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WB Ram Navami Violence:



Police arrested 19-year-old man seen with a weapon in the procession

West Bengal Police have arrested a 19-year-old for allegedly brandishing a weapon during a Ram Navami procession in Howrah. The accused identified as Sumit Shaw, who was seen in a video that is now viral on social media was arrested from Bihar's Munger last night, Howrah police said today.

According to police, the accused is a resident of Salkia in Howrah and had been absconding since the incident. "I can only say that West Bengal police arrested one person. Now after court permission, they will take on transit the

arrested man," said Munger Superintendent of Police Jagunath Reddy Jalareddy.

The police official said that the accused would first be taken to the Sadar Hospital for a medical examination.

Meanwhile, Kunal Ghosh, State General Secretary of the Trinamool Congress said that the violence was a plot of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) to create unrest in West Bengal. "In the incident in Howrah on Ram Navami, there was a boy visible in the procession of BJP who was carrying a revolver. With this arrest, the plot of provocation of the BJP has been established. Howrah police has arrested

him in Munger, Bihar. This case has been assigned to CID," the TMC said.

Meanwhile, a fresh incident of stonelpelting was reported from Rishra town in Hooghly on Monday evening. Eastern Railway has suspended all local and mail express train services operating to and from Rishra railway station, following the incident.

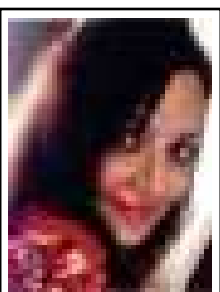
Police and Rapid Action Force (RAF) were also deployed in the area to prevent any untoward incidents. The fresh violence came in the wake of clashes that erupted during BJP's march in Hooghly on Sunday. The State government later

issued prohibitory orders and also suspended internet services across the district.

On Thursday, several vehicles were set on fire after two groups clashed in Howrah amid Ram Navami celebrations. During the procession, rioters vandalised public and private properties while setting vehicles on fire. The West Bengal government on Friday handed over the probe into the Howrah violence to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). A special team led by Inspector General of Police, CID, Sunil Choudhury has initiated an investigation. ANI

Panama Papers- whole issue is being blown out of proportion

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

In 2013 the entire BJP campaigned for bringing black money deposited in Swiss Bank, it's been more than seven years forget about bringing back black money but BJP has almost forgotten their narrative of so-called black money and corruption. Now this Panama Papers has been in trend on social media and has hit headlines of major newspapers and news channels. However, for some people, the information is just too difficult to understand. Few years back the German Süddeutsche Zeitung started to publish articles based on 11.5 million leaked documents from the Panama law firm Mossack

Fonseca that helped some of the world's wealthiest people — including politicians, athletes and business moguls — establish offshore bank accounts.

The Süddeutsche Zeitung said its reporters had obtained the documents from a confidential source and shared the files with other media organizations, like The Guardian and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists. Since then, the Panama papers are making news but so far there is no stringent investigation or conclusion drawn on this issue.

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There's a difference between tax evasion — illegally refusing to pay taxes you owe, and then taking advantage of secret accounts to try to hide the money and get away with it — and tax avoidance, which is hiring clever people to help you find and exploit legal loopholes to minimize your tax bill. Panama is a country with no corporate income tax. People set up their companies here to avoid tax. Tax avoidance is an inevitable feature of any tax system, but the reason this particular form of avoidance grows and grows without bounds is that powerful politicians in powerful countries have chosen to let it happen.

As the global economy has become more and more deeply integrated, powerful countries have created economic "rules of the road" that foreign countries and multinational corporations must follow in order to gain lucrative market access. Establishing some kind of minimum global standard of taxation of corporate and investment income hasn't been done, because it hasn't been a political priority.

The leak of the Panama Papers is significant in part because of the specific information the documents contain, but more broadly because they draw attention to what "everyone knows" and may put public pressure on the powers that be to do something about it. Also, while holding money in offshore companies is not illegal, evidence of wealth hidden for tax evasion, money laundering, sanctions busting, drug deals or other crimes are worrisome.

Offshore bank accounts are located outside a client's country of residence, usually in "tax haven" territories chosen because of financial and legal advantages. They can be used to squirrel money away from the oversight of national banking systems, evading regulatory oversight or tax obligations.

Companies or individuals often use shell companies — set up purely as a vehicle for financial transactions and initially incorporated without significant assets or operations — to disguise ownership or other information about the funds involved. Panama, the Channel Islands and Bermuda are among more than a dozen small, low-tax locations that specialize in handling business services and investments of non-resident companies.

Companies or trusts can be set up in offshore locations for legitimate uses such as business finance, mergers and acquisitions and estate or tax planning, according to the global money laundering

watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force. The papers show that some Indians have set up offshore entities through the Panama law firm. Some of them floated offshore entities at a time when laws did not allow them to do so; some have taken a technically convenient view that companies acquired is not the same as companies incorporated; some have bunched their annual quota of remittances to subscribe to shares in an offshore entity acquired at an earlier date. Still, some others have received income earned abroad and deposited it in the entity to avoid tax. Some have opened a bank account to keep payoffs in government contracts, or held "proceeds of crime" or property bought with money made illegally in Trusts/ Foundations.

