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Kamathipura of Mumbai to get new face



A ten-member project monitoring committee headed by the chief secretary have decided to resolve the difficulties that may come in the way of Kamathipura redevelopment. This committee will also resolve disputes among departments and will be able to take a decision on the amalgamation of a government plot if required for the project. An architect has also been appointed for each of the area's 15 bylanes, to measure every tenement and plot.

Every tenant will be entitled to a 500

sq ft flat (carpet area) and every landlord will get a 500 sq ft flat for every 50 sq metre of plot owned. Kamathipura Punarvikas Samiti had approached the government asking it to appoint Mhada (Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority) as the nodal agency for redevelopment. In January, the government issued a resolution for the redevelopment of Kamathipura with Mhada as nodal Agency.

Kamathipura, will be the biggest cluster redevelopment project of the city, even

bigger than the on-going Bhendi Bazaar project which covers 16.5 acres. The proposal was approved by the state cabinet in a meeting during the legislature's winter session in Nagpur. The project will be based on the lines of the BDD chawls redevelopment and will be held under Development Control Rule 33(9), which governs reconstruction or redevelopment of cessed buildings or urban renewal schemes in the island city. Deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the housing portfolio, confirmed the

development.

Most of the existing structures at Kamathipura are old and in dilapidated condition, ranging from 161 square feet to 1,614 square feet. According to the housing department, there are 943 cessed buildings over 100 years old housing 8,238 tenants. There are also 349 non-cess buildings, 14 religious structures, two schools and four reserved plots that will be covered under the project. Eleven redeveloped buildings constructed by Mhada will also be part of it.

Kamathipura of Mumbai to get new sheen

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Kamathipura Mumbai's famous red light area is known for the flesh trade business. It was established after 1795 with the construction of causeways that connected the erstwhile seven islands of Mumbai. Initially known as Lal Bazaar, it got its name from the Kamathi (workers) of other areas of the country, who were labourers on construction sites. Due to tough police crackdowns, in the late 1990s with the rise of AIDS and government's redevelopment policy that helped sex workers to move out of the profession and subsequently out of Kamathipura, the numbers of sex workers in the area declined.

Before the completion of the Hornby Vellard project in 1784, which built a causeway uniting all seven islands of Mumbai under William Hornby, governor of Bombay (1771-1784), plugged the Great Breach

in Mahalaxmi, while the subsequent Bellasis Road causeway joined Mazagaon and Malabar Hill in 1793. This resulted in several low-lying marshy areas of Mumbai Flats like Byculla, Tardeo, Mahalaxmi and Kamathipura opening up for habitation. Thereafter starting 1795, Kamathis (workers) of other areas of the country, working as labourers on construction sites began settling here, giving the area its present name. It was bounded by Bellasis Road on the north, by Gaodevi on the south and the main road across, Falkland Road. At one point during this period it was home to a Chinese community, which worked as dockhands and ran restaurants.

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By the late 19th century it all changed as previous 1864 Census figures for Mumbai indicate, other areas had a larger population of prostitutes, like Girgaon (1,044), Phanaswadi (1,323) and Oomburkharee (1,583) compared with Kamathipura (601), all which declined after 1864. This small region boasted the most exotic consorts. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, a large number of women from continental Europe and Japan and China were trafficked into Kamathipura, where they worked as prostitutes servicing soldiers and locals alike. Gradually, social stratification also took place: A busy road in Kamathipura was known as Safed Gully owing to the European prostitutes housed here during the British raj.

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When India gained independence, Indian sex workers moved into the area. In recent decades, large numbers of Nepalese women and girls have also been trafficked into the district.[10] Over the years under Indian government rule, the sex industry in Kamathipura continued to flourish. Trafficking and economic circumstances also brought women from different parts of the country there. Eventually it became Asia's largest sex district.

The brothels in the area are crowded. Sex workers wait outside to pick up customers and then rent an available bed. The estimated 3,000 buildings in the area are largely dilapidated; safe drinking water and sanitation is threatened in this area. The movie Gangubai gave the exact politics of this area. There were a lot of wonder world activities in this area; in the 1970s and early '80s, Bachchu Wadi at Kamathipura was frequented by gang leaders from the Mumbai underworld, such as Haji Mastan, Karim Lala, and Dawood Ibrahim.

