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## Sunny, Lavlesh Tiwari and Arun Kumar Maurya killed Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf



**S**unny is a professional criminal and a historysheeter and has 14 criminal cases including that of murder, loot, narcotics transport, attempt to murder pending against him in Hamirpur, Special DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said. Lavlesh Tiwari faces cases of selling of illicit liquor, manhandling and harassing women at the City and Beberu police stations in Banda, he said, adding cases under Information Technology Act was also registered against him. Arun Kumar Maurya's criminal history

is being traced.

The three assailants who killed gangster-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf posed as journalists, carrying video cameras, mike and media identity cards, the Uttar Pradesh Police said.

"At about 10.30 pm both Atiq and Ashraf were being taken for a health examination Motilal Nehru Regional Hospital in Shahganj area, where mediapersons were persistently trying to take bite of the two," the Special DG (Law and Order) said in the statement.

"The mediapersons were breaking the security cordon to reach to the accused (Atiq Ahmad and Ashraf) for taking their bites. In this sequence, both Atiq and Ashraf were giving bites to the media and they were escorted (by the police). Meanwhile, from the crowd of media, three mediapersons with video camera, mike and media Id reached them and started firing indiscriminately," he said.

A court in Prayagraj on Sunday sent three assailants who killed gangster-

turned-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf to 14 days' judicial custody. Luvlesh Tiwari (22) of Banda, Mohit, alias Sunny, (23) of Hamirpur and Arun Kumar Maurya (18) of Kasganj were caught on the spot after shooting Atiq and his brother dead outside a hospital in the Shahganj area here on Saturday night. "Three accused in Atiq-Ashraf killing sent to 14 days' judicial custody by a court here," lawyer Manish Khanna, who represented Ahmad, told PTI

### No credit card recovery agents can harass you or your distant relative

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

**A** 43-year-old woman has lodged a case with Chitalsar Manpada police in Thane, stating that she was being harassed by loan recovery agents for the loans taken by a distant relative of her husband. The accused morphed her photograph obscenely and threatened to make it viral if her relative did not pay the money. In most cases, the person who takes the loan lodges a police complaint, but this is the first time some third party took action.

According to the police, on July 08, the victim received a message from an unknown number, mentioning the name of a person (a distant relative of the victim's husband) and stating that he had

taken an online loan and asked the victim to inform the said person to repay the loan. The victim immediately called the said relative and the latter informed her that on June 25 he had totally taken Rs 40000 loan from eight different mobile loan apps and had even repaid Rs 1 lakh including interest, but still he was being harassed by recovery agents for more money along with the threats that if he would not pay more money, then his relatives and friends in his contact list would be harassed too. After having known the entire episode, the victim had blocked the number from which she had received the message.

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Later, the victim received a similar message from another unknown number, but this time, in the message, the sender had used abusive language for the victim as well. Next day, the victim received a message from one more unknown number and the said message contained her morphed obscene photograph, along with a message that if the loan would not be paid, then they would make her photograph viral on the social media. The victim then informed her family about the harassment and then lodged a complaint with the police.

The police have registered an offence on charges of computer related offences and publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act, etc., in electronic form as per the sections of the Information Technology Act. Foremost, no bank harassed anyone under any circumstances. If a borrower defaults the bank has a legal right and recourse to the borrower for demanding repayment. In such cases, the lengthy judicial procedure actually gives life to the loan or credit card seeker. Meanwhile, if creditors prove to the court his/her inability to pay the amount, they ask for a minimum amount to be paid for long years that can be hundred rupees per month. Banks cannot afford such deals, so they outsource such jobs to recovery agencies. The survival of the agency is a percentage out of the collected amount. That is the reason they built pressure tactics.

In this process the bank will call the borrower to the bank, visit the borrower at his home or office, issue letters of demand, issue legal notice, start court procedures, publish default news in newspapers, and even take possession of security offered (movable and immovable assets) - amongst many more steps if its personal loan. In case of a credit card, a bank can take legal action but cannot go beyond that.