Secrecy of information relating to the ultimate beneficial owner is guaranteed, zero tax on income generated. In Panama, individuals can ask for bearer shares, where the owner's name is not mentioned anywhere. It costs little or nothing to set up an entity here. The Registered Agent charges a few hundred dollars to incorporate an entity. It doesn't take much time to incorporate one either. Companies are available off-the-shelf and can be registered in a couple of days.

Non-disclosure of an overseas asset will be of interest to authorities and regulators in India. Also, the Income Tax department will have to probe if there has been 'round tripping' of funds i.e. routing of funds invested in offshore entities back to India, and where required, refer the cases to the Enforcement Directorate. It will also have to see if the offshore entities have declared all their incomes and assets to the Income Tax department, which will not be an easy task. So in-between for a change Panama issue will come and one day it will be forgotten the same as Swiss bank accounts.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

Dismiss China's move

In an effort to bolster its claim to India's Arunachal Pradesh, China has devised a third set of names for ten locations in the state, referring to them as zangan, the southern part of Tibet. Following the State Council's regulations on geographical names, China's Ministry of Civil Affairs issued standardised names in Chinese, Tibetan, and Pinyin characters. The coordinates for two land areas, two residential areas, five mountain peaks, and two rivers, as well as their subordinate administrative districts, are included in the list. According to Chinese experts, the announcement of names is a legal move that respects China's sovereign right to standardise geographical names. At this point, India's external affairs should emphasize that assigning invented names to places in Arunachal Pradesh does not alter the fact that the state is an integral part of India. India has to dismiss China's move to rename places in Arunachal Pradesh.

Vijaykumar H K

Rest In Peace Salim Durani

Indian cricket is orphaned by the death of Salim Durani who was a legend in his own right & playing just 29 Tests for his country doesn't speak of the talent he possessed. People remember him for his 'six' hitting prowess as he obliged spectators whenever they yelled for a six but he was also a useful spinner who took 75 wickets in those 29 games & won few important games & series for India.

Salim was a debonair cricketer who even tried his luck on the silver screen & lived his life the way he wanted. He also holds the distinction of being the first Arjuna Awardee & will be remembered for a long time to come. His popularity would have soared had there been ODI's or T-20 during his era as he was a perfect player for that kind of cricket.

R.I.P Salim Durani. May his soul Rest in Peace!

S.N.Kabra

Make train journeys safe and secure

The very shocking and tragic incident in which a man, travelling by the Alleppey-Kannur Express, set fire to his co passengers is one laden with mystery and suspicions and leads to a lot of questions regarding safety of railway journeys. That it has happened in a state which is known for safe journeys raises curiosity. The police and investigation team comprising of the central, state and railway departments are already on the chase to catch the culprit. The man sprayed petrol on the passengers of the D1 coach of the running train and lit fire ending up in total panic and commotion resulting in many getting seriously injured and also in the tragic death of a man, woman and a child who police doubt would have jumped off the train to escape from the fire. The authority concerned is also probing to find out if it has any terror links.

Train journeys have to be made more safe and secure. Checking on running trains by railway personnel and police, especially during night time should be made mandatory. Ticketless travelling should be dealt sternly. Besides, like in airports only passengers boarding trains should be allowed on platforms. CCTV in bogies must be fixed. Though a lot of changes and innovations are being done in rail travelling nowadays, if safety and security is not provided for the life of passengers then "subh yatras" will definitely turn out to be "asubh yatras".

M Pradyu

Being underrated in most humiliating ways



In the wake of Surat Court's judgement from Kejriwal to almost all opposition parties are today seen to have come stood behind Rahul Gandhi, who has notably been on bail in seven cases; granted pardon sought by him from court in three cases, and convicted in one. However, truth of the matter is that most of them (leaders of the parties) have left no chance to lend their voice one time or the other with the world regarding his 'common-sense'. As far memory goes it is probably in team Kejriwal's 'Anna- agitation' that the world got to have introduced with the mock- name 'Pappu' of Rahul Gandhi for the very first time. And only after agitation that later in their so many speeches that Baba Ramdev and many other began to use the name 'Pappu' for Rahul. And then from Amethi when Kumar Vishwas fought the election from Aam Admi Party and lost it, he commented that he had been regretful that he couldn't get the people rid of 'Rashtriya bojha' (addressing Rahul as a 'national burden')!

Then came the year 2018, when in Parliament Rahul

Gandhi was seen winking while hugging Narendra Modi, a sharp reaction came from Telangana's CM, Chandrashekar Rao, that- 'Rahul Gandhi is a biggest 'Buffoon' in the country!' Regarding his electoral prospect, he then further had added underrating him that more would he come in Telangana, more would be easier for him (Chandrashekar Rao) to win the elections.

Now just see how Barak Obama takes Rahul Gandhi - 'Rahul Gandhi has a nervous and uninformed quality about him, as if he were a student who had done the course work and was the eager to impress his teacher but deep down lacked either the aptitude or passion to master the subject.' Obama says this in his book, 'A promised land'.

