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## UNREST IN PAKISTAN OVER EX-PM'S ARREST

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There were thousands of social media posts by the protestors in solidarity with Imran Khan. Pakistan's largest population was against this arrest. Protests broke out in several cities in Pakistan over Imran Khan's arrest from outside the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday. Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi, Gilgit, Karak, was at unrest. The protesters, according to Pakistan media reports, entered the residence of Lahore Corps Commander and vandalised his house, hours after Khan's arrest. Moreover, Section 144 was imposed in the city of Islamabad, soon after his arrest.

According to Fawad Chaudhry, the official spokesperson of Imran Khan's party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, the ex-PM had been "abducted from Court premises. Scores of lawyers and general people have been tortured." In the meantime, Chief Justice at the Islamabad High Court (IHC) Aamer Farooq Tuesday took strong exemption over the arrest taking place at the IHC premises, following Khan's arrest, earlier in the day, from outside the court. The additional attorney general retorted whether the parking lot and other areas of the IHC should be considered the same as the courtroom.

"Khan has been whisked away by unknown people to an unknown location," Chaudhry said. Khan has been facing a clutch of cases since his ouster through a no trust vote in April last year. At present, he is facing over 140 cases related to terrorism, blasphemy, murder, violence, inciting to violence. However, he has rejected all these cases as political victimisation by the ruling alliance. Khan has been arrested in connection with the allegations that Bahria Town allotted land worth PKR 530 million to Al-Qadir Trust, owned by the PTI chairman and his wife.

PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi, following the arrest of PTI chief Imran Khan in Al-Qadir trust case, vowed to fight a political and legal war for the "safe recovery" and "release" of the party chief. Qureshi also called on the Chief Justice at the Islamabad High Court (IHC) to immediately take notice of the arrest and requested him to issue Imran's release orders, Dawn reported.

According to the report, Qureshi added that a meeting of the party's central leadership, which was established by Imran previously, was held earlier today. "We will soon announce a comprehensive plan of action."



### Our souls do not exist forever

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

**B**hagvat Geeta 2.13 says, as the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not confused by such a change. As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, the soul similarly accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones. (Bg 2.22).

According to Brahmarsi Patriji, using the five fingers of our hand, we can understand which dimension of being we live our life at. Each finger represents an aspect of being. Our little finger represents our Body, our ring finger represents the Mind, our middle finger represents Intelligence, our index finger represents our Soul,

and our thumb represents the Spirit, or all that is. In as much as light comes from fire, the soul comes from the Supreme Lord, they are inseparable and exist simultaneously, but one is dependent on the other. Because the soul is spiritual, it is always alive, and has the qualities of the Supreme Lord but in a minute degree.

According to Sri Krishna in Bhagavad Gita, The soul is the person. When the person leaves, all that is left is a material body that the person used for their activities for a short while. It's like a set of clothes that has worn out and is discarded. Our clothes are never alive, but they move with us and follow our shape.

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The material body is a highly sophisticated set of clothes. It repairs itself, it grows, it allows us to perform activities, but when we leave it, it's just a pile of material elements lying motionless where we leave it. Everyone knows the person is gone. No one wants to keep the body, we can see the body, but what was interesting was the person in the body. The soul leaves and that is when the person is gone, because the person is the soul.

People do not have souls, people are souls. No soul, no person. At death the soul/person leaves a collection of chemicals that have been arranged brilliantly into a body, and all that is left are the chemicals that break down into their simpler forms now that the life that sustained them is gone. The person goes to another location and eventually starts to grow a new body which then takes birth and they start a new life as a person based on the new body they have built for themselves in their mother's womb. The previous identity is erased but the subtle impressions from the previous birth remain in the subconscious mind that travels with the person from body to body. As the new body develops the subtle impressions and desires from the previous life emerge and influence our choices and likes/dislikes etc.

It lives in the region of the heart of a material body and from there permeates the body as consciousness. It is carried by material nature from one destination to another and is encased in a variety of bodies depending on its desires and activities. It may go up to higher planetary realms or it may down to lower ones, or it may leave the material world altogether and go to the spiritual realm.

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You are born into a material world, where your life is dominated by your lower three chakras. You enter the world in a state of innocence and as long as you are healthy and have a loving family, you live in a world of joy and bliss. You still have a strong connection to the Divine and the field of the Absolute from which your consciousness just emerged. The spiritual being is still very

much awake. However, for most this memory begins to fade as you are taught how to "fit in" and you become distracted by the world around you. A rare few manage to maintain their Divine connection and enjoy spiritual greatness.