But the recovery agents harass through continuous abusive phone calls, the agents also drag the debtors' family members, friends, and even their colleagues if they have to recover the debts. They can be very ruthless while handling the debtor, as these recovery agents are paid on the incentive model, they aim at maximum debt recovery so that they could be rewarded more. To sum it up, recovery agents can go to any extent for every penny to be extracted from the debt holder, which includes continuous chasing through phone calls, heading to your doorsteps, they make sure you realize that taking the loans was one of the worst mistakes of your life.

No Bank will ever even contact any other family member or friends. There's a lot you can do to stop them from harassing you. Recovery agents have every right to speak to you about the repayment of debt. However, they cannot threaten you or embarrass you in front of others or play with your reputation. They also cannot call you at odd hours. They can SIMPLY ask you to repay the loan and NOTHING else. Unless you have a court order, they can't remove anything from your house. If you think you are being harassed mentally by the recovery agents and they are also making threats to you, then please get in touch with a lawyer (not necessarily an expensive one) who deals with banks and financial institutions. The lawyer will send a notice to the bank, RBI and the police that you are being criminally harassed by the bank's recovery agents. The moment the lawyer's notice arrives at the bank's step, you will stop receiving calls from recovery agents! You don't even have to file a court case against them. But pay up if you have the means, otherwise it will hurt your credit score badly.

When the State Bank of India could not recover crores of money from the education loan borrowers, they sold it to Reliance for a discount. Before that notice was sent to all the borrowers. Nobody responded. This is the first time. After three months, people started coming and complaining about their loans being sold to Reliance. The reason was Reliance, with the help of private agents, found out all the borrowers. People, who told banks they were unemployed, now began closing the loans. Reliance could find out their employment addresses and regularly tracked them.

Big business owners took lakhs are crores of amount from banks and left India, no bank could really nab them. Forget their attitude towards people who have borrowed. Even senior citizens who have deposits with banks, they make them wait indefinitely for issuing a deposit receipt. Banks have gone most insensitive and just don't care for the customers. Similarly, recovery agencies are unleashed to harass people in the name of recovery by all means.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Recognise the value of the earth

When did Earth Day grow into Earth Month? Does it mean that we can choose any one of the 30 days to do "it" or we should do "it" for all the 30 days of the month? Well, let's first see what they want us to do this year. Is it an easy "do"? Does it save "me" money?

According to the World Economic Forum, by the year 2050, our oceans are expected to contain more plastic than fish. Essentially, this really means how much plastic we'll be eating. Plastic, a fossil fuel product, does not biodegrade, instead, it breaks down into tiny pieces that the fish eat, and then we eat the fish. Another common destination for plastic is the landfill. Since it contains toxic chemicals, landfills then contaminate groundwater.

I suggest, we really need to try working on ending plastic pollution every day. It's not hard, and it saves everyone's money. Just like our trash cans, our garages, and our homes, the earth has limited space to store junk. The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Invest in our planet". So, let us follow this theme and put an end to plastic.

Jubel D'Cruz

### Strong laws

Screen shot of the video that went viral from the party at Garden Galleria Mall, in which Arun Govil as Shriram is seen.

A video surfaced of Lord of the Drinks resto-bar in Noida's Garden Galleria mall, in which a remixed clip of Ramanand Sagar's TV show Ramayan was being played with music at a drinks party. As soon as the video went viral on social media, the Noida Police itself registered an FIR in the matter. After this, the police arrested the co-owner and its manager of Lord of Drinks bar in Garden Galleria. In the video which went viral, some people are seen dancing and singing. Behind them, the scene of the Shri Ram-Ravana war from the Ramayana show is visible on the big screen. Later, the dialogues of both are being played forward-backward, along with fast music is also playing. For the past few years, it has become a trend to mock Hindu beliefs, denigrate Hindus Deities and demean Hindu Saints. India does not have strong laws against blasphemy, hence accused are not punished appropriately. This situation will not change till Hindus are given education on Dharma.

