and respect for the family being the underlying elements. On other occasions, a woman is coerced into accepting marriage. In either case, we all wish for the girl to get married as quickly as possible, so that the second or third proposal may be accepted with alacrity. Often, when bidding her farewell, we pray that her funeral will leave her in-laws' house.

Once married, a woman's primary duties include bearing children, serving her husband, raising her in-laws, and assuming complete responsibility for the household. After giving birth to

six children within seven years, and carrying out all other responsibilities, a woman reaches many milestones, leaving the pace of time far behind. At this point, a thirty-year-old woman may begin to appear as her fifty-five-year-old mother's sister, thus piquing a man's interest, as men are naturally inclined toward beauty.

Now, the woman has an obligation to the man that she no longer desires. She is not interested in spending time with him, laughter no longer appeals, and opportunities for entertainment become as scarce as Eid's moon. Although a woman may age physically, do her heart and soul likewise grow old? Don't all the desires and aspirations that young men have change in her heart?

One of the endless tragedies of our society is that we consider women's problems to be limited to purity, chastity, intimacy, special days, and childbirth, and that all our "research" revolves around these subjects. Women's emotions, desires, psychology, and needs are not granted the same respect or attention as men's, and we need to consider why a girl who was her father's darling for twenty years becomes an old woman in charge of the household just five years after getting married.

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It's important to remember that women's rights and gender equality are not just women's issues, but human rights issues. The progress made in the last century towards women's empowerment is remarkable, but there is still much work to be done. Women are still facing discrimination, violence, and harassment in many parts of the world.

Islam, as a religion, has always advocated for the rights of women. The Quran and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) clearly state that men and women are equal in the sight of Allah. Both men and

women have their own rights and responsibilities.

"And among His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought." (Quran 30:21)

Men are appointed as guardians of women, but they also have a great responsibility to protect and care for them.

The Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) was an advocate for women's rights and he set an example of treating women with kindness and respect. "The most perfect of believers in faith are those with the best character, who lower their wings (i.e. are humble) and are kind and courteous towards their wives." (Hadith, At-Tirmidhi). The Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) also taught that women should be educated and encouraged to seek knowledge.

In many Muslim countries, women are playing a vital role in society. They are contributing to the economy, participating in politics, and making significant progress in many fields. However, there are still many challenges that women face, such as lack of access to education and healthcare, gender-based violence, and discrimination in the workplace.

Let us remember the women who have fought for gender equality and women's rights. Let us honor the women who have made a difference in our lives and in the world. And let us work together towards a future where all women are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

The Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) himself was a perfect example of this and showed utmost respect and kindness towards women in his life. The Prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) advocated for the rights of women and condemned any mistreatment or abuse towards them.

The concept of guardianship in Islam is not meant to give men control over women but rather to ensure their

protection and well-being. It is the responsibility of men to provide for their families and take care of them in every possible way. This includes emotional, physical, and financial support.

However, this responsibility does not come without accountability. Men will be held responsible for their actions towards women and will be accountable for any mistreatment or abuse. Islam strongly condemns any form of violence or oppression towards women and regards it as a grave sin.

In Islam, men and women are equal in the eyes of Allah and both have important roles to play in society. Men are not superior to women, nor are women inferior to men. Both are created by Allah and are deserving of respect and dignity.

Furthermore, Islam promotes the idea of mutual respect and cooperation between men and women in all aspects of life. This includes the family, work, and society as a whole. Women are encouraged to pursue education and careers and are not restricted in any way.

Bottom line: the concept of guardianship in Islam is not meant to give men authority over women but rather to ensure their protection and well-being. Men have a great responsibility towards their families and will be held accountable for their actions towards women. Islam promotes the idea of mutual respect and cooperation between men and women and regards them as equal in the eyes of Allah.

"And live with them (i.e. your wives) in kindness. For if you dislike them - perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good." (Quran 4:19)

In our culture, women do not want to be free from men; they want to live with men and experience all the colors of life beside them. As a result, men must include women in all their legitimate desires, as it is their responsibility not only to earn a living but also to live a good and happy life.

