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A Surat sessions court granted bail to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi appeared in a Gujarat court today to appeal against his conviction and two-year sentencing in a 2019 defamation case. A Surat sessions court on Monday granted bail to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and suspended his sentence till the disposal of his appeal seeking stay on his conviction in the criminal defamation case over his 2019 remark about thieves with the surname Modi. The court of Additional Sessions Judge R P Mogera said it will hear his plea for suspension of conviction on April 13, news agency PTI reported.

The 52-year-old Congress leader has filed a criminal appeal challenging the conviction by a Surat magistrate court on

March 23 that convicted him for two years simple imprisonment in the complaint filed by Surat West MLA Purnesh Modi.

On March 23, while convicting Gandhi, the court suspended the sentence for 30 days to allow him to appeal and approved bail on a surety of Rs 15,000. A day later, Gandhi was disqualified as a member of the Lok Sabha. The Congress party is hopeful the court will stay his conviction, which will open the doors for revocation of his disqualification as an LS MP. Rahul Gandhi moved a plea in Surat's sessions court to set aside the Magistrate order convicting him in the defamation case for a remark seen as an insult to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Gandhi, who was recently disqualified as a parliament MP after his sentencing in the case, arrived in Surat with his sister Priyanka Gandhi. Chief ministers of three Congress-ruled states - Ashok Gehlot, Bhupesh Baghel and Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, are also in Surat for Mr Gandhi's "moral support".

The BJP called Mr Gandhi's visit to Surat with his sister and some party leaders as "a childish attempt" to pressurise the judiciary. "Rahul Gandhi might be going to Surat to file an Appeal. It is not required of a convict to go personally to file an Appeal. Generally, no convict goes personally. His going personally with a motley group of leaders and aides accompanying him is

only a drama," Law Minister Kiren Rijiju tweeted.

"What Rahul Gandhi is doing is also a childish attempt to bring pressure on the appellate court. All courts in the country are immune from such tactics," he said in another tweet. The Congress said the presence of the party leaders in Surat is not a "show of strength", but a "symbol of support" for Rahul Gandhi.

"It's not a show of strength. He is fighting for the country. They are going with him to support him in his fight," said Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. The party also alleged that "illegal arrests" were being made to prevent party leaders and workers from going to Surat.

Even today Rahul Gandhi maintains fearless stand

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Since 2013, there has been a huge anti-Congress campaign in India by various activists to project UPA in a bad light. Entire campaign was run on Swiss bank accounts, black money and the corrupt Gandhi family. BJP came to power with a huge majority. Voters also expected some miracles and a few lakhs in their bank account if BJP comes to power. They all were waiting for "Black money" to return from the Swiss bank, but one fine day Home minister Amit Shah confessed in one of the TV interviews, that bringing back black money was Jumla (an election gimmick). Swiss bank was overloaded with BJP leaders and their counterparts accounts, somehow this issue was sent to cold storage. Then came demonetisation and no black money was traced, neither fake currency printing was stopped nor terror activities. Rather corrup-

tion in government offices doubled due to the biggest denomination of 2000 rupees note. BJP failed to prove their point, all those accused in the 4G scam got bail because there was no proof against them, the government was of BJP but they hardly could do anything about it. Here comes BJP's favourite topic, the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty.

There were nonstop personal attacks on Sonia Gandhi and her children; there was nasty campaign against Nehru on social media by IT cell, BJP made huge investment in tarnishing Gandhi family by projecting Sonia Gandhi as bar dancer and Rahul Gandhi as Pappu (naïve) and Priyanka Gandhi as land grabber's wife.

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They were made to do rounds in ED, IT and CBI offices but it was not easy to break the morals of Gandhi family as there was nothing to establish anything against them. The family gracefully cooperated with all the inquiries that came their way. Well there was huge virtual infrastructure created against Gandhi family to somehow finish their political existence but still Congress free India couldn't become a remote possibility.

In the recent past, Rahul Gandhi became very aggressive and vocal in the BJP against the corruption through some business groups. The BJP and the BJP's IT cell is always trying to impress the people of India with a rosy picture, but the problems of failed economy, highest unemployment, poverty and extreme poverty are persisting and becoming bigger by the day and more unmanageable. All the international indices including the Global Hunger Index are dropping even below our neighbours, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. The downslide continues.

When everything breaks down in India, then, congress might emerge as hope. BJP failed to eradicate poverty in India, they failed to generate mass employment for the youth of India and they failed to boost the economy of India for common people. GST, Demonetisation and Lockdown actually broke the business and many remained jobless after continuous financial shockers. BJP is in power but their leaders act like opposition by attacking those leaders who are either in regional parties or those who are strong voices against the ruling party.