Sagar Shirodkar

### The Future of Space Tourism

With the rapid growth of space tourism, traveling to outer space has become one of the best desires of people. Space Travel is defined as any air travel beyond 50 or 60 miles above sea level. For this motive, Suborbital Space Travel is used which takes people into space and then returns to Earth. Under this, Commercial space tourism has the potential to boost the economy by encouraging investments and creating jobs. It could help in solving some of the most baffling mysteries about the universe. The perspective of Space Tourism is to enable more people than ever before to go to space but it has a hefty price tag which will be a major downside in today's space travel. It may also be bad for the environment. As per the study, the carbon released by 1000 private suborbital flights per year would increase the temperature over the poles by 1-degree Celsius and reduce the polar sea level by 5% each year. On the other side, it will encourage further innovation and exploration of our solar system. It would create opportunities to invent new space technology, conduct groundbreaking research and establish new frontiers in galaxies.

Anushka Panwar

# MENACE CALLED MOBILE TURNS 50

Have you heard the big news, hello! Recently, the cell phone turned 50! It's difficult to picture a time before this indispensable piece of technology, but perhaps the most defining moment in mobile tech history came exactly 50 years ago on April 3, 1973, when Martin Cooper, former Motorola VP and Director of R&D, used the Motorola DynaTAC 8000X to make the world's first commercial mobile phone call from Sixth Avenue in New York City. I am proud to have my first mobile phone in 2003. Incidentally, it was a Motorola phone after 30 years of its inception.

Motorola's pioneering spirit has proven to be a critical part of progressing the mobile industry to what it is today. From delivering the world's first commercially available 5G-upgradable smartphone to the first clamshell smartphone, we have a rich heritage in rewriting how people access and experience innovation. But perhaps the most defining moment in mobile tech history came exactly 50 years ago on April 3, 1973.

Mobile phones have become most popular in India and Reliance in the brand name Jio captured the mobile market in a most distinguished way. As a Banker I had personal experience with a personal service provider for its monthly billing services. But when people ran around to get cheap Chinese mobile phones online, the prospective buyer was cheated with a brick inside instead of a new mouthpiece. Number of roadside deaths are taking place because of the mobile menace.

Painters used to be the only people capable of self-portraiture but now we are all at it. And for actors and the cricketers, selfies are a mode of branding. Selfies are the new mirrors and we come across in the breadth and width of the



country selfies have become an effective tool in displaying fashion and farishta. See that your own photograph goes from being self-obsessive and narcissistic to being practical and playful. It is notable that Google reports that 93 million selfies are clicked each day through android devices and it is a record. Motorola celebrates 50 years of first-ever mobile phone call. Credit: Motorola Exactly fifty years ago, Motorola engineer Martin Cooper, who later became the company's VP and Direct.

All that has changed, as increasingly cell phones change the way we live, communicate, gather information etc in open. It is time to change but the change will not come so fast. Mobile menace should cause human deaths due to utter carelessness when on the move on the vehicle or walk through tracks/roads hearing music or using What's app or taking selfies on the main roads. With touch phones now in use that problem is marginally reduced but still the obsession is the root cause for mental diseases and leads to sleepless nights as well. The selfie obsession is for striking different poses as the person concerned is not

happy with one picture and the habit of loading them on social networking sites to get approval of the virtual world takes most of their time, energy and leads to mental disorder as well in the end. It is time to avoid such habits.

It's difficult to fathom life today without our dependable mobile gadgets. We use them for a variety of tasks, including accessing the internet, taking pictures, and even keeping track of our health. According to a recent survey, there are already more than 3.8 billion mobile phone users worldwide, and this figure is only anticipated to rise as more people acquire access to this technology. Thus, on this occasion of the cell phone's 50th birthday, let's toast to it and hope that it will continue to advance and advance while also assisting us in maintaining our connection to the present and our sense of reality.

- C K Subramaniam

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## Will try to get back Chhatrapati Shivaji's 'Waghanakh', Jagdamba sword from UK: Maha Min Mungantiwar



Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar on Sunday said that he would try to bring the 'Waghanakh' (metal claws) and Jagdamba sword used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj from the United Kingdom.

Sudhir Mungantiwar is scheduled to visit Britain in the second week of May. Shah had reached Mumbai on Saturday evening to hold a key meeting with senior party leaders. Chief Minister

Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, BJP state president Chandrashekhar Bawankule, BJP Mumbai president Ashish Shelar, Tourism minister Mangalprabhat Lodha, along with other party MPs and MLAs, welcomed Shah at the Mumbai airport on Saturday.