In 1992, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation recorded there were 45,000 sex workers here which were reduced to 1,600 in 2009 and 500 in 2018. Many sex workers have migrated to other areas in Maharashtra with real estate developers taking over the high-priced lands. In 2018 the Maharashtra government sought tenders to demolish and redevelop this area. Kamathipura is one of the prime locations of south Mumbai.

This is not the first time that a proposal has been put forth for the redevelopment of Kamathipura. In the 1980s, Mhada carried out a

comprehensive survey as the first step towards transforming the entire neighbourhood through an urban renewal proposal, but the project was stalled citing financial risks. In 2005, a local private developer expressed his interest in undertaking the redevelopment of a large part of Kamathipura according to a report prepared by Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

This time the state government has decided to constitute three different committees to ensure that the project is successfully executed and without delays. The first committee called the 'project feasibility committee' will consist of Mhada and BMC officials who will determine the actual area that will come under redevelopment, determine the eligibility of the tenants and help in getting approvals from at least 51 percent of tenants to take the project ahead.

Kamathipura is divided into roughly 14 lanes and divided according to the regional backgrounds of the workers. Most of the workers come from other Indian states. There is little interaction between areas, which makes it harder for social organizations to organize them into a movement or union. Further, lack of public opinion, political leadership or social activism which is empathetic towards them means a tough time forming unions. The area had 55,936 voters in 2007. From 2015 when BJP came to power in Mumbai they focused on the development of all these ignored and dilapidated areas.

For speedy implementation of the project a high-powered committee headed by the additional chief secretary of the housing department will clear all the proposals related to the project. The committee will also examine the DPR prepared by Mhada, approve the appointment of the developer, review the project at regular intervals and coordinate with various government departments. Present government is committed to the development and they have planned to give it a facelift. Mumbaikar are curious to know how the new Kamathipura would look like.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

US stands with India

The United States expressed concern about Beijing's ongoing attempts to intimidate its neighbors. It is disgraceful that Beijing chose a torchbearer for the Olympics 2022 from the military command that attacked India in 2020 and is carrying out genocide against the Uyghurs. It is a positive step that the US continuing its support of Uyghur freedoms and India's sovereignty. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi claimed that the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party are attempting to use the glitz and glamour of the Olympics to showcase a facade that will divert global attention away from China's egregious human rights violations. The Winter Olympics are being held in Beijing despite a diplomatic boycott by the United States, the European Union, and several Western countries over allegations of human rights violations.

VijayKumar H K

Kalai Tasmai Namah:

4683 prisoners of Tihar Jail were released on parole to avoid overcrowding during the Corona period. Now the same prisoners have been "said" by the jail administration and the court to return to the jail. As a "reaction" to this, the prisoners are seen forming long queues outside the Tihar Jail. There must have been a fight. Till now we were reading news of prisoners escaping from jail. But now prisoners are seen queuing up outside Tihar to enter. So far 1768 out of 4683 prisoners have surrendered in Tihar Jail.

Some raw prisoners as well as unproven prisoners have been urged by their lawyers to join Tihar Jail on the understanding that they can be exempted from possible punishment if they surrender. Was struggling. Finally, what to say "Kalai Tasmai Namah:".

Dattaprasad Shirodkar

Take action against employees

The number of corona patients is increasing continuously. Therefore, even though the commissioner of Mumbai Municipal Corporation has made masks mandatory in the municipal hospitals, it seems that the officials and employees of the municipal corporation have shown this decision of the commissioner as a basket case. It has been seen that the officers and employees of the Municipal Corporation are not wearing masks in many hospitals. Not only this, during the lockdown, when the coronavirus was spreading faster, the officers and employees of the Municipal Corporation hospitals were not wearing masks and now the municipal commissioner has given orders to no avail. Disciplinary action should be taken against these officers and employees who disobeyed the commissioner's order. Do the officers and employees of the municipal establishment have no idea about an epidemic like Corona? During the lockdown, the world stopped because of this. Don't they have any duty as human being and a citizen? The municipality runs on the tax money of the citizens and they get their salaries from it. Shouldn't the municipal employees be aware of this? That they don't see anything else under the guise of a huge salary. Therefore, the municipal officers and employees should not think of themselves as the owners of the municipal corporation. Similarly, the trade unions that support these officers and employees in the name of labor rights should also come to the table now. They should take the responsibility of not letting the time come to show what is the anger of the citizens. In the background of a disease like Corona, the officers and employees should support the citizens. But for that, it is necessary to discipline yourself first.