Mamta too lagged not behind in creating sensation through her conclusion about Rahul. She has this to say, if Rahul Gandhi continues to be the leader of opposition, nobody could call Narendra Modi a wrong person. Rahul Gandhi is Modi's biggest source of TRP. BJP will never like to see Rahul's claim in Congress suffered setback, she further added in her style.

What was so far seen out of the Congress party, now that scene has begun to be staged inside it too. When in favour of Rahul Gandhi 'Sher Sansad men' (Lion in the parliament) was tweeted by Congress party of Rajasthan, people inside the party itself could not tolerate that. Son of the cabinet minister of Congress government of the state and Sachin Gurjar's loyalist, Aniruddha Singh, stepped out and what he tweeted shocked everybody else in and out of the party- 'Sher, sher bolkar, Pappu dikha rahe ho. Bhagwan tumhen kabhi maaf nahin karega, jhoothon!' (Showing Pappu, whereas telling about lion. God will never forgive you, liars!' Obviously Aniruddh was meant to say that whom all calling a lion, him world knows as 'Pappu'.

- Er.Rajesh Pathak

Columnist

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Complaint lodged against Bageshwar Baba for controversial remark about Shirdi Sai Baba



A Shiv Sena (Uddhav faction) Yuva Sena leader has submitted a written complaint letter to Mumbai police demanding that an FIR be lodged against self-styled godman of Bageshwar Dham Dharendra Krishna Shastri for allegedly making controversial statements about 20th century saint Shirdi Sai Baba.

The Yuva Sena leader, Rahul Narain Kanal submitted a complaint to Mumbai's Bandra Police on April 3.

According to the complaint

letter, which has been accessed by ANI, Kanal wrote, "I came across a video excerpt of a self-styled Baba prominently addressed as Bageshwar Dham Sarkar in which the said Baba in his typical fashion addresses a large assembly of his purported devotees and responds to queries from the audience."

"One of Shastri's devotees queries him on the persona of Sai Baba's worship being compared to other deities of Hindu religion. Astoundingly, Shastri responds to the question of his devotee in the

manner most schemingly veiled with an ulterior motive and denigrates the honour, adorability and invocation of Sai Baba," it added.

Such derogatory remarks on the reverence of Sai Baba not only deserve condemnation but also warrant for criminal action under section 153-A and other offences of IPC as it is equivalent to spreading hatred and enmity within the community and sub sections, he wrote.

The conduct of the Bageshwar Dham Sarkar in raising objections against Sai Baba and the devotee who sought response appears to be insensitive and appears to be deliberate in order to insult Sai Baba.

Notably, Shastri had said, "Shankaracharya of our religion did not give Sai Baba the place of God. It is the religion of every Sanatani to obey Shankaracharya because he is the prime minister of our religion. Sai Baba can be a saint, can be a fakir but cannot be God."

Shiv Sena UBT Women worker beaten up by rival Shiv Sena in Thane

Thane's Shiv Sena (UBT) worker Roshni Shinde was beaten up by women Party workers of Shinde led Shiv Sena for posting offensive posts on Social Media.

The incident took place on Monday night from around 10.30 to 11 pm. As Roshni Shinde was coming out of her office at Kasarwadvali in Thane, she was suddenly attacked by women belonging to the Shinde group.

The incident of the beating has been caught on CCTV. Roshni Shinde has alleged that she was beaten even when she was undergoing treatment for pregnancy.

Later, Uddhav Thackeray and Rashmi Thackeray went to the hospital and met Roshni Shinde in Thane. Yuva Sena chief Aditya Thackeray was also present in the hospital.

Addressing reporters in Thane, Thackeray has demanded the resignation of Fadnavis after a woman worker from the Thac-



keray-led faction was allegedly attacked by workers of rival Shiv Sena.

Thackeray said, "The state has got a 'fadoos' Home Minister. Last week, I heard the Supreme Court using the words 'Napunsak' about our government, and it has become familiar. The question is what do you expect from someone when you say the government is Napunsak? Thane is known as educated, and cultured. But there is an attempt to erase that identity and make it a Thane of gangsters."

Two held for murdering woman in Navi Mumbai

The Navi Mumbai police have arrested two persons for allegedly murdering a woman and attempt to kill another woman following a dispute, an official said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Saturday night when the two accused men and the women had an argument in the house of one of the victims at Shelghar in Panvel area, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone II Panvel, Pankaj Dahane said.

The accused allegedly attacked the two women with a paver block. One of them, identified as Anita @ Amerdakani Saravanan Nadar

(36), died on the spot while the other one, Saloni Oman Herez (38), was severely injured and rushed to a hospital for treatment, he said.

A previous dispute among them was the motive behind the attack, the police said.

A police probe team worked on various leads including intelligence inputs and nabbed one of the accused, identified as David Kido, on Sunday, the official said.

Later, acting on a tip-off, the police also nabbed the other accused, Sanjay Kechu, who was about to escape to Jharkhand, he added.

Man held for having unnatural sex with stray dog

A 45-year-old man was arrested for allegedly having unnatural sex with a stray dog in Mumbai's Andheri area, Amboli Police informed on Tuesday. The accused was identified as Mitlesh Das.