Congress's Rahul Gandhi, after getting bail from a session's court in Gujarat today in the defamation case over his remarks on the surname of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said, "truth is my weapon" in another Gandhian tweet. BJP is always afraid of Rahul Gandhi because the BJP and the political experts know that BJP's show can end at any time. The BJP weakness lies in the fact that they cannot administer or manage such a large and diverse nation like India. BJP is hell-bent on eradicating opposition voices. Somewhere we are heading towards an invisible dictatorship. The largest democracy is losing its appeal. BJP never made efforts to answer the allegations made against them but they give reply by counter allegation and that too of Indira's 1975 emergency or Nehru's smoking with lady Mount Batten.

Rahul Gandhi asked simple questions about Make in India, JNU and Rohith case, NaGa Accord, but the likes of Rajnath Singh, Late Arun Jaitley chose to attack him personally. Even PM Modi mocks him rather than answering his questions in house. Don't they have any answer to him or they are not answerable regarding their promises?

Nobody from the Union Government has responded so far for any of Rahul Gandhi's accusations at the Parliament. They have disqualified him with the fear that he might enter into Parliament again and that will jeopardize their politics.

Well! Gandhi got bail today and his two-year jail sentence was put on hold till the court took a call on his appeal challenging the order of the Surat magistrate. The next hearing is on April 13. The two-year jail sentence handed to Gandhi has led to his disqualification from parliament under provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Every single institution of the country is under attack. The democratic foundation, the Parliament, the Judiciary, the free press, the election commission, the bureaucracy... Every single institution is under pressure.

Gandhi said that the BJP and RSS were "confused" and thought that "they are India" adding that, "the confusion is in the minds of the Prime Minister, BJP and RSS. They are under the impression that they are India. They think of themselves as the whole of India. The PM is one Indian person, he is not from India. No matter how delusional, no matter how arrogant he may be, he is just one Indian. The BJP and RSS have forgotten that there are 1.4 billion people in the country and this country is not the BJP, RSS or the Prime Minister." Gandhi did not mince words but strongly highlighted that any criticism of the Prime Minister, Bharatiya Janata Party or the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, a Hindu nationalist organisation, was "not an attack on India".

Gandhi was fearless in his speech. He knows if the sentence is not reversed, he will stand disqualified and will not be able to contest polls for eight years. He has already started packing after agreeing to vacate his government allotted Lutyens bungalow in Delhi. But he has not stopped speaking his mind and he continues to be a fearless voice against the powers.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

BMC's deserve kudos on their initiative to monitor health of citizens

The City of Mumbai is in an 'Auto mode' & happy to learn that the health of people is on the top priority list of the govt as citizens' medical history is being closely monitored by the BMC. Major reason of people neglecting health is due to financial constraints. Medicines for regular diseases like sugar, cholesterol, B.P., and heart ailments should be made available for the poor free of cost or subsidized rates.

Difficult to monitor the health of every citizen & the responsibility could be shared with housing societies where a monthly checkup could be organized for the benefit of people. Corporators & MLAs should be given the responsibility of their wards so that they do not just visit their voters during elections but keep in touch constantly for a better connect for the well-being of society!

S.N.Kabra

Direct selling requires sway

So far, only eight states have formed committees in the country to monitor direct selling, in efforts to strengthen the regulatory framework to weed out entities operating fraudulent schemes and protect the interests of direct sellers and their business continuity. This will help protect the direct selling industry in the respective states and provide policy clarity for the industry. Rules and Regulations are required for direct selling companies to own, hold, license a trademark/service mark for the goods or services in the remaining states of the country. Furthermore, it requires direct selling companies to upload all important details such as balance sheets and FSSAI licenses, as well as appoint Grievance Redressal officers to resolve consumer complaints.

Vijaykumar H K

Expedite Justice for undertrials

Recently Supreme court expressed worries and cautioned against the dangers of the unjust incarceration of undertrials. According to the NCRB report, over 5,54,034 prisoners were lodged in jails against the total capacity of 4,25,069 lakhs in the country. Out of which, 1,22,852 were convicts; the rest 4,27,165 were undertrials. This shows the deplorable condition of undertrials prisoners who not only lose their identity, and personal possession but the loss to the accused is also irreparable in the event of an acquittal. Courts should take the trails speedily which are progressing at a snail's pace for years. As said by William Edward Gladstone "Justice delayed is Justice denied".

Muzakir Khan

Worst situation in Pakistan!

The month of Ramadan is on. At some areas in Pakistan, free of cost flour is being distributed. Eleven people are reported to have died in a stampede to get this free flour. From this, it is clear that the situation of Pakistan is getting worse day by day. When the people of a country lose their lives for a single piece of flour, it proves the worthlessness of the rulers of that country. When the rulers are rampant in the power, the state of the country is sure to like this. Rulers of other countries who are engrossed in the power, should learn some lesson from the worst situation of Pakistan.