Uday Waghvankar

Man with a great vision: Bhimrao Ramji (Babasaheb) Ambedkar Deserves all accolades



The architect of Constitution, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary is celebrated in a big way by the Government and thousands of followers from all over the state will converge at his memorial 'Chaityabhoomi'. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb, was an Indian jurist, economist, politician and social reformer who inspired the Modern Buddhist Movement and campaigned against social discrimination of Dalits, women and labour. Ambedkar was a prolific student, earning a law degree and various doctorates from Columbia University and the London School of Economics, and gained a reputation as a scholar for his research in law, economics and political science.

In his early career he was an economist, professor, and lawyer. His later life was marked by his political activities, where he became involved in the negotiations for India's independence campaigning by publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for the Indian citizens. In 1956 he converted to Buddhism, initiating mass conversions of Dalits. In 1990, Ambedkar was posthumously conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. Ambedkar's legacy includes numerous memorials and depictions in popular culture.

Dr. Ambedkar was given the responsibility of drafting India's Constitution, which he did in a time bound manner and to the satisfaction of everyone. His birthday is celebrated all over India and that is a great tribute for him.

He was an able leader leading from the front throughout his life, fought for the rights of the dalits and other socially backward classes. An iconoclastic social reformer who being an untouchable fought against untouchability and brought social justice reforms in the society. The social reform movement of the caste Hindus could not win him to its side because of his existential understanding of the pangs of untouchability. In 1936, Ambedkar established the Independent Labour Party. In the 1937 elections to the Central Legislative Assembly his party won 15 seats. Ambedkar administered the transformation of his political party into the All India Scheduled Castes Federation, although it performed poorly in the elections held in 1946 for the Constituent Assembly of India.

He understood that adapting a democratic system in the Constitution would not suffice. Social parity among society, equality before law and administration, constitutional morality, lack of totalitarianism of the majority and evolving public morality are conditions for the success of democracy

in India. The foremost condition is equality in society as equality is the foundation stone where the notions of liberty and fraternity develop. He remarked that equality is the original notion and respect for human personality is a reflection of it. If equality is denied, everything else may be taken to be denied.

The Constitution gives the Fundamental Rights given to every citizen. The idea behind them is to ensure certain basic rights to the citizens, so that they are not at the mercy of the shifting opinions of the legislators. He carved a unique and impregnable pride of place and honour in the history of the free Indian nation. So long as the Indian Constitution survives, the name of Babasaheb Ambedkar will remain immortal. He lives forever in the hearts of every downtrodden. He deserves all the accolades and his 132 birthday should show the way for national integration and freedom spirit among all.

His birthday is also referred to as 'Equality Day' by some in India.

- C K Subramaniam

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Uddhav Thackeray asks Sharad Pawar to speak at Mumbai rally; Cong neta to visit



Amid reports of differences in the Maha Vikas Aghadi, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray has requested NCP president Sharad Pawar to address the joint MVA rally to be held in Mumbai on May 1, while con-

gress leader K C Venugopal is scheduled to meet Thackeray at Matoshree. It is likely Pawar will address the rally. Thackeray met Pawar on Tuesday evening at the latter's Silver Oak residence in South Mumbai. The MVA began its series of rallies with one

in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar two weeks ago. The second rally is in Nagpur on April 16, and it will be followed by the Mumbai rally. Sena (UBT) functionary said there have been reports about a rift in MVA in the wake of NCP's opposition to a joint parliamentary committee probe into allegations against the Adani Group and Rahul Gandhi's comments on Veer Savarkar. "There was talk of MVA unity at the Pawar-Uddhav meeting so to take things forward and send a message of unity Uddhavji has requested Pawar address the joint MVA rally in Mumbai. Pawar's speech would be seen as his political message and demonstrate unity against BJP," the functionary said.