"A 25-year-old woman saw the accused, Das, having unnatural intercourse with a dog at a place near Balaji Telefilms, Veera Desai Road, Andheri, following which she approached the nearest police

station and lodged a complaint," said an officer at Amboli police station.

According to officials, on the basis of the woman's statement, the police registered a case against the accused. "A case has been registered under Section 377 of the IPC and section 11(1)(1)(a) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960," the officer added.

Further details are awaited.

Won't let Uddhav come out of his home if he doesn't stop using objectional language against Fadnavis: Maha BJP chief

Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Tuesday said the party workers would not let Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray step out of his residence in Mumbai if he continues to use objectional language against Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Earlier in the day, Thackeray dubbed Fadnavis a "worthless" home minister and the latter replied with a "weak former chief minister" jibe.

"Maharashtra had seen a very responsible chief minister in Devendra Fadnavis who had also served as the home minister (2014-19) and before that, he was the opposition leader. On the other hand, Uddhav Thackeray didn't step out of his house when he was the CM. He doesn't know the problems faced by the last man in society," Bawankule said.

Addressing reporters in Thane, Thackeray has demanded



the resignation of Fadnavis after a woman worker from the Thackeray-led faction was allegedly attacked by activists of rival Shiv Sena.

Fadnavis hit back, saying Thackeray was a "weak" chief minister who had sacrificed his ideology for the sake of power and need not be given importance. "If Uddhav Thackeray continues to use objectionable words against Fadnavis, BJP will not spare Thackeray and will not

let him come out of his residence. He will have to remain confined to his house," Bawankule said.

He said Thackeray was born with a golden spoon and his only identity is he is the son of Bal Thackeray. Slamming Thackeray, the BJP leader said Uddhav's only "achievement" is getting elected using photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi but later joining hands with the Congress and the NCP to become the chief minister.

Nation

SC quashes HC verdict stating "undue sympathy" to the accused is unsustainable"



The Supreme Court has quashed a verdict of the Punjab and Haryana High Court which had reduced the sentence awarded to a man for causing death by rash and negligent act, holding that showing "undue sympathy" to the accused is unsustainable. The apex court observed the high court had not at all considered that Indian Penal Code (IPC) is punitive and deterrent in nature and the principal aim and object is to punish offenders for offences committed under the Code.

The top court delivered its verdict on an appeal filed by the state of Punjab against the high court judgment which had upheld the conviction of an accused for the offence under section 304-A (causing death by rash and negligent act) of the IPC but reduced the sentence from two years to eight months, subject to a prior deposit of Rs 25,000 towards compensation to be paid to the family of the deceased.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and C T Ravikumar noted in its March 28 verdict that while reducing the sentence the high court had not considered the gravity of the offence and the manner in which the accused committed it by driving an SUV in a rash and negligent manner due to which one person died and two others, who were travelling in an ambulance, sustained injuries.

"The high court has also not properly appreciated and considered the fact that due to collision, the ambulance turned turtle. This shows the impact on the ambulance and the rash and negligent driving on the part of the accused," it said, adding cogent reasons were given by the trial court which had sentenced the accused to two years in jail.

The road accident had taken place in January 2012 when an SUV driven by the accused hit an ambulance which was coming from Chandigarh and going towards Mohali. Referring to a

previous judgement of the apex court, the bench noted it was observed that the top court had, time and again, emphasised on the need to strictly punish offenders responsible for causing motor vehicle accidents.

The bench noted it was observed and held that the principle of proportionality between the crime and punishment has to be borne in mind. The principle of just punishment is the bedrock of sentencing in respect of a criminal offence, it said. Referring to another judgement delivered by the apex court, the bench noted it was observed that the principle of sentencing recognises the corrective measures but there are occasions when the deterrence is an imperative necessity depending upon the facts of the case. "The high court has not at all considered the fact that the IPC is punitive and deterrent in nature. The principal aim and object are to punish offenders for offences committed under IPC," the apex court said. "Applying the law laid down by this court to the facts of the case on hand, the impugned judgment and order passed by the high court interfering with the sentence imposed by the trial court confirmed by the first appellate court by showing undue sympathy to the accused is unsustainable and the same deserves to be quashed and set aside," it said.

The bench set aside the high court verdict reducing the sentence and restored the sentence imposed by the trial court. PTI

A massive avalanche occurred in Sikkim kills 6 people leaves others injured

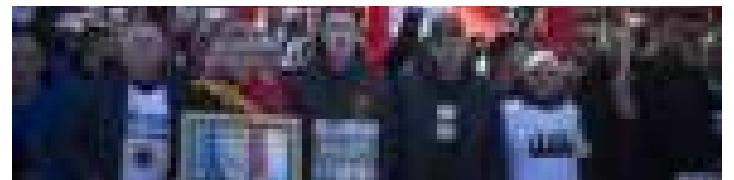


Six tourists were killed and 11 others injured in a major avalanche in Sikkim's Nathula area on Tuesday, police officials said here. The injured are being brought to the state capital Gangtok's hospital. "Rescue and clearance operations are still on," a senior police official here said. Nathula Pass is situated on the border with China and is a major tourist destination because of its scenic beauty.