Sudhir Kangutkar

Prioritise Child Psychology

Child psychology is one of the many branches of psychology. This particular branch focuses on the mind and behavior of children from prenatal development through adolescence. Child psychology deals not only with how children grow physically, but with their mental, emotional, and social development as well. Today, psychologists recognize that child psychology is unique and complex, but many differ in terms of the unique perspective they take when approaching development.

The culture a child lives in contributes a set of values, customs, shared assumptions and ways of living that influence development throughout the lifespan. Culture may play a role in how children relate to their parents, the type of education they receive and the type of childcare that is provided. Relationships with peers and adults have an effect on how children think, learn and develop. Families, schools and peer groups all make up an important part of the social context. In this regard, the teachers are sent home to observe their behaviour in an alien environment.

You develop a connection and bond with your kids, understanding what makes them tick, what triggers them, what calms them down, can you help them deal with their own anxieties, stress and problems. It can also help to prevent, evaluate, and diagnose developmental delays or abnormalities such as autism. Child psychology is one of the many branches of psychology. This particular branch focuses on the mind and behavior of children from prenatal development through adolescence. Child psychology deals not only with how children grow physically, but with their mental, emotional, and social development as well. Prioritise children's mental



health over academic 'catch-up', or risk putting unnecessary pressure on children. A coalition of organisations is urging the government to prioritise children's mental health over 'academic catch-up' in the post-pandemic recovery. The data of child psychology are gathered from a variety of sources. Observations by relatives, teachers, and other adults, as well as the psychologist's direct observation of and interviews with a child (or children), provide much material. In some cases a one-way window or mirror is used so that children are free to interact with their environment or others without knowing that they are being watched. Personality tests, intelligence tests, and experimental methods have also proved useful in understanding child development.

Understanding what makes kids tick is an enormous task, so the study of child psychology is both wide and deep. The goal is to study the many influences that combine and interact to help make kids who they are and to use that information to improve parenting, education, child care, psychotherapy, and other areas focused on benefiting children. By having a solid understanding of how children grow, think, and behave, parents and professionals working with children can be better prepared to help the kids in their care.

Getting to know your child as they develop can be one of

the most rewarding parts of being a parent. Learning how your child views the world, teaching your child new skills, and mentoring them as they process big new feelings and changes is all part of being a parent, but it's not easy. As your child develops, they go through progressive developmental stages, from birth into adulthood. Environmental, genetic, and cultural factors can all affect a child's development, and how quickly they progress from one stage to the next. It's difficult for children to explain what they're going through, much less to analyze their feelings. That's where child psychology can help give you highly important and valuable information on your child's mental, physical, cognitive, and emotional health as they grow.

Child Psychology involves listening and observing children to understand their behaviors. This helps gain an understanding of their learning patterns, their likes and dislikes. This eventually helps in understanding what is the best way to deal with a child and work with them to enable better learning and growth.

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Its 9 yrs of PM post, Was degree a requirement to get PM's job'-Ajit Pawar



Day after Shiv Sena (UBT) chief and former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray taunted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his educational qualifications, Thackeray's ally and NCP leader Ajit Pawar said that more than the prime minister's degrees, issues

such as inflation, unemployment and the deteriorating law and order situation were important issues.

"Yes, I have been hearing about this row (over Modi's college degrees). Now, he has been the prime minister of India for nine years. Was the degree a re-

quirement to get that job?" Pawar said in a press conference at the party headquarters on Monday. Pawar said the real burning issues in the country were inflation, price rises, unemployment and the deteriorating law and order situation. "I think the day-to-day problems of common people are more important and we should focus on those issues," he said. Pawar's statement comes two days after NCP chief and his uncle Sharad Pawar indirectly raised a question on the need for a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) investigation into the Adani-Hindenburg row when the Supreme Court has already appointed a five-member expert committee for the purpose

Cong leaders claim party workers heading to Surat to support Rahul Gandhi stopped by Gujarat Police

Senior Congress leader and former Maharashtra minister Balasaheb Thorat on Monday claimed vehicles of party workers, who were on way to Surat to extend support to Rahul Gandhi, were stopped by Gujarat Police.



Workers and leaders of the party from various parts of the country headed to Surat to extend support to Gandhi.

"From Maharashtra also, Congress leaders and workers were going to Gujarat. Gandhi is fighting for the country,

fighting for democracy, fighting to save the Constitution," Thorat said in a social media post. (PTI)

Western Railway has provided handheld terminals to all of its 1,383 ticket checking staffers



In the last week, 21,453 RAC passengers were allotted berths. Similarly, vacant berths automatically get transferred to the next station, from where the passengers can utilise them. In line with the Centre's Digital India mission, the Western Railway has provided handheld terminals to all of its 1,383 ticket checking staffers and eliminated paper charts. The devices have benefited more than 40,000 passengers, officials said.