Speaking at the event which was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, he said that the 350th anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj's coronation will be celebrated soon. "I am going to Britain in the second week of May, it will be our endeavour to celebrate Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's coronation at Raigad under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I will try to bring Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's 'Waghanakh' and 'Jagdamba sword' to Maharashtra," he said.

He said that an agreement with the British Council was signed to bring the Jagadamba sword and Tiger Claws back to India. "It was a pleasure meeting @alangemell, Dy. High Commissioner Western India and Imogen Stone, Dy. Head, Political and Bilateral Affairs. The discussion revolved around bringing Jagadamba sword and Tiger Claws back to India for #350YearsOf-Shivrajyabhishek," he Tweeted.

"We thank Hon'ble Shri @alangemell and Smt. Imogen Stone for their cooperation in this sensitive matter and for understanding our sentiments," he tweeted.

being passed on from one generation to the next," Shah said.

## Amit Shah confers Maharashtra Bhushan Award to Appasaheb Dharmadhikari



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday conferred the Maharashtra Bhushan Award to spiritual leader and social activist Dattatreya Narayan alias Appasaheb Dharmadhikari and said it was very rare to see the tradition of social service being passed from one generation to another.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis and Union minister Kapil Patil were present on the occasion. "I have been a student of history. I have seen certain families doing good in academics, while others are good in business acumen from one generation to the next. But in Appasaheb Dharmadhikari and his father late Nanasaheb, I saw a very rare flow of tradition of social service

Lakhs of followers of Dharmadhikari attended the grand function held on a sprawling 306-acre ground in Kharghar area of Raigad district.

Flower petals were showered from a helicopter on the activist, dignitaries present on the dais and others who were part of the gathering. Dharmadhikari has a massive following in the state due to his tree plantation drives, blood donation and medical camps as well as de-addiction work in tribal areas.

The ground was packed with people and equipped with audio/video facilities for followers of Shree Sadasya (Dharmadhikari's organisation) to witness the function.

## Man gets life imprisonment for raping minor daughter

A court in Maharashtra's Thane district has sentenced a 48-year-old man to rigorous life imprisonment for raping his minor daughter.

The court said no unnecessary or unwarranted sympathy is required to be shown in the case.

"Such cases are on rise now a days and to tackle the same a deterrent theory of punishment has to be used," the court said in its order on April 11, a copy of which was made available on Saturday.

"The accused is hereby sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life," said District and Additional Sessions Judge at Kalyan, PR Ashturkar, hearing cases pertaining to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on the accused. Special Public Prosecutor Kadambini Khandagale told the court that the man, from Ambivali in Kalyan town of Thane district, had lost his wife when the victim was around two years old.

More than 120 people suffered from heat-related health issues, like dehydration, due exposure to sunlight on Sunday during a mega event in Navi Mumbai, where social activist Dattatreya Narayan alias Appasaheb Dharmadhikari was given the Maharashtra Bhushan award, a government official said.

## 123 people suffer from heat-related health issues at Maharashtra Bhushan award ceremony; 13 hospitalised, 1 serious

Thirteen of these people were admitted to different local hospitals and the condition of one of them is serious, the official said.

Lakhs of followers of Dharmadhikari attended the grand function held on a sprawling 306-acre ground in Kharghar. Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the award, instituted by the Maharashtra government, to Dharmadhikari.

The event, for which people had started gathering since morning, began around 11.30 am and went on till around 1 pm. Many



of them had arrived on Saturday. The ground was packed with people and equipped with audio/video facilities for followers of Shree Sadasya (Dharmadhikari's organisation) to witness the function. The seating arrangement for the attendees was made in the open and there was no shed.

"A total of 123 people complained of heat-related health ailments, like dehydration during the event. They were immediately referred to the 30 medical booths set up at the venue. Thirteen of the patients, who needed

further treatment, were shifted to different private hospitals and the condition of one of them is serious," a revenue department official, who was on duty at the venue, said.

"A total of 30 doctors were deployed at the medical booths that had intensive care unit (ICU) facilities to treat people at the venue," she said.

A doctor at a civic hospital in Navi Mumbai's Vashi said that five patients were admitted there for treatment after they complained of heat-related health issues.