As you grow, the ego emerges and soon you realize that you are completely at the mercy of all around you. The pure love you have experienced up until now begins to be overshadowed by fear and its corresponding emotions. You find that to get what you want; you have to please those in charge. You develop your personality and begin creating all the stories that will shape and define your life.

The opportunity of your second choice is when you begin to give from the level of love and compassion without any concern for recognition or reward. Your giving becomes selfless and your true spiritual journey begins. Now you begin your regular spiritual practices. The longing for Enlightenment grows within you. Your decisions now come mostly from the fourth chakra, the heart centre. You begin to look for the deeper meaning of things. You try to understand why you are here and how you can make your life more meaningful. You may study with teachers and gurus. You read books and practice techniques. You have glimpses of the goal that encourages you to remain on the path.

The Earth is a wonderful school where many Souls come for their learning, evolution and growth. They undergo a structured development — a structured way of learning. The Souls go through the five stages of being an Infant Soul, a Child Soul, a Young Soul, A Mature Soul, and Old Soul, until they realize their Buddhahood, Krishna Hood or Christ Consciousness.

All the five Soul Cycles need to be passed through — there is no skipping or jumping through any Cycle of the Soul. Each Cycle can take up, on average, up to 400 lifetimes, depending on the Soul's evolution. Each Soul moves according to its own rhythm. However, the growth can be accelerated. This is not a hierarchy — it is a stage of development.



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# Voices



## Letters to the Editor

### Tuskers are emotionally sensitive and intelligent animals

The research on elephants over the last few years has proven that they are among the most intelligent and emotionally sensitive creatures on the planet, rivalling humans in their need for companionship and a comforting environment. This research offers clues as to what caused the death of 17-year-old Noor Jehan at Pakistan's Karachi Zoo a month ago.

The elephant was separated from her parents at a very young age and was raised in captivity. This is on top of the poor conditions she was forced to live in. A fundamental problem is the perception of our relationship with animals in general, and zoo animals in particular. We see zoo animals as a source of our entertainment, a notion that robs animals of their dignity and a lifestyle conducive to their needs. We should be kind to animals and love them just like our family members. Animals are a part of our family too.

Jubel D'Cruz

### Digitization of Courts

In this era every industry or institution is undergoing from drastic digitalization and the institution of judiciary is no exception. Gone are the days when the bulky files were put before the judges. Courts are turning into paperless. Recently Chief Justice of Odisha High court Justice S Muralidhar announced 100 more paperless courts in different districts of the state. E-courts project has a positive impact on the courts' architecture and make judiciary self-reliant. Odisha High Court's initiative towards paperless courts worth praising.

Muzakkir Khan

### Drain cleaning should be on time!

It is reported that the BMC is ready to prevent waterlogging in the Mumbai city during monsoon. It is the duty of the municipality. Citizens of Kalyan, Vitthalwadi and Badlapur area residing in low-lying areas face rain water logging problem every year. Rain water seeps into people's homes resulting a lot of financial loss. Municipalities of Kalyan, Ambernath and Badlapur should also clean drains on due time. So that the rain water will not accumulate.

Sudhir Kangutkar

### The only answer

Today in Hindu-majority India, only Hindus are being oppressed. Anti-Hindu affairs like religious conversion of Hindus, desecration of places of worship, demolition of temples, distortion of our glorious history became commonplace. Attacks on religious processions, creating riots during that time are common. Now in India, 'Mini Pakistans' have been created everywhere, where Hindus cannot enter. Christians have planned a nationwide plan for the conversion of Hindus. Since the independence of the country, the population of Muslims has increased more than 8 times, while the population of Christians has increased more than 5 times. The atrocities committed against Hindus by other religions are endless. These and other incidents have raised some questions, are Hindus safe? Hindu Rashtra is the answer to all the problems the country is facing. The annual 'All India Hindu Rashtra Conventions' held in Goa have played an important role in imbuing the concept of Hindu Rashtra in the minds of people.

Aparna Jagtap

# My voyage to Sri Raja Rajeshwara Temple Vemulawada

I have been brought up in Mumbai but my maternal and paternal family lives in Telangana. Sri Raja Rajeswara Temple is our family deity. This time when I went to meet family members, they insisted upon visiting Vemulawada. The temple is always overcrowded and sometimes it is difficult to get through. But its management is excellent and very considerate. The temple surroundings are also very mesmerizing with required arrangements.

That night I had to catch a flight back to Mumbai and there was a senior citizen with me. Somehow, I reached the PRO office and approached Mr Upadyaula Chandra Shekhar, a kind person with a human approach. Very much approachable and calm, I told him my difficulties. He generously guided us and that's how we took darshan in the available time.