The flyover was not started in time for the opening ceremony



Right to Information Activist Anil Galgali expressed happiness over the opening of the much-awaited Chheda Nagar Part B flyover at Ghatkopar East, asserting that the administration had insisted on when the work would be completed, but the wrong method of inauguration and the Chief Minister's lack of time have caused huge losses.

Apart from this, two parts of Kurla are ready and if those parts are opened for traffic, the traffic jam will be solved, Galgali has expressed his opinion. If the Chief Minister pays attention to such matters in the future, time will be saved and it will be seen that the expenditure spent on solving the traffic problem is being properly utilized.

Residents of Patra Chawl to get rent arrears from 2018

The state government has approved the payment of rent arrears to 672 residents of Patra Chawl from January 2018 to February 2022. They will be paid Rs 25,000 per month for the period. The earlier Maha Vikas Aghadi government had agreed to pay rent from March 2022 when Mhada took over the redevelopment of the project. Residents, though, had persisted with their demand for rent arrears. The Shinde-Fadnavis government had even announced that rent arrears would be paid to tenants of redevelopment projects



that had stalled for years. Last month, a meeting was held between the residents' association and Mhada officials where residents agreed to accept rent from

the time the developer had been removed by Mhada, that is, from January 2018. They even submitted a copy of the resolution to Mhada.

HIV+ report given sans counselling drives father of 2 to despair

A 51-year-old man from central Mumbai has accused a private diagnostic chain of causing him immense mental agony by delivering an HIV-positive report by email. As the father of two daughters, the news that arrived without any counselling, as mandated by law, overwhelmed him with panic and pushed him to the brink of self-

harm. According to the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, HIV testing can only be performed with informed consent, which includes a pre-test and post-test counselling. The National Aids Control Organisation rules further require positive tests to be confirmed and the patient linked with a treatment centre.

Mumbai Police arrest 2 foreigners for exchanging boarding passes to travel to different countries

The Mumbai Police have arrested a Sri Lankan native and a German citizen after they allegedly exchanged their boarding passes at the airport here to travel to London and Kathmandu respectively, an official said on Thursday. The incident took place on Monday at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport here. The 22-year-old Sri Lankan citizen, who was travelling on a fake passport, and the 36-year-



old German native had exchanged their boarding passes in a toilet at the airport for travelling to London and Kathmandu, the official said.

student's suicide -SIT says poor academics likely trigger

The city crime branch's special investigation team (SIT), probing the IIT-Bombay student Darshan Solanki's suicide, has procured his results of the semester exams held in February and found that he had fared poorly. The SIT suspect that Solanki (18), a first-year chemistry student, was unable to cope with the study pressure and it could have been one of the reasons for his drastic step.

One more held in 15-year-old murder case in Palghar

Police have arrested one more person in a case of murder of a person 15 years ago in Maharashtra's Palghar district, taking the total number of those taken into custody to three, officials said on Thursday. The latest arrest was made on Tuesday from Mira Bhayander area in neighbouring Thane district, while two brothers were nabbed last month from Uttarakhand, they said. On the morning of December 13, 2007, the body of a



man was found with 30-35 stab wounds along the Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway, within the limits of Manickpur police station in Vasai.

Nation

Attack on Christians: Petitioners want to sully India's image abroad, says Centre in SC



The Centre on Thursday disputed in the Supreme Court the figure pertaining to alleged attacks on Christian institutions and priests, terming the data wrong and claiming the petitioners wanted to keep the pot boiling to sully the image of the country abroad.

The top court was hearing a PIL filed by Rev. Peter Machado of the National Solidarity Forum, Rev. Vijayesh Lal of Evangelical Fellowship of India, and others claiming violence against members of the Christian community.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud was earlier told by the PIL petitioners that from 2021 to May 2022, 700 cases of violence against members of the Christian community were reported and a majority of those arrested were followers of the faith.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, referred to a report containing the case data received from states like Bihar and Chhattisgarh and said most of them related to disputes involving neighbours and,

coincidentally, one of the parties happened to be a Christian.

He said the bench, also including Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala, had taken note of the matter based on the figures provided by the PIL petitioners which were wrong.