Sumit Thakur, chief public relations officer of the railway, said that with the handheld devices in place, the allotment of berths to RAC (reservation against can-

cellation) passengers was being done as per the sequence given in reservation charts and that vacant berths could not therefore be allotted overlooking RAC passengers. In fact, in the last seven days, 21,222 such berths were released through the handheld devices to stations ahead.

Moreover, while processing ticket refunds, physical charts are no longer required to be verified at the destination station to ascertain whether a passenger has travelled or not. This verification used to take up to one month earlier. Now with the help of the handheld devices, refunds can be issued within 2-3 days of the receipt of claims.

Man dies by suicide at his shop in Thane

43-year-old hardware shopkeeper allegedly died by suicide at his establishment in Badlapur area of Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Monday. Some custom-

ers found the man, identified as Chogaram Chowdhari, hanging from a ceiling fan at the shop at around 11.30 am on Sunday and alerted police, an official from Badlapur police station said.

Tharoor dismisses BJP's charge of Cong 'exerting pressure' on judiciary with leaders' move to accompany Rahul to court

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Monday dismissed as "absurd" the BJP's charge that the opposition party exerted "undue pressure" on the judiciary as its leaders accompanied Rahul Gandhi to the Surat court, asserting that one who attends the court is not a source of pressure.

Law Minister Kiren Rijju alleged that the decision of Congress leaders to accompany Gandhi to the Surat court, where he filed the appeal against his conviction in the



2019 case, was a way of trying to exert "undue pressure" on the judiciary.

Asked about the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) charge, Tharoor said, "That is an absurd allegation. First of all, who at-

tends the court is not a source of pressure." "If at all there is a source of pressure on the judiciary, I think we can all guess where that is likely to come from," the former Union minister told news agency PTI.

Fewer Covid cases but 3 deaths in Maharashtra

On Sunday, there were slightly fewer Covid cases reported in the state, possibly due to a decrease in the number of tests conducted over the weekend. However, three deaths related to coronavirus were reported, bringing the total number of deaths in just over a month to 23. Maharashtra reported 562 cases, pushing the count of active cases to nearly 3,500 (3,488). A month ago, the state had just 224 active cases. Experts have linked the near 16fold jump to the new recombinant subvariant XBB 1. 16, which is driving cases across the world. Although it has not been linked to the severity or a significantly increased oxygen dependence.

Amruta Fadnavis bribe and extortion case: HC dismisses plea of Anil Jaisinghani against 'illegal' arrest



The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed a petition filed by suspected bookie Anil Jaisinghani challenging his "illegal" arrest in a case of alleged attempt to blackmail and

bribe Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's wife Amruta Fadnavis. A division bench headed by Justice A S Gadkari said the plea was dismissed as it was without any merits.

Nation

SC acquits man convicted in 1994 robbery case



After facing a legal battle for almost 28 years, the Supreme Court has let off a man who was convicted in a robbery case observing that there was doubt on prosecution case and set aside Punjab and Haryana High Court order. A bench of justices Abhay S Oka and Rajesh Bindal has acquitted Anwar alias Bhugra and set aside order of Punjab and Haryana High Court and trial court order.

"From the aforesaid material

on record, the presence of the appellant at the scene of crime and recovery of pistol from him becomes highly doubtful and the guilt of the appellant having not been proved beyond reasonable doubt, conviction and sentence cannot be upheld," the court said.

"Accordingly, the appeals are allowed. The judgment and order passed by the High Court and the Trial Court as regards the appellant are set aside. Bail Bonds submitted by him stand cancelled,"

the court said. The appellant was convicted by the trial court and his conviction and sentence have been confirmed by the High Court under Sections 394 and 397 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 as well as under Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

Anwar alias Bhugra moved the Supreme Court challenging the order of High Court and trial court. The FIR in the matter was registered on April 5 1994 at Gharaunda in Haryana under Sections 394 and 397 of the Indian Penal Code.

According to complaint, he had gone to village Barsat for purchasing grocery items from his village and when he was returning then accused with other people robbed him. The argument raised by the counsel for the convict is that the story built by the prosecution on the basis of the complaint is concocted. In fact, no such incident had taken place, convict counsel said. ANI

BJP, Congress engage in war of words over ED's action in Chhattisgarh

Enforcement Directorate's (ED) fresh action in Chhattisgarh has stroke a 'war of words' in the political arena here as Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel called the raids a politically motivated move. At the same time, the BJP rejected the allegations and questioned the role of those arrested by the central agency in the politics of Congress.