## Thane Sex racket busted one arrested three rescued

One woman was arrested after a sex racket was busted in Kasarwadavali area of Thane city, a police official said on Sunday.

Three women were rescued in the raid that took place on Saturday after a tip-off was

confirmed by a decoy, Crime Branch senior inspector Vikas Ghodke said.

The 46-year-old accused hails from Vile Parle in Mumbai and has been charged under Indian Penal Code and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, he added.



## Nation

# Oppn leaders have calls it heinous crime over Atiq Ahmad's killing



**B**SP chief Mayawati on Sunday said the killing of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad and his brother Ashraf in police custody in Prayagraj raises serious questions over the style of functioning of the Uttar Pradesh government. It would be better if the Supreme Court takes cognisance of this "extremely serious and worrisome" incident, which is being discussed across the country, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said.

In a series of tweets, she said, "Now, instead of 'rule of law by law' in Uttar Pradesh, how appropriate is it that it becomes 'encounter Pradesh'? Something to think about." "The shooting dead of Atiq Ahmad, who was brought from Gujarat jail and his brother Ashraf, who was brought from Bareilly jail last night in Prayagraj, in police custody, is just as heinous as the Umesh Pal murder case. It raises serious questions on the law and order of the UP government, and its style of functioning," she said.

While congress MP Jairam Ramesh said criminals should be given the harshest punishment but it should be as per the law of the land. His remark comes a day after gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf were shot dead in Prayagraj in full media glare on Saturday night.

BJP leader Umesh Pal was killed by Atiq's men in 2005. Gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmad (60) and his brother Ashraf were shot dead at point-blank range by three men posing as journalists in the middle of a media interaction on Saturday night while police personnel were escorting them to a medical college in Prayagraj for a checkup.

The brothers, both jailed in Prayagraj, were in handcuffs when they were killed in full view of camera crews around 10 pm. The horrifying visuals were circulated widely on social media platforms and television channels. Agencies

# Kochi: Health centre gives wrong dose to infant, hospitalised



**A**n eight-day-old newborn infant fell sick after she was allegedly administered sixth-week dose of vaccine by mistake at a family health centre in Edapally in Kerala's Kochi. The infant's family alleged that the infant, born at a private hospital, was administered the vaccine for the sixth week instead of the first week.

Following the incident, the family wrote to Kerala Health Minister Veena George and the secretary of the health department and demanded action against the health centre authorities. According to Rajesh, kin of the child, after the 8th day of her birth, the infant was administered

a sixth-week dose instead of the first-week dose. "My niece's daughter, who is only eight days old, had to go through such a horrible experience," he said.

"After receiving the wrong dose, the child fell sick," he alleged. The alleged incident was reported on April 12 at the Family Health Centre in Edapally in Kochi. Officials at the health centre refused to make a comment on the matter. The kin alleged that the child was admitted to the intensive care unit of the General Hospital in Ernakulam. "The health centre did not have the facility to incubate the child, and she was shifted to the private hospital where she was born," they said. ANI

# Gangster Atiq Ahmed murder: three assailants confessed they did this crime to "become popular"

**T**he three assailants, who were arrested after shooting dead gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf in Prayagraj, confessed to their crime on Sunday, adding that they did it to "become popular". Days after Atiq Ahmed's son, Asad, was killed in an encounter in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi, the ganglord-turned-politician and his brother were killed on Saturday while being taken for a medical examination in Prayagraj.



"We wanted to kill Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf with the aim of completely wiping off the Atiq-Ashraf gang and making a name for ourselves," the FIR quoted the arrested assailants as telling the police. "The moment we received an update about Atiq and Ashraf being taken into police custody, we planned to kill them by posing as local journalists and blending

with the crowd," the FIR stated further.