"The petitioner claimed that there are some 500 incidents where Christians were attacked. We sent everything to the state governments. We collated all the information we got. First let us see Bihar. The total number of cases, which petitioners gave, is related to internal fights between neighbours where one of the parties happens to be a Christian. "The figure given by them, which obviously persuaded your lordships, was not correct," the government's law officer said. At the outset, he said, the union ministry of home affairs has collated the responses from all the states. Altogether 38 such incidents were reported from Bihar, and as per the report, they pertained to fights between two neighbours of whom one happened to be a Christian. PTI

Delhi HC dismisses pleas challenging notification levying GST on online booking of auto rickshaw rides



The Delhi High Court has dismissed three petitions challenging the notifications of the central government's imposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) on online booking of autorickshaw rides through ride-sharing applications by commuters. The Division Bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora in an order passed on Wednesday said we are of the view that the Petitioners are not entitled to the reliefs as sought in the writ petitions. Therefore, the present batch of writ petitions is dismissed.

The three petitions were filed by Uber India Systems Private Limited, Pragatisheel Auto Rickshaw Driver Union and IBIBO

Group Private Limited along with Make My Trip (India) Private Limited (collectively).

Uber India Systems Private Limited in its submissions stated that the market is always price sensitive. Customers may not opt for booking auto rickshaws through it if the ultimate cost of services is on the higher side.

Apart from the financial implications it may have on Petitioner Uber, the financial autonomy of the drivers will be completely jeopardized. There is a strong likelihood that due to the impact of impugned Notifications, the general public would become reluctant to avail of auto-rickshaw services rendered by ECO like Petitioner (Uber). ANI

India reports more than 10,000 new Covid cases



India recorded a single-day rise of 10,158 coronavirus cases, highest in nearly eight months, according to the Union Health Ministry data. The number of active cases has increased to 44,998, the data updated on Thursday showed.

India had reported 7,830 coronavirus infections on Wednesday. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 4.42 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was 4.02 per cent. The active cases now consti-

tute 0.10 per cent of the total infections. The nationwide Covid-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.71 per cent, according to the health ministry website. The case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease rose to 4,42,10,127. According to the ministry's website, 220.66 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country. PTI

Umesh Pal murder case: UP STF termed encounter of encounter of Atiq Ahmed's son Asad and another accused Ghulam

The Special Task Force (STF) of Uttar Pradesh Police on Thursday termed the encounter of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed's son Asad and another accused Ghulam, wanted in the Umesh Pal murder case, as a "huge success". A top police official said that both the wanted persons in the Umesh Pal murder case has been eliminated and they were possessing foreign-made sophisticated weapons.

UP STF, Additional director general, Amitabh Yash told ANI that the STF team was fully prepared. "The STF team was successful in tracking them down after a lot of hard work. We had the information that they had sophisticated weapons. The STF team was fully prepared. Asad and Ghulam, the main shooters in the Umesh Pal murder, were tracked down and killed in an encounter today," he said. "This was an important and



challenging case. The killing of these two criminals (Asad & Ghulam) is a huge success," he said. The STF ADG said that it was not easy to catch a person who had killed a man (Umesh Pal) who was a witness against them and had protection from the police. The official said that the police are leaving no stone unturned to nab all criminals.

With the killing of Atiq Ahmed's son Asad and his aide Ghulam, wanted in the Umesh Pal murder case, in an encounter with UP Special Task Force in Jhansi on Thursday, a plan was foiled to help the jailed gangster to escape, Uttar Pradesh Police said. State's Special Director General (Law

and Order) Prashant Kumar revealed that teams of civil police and special forces were deployed following the intelligence inputs of a plan by Asad of planning to free his father Atiq Ahmed by attacking police convoy midway as the gangster turned politician was being brought in Uttar Pradesh for hearing.

"We had information that to help the accused Atiq and Ashraf escape there could be an attack on the police convoy bringing them back to UP in the case (Umesh Pal murder case). In view of this information, teams of civil police and special forces were deployed," said Prashant Kumar. ANI

World

Former US President Donald Trump vows to "never drop out" of presidential race



Former US President Donald Trump has said that he will "never drop out" of the presidential race for any legal reason, Fox News reported.