Sri Raja Rajeswara Temple is one of the most famous Hindu temples in Telangana, dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is located in the town of Vemulawada, Telangana, India. Historically the region was the capital of the Vemulawada Chalukyas who ruled from 750 to 973 CE. The Chalukyas of Vemulawada were an Indian dynasty that ruled in and around present-day Telangana between 7th and 10th centuries. Their capital was located at Vemulawada, and they were vassals of the Rashtrakutas. The dynasty's original capital was at Podana (modern Bodhan), but was later moved to Vemulawada, probably during the reign of Vinayaditya's successor Arikesari. According to the dynasty's imprinting, Arikesari conquered Vengi and Trikalanga; this probably refers to his conquest of the Vengi Chalukya king Vishnuvardhana IV on the orders of his Rashtrakuta overlord Dhruva Dharavarsha.

This temple of Shiva in the form of Raja Rajeswara Swamy is very famous in this part of the Telangana region. The presiding



deity of the temple is Sri Raja Rajeswara Swamy who is locally popular as Rajanna who is adorned on both sides by the idol of Sri Raja Rajeswari Devi on the right side and to the left is the idol of Sri Laxmi Sahitha Siddi Vinayaka. Vemulawada Raja Rajeswara temple is situated 38 km from Karimnagar. This famous temple dedicated to Lord Rajarajeswara Swamy draws pilgrims in large numbers.

You can have a divine bath in a holy tank called Dharma Gundam, before proceeding for darshan and these holy waters are believed to have medicinal properties. Every year at the time of Maha Sivarathi, devotees in large numbers flock to Vemulawada, to offer prayers to Lord Shiva. This temple also has a very special offering made by devotees called 'Kode Mokku'. Kode Mokku is a ritual where the devotee makes the pradakshinam of the temple with a kode (bull) which is vahanam (Nandi) of Lord Shiva.

Inside is a massive Siva Linga and on several occasions its open for people to offer abhishekam and poojan. You can also perform Shiva Kalyanam, Shiva Parvati Kalyanam is the marriage ceremony of a divine couple, Lord Shiva and his consort Goddess Parvati. Shiva Kalyanam is celebrated during Shivaratri. Usually, Shiva Kalyanam is performed on the day after Shivaratri.

Devotees crowd the Sri Raja Rajeswara Temple all year round. The holy place has huge significance in various cultures and it is a custom to donate one's hair at the temple as a form

of worship. It is believed that devotees donate their hair here once their wish is fulfilled or to get rid of sins and ego.

The reason behind hair donation is that it is believed that God gives you 10 times more value in the form of money than what the devotees donate hair at the Rajarajeswara temple. It is said that whoever donates their hair is blessed by Goddess. Here, not only men, but women also donate their hair after the vow is fulfilled. Even the first hair of Children is given here in the form of Mundan.

Devotees are served food, shed to rest and very tasty laddu prasadam to carry. The temple has every facility; you can also perform Tula Bharam here. Tulāpuruṣa) or Tula-dana, is an ancient Hindu practice in which a person is weighed against a commodity (such as gold, grain, fruits or other objects) but here it's against jaggery, and the equivalent weight of that is offered as donation.

Whenever you visit a temple carry lots of coins with you as the temple entrance starts with Beggars and there are many to follow you in each corner. Sri Raja Rajeswara Temple has water, food and resting facilities. A must visit for your spiritual boost.

### - Anonymous

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City

## Khadi Mahotsav 2.0 Fashion Show



**K**hadi Fashion Show, organized by Atharva Foundation, Atharva School of Fashion and Arts, and Mumbai Khadi Village Industries Association Trust Kora Kendra, is the concept and vision of Shri Sunil Rane, MLA Borivali.

Greatly put together by five prominent designers, this fashion show showcased clothing lines with a focus on Vocal for Local, made in India, and Swadeshi fabrics like khadi, linen, cotton, etc.

While Kalaneca by Ramya and Kavea brought the theme

of handwoven sarees from the shores of Andhra, we had Anju Modi's stunning collection reflecting modernism and being inspired by Mumbai's energy and diversity. We also had sustainable workwear brand Ingenious Clothing by Ginni Jain, curated with fabrics from weavers all around the world, Sushant Phukan brought his Nomi official all the way from Assam.

They used hand-woven Muga silk, Tassar silk, Eri silk, and cotton. The highlight again was the collection from the Atharva School of Fashion and Arts, with designs curated by Varsha Surendran and her team displaying Indian contemporary ensembles. extensive collection with pretty colors that is a perfect blend of modern and traditional values, representing culture and identity.