The avalanche, which oc-

curred early morning at the 14th milestone on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, had trapped 25-30 tourists, according to defence sources. "Swift rescue operations were launched by Border Roads Organisation and 22 people were rescued till now including 6 from a deep valley," they said. Some 350 people and 80 vehicles, which were stranded on the road because of the snow blocking the road from Nathu La, were also brought back, officials said. PTI

Supporters stage protest at the Hague as former Kosovo president goes on trial



The residents of Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar consumed liquor worth Rs 1,652 crore in 2022-23, fetching the highest revenue in a financial year since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, excise department officials here said. The excise department in Gautam Buddha Nagar, which comprises Noida and Greater Noida, also launched a crackdown on illegal liquor during the year, seizing more than 50,000 litres of illicit alcohol and arresting 360 people. According to excise figures, the target for 2022-23 was set at Rs 1,828 crore, against which a revenue of Rs 1,652 crore (90.37 per cent) was earned from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

The revenue earned in 2021-22 stood at Rs 1,346 crore and in 2020-21, at Rs 1,019 crore, the data showed. "During 2022-23, a total of 966 cases related to violations of the excise law, such as

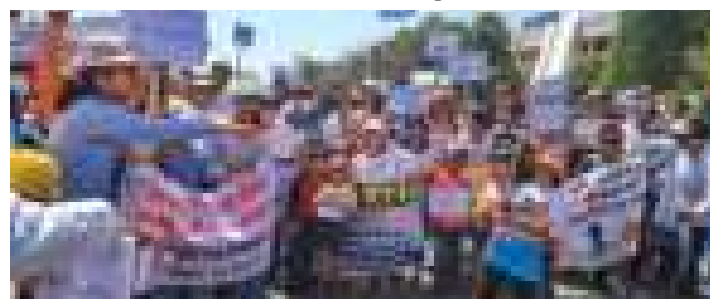
liquor trafficking, overrating by vendors etc., were lodged and 360 offenders arrested. Additionally, 51,434 litres of illicit liquor was seized by the department and 106 vehicles, including two-wheelers, impounded," District Excise Officer Rakesh Bahadur Singh told PTI.

Gautam Buddha Nagar, which shares its borders with Delhi and Haryana, has 535 licensed liquor shops across Noida and Greater Noida, Singh said. The officer said the liquor sales were impacted due to the Covid outbreak in the first quarter of 2020, but picked up pace eventually, leading to a record revenue in the last fiscal. "We have been able to achieve more than 90 per cent of our target of Rs 1,828 crore in revenue. We could have achieved the target but due to some policy issues in neighbouring Delhi, we fell slightly short of it," Singh added. PTI

Rajasthan becomes first state to implement 'Right to Health', consensus reached between govt, doctors

After weeks of protest, finally an agreement was reached between the protesting doctors and the Rajasthan government on the issue of the 'Right to Health' bill on Tuesday, making the state, the first in the country to implement such a bill. Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot took to Twitter to inform that an agreement has been reached and Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to implement 'Right to Health'.

"I am happy that finally an

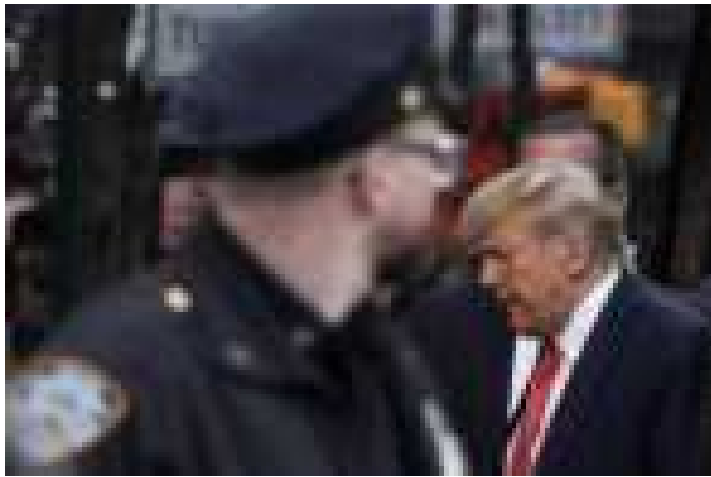


agreement has been reached between the government and the doctors on the 'Right to Health', and Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to implement

the 'Right to Health'. I hope that the doctor-patient relationship will remain the same in future as well. #RightToHealth," Ashok Gehlot said on Twitter. ANI

World

Ex-US President Donald Trump to appear before Manhattan court to face criminal charges



Former US President Donald Trump is expected to appear before a specially secured Manhattan courthouse on Tuesday to be arraigned on history-making criminal charges related to paying hush money to a porn star during his 2016 presidential campaign.

Trump, 76, flew to New York City in his Boeing 757 aircraft from his Mar-a-Lago home on Monday and arrived at the La Guardia airport around 3 pm EST (12.30 am IST). His motorcade then made its way to the Trump Tower on 5th Avenue in Man-

hattan where he will stay for the night. Streets around the high-end Trump Tower have been cordoned off, with heavy police presence in and around the area.