Speaking to media, Trump said, "No, I'd never drop -- it's not my thing. I wouldn't do it." He made the remarks when asked if there was anything prosecutors could throw at Trump legally that would convince him to drop out of the White House race.

Earlier this month, New York's Manhattan court called the United States' former President Donald Trump for the next in-person hearing on December

4, CNN reported. Trump pleaded not guilty to the 34 criminal charges against him.

After leaving the courtroom, Trump left the building and got into his motorcade parked outside. The indictment against Donald Trump alleges the former president was involved in a conspiracy to undermine the integrity of the 2016 election, as per the CNN report.

The indictment against Donald Trump alleges that the editor-in-chief and CEO of the National Enquirer approached Michael Cohen shortly after the access of Hollywood tape became public in

October 2016.

Prosecutors alleged that Trump sought to undermine the integrity of the 2016 election through a hush-money scheme with payments made to women who claimed they had extramarital affairs with Trump, as per the news report.

Earlier, he surrendered to authorities at a court in Lower Manhattan ahead of his arraignment. As he arrived at the Lower Manhattan court, Trump posted a cryptic post that the experience is "SURREAL," adding, "WOW, they are going to ARREST ME. Can't believe this is happening in America," according to CNN report. Speaking to the Fox News host about whether current president Joe Biden will remain in the race, Trump said, "Look, I watch him just like you do and I think it's almost inappropriate for me to say it. But I deal with other people, I don't see how it's possible.

He added, "And it's not an age thing. I say I have friends that are 88, 89, 92, Bernie Marcus Home Depot is 95, smart as hell, as sharp as he was. He's, you know, mentally, Bernie Marcus, Home Depot, founder of Home Depot, one of the founders."

Myanmar Junta airstrike: Death count reaches 133 killed, including women, children



At least 133 people were killed, including women and children in an airstrike by the military Junta on a village in Central Myanmar, CNN reported citing the human rights minister of the ousted shadow National Unity Government Aung Myo Min.

The attack which took place on Tuesday in Kanbalu township in the central Sagaing region of the country is seen as one of the deadliest attacks since the junta seized power in a coup two years ago.

According to CNN, 50 people were hurt during the strike, the Kyunhla activist group said, which was there. At least 20 children were killed. Although there have been no additional strikes, military jets have continued to fly over the town, preventing first responders and medical professionals from reaching the

attack site, according to Aung Myo Min, who told CNN.

Sagaing region -- near the country's second-largest city, Mandalay -- has put up some of the fiercest resistance to the military's rule, with intense fighting raging there for months.

Reacting to the incident, UN rights chief Volker Turk said on Tuesday he was "horrified" by the deadly air strikes, whose victims he said included schoolchildren performing dances, with the global body calling for those responsible to be brought to justice.

Photos from the village being shared on social media showed more than a dozen burned and mutilated bodies, while videos showed a destroyed building, burned motorcycles and debris scattered over a wide area. Rescuers at the scene confirmed the authenticity of the images with The New York Times.

Take all possible measures for precaution: Japan PMO after N.Korea fires missile toward East Sea



As Pyongyang fired an unspecified ballistic missile towards the Sea of Japan on Thursday, the Prime Minister's Office of Japan issued a warning of 'taking all the necessary precautions' at this crucial time. Japan has issued a warning that a North Korean missile may have landed in Hokkaido Prefecture or neighbouring waterways.

Taking to Twitter, the Japan

PMO wrote, "Dedicate maximum effort to gather & analyze information, & provide the public speedy & adequate information. Ensure the safety of aircraft, vessels, & other assets."

As the missile is seen as to have possibly landed in Japan's waters, the Prime Minister's Office has urged to take all possible measures for precaution, including readiness for contingencies

as well.

North Korea on Thursday fired an unspecified ballistic missile towards the East Sea of Japan on Thursday, Yonhap News Agency said citing the South Korean military.

According to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, they discovered the launch. However, they did not go into further detail about it as the investigation is underway.

Furthermore, Pyongyang fired an unidentified missile into the East Sea amid escalating tensions with Seoul and Washington, according to the Japanese authorities, who also said that the missile could be headed in Japan's direction.