## Mumbai zoo starts 'Crocodile Trail' with viewing gallery for visitors



**T**he Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)-run zoo in the city has launched a "Crocodile Trail" which allows tourists to see crocodiles and alligators closely from a gallery. The "Crocodile Trail" at the Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Zoo and Botanical Garden, popularly known as Ranibaug, has been opened for visitors from the last two days, said a BMC press release. The release said the trail has two separate enclosures and

offers an opportunity to visitors to see crocodiles and alligators up close. Three crocodiles and two alligators have been kept in these enclosures. A viewing gallery of approximately 1,500 square feet size has been set up in the zoo and from this platform, tourists can observe on surface and underwater movements of the reptiles, the release said. Due to the ongoing summer vacation in schools, the zoo has been witnessing heavy footfalls.

## 260% rise in ticketless travellers on AC trains

**W**ith the start of summer season, Western Railway (WR) has stepped up vigil in AC services to weed out unauthorised passengers from entering these trains. In the month of April alone, 6,353 passengers were caught travelling without proper ticket. This is almost a 260 increase compared

to April 2022 when 1,754 people were caught. The WR's chief public relations officer Sumit Thakur said the earnings from the fines levied on these unauthorised passengers were Rs. 21.34 lakh in April 2023 which is 238% higher than in April 2022 when Rs 6.31 lakh was recovered as penalty.

## Maha assembly speaker holds right to decide on disqualification of MLAs: Rahul Narwekar

**A** decision regarding the disqualification of MLAs is the prerogative of the speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra speaker Rahul Narwekar said on Tuesday. His comment came ahead of the Supreme Court's verdict on a plea seeking the disqualification of 16 MLAs of Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena which is expected in the next few days.

"As per the rules of the legislature, the right to decide on disqualification of MLAs solely lies with the speaker of the House. I am sure that there would not be any breach of the constitutional discipline. We have a vibrant judiciary in this country," Narwekar



ar told reporters.

Narwekar, who is a lawyer by training, also said the judiciary is well aware of its responsibilities and duties. He said the Constitution has given equal rights to the legislative, judiciary, and executive and no one enjoys the right to superintend on others. Narwekar was elected as an MLA on BJP ticket from Mumbai. He took the oath as the Speaker for the first time in July 2022.

## Citizen bodies claim 'hate' speeches made at conclave in Thane, demand police action

**A** group of citizens and organisations have claimed that communal and "hate spewing" speeches were made at a conclave organised by a right wing outfit in Maharashtra's Thane district last month and complained to police seeking action against the speakers.

A memorandum dated May 5 and submitted by the group to the Thane police commissioner took a dim view of the event organised in Mumbai area here by the Sakal Hindu Samaj on April 30. It said many speakers were seen participating in the event, espousing a hard, right-wing, exclusionist ideology and delivering "incendiary and inciteful" speeches through which they specifically targeted Muslim citizens and the



community.

A total of five speakers were heard delivering "anti-Muslim" speeches, videos of which have gone viral, said the memorandum submitted by organisations including the National Alliance for People's Movements and the Citizens for Justice and Peace Mumbai.

It claimed the speakers made "misinformed and offensive"

claims against the minority community, its history and their culture. "We would like to bring your attention to these instigating speeches, urging you to take stringent action against the perpetrators, as if these hate-driven speeches are left unchecked, the peace and harmony of our country will be affected direly," the memorandum said.

## Pune court extends police custody of DRDO scientist held for providing secret info to Pak agent

**A** special court in Pune on Tuesday extended till May 15 the police custody of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) scientist Pradeep Kurulkar, arrested by the Maharashtra police's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on charges of providing confidential information to a Pakistani agent.



The scientist, a director at one of the DRDO labs in Pune, was arrested on May 3 and was in police custody.

Kurulkar was produced before the additional sessions judge (Special Court) in the afternoon after the end of his police custody.

Seeking the extension of his custody, the prosecution told the court said they have received the forensic report of devices seized from the scientist and his interrogation was required for further probe into the matter.



## Nation

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gaon village, Mishra said.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of those killed.

The seriously injured persons will be given Rs 50,000 and those who received minor injuries will be given Rs 25,000, Mishra said.

The state government will bear entire expenses of the treatment, he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also condoled the loss of lives in the accident.

"The road accident in Khargone is very saddening. My condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in this accident. Also, I wish speedy recovery to all the injured. Under the supervision of the state government, the local administration is providing all possible help on the spot," Modi was quoted as saying in a tweet by the Prime Minister's Office.

took place at 8.40 am, Mishra told reporters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the loss of lives in the road accident and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased.