The former President waved at scores of his supporters as he came out from the SUV and was escorted immediately inside the building.

Trump, the first former US President to face a criminal charge, will appear before Judge Juan Merchan at 2.15 pm EST (11.45 pm IST) on Tuesday.

American media quoted Trump's attorneys as saying that

the former president will plead not guilty. After his court appearance, Trump will immediately fly back to Florida where he will deliver remarks at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach in the evening.

The arraignment 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. Trump has denied all wrongdoings in connection with the payments made to Stormy Daniels, 44, ahead of the 2016 presidential election. Trump is expected to have his mugshot taken. A mugshot is a photograph taken by law enforcement agencies when an individual is arrested and booked. Trump's lawyers on Monday urged Judge Merchan not to allow cameras inside the courtroom.

"We submit that the media request should be denied because it will create a circus-like atmosphere at the arraignment, raise unique security concerns, and is inconsistent with President Trump's presumption of innocence," his lawyers wrote in a letter said to Judge Merchan.

China releases names of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh

In its latest attempt to lay claims over Indian territory, China's Ministry of Civil Affairs has standardised the names of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh, which it referred to as "Zangnan, the southern part of Tibet."

China has come up with the names of 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh in Chinese characters, Tibetan and pinyin according to

the rules on geographical names issued by the State Council, China's cabinet, Global Times reported.

The Ministry announced the names of 11 places on Sunday and also gave precise coordinates, including two residential areas, five mountain peaks, two rivers and two other areas. China's Ministry of Civil Affairs also listed the category of places' names and their

subordinate administrative districts, as per the news report.

According to a Global Times report, this is the third batch of geographical names announced by the ministry in Arunachal Pradesh.

As per the news report, the first batch of the standardized names of six places was issued in 2017, and the second batch of 15 places was released in 2021.

Musk replaces Twitter's blue bird logo with 'Doge' meme

Yet again, Twitter CEO Elon Musk is back with new updates for the micro-blogging site, and this time he has changed the iconic blue bird logo - which has served as a home button on the web version, with the "doge" meme of the Dogecoin cryptocurrency.

Twitter users noticed the 'doge' meme, which is part of the logo of the Dogecoin blockchain and cryptocurrency and was created as a joke in 2013,

on the web version of Twitter on Monday.

Musk also shared a hilarious post on his account wherein the 'doge' meme (which features the face of a Shiba Inu) in the car and telling the police officer, who seems to be seeing his driving license, that his photo has been changed.

Notably, there was no change on Twitter's mobile app. It is pertinent to mention that the doge image (of a Shiba Inu)

is well-known as the logo of the Dogecoin blockchain and cryptocurrency, which was created as a joke in 2013 -- to mock other cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Variety reported.

Twitter's CEO also shared the screenshot of the March 26, 2022, conversation between him and the anonymous account where the latter was asking to change the bird logo to "doge."

Sharing this post on Twitter, Musk wrote, "As promised."

Bhutan King Jigme Wangchuck arrived in India for bilateral talks



The King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, who is on a 3-day state visit to India, was received by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday ahead of their bilateral talks.

The meeting between the two leaders is seen as an opportunity to take stock of progress in bilateral relations.

The official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Arindam Bagchi informed of the meeting between the two leaders on Twitter.

"Taking forward unique relationship of friendship & cooperation. PM @narendramodi received His Majesty the King of Bhutan ahead of their talks. An opportunity to take stock of progress in bilateral ties," the official spokesperson of MEA tweeted.

Earlier in the day, Bhutan King attended paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat. He also signed the visitors' book at Rajghat.

Taking to Twitter, the official

spokesperson of MEA, Arindam Bagchi wrote, "A tribute to Babu's lasting legacy! His Majesty the King of Bhutan paid his respects to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat." He also met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval earlier on Tuesday.

On Monday, Bhutan King was welcomed by the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who later paid him a visit in the evening. Jaishankar stated that he "truly appreciates" the Bhutan King's goal of advancing the special relationship with India.

The Bhutan King is in India at the invitation of President Droupadi Murmu. He will call on President Murmu later on Tuesday.

The king is being accompanied by Bhutan's Foreign Minister Dr Tandi Dorji and other senior officials. King Wangchuck's visit is in keeping with the long-standing tradition of regular high-level exchanges between the two nations, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

Train derails in Netherlands, casualties reported

At least 1 person was killed and more than 30 others injured in the Netherlands after a train derailed on Tuesday after hitting construction equipment on the track, Turkey-based TRT World reported citing the Dutch emergency services.

According to the emergency services, some of the injured were receiving immediate care while others were being sent to a hospital.

Around 3:30 am (0130 GMT), a double-decker intercity train collided with construction equipment on the rails at Voorschoten, which is located about eight kilometres (five miles) north of The Hague, reported TRT world.

The rescue teams reached the accident scene at Voorschoten, a village near The Hague following the accident early on Tuesday to evacuate the victims, the emergency services said.

Moreover, Netherlands Railways (NS) tweeted that the sad accident caused trains between Leiden and several areas of The Hague to be cancelled, reported TRT World.