All three attackers were apprehended at the scene after they voluntarily turned themselves in. They are currently in police custody and are being questioned. The Uttar Pradesh Police imposed Section 144 across the state in the wake of the incident and security was beefed up at key public installations and areas deemed sensitive. ANI

# Bihar Hooch Tragedy: 20 Arrested involved in illegal trade of liquor as death toll reaches to 14

**P**olice have arrested 20 people and seized huge quantities of spurious liquor from different villages in Bihar's Motihari, even as the death toll in a suspected hooch tragedy climbed to 14, officials said Sunday. The death count may increase further as the condition of five persons is reportedly to be critical, a senior police officer said. A statement issued by the East Champaran district administration said 20 people, "involved in illegal trade of liquor", have been arrested fol-

lowing searches in different localities of Motihari.

Around 85.5 litres of country-made liquor and a huge quantity of Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) were recovered from their possession, it said. "Police were informed that some villagers died after allegedly consuming spurious liquor in Turkauliya, Harsiddhi, Sugauli and Paharpur areas of the district on the intervening night of Friday and Saturday. Police teams were immediately sent to different hospitals in the city," the statement said. Excise

department officials are also probing the incident. Reacting to the suspected hooch tragedy, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had on Saturday said: "I have been maintaining that liquor is bad and shouldn't be consumed. I have asked officials to take strict action against those who violate prohibition laws". The state government imposed a total ban on sale and consumption of alcohol on April 5, 2016. Scores of people had died in the last major hooch tragedy at Saran district in December 2022. PTI

# "Agency investigates on merit," CBI official on summon to Kejriwal on Delhi excise policy case

**A**s the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) summoned Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case of the Union Territory government, a top official of India's premier probing agency on Sunday said the CBI investigate matters on merits. "We investigate the matter on

merits," the official told ANI.

Kejriwal on Sunday said that the central agency will arrest him if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has given the orders. In a video message released on Sunday morning, Kejriwal said, "They (CBI) have called me today and I will definitely go. They are very powerful, they can send any-

one to jail. If BJP has ordered CBI to arrest me, then CBI will obviously follow their instructions." He further said, "You (BJP) say that I am corrupt. I was a Commissioner in the Income Tax department, I could have earned crores if I wanted to. If Arvind Kejriwal is corrupt then there is no one in this world who is honest." ANI

World

# After attack, Japan PM Fumio Kishida vows to keep world leaders safe during G7 meeting



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida vowed on Sunday to keep world leaders safe during Group of Seven (G7) meetings in Japan, CNN reported.

Kishida's statement comes a day after a man threw what appeared to be a "smoke bomb" at him during a campaign speech in

Wakayama.

"Japan as a whole must strive to provide maximum security during the dates of the summit (in Hiroshima next month) and other gatherings of dignitaries from around the world," Kishida said on Sunday, reported CNN.

His remarks came as G7 Foreign Ministers, including US

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, on Sunday began three days of talks in the Karuizawa region of Nagano prefecture.

On Saturday, a small explosive device was thrown at the venue where Kishida was about to make a speech to showcase support for the ruling party's candidate in a by-election in Wakayama. Kishida was evacuated unhurt from the venue in Wakayama.

The attack has caused shockwaves in Japan and drawn comparisons with the assassination of former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe in July last year, as per the news report. He was shot in July last year during a campaign speech in the Nara region of Japan.

# Despite heavy protests, French Prez Macron signs pension reform into law



French President Emmanuel Macron, despite severe protests across the country, has signed a pension bill into law to raise the country's retirement age by two years, Al Jazeera reported on Saturday.

The key retirement-age legislation was accepted by France's

Constitutional Council on Friday, which came after months of opposition to the change, which the administration rammed through parliament without a final vote.

Key reform provisions, such as raising the retirement age to 64 and lengthening the number of years of employment neces-

sary for a full pension, were approved by the nine-member Constitutional Council, which found that the legislation complied with French law.

The fight to put the bill into effect ended up being the biggest domestic obstacle of Macron's second term because of both the overwhelming public resistance to the revisions and his own declining personal popularity, Al Jazeera reported.

A specific contract for older workers as well as requiring large corporations to disclose the number of persons over 55 they employ were two of the nine minor ideas that were turned down in the discussion, according to Al Jazeera.

# US State Secretary Blinken calls for end to violence in Sudan



United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Saturday that he was deeply concerned about reports of escalating violence between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the country's main paramilitary group, the Rapid Support Forces and urged to stop the violence immediately.