"BJP questioned two officials (who were arrested by ED) against whom the central agency conducted a probe under the most stringent law in the country. As nothing was found against them, the case has been given to the state for undertaking the probe," said CM Baghel, questioning that if they (ED) would have found anything concrete, the question of forwarding the case to the state would not arise.

Baghel stated this while talking to the media at Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur on

Monday. Following the letter received from the ED Director, the state government has launched a probe but what about the letters we have sent to the agency requesting to probe the chit fund and NAN (civil supplies corporation) scam, said Baghel.

When would the ED, which is probing the NAN scam, reveal who is CM sir and CM madam and when they will conduct a probe against people indulged in chit fund scam, questioned the Chhattisgarh CM.

"Congress and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel are repeatedly levelling allegations on ED that their actions are political. I wanted to ask them businessman Suryakant Tiwari, officer Saumya Chaurasia and IAS Sameer Vishnoi, who were arrested by ED in connection with an alleged coal levy scam, were holding which post in Congress," said IAS-turned-politician OP Choudhary, who is a BJP spokesperson. ANI

Kerala train fire: Man resembling police sketch of suspect spotted at Kannur hospital



Kerala police on Monday released a sketch of the suspect who had allegedly poured petrol and set on fire his co-passenger on the moving Alappuzha- Kannur Express train, a day ago. The Railway police conducted a search for the accused at a government district hospital in Kannur, according to officials. The search was done on the basis of a report that a person resembling the sketch of the accused released by police had sought treatment in the hospital on Sunday night.

Police, however said that the person who sought treatment at Kannur district hospital is not the suspect. Police said that the

person spotted at the hospital did not resemble the sketch, they released, of the suspect created on the basis of CCTV footage.

At least eight other persons sustained injuries in the April 2 incident and according to police three persons, including a one-year-old child and a woman, were found dead on the tracks near the Elathur railway station in Kozhikode district of the State, hours after the fire incident. The suspect, who is yet to be identified is still at large. State police DGP Anil Kant addressing a press briefing earlier today said a special investigation team has been constituted to investigate the incident. ANI

"This fight is against Mitrakhaal": Rahul Gandhi after getting bail

Following the appeal of his conviction in Surat court in the 2019 defamation case, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that he was fighting against the "Mitrakhaal" and in his fight to save democracy, the truth was his weapon and support. "This is a fight against 'mitrakhaal' and to save democracy. In this struggle, truth is my weapon and support," said Gandhi in a Hindi tweet.

He has been criticizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "saving his friend Adani" over the Hindenburg report.

Disqualified Congress MP Rahul Gandhi today was granted bail in a 2019 defamation case by a Surat court, till April 13, when the case will be heard again. Rahul Gandhi's lawyer Gaurav Pandya while talking to the media said that Rahul Gandhi's appeal against the said conviction would be heard by the court on May 3. Rahul appeared in the court to-



day and filed an appeal against his March 23 conviction.

Rahul Gandhi reached Surat where he filed an appeal seeking a stay on his conviction by a Surat magistrate court for the defamation case over his remark on the 'Modi surname'.

The court had earlier given time of 30 days to the Congress leader to appeal its order. After the Surat court's verdict, Rahul

Gandhi was disqualified as MP from Lok Sabha. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and senior leaders including chief ministers of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh reached Surat from their respective states had accompanied Gandhi to the Gujarat court. Priyanka was seen with Rahul Gandhi aboard an IndiGo flight from Delhi. ANI

World

Moscow to deploy tactical nuclear weapons near Belarus' border with NATO countries: Russian envoy



Russian Ambassador to Belarus on Sunday said that Moscow will deploy tactical nuclear weapons near Belarus' border with NATO countries amid increasing tension with the US over the Ukraine war, reported Los Angeles Times.

Ambassador Boris Gryzlov, speaking in remarks broadcast late Sunday by Belarusian state television, said the Russian nuclear weapons will be "moved up close to the Western border of our union state" but did not give any precise location.

"It will expand our defence capability, and it will be done regardless of all the noise in Europe and the United States," he said in

a reference to Western criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision.

Earlier, Putin made a statement about plans to station tactical nuclear weapons in the territory of Russia's neighbour and ally, reported ABC News.

Putin has said that the construction of storage facilities for tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus will be complete by July 1 and added that Russia has helped modernize Belarusian warplanes to make them capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

The two neighbours have an agreement envisioning close economic, political and military ties. Russia used Belarusian ter-

ritory as a staging ground for invading Ukraine and has maintained a contingent of troops and weapons there. Belarus shares a 1,250-kilometer border with NATO members Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Tactical nuclear weapons, which are intended to destroy enemy troops and weapons on the battlefield, have a relatively short range and a much lower yield compared with nuclear warheads fitted to long-range strategic missiles that are capable of obliterating whole cities.

The deployment of Russian tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus would put them closer to potential targets in Ukraine and NATO members in Eastern and Central Europe.