19 individuals were sent to hospitals, according to a fire department spokeswoman who talked to Dutch radio. According to the emergency services, other people were receiving immediate care.

Accolade

A Tribute Like Never Before

Students of Bharatanatyam Guru Geeta Chandran publish a book of her pedagogy

Vidushi Geeta Chandran is synonymous with Bharatanatyam the classical dance that she has practiced for decades since her journey began at the age of 5 under the tutelage of her first Guru Smt. Swarna Saraswati hailed from the traditional Daasi Parampara. Since then, her dance voyage has embraced intense learning under several stalwart Gurus. Yet, Geeta has imprinted Bharatanatyam with her unique personality where delicate shades of abhinaya are offset by extremely challenging nritta sequences. Her vast knowledge and training of Carnatic music further imbue her dance with a unique flavour.

A widely feted artist and star-performer, Geeta Chandran uses her deep skills in Bharatanatyam as a force multiplier for the widest range of classical dance issues that have engaged her focus: exploring linkages between body and mind; forging relationships between solo dancing, group dancing and choreography; actualising the connects between the artist and society; and using dance as a medium for expressing abstract notions of joy, beauty, values, aspirations, myth and spirituality.

Parallely, Geeta has created a unique format of performance dialogue in which she raises contemporary issues through her classical performances. Previous works like 'Her Voice' and 'Imagining Peace' raised issues of the meaninglessness of violence. 'Kaikeyi' spoke about stigma and villainization. 'Mythologies Retold' addressed the issue of female foeticide. In 'Anekanta', she highlighted the Indian Constitution's vision of an inclusive society and 'Gandhi: Wrap and Weft' was a reminder of Gandhian values and choices. 'Simhika: Daughter of the Forest' highlighted the need for justice and rights for the forest tribal community. 'Jayatu Bharatam' celebrated 75 years of India's independence.

Your students came together to publish a book on your teaching pedagogy how does it feel?

I was most surprised, since they had all conspired to keep this a secret from me, and everything was done behind my back! It was an unusual gesture since usually teachers and Gurus are celebrated only when they pass away! Only then does social media get flooded with emojis and teary memories. So, I truly felt honoured that my students – both past and current, felt enough to pen a volume of what skills and values my teaching them had generated. So, I feel very humbled by their tribute.

How you think your teaching has impacted the lives of your students?

My process of teaching is not output oriented, but input oriented. I want to fill the students' minds and creative brain with experiences of all kinds – visual stimulus, myth and story narrations and their true meaning in today's context, of social values of justice and equity, of inclusion. The adavus and Bharatanatyam movements only come as part of this larger package. I am more interested in creating sensitive dance artists rather than mere performers. Consequently, this is not a two-minute dip-dip dance experience. Its gestation period is long and is built on a different

pedagogy altogether. So, the book records how different individuals have reacted to that process.

You have authored a book before, why is this one so special?

My book 'So Many Journeys' was published in 2005, the scenario for knowledge sharing moved to electronic platforms and social media. My communication with Gen-Next is through those channels now. But I agree that these alternate means of reaching out are more difficult to aggregate in terms of legacy. Books do that eminently. That is why, I feel this book of chapters on experiences of my students and their families becomes significant.

Natya Vriksha, your dance institute, please tell me more about it?

Natya Vriksha is a foolish dream that began in 1991 with six students. Foolish because artists are not administratively trained to run institutions and manage finances. Yet, this tree of dance has survived, and some may say has even flourished. But to me small remains beautiful. I don't want to outsource franchises, etc. It's a Gurukul, a unique way of teaching where the relationships built are far more important than the number of performances chalked.

What is next in line for you?

Coming up is the new edition

Dancer, Choreographer Geeta Chandra is Founder-President of Natya Vriksha, the cultural organization that she founded in 1991, and which is established in New Delhi as a leading centre for training in Bharatanatyam in its most composite form. As a prominent Guru who is imparting invaluable classical dance knowledge to future generations, Geeta's inspired contribution to Bharatanatyam's teaching/learning pedagogy steeped in both tradition and modernity is widely acknowledged as a contemporary milestone in dance theory.

In her mission 'En-Dance the Universe' she engages in a strategic range of dance related activities: performing, teaching, conducting, singing, collaborating, organizing, prestigious dance festivals and seminars, writing, and motivating a wide variety of youth audiences. Her book 'So Many Journeys' captures these different dimensions of her dance engagements.

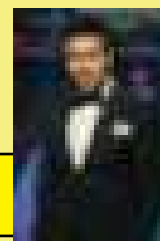
Recently in a unique gesture, senior disciples of Geeta Chandran published a tribute book entitled 'The A to Z + of Geeta Chandran', highlighting her unique teaching learning pedagogy. I spoke to the super excited dance guru about the same:

of Natya Vriksha's World Dance Day extravaganza. This will be the 16th edition of this festival with an interesting workshop on the values of the Natya Shastra, a session on yoga and dance, a seminar on integrating arts in formal education and a prestigious young dancers' fest that is extremely popular. So, my energies during these weeks are fully geared to making a resounding success of that. Watch for it soon this year.