# Entertainment



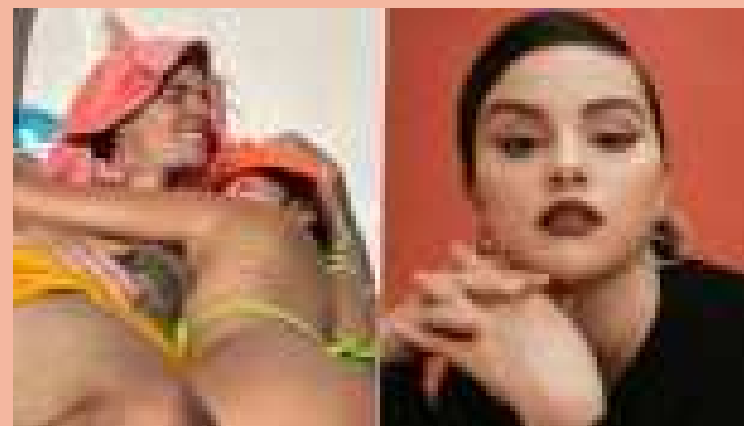
Actress Mira Sorvino is extremely disappointed with the organizers of Oscars 2023. She called out the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences after her father, Paul Sorvino, was left out of the In Memoriam montage during the telecast of the 95th Academy Awards, Variety reported. Veteran actor Paul Sorvino died in July 2022.

Taking to Twitter, Mira, an Oscar winner herself, wrote, "I for one am remembering Dad on this Oscars night...It is baffling beyond belief that my beloved father and many other amazing brilliant departed actors were left out. The Oscars forgot about Paul Sorvino, but the rest of us never will."

Other notable omissions from the broadcast were Anne Heche and Charlbi Dean, a star of best picture nominee "Triangle of Sadness." Paul Sorvino's wife Dee Dee Sorvino also reacted. She demanded an apology from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

In a statement to PEOPLE magazine, Dee Dee wrote, "Paul Sorvino was one of the greatest actors in cinematic history in Hollywood. It is unconscionable that he would be left out of the In Memoriam segment of the Oscars. It's a three-hour show, they can't give a couple more minutes to get it right? Paul Sorvino gave decades to this industry and was loved by all." "Paul was not the only deserving soul left out, and a QR Code is not acceptable. The Academy needs to issue an apology, admit the mistake and do better. Paul Sorvino deserves better, the audience deserves better. Is the Academy so jaded they forget people who are loved, who have given their hearts to this industry? Shame on the Academy if this is not corrected. Mistakes are made, this was a big one. Please do something to make it right," she added. The 95th Academy Awards took place on Monday at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. (ANI)

## Justin Bieber drops cosy pics with Hailey amid her alleged feud with Selena Gomez



Singer Justin Bieber posted a few lovey-dovey pictures with his wife Hailey Bieber amid her alleged feud with his former girlfriend Selena Gomez. In the snaps, Justin and Hailey are seen cuddling on a yacht. While Justin was shirtless and only wearing orange-coloured shorts, Hailey wore neon swimwear.

"LUV U BABY," he captioned the post. While some of his Instagram followers heaped praises on the "Yummy" singer and Hailey, several trolls flocked to the comments section to call out the model amid her online drama with Gomez, who used to date Justin. "Hailey please give Justin his phone back. You have posted it," a social media user commented.

"Go get your real wife Justin, it's not too late," another one wrote. The long-running feud between Hailey and Gomez has boiled over within the past few weeks. It all started when the Rhode Skin founder appeared to bully the "Heart Wants What It Wants" singer online. A few months ago, Hailey posted and then deleted a video where she, Kendall Jenner and Justine Skye mouthed the audio, "I'm not saying she deserved it, but God's timing is always right." TikTok users surmised that Hailey was referring to Gomez, who, at the time, had just responded to being fat-shamed. The beef between the two celebrities dates back to 2018 when Hailey Bieber got engaged to Justin just months after he ended his relationship with Gomez, whom he dated on and off for eight years, for good. (ANI)

## Mira Sorvino slams Oscars for excluding dad Paul Sorvino from 'In Memoriam' segment

## "CM also felt what I spoke was right": Suniel Shetty on request to CM Yogi to help end 'Boycott Bollywood' trend



Actor Suniel Shetty, on Tuesday, opened up on his request to the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to stop the 'Boycott Bollywood' trend. Talking to Agency, Suniel said, "CM also felt what I spoke was right. Hindi film's contribution is very huge. Yogi said fingers were raised on Lord Ram too. PM Modi and Anurag Thakur also spoke about it and media also presented it so well."

Earlier in January this year, Suniel met CM Yogi and urged him to help the industry get rid of the 'Boycott Bollywood' trend. During the discussion, the actor put forward some of the grievances before the Chief Minister. He said, "Hashtag 'BoycottBollywood' can stop with your help."

It's important to convey that we've done good work. There can be one rotten search apple but 99 per cent of us don't indulge in any wrongdoing. We've to change this perception. If you take lead and also talk to PM, it will make a difference." The hashtag 'Boycott Bollywood' started trending after actor Sushant Singh Rajput's demise. However, in 2022, netizens reignited the trend before the release of many films like 'Laal Singh Chaddha', 'Liger', 'Brahmastra', and 'Raksha Bandhan'. The trend affected the box-office business of some of the films. (ANI)