On Friday, Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko also said that some of Russia's strategic nuclear weapons might be deployed in Belarus along with part of Russia's tactical nuclear arsenal.

Pakistan deny having diplomatic or trade relations with Israel



The Pakistan Foreign Office and Ministry of Trade and Commerce on Sunday rejected reports of any trade or diplomatic links with Israel, saying Islamabad has no diplomatic and trade relations with Tel Aviv, reported Geo News.

The response from Islamabad came days after the American Jewish Congress (AJC), an association of American Jews organised to defend Jewish interests abroad, announced that the first shipment of food products from Pakistan was offloaded in Israel.

The Pakistan Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch reacting to the reports of

the sale of Pakistani commodities in the Israeli markets said "there is no change" in Pakistan's policy about the Jewish state, reported Geo News.

"There is no change in the policy," she stressed.

The Spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce said that the AJC's press release was wrongly attributed as it does not make any mention of Pakistan's official trade relations with Israel.

"Rumours about beginning of Pakistan-Israel trade are pure propaganda. We neither have nor do we intend to start trade relations with Israel," the spokesperson said.

Trump set to be arraigned on Tuesday



Donald Trump is set to be arraigned on Tuesday after being indicted last week by a Manhattan grand jury on charges arising from hush money payments made to a porn star during his 2016 campaign, making him the first former US president to face a criminal charge and upending his bid to retake the White House in 2024.

The 76-year-old is expected to fly to New York City from his Mar-a-Lago home on Monday and plans to return back to his resort in Florida following his court hearing, where he will address his supporters on Tuesday night, his office said Sunday.

The grand jury on Thursday voted to indict Trump, a Republican, for his role in paying money to porn star Stormy Daniels in an attempt to buy her silence over an alleged affair. The indictment remains under seal and it is not clear what crimes and how many criminal counts Trump has been charged with. CNN reported that the former president has been charged with more than 30 counts.

"Former President Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America, will deliver remarks at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida on Tuesday, April 4, 2023," his presidential campaign announced. Trump, who is the first former US president to face a criminal charge, will be arraigned on Tuesday.

The proceeding is expected to be brief. The charges in the indictment will be read to him at the hearing, which is set to last about 10-15 minutes. He has denied all wrongdoing in connection with the payments made to Daniels, 44, ahead of the 2016 presidential election.

Finland to become 31st member of NATO on Tuesday: Jens Stoltenberg

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has announced that Finland will become a full member of NATO on April 4.

His remarks came after the Turkish Parliament on March 30 voted in favour of Finland's application to join NATO.

Speaking in a press conference on Monday, Stoltenberg said, "This is an historic week. Tomorrow, we will welcome Finland as the thirty-first member of NATO. Making Finland safer and

our Alliance stronger."

He further said, "We will raise the Finnish flag for the first time here at the Nato headquarters. It will be a good day for Finland's security, for Nordic security, and for NATO as a whole. It will be a good day for Finland's security, for Nordic security, and for NATO as a whole," according to the statement released on NATO's website.

He added, "Sweden will also be safer as a result." Jens Stoltenberg said that allies in 2022 made a decision to invite Finland and Sweden to become members of

NATO and noted that Finland's accession has been the fastest ratification process in NATO's modern history.

He said that tomorrow NATO will hold the NATO-Ukraine Commission with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba to discuss the conflict between Moscow and Kyiv and the military alliance's support for Ukraine.

Stoltenberg said that he welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's peace plan which upholds the principles at the heart of the UN Charter.

Don't help a villain', China urges Japan not to back US tech restriction as the two FMs hold talks

Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang on Sunday urged his Japanese counterpart Yoshimasa Hayashi not to "help a villain do evil" by backing the US tech restrictions against Beijing as the two ministers held rare talks here amid China's increasing criticism against Tokyo's backing for Washington-

led Indo-Pacific strategy. The United States "used bullying tactics to brutally suppress the Japanese semiconductor industry, and now it is repeating its old tricks against China", Qin told Hayashi.

"Japan has suffered that pain, and should not help a villain do evil. The containment will only further stimulate China's deter-

mination to become self-reliant," Qin said, according to the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post.

The talks between the two ministers took place two days after Japan announced it would restrict semiconductor equipment exports from July, following months of lobbying by the US.

Column

Helping your child enhance his Special Talent



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Everybody has some talent. Nobody is an expert in everything, but everybody is good at something and may improve the gifts and talents they have. Young people particularly need to do well at something. Successful people are less probable to use drugs or alcohol or show other negative behaviors or feel meaningful. Talent includes some obvious things like obtaining good grades, getting musical skills or become a fine athlete. However, being persistent, being a good listener, or being pleasant is also talent. Parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and teachers need to play the role of talent scouts and observe less evident gifts and help youth to see and value their own capabilities.