Taking to Twitter, Blinken said, "Deeply concerned about reports of escalating violence between the Sudanese Armed Forces and Rapid Support Forces. We are in touch with the Embassy team in Khartoum - all are currently accounted for. We urge all actors to stop the violence im-

mediately and avoid further escalations or troop mobilizations and continue talks to resolve outstanding issues."

"Fighting between SAF and RSF forces threatens the security and safety of Sudanese civilians and undermines efforts to restore Sudan's democratic transition. The only way forward is to return to negotiations," he added in a tweet.

This statement came after clashes were reported between rival factions of armed forces in Sudan, several gunshots and explosions rang out on Saturday morning in various parts of Khartoum, reported New York Times.

# Pak: 854 people killed in 3 months in terrorist attacks, counterterrorism operations



Casualties from violence have soared in Pakistan, at least 854 people were killed or wounded in terrorist attacks and counterterrorism operations in the first quarter of this year, reported Dawn.

According to the report, prepared by the Centre for Research and Security Studies, the number of deaths was 358 and that of injuries was 496, which resulted from as many as 219 terrorist attacks and counterterrorism operations during the January-March period.

Notably, this number was half of what was witnessed dur-

ing the entire of 2022. Most deaths -- 245 (or 68 per cent) -- were reported from KP, followed by Balochistan's 64 (18 pc), and then in Sindh, Punjab and Islamabad, reported Dawn.

As per the report, the month of January 2023 was the most fatal for security forces in a decade, following a similar trend from the previous year, which ended with the decade's deadliest Dec for them. With a death toll of 111, January recorded the second-highest number of fatalities of security personnel in a single month, second only to July 2014 with 118 fatalities, reported Dawn.

# Nepal PM expands cabinet for eighth time, inducts foreign and state minister

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal has expanded his cabinet for the eighth time inducting a Foreign Minister and a Minister of State for Transport.

As per the release from the Office of the President, Dahal

inducted Nepali Congress leader Narayan Prasad Saud as Foreign Minister while Nanda Chapai got the portfolio of state minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport.

Both the ministers were administered oath to post and se-

crecy amid a ceremony at Presidential Palace in Kathmandu.

Earlier on 31st March, Pushpa Kamal Dahal aka Prachanda had reshuffled the cabinet after weeks of hiatus when he was only able to induct 11 ministers which included a state minister.



## Education

# The Benefits of Pursuing a Career in Rural Management



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Rural management is a career path that involves managing and developing rural areas. Pursuing a career in rural management can be an excellent choice for students who are passionate about making a positive impact in their community. This blog is all about exploring the benefits of pursuing a career in rural management.

### Opportunity to Make a Difference

One of the most significant benefits of pursuing a career in rural management is the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives. Rural areas often face unique challenges, such as a lack of access to healthcare, limited economic opportunities, and inadequate infrastructure. Rural managers work to address these issues and enhance the quality of people living in these areas. By pursuing a career in rural management, you can use your skills and expertise to help improve the lives of rural people.

### Career Growth and Advancement

Rural management is a rapidly growing field, with increasing demand for skilled professionals who can address the unique challenges facing rural communities. As a result, pursuing a career in rural management can offer excellent opportunities to aspiring students for career growth and advancement. With experience and expertise, you can advance to higher-level positions, such as executive director or CEO of a rural development organization. Additionally, the skills and experience gained from working in rural management can be transferable to other industries and career paths.

### Diverse Career Paths

Pursuing a career in rural management can offer students a wide range of career paths and opportunities. Rural management professionals work in a variety of roles, including community development, economic development, healthcare



management, environmental management, and more. This diversity of roles allows students to pursue a career path that combines with their interests and skills while still making a positive impact on rural communities.

### Collaborative Work Environment

Rural management often involves working with a variety of stakeholders, including community members, government officials, non-profit organizations, and business leaders. As a result, aspiring for a career in rural management can offer a collaborative work environment where students can work with others to achieve common goals. Collaborative work environments can be rewarding, as they provide opportunities for students to learn from others, share ideas, and build relationships.