The bus broke railings of Dasanga bridge and fell on a dry bed of the Borad river near Dongar-

Twenty-two people were killed and around 20 injured as a private bus fell from a bridge on a dry river bed in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district on Tuesday morning, state Home Minister Narottam Mishra said.

A magisterial probe has been ordered into the incident which

# Boat tragedy: Kerala HC initiates suo motu PIL; Police slaps murder charges against boat owner



The Kerala High Court on Tuesday swung into action by initiating a PIL on its own to probe into the violation of rules that led to the Tanur boat accident, while the state police has invoked murder charges against the owner of the vessel that capsized.

Twenty two people, including women and children, were killed when a houseboat carrying over 30 passengers overturned and sank near the Tuvalthiram beach in Tanur area of Malappuram district on Sunday.

Under attack from various quarters, including the opposi-

tion, the Kerala government also strengthened the investigation into the accident by booking the owner of the boat for murder.

Initiating the PIL, the High Court directed the District Collector, Malappuram, to file a report into the incident that occurred near an estuary in the Tanur area of Malappuram district.

A vacation bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and Shoba Annamma Eapen termed the boat accident "shocking" and "haunting" and said their "hearts were bleeding" and they "underwent sleepless nights" after seeing the lifeless bodies of the children.

## Shraddha Walkar murder: Delhi court frames charges against accused Aaftab Poonawala

Delhi's Saket court on Tuesday framed murder charges against Aftab Amin Poonawala for killing Shraddha Walkar and causing the disappearance of evidence.

Meanwhile, the accused has denied the charges and claimed a trial in the matter.

Shraddha Walkar was allegedly murdered by Aftab in the Mehrauli area on May 18, 2022. Her body parts were thrown into the jungle of the Chhatrapur Pahadi area in the national capital and was arrested in November 2022.

Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Manisha Khurana Kakkar framed the charges under Sections 302 and 201 IPC for murder and disappearance of evidence.

The court said that there is sufficient material and prima facie a case is made out against the accused.

"Do you plead guilty or claim trial," the court asked to which Poonawala said, "I don't plead guilty and will face the trial."

Thereafter the court listed the matter trial and recording of prosecution evidence on June 1.

## PFI conspiracy case: 5 more arrested as NIA carried out searches in TN

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested five people and carried out searches at six locations in Tamil Nadu on Tuesday in connection with a case related to unlawful activities of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) in the southern state, an official said.

The raids were conducted in Chennai, Madurai, Dindigul and Theni districts.

With the latest arrests, the total number of people arrested in the criminal conspiracy case reg-

istered last year in the state to 15, a spokesperson of the NIA said.

The official identified the accused arrested on Tuesday as Abdul Razzak (47) of Chennai, Advocate Mohamed Yusuf (35) and Advocate M Mohamed Abbas (45) of Madurai, Kyzer A (45) of Dindigul and Sathik Ali (39) of Theni.

The searched place included properties of the accused, mostly houses and farmhouses. The searches led to the recovery of a host of incriminating material,

## Army to have common uniform for officers of Brigadier, above ranks from August 1

In an attempt to do away with differences in the Officers' uniform from the rank of Brigadier and above, the Indian Army have decided to adopt a common uniform irrespective of the parent cadre and appointment. According to official sources, the move is aimed at bringing a common identity and approach in service matters amongst senior leadership, which goes beyond the boundaries of regimentation.

"This will also reinforce the Indian Army's character to be a fair and equitable organisation. The decision was taken after detailed deliberations during the recently concluded Army Commanders Conference and extensive consultations with all stakeholders," they said. "The changes will be implemented



from August 1 this year. There is no change to the uniform worn by Colonels and below-rank officers of the Indian Army," they added.

Sources further said that the move is aimed at promoting and strengthening common identity and approach in service matters amongst senior leadership, beyond the boundaries of regimentation. There would be a common uniform for Brigadier and above rank officers irrespective of the

parent cadre and appointment.

"The headgear, shoulder rank badges, gorget patches, belts and shoes of senior officers of flag rank (Brigadier and above) will now be standardised and common. The flag-rank officers will now not wear any lanyards," they said. "A standard uniform will ensure a common identity for all senior-rank officers while reflecting the true ethos of the Indian Army," sources explained.