Youth builds a real sense of self-esteem from things they provide rather than the things they receive. Help them to develop their talents and provide them with the opportunities of making a contribution to others' good using those talents and build self-esteem. It also sets the foundation of being an all-time contributor to the society.

Special talent is defined as the "outstanding ability to choose and achieve difficult goals as per one's interests, values, abilities, and contexts". It can help to explain these confusing phenomena. Persons with individual talents understand themselves well, take excellent decisions, as well as have the required skills to achieve their aims. They are flexible and self-disciplined persons who have extended higher levels of environment-specific individual talents that permit them to assess multiple, challenging, and competing goals.

Hence, how can parents assist their talented children in developing personal talent? During the school, talented youngsters start making choices which affect their lives. Therefore, if they develop their personal talent earlier, there are greater possibilities that their decisions will result in fulfilling and satisfying lives.

Self-knowledge has the awareness about one's abilities, values, and interests. Parents can assist children in developing self-knowledge through supporting them to try different activities and find out where their abilities, values, and interests lie.

At times, you see some talented youngsters and a few things which come naturally in them. The youth should learn



the skills which they require to deal with supposed or actual conflicts which may happen between the subculture and culture of the bigger society. Younger people should have a stronger inner spirit with positive beliefs, values, and confidence which affect their behaviours and decisions. These values consist of personal responsibilities for the interests of others as well as the commitment to respecting themselves. Parents may help by revealing stereotyping in media, forming unconditioned options in their lives, valuing learning as the way of moving beyond the norms of local society, and encouraging self-sufficiency and self-direction.

Parents have a very special role to play in the life of their child. We have to be part of the growth process and discovery of our child. Our role is to help our children understand and define their talents.

Give Space to Your Children's Talent to Grow: All the children are talented however at times; some talents go overlooked due to their hectic schedule of caregivers' or parents'. At times, children's talents are documented but a person that recognizes it does very little to look after it.

Children's talents should be nurtured so that they can grow up to have a hobby that they can enjoy. Children, whose talents are nurtured, grow up to be extraordinary and healthy beings. If you are a parent or caregiver of a young child who has talent is how you can nurture it.

Focus and Take Interest: Once the children find something which they are good at, they will spend significant time at that and will wish to show everybody what they could do whatever that is. In case, your child comes to you when you are very busy, don't shout and give emphasis on how much the child is disrupting whatever you do. As an

alternative, just ask your child to come again later so that you can listen to him or her in a better way. If you are unable to give your child full attention, then don't push yourself to sit down with your child as it can make your child feel as if he is interfering your work and he may lose self-belief in his talent. Whatever talent your child has, give little time each week and provide the child with complete attention. Your attention makes your children realize that you care for them and wish them to be successful.

Develop the Talent: Get some tools which can develop the child's talent. For example, for a child who is a brilliant painter, get some paint sets, if she knows everything about the rainforest animals or locomotives get her a comprehensive book on the subject. Another option is to take the child to the events which concentrate on the child's interest or talent. If he likes art then go to an exhibition with him. If she likes theatre, go with her to see some performances. Keep them engaged in the activities which will develop the talent.

Examine the Child to Develop the Talent: Ask your child questions regarding his special talent as well as inquire him to let you more for his talent. If you ask questions, the child will feel better. This could make a few children worried but numerous others will indulge in attention. This will help them feel positive about producing their talent when they observe that somebody wants to find out more about that.

Register your child in the class which concerns about his talent. In case your child is having a special talent for cooking, enroll her in a child's cooking class. In case you are confident about where to get children's classes, explore the community centres. Few of the centres have programs for the children

of diverse ages with decent pricing. Your other option is to do a basic search on Google to get classes within your area.

The Don'ts

Do not force the child beyond limits (very hard). Lots of parents feel overwhelmed because of their child's talent and they make the mistake of forcing their child very hard. Any overworked child is just not a pleased child. You wish that your child enjoys his talent and not fear it.

It is fine to make your child work however it is not right to exhaust your child. For instance, don't assign your children with five classes per week. They have school as well as its homework and require time for their social life also. In case you observe that your children are not having good times, ask them about what they wish to do. While parents push very hard, their children don't have talents however expectations which they have to live up and it's not fun.

Develop Creativity

Five essential areas are there through which parents may develop creativity in the children:

Family: It is perhaps the most significant area where children need encouragement. Being parents, we should communicate the requirement of support for the children right through the family that includes grandparents, uncles, siblings, cousins, and aunts.

Friends: Find some ways of creating occasions where a child can work together with the other children that have the same interest. It will assist them to build their individual community for help because they inspire, grow and encourage the other children also.

Teachers: Make some efforts to spend some time as well as engage with the children's instructors therefore in a long time your child will learn and inspire to do that.