Geeta Chandran has received honours and awards from all parts of the world. Among her large stable of honours and awards are the Padmashri (2007), The Central Sangeeta Natak Akademi Award (2016), the Tagore National Fellowship (2018-2021). She is recipient of the Nritya Perunjyoti 2020 title bestowed by ABHAI, the Association of Bharatanatyam Artists of India. The Indian Fine Arts Society has bestowed on Geeta its prestigious Natya Kalasikhamani title.



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Entertainment



Leonardo DiCaprio testifies at trial of Fugees rapper Pras Michel

Leonardo DiCaprio testified at Fugees rapper Pras Michel's trial in a money laundering case. According to CNN, Leonardo on 3 April 2023 testified his connections with Pras and Jho Low, the Malaysian financier who is on the wanted list for one of the world's biggest corruption scandals.

The trial is star-studded as except for Leonardo other celebrities like Jim Carrey, Jamie Foxx and Mark Wahlberg can also be called for testimony. Leo is the first prominent celebrity to testify about his connections with Jho Low and Pras Michel. Except for these celebrities' officials from former Trump's White House are also potential witnesses.

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CNN reported that Leo also referred to a discussion when Low casually asked him about the party he supports and later mentioned that he with a group will be giving \$20-30 million in donations to the 'Democratic' party. DiCaprio's environmental foundation also received donations from 1MDB in form of Low purchasing paintings in a fundraiser and several other business commodities. Leo's spokesperson ensured that the actor is working with US prosecutors to return all such assistance received by any of his charities. ANI



While leading Bollywood celebs turned out in their super-stylish avatars at the grand opening of the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC), Hrithik Roshan and Saba Azad exuded style while sending out serious couple goals at the event. For the last few months, Hrithik and Saba have been commenting on each other's social media posts. After attending the Saturday event of the NMACC, Hrithik and Saba posted pictures on Instagram of them flashing smiles for the lenses. One frame showed Hrithik looking at Saba in a manner exuding his feelings for her while Saba's eyes are fixed at the camera. The 'Rocket Boys' star looked vibrant in a red fusion gown while Hrithik chose a black kurta paired with pyjamas for the evening.

Sharing the pictures, Hrithik wrote in the caption, "With lady in red." Reacting to his pictures, Hrithik's ex-wife Sussanne Khan posted a couple of emojis.

Hrithik's friends, filmmaker Zoya Akhtar and actors Bipasha Basu and Shruti Haasan, also shared emojis on his pictures. Sharing the same set of pictures, Saba wrote in the caption, "Ro and Sa's night out!!"

Rumours about Hrithik and Saba's relationship started swirling after they were spotted out on a dinner date in February last year. Later, she also joined Hrithik's family for a get-together. All speculations on their relationship were set at rest after the two walked hand-in-hand at actor Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash in May. Hrithik was previously married to interior designer Sussanne Khan. ANI

Actor Hrithik Roshan shares pictures with "lady in red", Sussanne Khan reacts

Veteran actor Soni Razdan drops unseen picture of little Alia Bhatt from film sets



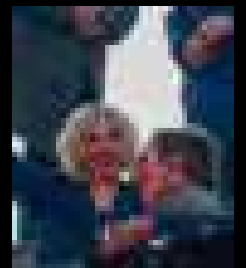
Veteran Bollywood actor Soni Razdan, on Monday, shared an unseen family picture from the sets of the film 'Papa Kehte Hain'.

Taking to Twitter, Soni shared the picture and wrote, "This one is from Seychelles when the girls were small and we were shooting 'Papa Kehte Hain' there. Search for 'water' in your camera roll and quote tweet the pic #water #family #shootlife #whenwewereyoung."

In the picture, little Alia Bhatt could be seen with her parents Soni Razdan, Mahesh Bhatt and Shaheen Bhatt. Alia could be seen donning a cute balloon frock and holding her father Mahesh Bhatt's hands. While mommy Soni Razdan stands next to them with sister Shaheen Bhatt in black shorts and a t-shirt. Soon after the veteran actor shared the picture, fans flooded the comment section with red heart emoticons. ANI

Actors Joaquin Phoenix, Lady Gaga smoke, dance in new viral pics from 'Joker 2' sets

Hollywood stars Joaquin Phoenix and Lady Gaga are currently busy shooting for their upcoming musical thriller 'Joker: Folie a Deux'. Recently few pictures from the sets of the film went viral on social media in which the duo could be seen smoking and dancing on the Bronx stairs and dressed up as their characters Joker and Harley Quinn



According to Variety, a US-based media house, 'Joker: Folie a Deux' has been filming at locations across New York City for a couple of weeks. Todd Phillips returns to the director's chair for the sequel, and the plot details of the film are still under wraps. The film is rumoured to be a musical and to take place more prominently in Arkham Asylum, where Phoenix's Joker is sure to fall for Gaga's Harley Quinn.

Phoenix won his oscar for best actor and Hildur Gudnadottir for best original score for 'Joker'. The dramatic success of "Joker" quickly spurred speculation regarding a sequel. The "Joker" sequel will not play a role in the narrative continuity of other upcoming DC films, reported Variety. ANI