## Female Cheetah 'Daksha' brought from South African dies at Kuno National Park

A female Cheetah 'Daksha' rehabilitated at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park from South Africa, died on Tuesday, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) J S Chouhan said. It is the third death of Cheetahs so far at Kuno National Park, located in Madhya

Pradesh's Sheopur district. According to a release issued by the forest department, Daksha died following an injury which seems to be caused due to violent interaction with the male cheetahs, possibly during mating.

The release read, "The monitoring team found the fe-

male cheetah 'Daksha' injured at 10:45 am on Tuesday. Veterinarians performed its treatment but she died around 12 noon. Daksha Cheetah was in enclosure No 1 while male Cheetah Vayu and Agni brought from South Africa were in nearby enclosure No 7."

World

# Ex-Pakistan PM Imran Khan arrested in corruption case

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan was arrested by paramilitary Rangers on Tuesday while he was present at the Islamabad High Court for the hearing of a corruption case, a day after he took on the country's powerful army for allegedly hatching a plot to kill him.

The arrest of the 70-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician comes a day after the powerful army accused Khan of levelling baseless allegations against a senior officer of the spy agency ISI.

The chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), who travelled from Lahore to the federal capital Islamabad, was undergoing a biometric process at the court when the Rangers broke open the glass window and arrested him after beating lawyers and Khan's security



staff, according to senior party leader Shireen Mazari.

TV footage showed the Rangers grabbing Khan from the collar and bundling him into a prison van. The Rangers, which operate under the Interior Ministry, are usually commanded by officers on secondment from the army.

"Khan has been arrested in

a land transfer case to property tycoon Malik Riaz and is being handed over to National Accountability Bureau (NAB)", a NAB official confirmed to PTI.

He said that Khan has been arrested in the Al-Qadir Trust case which is about the setting up of Al-Qadir University for Sufism in 2019 Sohawa area of Jhelum district of Punjab.

"His arrest warrants were issued today morning and subsequently he is arrested," he said.

Khan's arrest warrant, however, showed that it was issued on May 1. The warrant said that Khan was accused of corruption and corrupt practice.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that Khan failed to appear before the court despite

being issued several notices. "The arrest has been conducted by the National Accountability Bureau for causing losses to the national treasury," he tweeted.

He added that Khan was not tortured.

In a pre-recorded video issued by the party after his arrest, Khan said, "till the time these words of mine reach you, I will be arrested in a baseless case. This shows that fundamental rights and democracy in Pakistan have been buried." "All this is being done because they want me to accept the corrupt, imported government that has been forcefully imposed on us," Khan said.

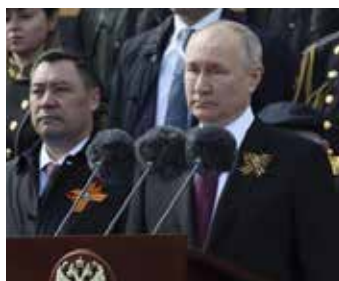
He said if someone has a warrant, they should directly bring it to me. "Bring the warrant, my lawyer will be there. I'm ready to go to jail myself," Khan said.

## Putin tells WWII event West is waging a 'real war' on Russia

President Vladimir Putin declared Tuesday that the West has unleashed "a real war" against Russia, reprising a familiar refrain at scaled-down Victory Day celebrations that may reflect the toll the Ukraine conflict is taking on his forces.

Putin's remarks came just hours after the Moscow fired its latest barrage of cruise missiles at targets in Ukraine, which Russia invaded more than 14 months ago. Ukrainian authorities said air defences destroyed 23 of 25 missiles launched.

The Russian leader has repeatedly sought to paint his inva-



sion of Ukraine as necessary to defend against a Western threat. Kyiv and its Western allies say they pose no such threat and that Moscow's war is meant to deter Western influence in a country that Russia considers part of its sphere of influence.

"Today civilisation is once again at a decisive turning point," Putin said at the annual commemorations celebrating the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II. "A real war has been unleashed against our motherland."

Putin has often used patriotic rhetoric that harkens back to the earlier war in an effort to rally his citizens and forces — and May 9 is one of the most important dates in the Russian political calendar. But this year's celebrations were markedly smaller, at least partially because of security concerns after several drone attacks have been reported inside Russia.

## China attends as observer first meeting of Sri Lanka's creditor nations

China attended as an observer the first meeting of Sri Lanka's creditor nations on Tuesday, offering policymakers some hope Beijing will become more engaged in talks to resolve debt woes of low- and middle-income countries across the world. The meeting, within a new framework launched in Washington D.C. in April that creditors hope will serve as a model to resolve the debt difficulties of middle-income economies, was held online.