Entertainment

Actress Nayanthara reveals full name of her twins



Actor Nayanthara and filmmaker Vignesh Shivan who welcomed their twin sons last year in October. Finally, has revealed the full name of their children. A video has surfaced only in which actor Nayanthara can be seen revealing the full names of her twins.

During the event, when Nayanthara was asked to reveal the full names of her boys, she said "My first son is Uyir Rudronil N Shivan and my second son is Ulag Dhairav N Shivan." Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan married in Chennai on June 9, 2022.

It was an intimate wedding with only their close friends and select guests, including Shah Rukh Khan, AR Rahman, Suriya, and Rajinikanth, in attendance. Four months after their wedding, they welcomed their sons via surrogacy. The news was shared by Vignesh on his Instagram handle where he shared pictures of his twin newborns named Uyir and Ulagam.

In the images, the duo was seen kissing the feet of their babies. He captioned the post by writing, "Nayan and Me have become Amma and Appa. We are blessed with Twin Baby Boys. All Our prayers, our ancestors' blessings combined with all the good manifestations made, have come 2gethr in the form Of 2 blessed babies for us. Need all ur blessings for our Uyir and Ulagam. Life looks brighter and more beautiful. God is double great." ANI



Actress Janhvi Kapoor visits Tirupati Balaji temple with rumoured boyfriend Shikhar Pahariya

Amid dating rumours, actor Janhvi Kapoor snapped with Shikhar Pahariya during her visit to Tirupati Balaji Temple in Andhra Pradesh on Monday. Janhvi offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara at the Tirumala temple in the early hours of Monday.

She was accompanied by her rumoured boyfriend Shikhar and sister Khushi Kapoor. Janhvi and her sister were dressed in a traditional half-saree.

Neither Janhvi nor Shikhar have commented on their relationship, however, the two have been spotted together several times. Shikhar is the grandson of former Maharashtra chief minister Sushil Kumar Shinde. He is an entrepreneur, polo player, and philanthropist. Shikhar was said to be in a relationship with Janhvi several years ago before they separated.

Talking about Janhvi dating Shikhar, Karan Johar on Koffee With Karan 7, almost confirmed their dating rumours. During Janvhi's appearance on the show with Sara Ali Khan, Karan said, "I mean it was the past. You both dated two brothers. And the commonality between the three of us is that they both used to live in my building." Reportedly, Sara previously dated Shikhar's brother Veer Pahariya. ANI



Actress Madhuri Dixit shares old pictures with choreographer-director Prabhu Deva on social media

Actor Madhuri Dixit shared a sweet birthday wish for choreographer-director Prabhu Deva on his 50th birthday. Taking to her Instagram story, Madhuri shared pictures with the birthday boy from their dance sessions.

In the 2000 movie 'Pukar', the Dhak Dhak girl and aced choreographer charmed everyone with their dance movies in the popular track 'Kay Sera Sera'. The duo synchronised steps enthralled audiences. The dance was a visual treat for their fans.

Further extending the birthday wish, Shilpa Shetty dropped a picture with Prabhu Deva and captioned it, "Happy Birthday. Wishing you tons of love, happiness, success, and great health. Here's to many more years of friendship!"

Prabhu Deva dons many hats: actor, director, and choreographer. He started his career at 15 assisting his dance director father Muger Sundar. It was his father, who encouraged him to pursue his dreams when he got failed in an examination. Since then he has been inspiring us with his impeccable and inimitable moves. He is also considered as "homegrown Michael Jackson," as Prabhu Deva has always been inspired by the illustrious dancer. ANI



Gigi Hadid expresses gratitude to Ambani family over her "first unforgettable trip to India"

Supermodel Gigi Hadid is in love with India. She came to Mumbai on Friday for the grand launch of the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) and since then she has been talking about the beauty of the country.

On Monday, she took to Instagram and thanked the Ambani family for inviting her to India and making her experience the Indian culture.

"Warmest thanks to the Ambani family for hosting me in mumbai for the opening weekend of maccindia! It was an honor to be there to witness your family's vision come to life, in a beautiful world-class Cultural Center to celebrate and cultivate the creatives and heritage of India," she wrote.

She added, "After seeing the opening nights of 'The Great Indian Musical' and 'India in Fashion' exhibit, I learned so much & know this venue will nurture future generations to explore their passions- from dance to design, from music to art. If you have the chance to visit & see these productions - I HIGHLY recommend!!!! Unforgettable first trip to India. Much love." Gigi stunned everyone with her presence in India.

On Day 2 of NMACC, Gigi was seen dressed in a custom Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla Chikankari saree and a gold jewelled blouse. The pre-pleated six yards featured intricately-designed gold patti borders and a thigh-high slit on the side. ANI