### Strong Job Security

In many cases, dreaming of excelling in a rural management career can offer strong job security. Rural areas often face long-standing issues that require ongoing attention, such as economic development, infrastructure improvement, and healthcare access. Due to this, there is a consistent need for skilled professionals who can address these issues and make a positive impact in their community. Additionally, rural management professionals may work for government agencies or non-profit organizations, which often provide stable employment with competitive salaries and benefits.

### Personal Fulfilment

Rural management career opportunities offer a great deal of

personal fulfilment. Professionals working in rural management strive to improve the lives of people in their communities, which can be incredibly rewarding. Seeing the positive effort of your work on individuals, families, and entire communities can be deeply satisfying and can provide a sense of purpose and fulfilment in your career.

### Conclusion

FMS-IRM is the best rural management college in Jaipur that provides quality education to students with the help of experienced professors. You can find this college as the top rural management college in India that is constantly putting efforts into changing the lives of rural people and making advancements in the country.



# Entertainment



## Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta crowned Femina Miss India 2023

Rajasthan's Nandini Gupta was crowned Femina Miss India World 2023 in a grand ceremony on Saturday. Along with Nandini, the country got its new beauty queens of the year including Shreya Poonja from Delhi became the first runner-up and Manipur's Thounaojam Strela Luwang as 2nd runner-up.

On Sunday, taking to the official Instagram handle of Femina Miss India, congratulated the winners of the star-studded Femina Miss India 2023 with the caption, which read, "CONGRATULATIONS. All of these ladies have a powerful voice and we're sure that they're going to use this platform to further all the important causes that they believe in."

They Tadded, "We've seen the passion with which they've worked for these positions and must say that there's no one more deserving! Congratulations, ladies-it's time to celebrate. Let's pop the champagne!"

Talking about the background of our Femina Miss India 2023 hails from Kota. The 19-year-old beauty queen holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management.

The 59th edition of Femina Miss India was held in Manipur. With nearly a six-decade-long famed legacy of transforming the lives of young talented women and changing the landscape of glamour and the fashion industry of India. The vows to continue its tradition of creating influential beauty ambassadors, supporting young women in their quest to explore their potential and empowering them to become a positive force for change. ANI

## Diljit Dosanjh becomes first Punjabi singer to perform at Coachella, fans went crazy

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh has created history by performing at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California. The weekend performance marks his dominance not only in the Punjabi industry but on a global level. Diljit entered the stage with a complete Punjabi vibe by wearing a black kurta and tamba. He added swag to the look with a black turban, sunglasses, and even a pair of yellow gloves to set the stage on fire. Dosanjh dropped an Instagram post on Sunday to celebrate this historic moment.

Fans reacted with tons of love for the singer expressing how he made India proud. Bollywood celebs congratulated the singer via their Instagram to narrate the moment of happiness and joy they felt after Diljit's performance. Several Punjabi singers too commented on Diljit's milestone. Actress Kareena Kapoor took to her Instagram on Sunday to share an Instagram reel of the 'Udta Punjab' co-star performing at Coachella. Bebo of Bollywood wrote "The OG" with multiple heart and star emojis.

Actress Rakul Preet Singh also expressed her happiness for Diljit taking Punjabi culture to new heights. Rakul shared the performance reel of Dosanjh and wrote "Wohoo Punjabi Fever at Coachella. What a firecracker performer you are. Dil Jit Lita Sab Da" ANI



## "Your smile can light up any room": Mouni Roy showers love for bestie Mandira Bedi on her b'day

Mouni Roy penned a heartfelt note for bestie Mandira Bedi as she turned 51 on Saturday. Mouni shared a string of pictures with Mandira with a caption that read, "My dearest M, I was going through our pictures and realised what a wonderful friendship we have had. What beautiful memories we have made together. All the trips, this entire journey has been so wonderful. On this special day, I want to take a moment to wish you a very happy birthday! You are an amazing person and an inspiration to me. Your talent, grace, and dedication to your craft have made you one of the most respected artist in the country. Your ability to balance your career and motherhood is truly admirable and inspiring."

Talking about Mandira's special qualities, Mouni wrote, "But what makes you truly remarkable is the kindness and generosity you show to everyone around you. You have a heart of gold and a smile that can light up any room. Your friendship is something that I cherish dearly and I feel blessed to have you in my life." ANI