Japan, which initiated the launch together with India and France, invited all bilateral credi-

tors, including the largest, China. Masato Kanda, Japan's top financial diplomat, told reporters after the meeting that China attended as an observer, adding he hoped it would participate as a full member in future meetings.

Last month, France, India and Japan unveiled a common platform for talks among bilateral creditors to co-ordinate restructuring of Sri Lanka's debt. Sri Lanka owes \$7.1 billion to bilateral creditors, government data show, with \$3 billion owed to China, followed by \$2.4 billion to the Paris Club of creditor nations and \$1.6 billion to India.

## Germany saw more politically motivated crimes in 2022

The number of politically motivated crimes reported in Germany rose by 7 per cent last year, the country's top security official said Tuesday.

Overall, Germany registered 58,961 politically motivated crimes last year, most of which were for offenses such as damage to property, insults or incitement to hatred, holding illegal gatherings or displaying Nazi symbols.

However, 4,043 were classed as violent crimes — an increase of 4 per cent, the minister said.

There was a significant rise in crimes that could not be assigned to the traditional motivations of right-wing or left-wing ideology, Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said.

A significant proportion of these "diffuse" offences — which rose by 13 per cent to 24,080 cases — were in connection with corona-

virus restrictions or protests related to the war in Ukraine, the energy crisis and the rising cost of living, Faeser told reporters in Berlin.

The minister stressed that the biggest threat to German society is still far-right extremism, of which 23,493 cases were recorded. She said that 41 per cent of all victims of politically motivated violent crimes were injured by far-right extremists.

## Michael Cohen calls Trump's \$500 mln suit against him "pure retaliation"

Donald Trump's onetime lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen asked a court to throw out the former U.S. president's \$500 million lawsuit against him, calling it an "abusive act of pure retaliation and witness intimidation."

Cohen's lawyers in a filing late Monday in Miami federal court said the lawsuit combined the "worst of Mr. Trump's vindictive impulses," and that its timing

was no coincidence. Trump sued Cohen on April 12, eight days after pleading not guilty to 34 criminal charges from the Manhattan district attorney's office over a \$130,000 hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels before the 2016 presidential election.

Cohen made the payment on Trump's behalf, and is expected to be a key witness against Trump if the case goes to trial.



## Expression

# Journalism - A Thrilling Career - II



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### Different Types of Journalism

Thinking about pursuing journalism as a career, you have a wide range of principles of journalism to choose into from. The best foundation begins with an undergraduate liberal arts education that exposes you to a wide range of disciplines of study and helps you supplement your native curiosity with a habit of critical thinking. Whatever course of study you follow be sure to include a strong foundation in ethics. After that, once you have made up your mind for journalism, and then consider study at a university that offers a graduate degree in journalism. Each journalistic form and style needs some different techniques for collecting information and writes for different purposes and audiences. There are four principal types of journalism namely investigative, news, reviews and columns.

**News:** Most widespread form requiring journalism approach is the news coverage. News journalism is often to the point and does not contain any kind of added personal views or any kind of manipulation. It is often referred to as straightforward journalism. Facts are relayed as it is without any change or interpretation. Typical news must be relayed as it is without any tampering with the facts and figures. A normal news story often constitutes a headline with just enough explanation to give an idea of the rest of the article to the reader. News stories relay facts, events and information to society in a straightforward, accurate and unbiased manner. Any deviation from the original facts can at times lead to some serious consequences.

**Investigative Journalism:** The most important and famous form, investigative journalism aims at uncovering the true facts about a particular subject, person, or event of public interest. The investigative journalism is based on the basic principle underlying all journalism-verification and accurate presentation



of the facts. It is advised that investigative reporters must work with uncooperative or recalcitrant sources that would maintain the confidentiality of the information and would never divulge or manipulate the information. The investigative journalist should always be aware of their responsibility and should always bring the truth to light. They should also keep in mind that honesty with their work is very important as it can lead to some major public unrest also if something wrong is published. Hence reporters need to be well aware of the fact.

**Columns Writers:** There is an important place for column writers in all the dailies and weekly publishing's as well. There can be a wide variety of topics for these columns which can be for a newspaper, magazine or an online media and these are based primarily on the personality of the author. Column writers usually write about subjects or topics in a personal style and usually are associated with one field only which is either related to entertainment, sports, art or culture etc. It is possible that column writers can take a humorous approach, or specialize in a particular subject area or topic. Column writers are usually noticed by their constant

focus on a single topic and it's important for columnists to develop their own voice that is recognizable by their readership. Columnist particularly writes their views about some ongoing important event, or some interesting extract or journey from their lives, some important historical event or some new technology. Usually, these articles by the writers are published weekly in a specific fixed column, or these may find a place in a magazine too.