According to NHK World, Japan has issued a warning that a North Korean missile may have landed nearby or in Hokkaido Prefecture.

Ukraine to allow Indian medical Students for 'state qualification exam' from India

Indian medical students, who had returned to New Delhi following Russia's invasion of Ukraine will be allowed to take a key examination from India, Ukraine's First Deputy Foreign Minister Emine Dzhaparova conveyed to India during her recent visit.

According to the official release of the Ministry of External Affairs, Emine Dzhaparova held talks with the Indian side on several issues.

Regarding the Indian medical students, the Deputy FM mentioned that Ukraine will allow for-



foreign medical students to take the Unified State Qualification Exam in their country of domicile.

Thousands of Indian medical students were left stranded with their future hanging on the cliff when Russia attacked Ukraine at the end of February 2022 and several were evacuated from Ukraine to India.

Education

Special Education for Children with Intellectual Disability-I



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Intellectual Disability or Mental Retardation is considerably sub-average brain functioning, existing from the early infancy or birth and results into limitations of the capability of conducting normal activities for the everyday living.

Definition: Intellectual disability, also known as "mental retardation," is described by the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) as "considerably sub-average common intellectual functioning, offered concurrently [altogether] with the deficits in adaptive actions and clear during the development period which adversely affects child's educational operation." Two main components are there in this definition: student's IQ as well as his or her ability to work independently generally known as the adaptive behaviour.

Common Traits of Intellectual Disability

According to the NICHCY (National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities), the IQ under 70-75 specifies an intellectual disability. The deficits of "adaptive behaviour" quoted by IDEA prove to be trickier to assess. Factors considered consist of the ability to comprehend and take part in the conversations, to understand and pursue social norms as well as to do activities like getting dressed or using the bathroom. NICHCY clarifies that the sources of intellectual disabilities differ from pregnancy problems and complications during birth to general conditions (like fragile X-syndrome or Down syndrome) and physical problems early in the life, together with diseases like measles, contact with toxic substances like mercury or lead, etc.

- Many traits may point towards the intellectual disability. The NICHD (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development) has listed the following early indicators:
- Delay in reaching developmental milestones like talking and sitting up
- The problem in comprehending conventional social behaviours or understanding the action consequences



- The problem in remembering things
 - Weaker problem-solving skills
- Mentally retarded children lack social and theoretical abilities. They can't match well with the others because of language underdevelopment and face difficulty in education as well as dealing with everyday actions. Their IQ ranking is lower than average however this doesn't indicate that these kids can't learn how to look after themselves. The level of learning relies on the problem's difficulty level. Majority of children can be taught a sufficient amount if suitable care and the environment is given to them. They can live a partly independent life.

Need for Special Educational Curriculum for Them

The children who are suffering from the intellectual disability need a special education curriculum. Certain other activities like music, dance, yoga, art & craft etc. may be introduced for these children so that they can understand how to work together while doing the activities. They must also get physical training that can include games, sports,

and drills. Their interaction skills may be improved using the sign language. This entire procedure of conveying education to them relies on the aim to make these children as much autonomous as possible. Rather than offering them studious knowledge, they need to be taught everyday activities and skills.

The myth is that intellectually disabled children can only be educated if they are trained together in an institution. They need care and inclusion to find out the ways of autonomous living. The government also promises educational and more services for them.

Their wide-ranging educational plans need to be developed through a team of paediatricians, physicians, speech therapists, and adolescent psychiatrist with the help of school authorities and family as per the retardation level. Before you introduce the child in a classroom, his mental issues should be tackled properly. No weakness should be build up in the child because it can obstruct the enthusiasm of learning. Great care should be taken while choosing whether a child should be sent to a normal

school or should be sent to any special school. At times, some wrong decisions may overburden his capabilities and put extra strain on the limitations also. Despite offering academic awareness, they need to be taught activity modification methods and must be vocationally trained for the occupations as well as live autonomously.

In India, significant prevalence is there for mental retardation with urban and rural areas. According to the Persons with Disabilities Act, there needs to be obligatory support for early detection, prevention, employment, education, and personal facilities with psychological retardation.