**Reviews Writer:** Reviews can be stated as partly opinion and partly fact-based. Along with news, there can be views from some prominent people that may create a greater interest of the people in the news. These reviews can be about an ongoing event. For example, there can be reviews about an ongoing match by some ex-players from the same field. This creates an added interest of the general public and makes news item even more gripping. The review serves to accomplish the following two functions:

Precisely describe or identify the subject being reviewed.

To provide an intelligent and informed opinion of the subject based on research and experience.

The review can be provided by

prominent people on various topics owing to their experience in the same field, which gives a clear picture of the event and also creates in an understanding of the topic quite well.

### Career Options

For those who are interested in this thrilling field of journalism, they can do a course in journalism right after passing the senior secondary examination i.e., 12th standard. One another available option is the option of doing a professional degree in journalism, right after completion of an undergraduate course in any subject. Generally, a background in arts/humanities is preferred. For a student opting for journalism, it is very important to possess a good command over his language and communication skills. Knowledge of regional languages is an extra advantage as one do not know where exactly in future an important event is about to happen, and knowledge of regional language gives in the ability to interact well with the locals about the situation and the event. The courses of journalism are offered in English, Hindi and regional languages. Candidates can go for a graduation in journalism (Bachelor of Journalism) or can even go for a post-graduation in journalism (Masters in Journalism).



# Entertainment

## Prabhas on 'Adipurush': Have made this film with lot of love and respect

**B**aahubali' star Prabhas on Tuesday hoped that the audiences like his portrayal of Lord Ram in "Adipurush", Om Raut's big screen adaptation of Ramayana, which the actor said has been made with "a lot of love and respect".

The makers of the multilingual period saga released the trailer of the film on Tuesday, six months after the teaser stirred a controversy over the depiction of Ravana and Hanuman as well as the quality of its visual effects (VFX).

Prabhas, who along with the crew chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Jai Siya Ram' at the press event, said he felt grateful to portray such an iconic character.

"I should thank Om for giving me this opportunity. We have made this film with a lot of love and respect. Hope you all like it," he said.

"Adipurush" courted controversy, including boycott calls, over the depiction of Hindu deities and the buzz cut sported by Saif Ali Khan's Lankesh when the teaser released in October last year.

The 3.19-minute trailer mostly focuses on Ram's journey from Raghav to Adipurush as he braces for a war with demon king Lankesh.



## AFI postpones Nicole Kidman's Life Achievement Award function over Writers' Strike

**T**he American Film Institute (AFI) confirmed that its 49th annual AFI Life Achievement Award: A Tribute to Nicole Kidman is postponed due to Hollywood's ongoing Writers' Strike. The event was scheduled for June 10. "For nearly half a century, the AFI Life Achievement Award has convened artists and audiences in celebration of excellence in the art form," the AFI said in a statement.

"Due to the division in our community at this time, AFI has decided to postpone this year's event with the goal to offer a celebratory environment worthy of our recipient," reported Hollywood Reporter.

The new date of the ceremony is still not decided. The last writers' strike, which began in 2007, lasted 100 days. The current strike has already affected movie and TV show productions and led to a number of cancellations, postponements and reformatting for live events.

Kidman was set to become the first Australian actor to receive the AFI honour. The Oscar-winning actress and producer, 55, has started her career back in the 1980s, and she's built a reputation as a versatile performer who has inspired visionary auteurs like Jane Campion, Sofia Coppola, Baz Luhrmann, Anthony Minghella, Sydney Pollack, Lars von Trier and Stanley Kubrick to work with her.



## 'Dahaad' a clutter breaker for me: actor Sonakshi Sinha

**A**ctor Sonakshi Sinha says her streaming debut "Dahaad", which will see her in the role of a cop hot on the heels of a serial killer, was a true "clutter breaker".

The upcoming Prime Video crime-drama series is created by filmmakers Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti. Kagti also directs the eight-part show with Ruchika Oberoi of "Island City" fame.

"When I met her (Zoya), I told her that there was a period when I had started saying no to every film offer that came to me because nothing was exciting enough for me to get up and be that character for 30 to 40 or 90 days. It ('Dahaad') was a no-brainer. I said yes immediately," Sinha told PTI in an interview.

The actor said she was getting "mundane" offers, but the show came as a welcome change.

"On paper, the character (Anjali Bhaati) was so powerful. For me, as an actor to be able to do that kind of role, it was just so exciting at that point of time in my life, where I was. I was being offered repetitive things. This was truly a clutter breaker," the 35-year-old actor said.