Special education has become one type of treatment for a person suffering from intellectual disabilities. All these children need services of different experts. Special education may aid in assimilating the skills and knowledge from different disciplines and may join them. Special educators may prove to become the most important and inventive persons for children dealing with intellectual disability problems.

Entertainment

Anupam Kher and Anil Kapoor shared pictures of Satish Kaushik in memory of his birth anniversary



Anupam Kher took to Instagram on Thursday morning to wish his late friend Satish Kaushik a happy birthday. Anupam wrote in Hindi, "Mere pyare dost Satish Kaushik! Janamdin ki hardik subhkamnaye! Aaj Baisakhi wale din tum 67 barsh ke ho jate. Magar tumhare jeevan ke 48 barsho mujhe tumhara birthday manane ka soubhagya prapt hua."

Anupam continued, "Isliye maine faisla kiya hain ki aaj sham ko hum tumhara janamdin shandar tarike se manane ki koshish karenge! Sashi aur Vanshika ke saath wali seat khali hogi. Come my friend and watch us celebrate #SatishKaushikNight with #Music #Love and #Laughter! #HappyBirthdaySatish #BestFriend"

Anupam shared a reel video in which all the beautiful moments with Satish have been captured. In one frame, Satish with his family joined Anupam's family. In another frame, the duo was joined by Anil Kapoor, or in another they were seen with Gulshan Grover. Anupam treated his fans with a time machine which will definitely make them nostalgic today.

It's Satish Kaushik's first birth anniversary and his dear friends are searching for words to wish him. Anil Kapoor took to Instagram to post a video capturing the filmy moments in which Anil and Satish have worked together.

"While I sit here trying to find the right words or just any words really to express what I feel right now...I want to fill books telling you what you mean to me but I know you already knew that...in the 3 mins of this video, I relived so many of our memories. I wish we had more time...I wish I could call you and tell you just one more time how lucky I am to have you in my life....I miss you beyond words Satish...I pray that everyone has a friend like you in their life because you were a true blessing...Happy Birthday my friend..." wrote Anil in the post. ANI

Jammie Fox recovering from 'medical complication', reveals actor's daughter

The Academy Award winner Jammie Fox's daughter, Corinne Foxx, issued a statement on Instagram revealing that the actor is recovering after facing a "medical complication" on Tuesday. "We wanted to share that my father, Jamie Foxx, experienced a medical complication yesterday," shared Corinne in a statement written on behalf of the Foxx family. "Luckily, due to quick action and great care, he is already on his way to recovery. We know how beloved he is and appreciate your prayers," the statement reads. "The family asks for privacy during this time."

The 55-year-old actor was most recently seen on the set of the upcoming Netflix movie 'Back In Action', which also stars Cameron Diaz. The highly anticipated film will be the first big-screen project Diaz has starred in since 2014's Annie remake, which also featured Foxx, reported People. Prior to the start of filming, the actor celebrated his birthday in December by posting a throwback black-and-white photo of himself as a child and reflecting on his childhood.

"Dis big head boy bday and thanks for all the bday shouts #sageseason if it's my birthday it's your birthday," he captioned the post. The family has not disclosed the medical complication. ANI



Rihanna shows her baby bump in all-white outfit, Paris Hilton sends love



Ahead of the anticipated release of a beauty product from her brand, pop singer Rihanna made a stylish appearance at Ulta in Las Vegas. According to People, Rihanna, who is pregnant and expecting her second baby, wore an all-white look that featured a floor-length skirt with a flirty, high-back slit, paired with a matching denim jacket. A sleek turtleneck bodysuit accentuated her growing bump, and she completed her look with a sultry pair of strappy heels.

The official handle of Fenty Beauty shared the pictures of Rihanna. Paris Hilton shared love emojis on it. Rihanna revealed her pregnancy news in an innovative way. She was seen with a baby bump at her highly anticipated half-time show at Sunday's Super Bowl.

According to US-based entertainment portal The Hollywood Reporter, a representative of the singer confirmed the news ahead of her hotly anticipated Super Bowl LVII Halftime Show. The Grammy winner and her beau, rapper A\$AP Rocky, welcomed their first child in May 2022. ANI