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SECURITY BEEFED UP AT HARYANA'S NUH DISTRICT AFTER COMMUNAL CLASH



A communal clash broke out during the 'Brij Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra' taken out by Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) killing at least five people, including two home guards. Twelve police personnel were also injured in the violence. The injuries were allegedly sustained from gunshots and stone pelting. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has announced a nationwide strike on Wednesday in the aftermath of the violence in Nuh.

VHP Joint General Secretary Surendra Jain said "Termining the incidents that have unfolded "very unfortunate", alleges that an estimated 20,000 participants of the yatra were attacked within 15 to 20 minutes of assembling at the venue. He alleged that those who were part of the yatra, including women and children, had to seek shelter in temples and police chowkis.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said "We will spare no culprit and strict action would be taken against those behind the communal clashes in Haryana. The situation is under control and government is trying its level best to maintain the law-and-order situation".

"This was the fourth year of the yatra, this time the official management was not at its best because key police official was absent. There was an incident yesterday and I feel that the management was not at its best. The Superintendent of Police, Nuh was on leave due to a family situation and the charge was given to the SP of a neighbouring district who could not assess the situation in a better manner" asserted Chautala

Haryana Home Minister Ani Vij said "Someone who wanted to disturb the peace in Haryana engineered the vio-

lence in Nuh. The level of violence that took place and also occurred at different points, the way stones were collected, the way weapons were wielded, the way shots were fired, it does not appear to have happened all of a sudden," said Vij. Both the communities live peacefully there, he said.

Five men have been arrested for their alleged involvement in the violence in Gurgaon where a mosque was set on fire in the early hours of Tuesday, the police said. The death toll in Haryana's communal flare-ups mounted to 4 on Tuesday after the naib imam of the Anjuman Jama Masjid was killed after the mosque located in Sector 57 was torched allegedly by a mob of 70-80 people.

A curfew imposed in Haryana's Nuh district. The situation in Nuh continues to be tense. However, there were no re-

ports of any fresh violence on Tuesday.

Congress MLA Jagbir Singh Malik told Afternoon Voice, "This procession was done every year at that time there was no violence why this issue has erupted now when the election is nearby? It seems this is a pre-planned situation but we request government to take strict action against it and maintain peace in the state as we all are equal".

Samajwadi Party National Spokesperson said Kapish Shrivastava, "We don't want any politics in this issue but during this tension, the state government should maintain law and order situation in the state to bring peace".

"It seems that BJP is not serious about their work as we can see the situation in Manipur. So we want government should investigate the matter" Shrivastava further added.

The Uttar Pradesh gangsters gunned down one after another

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

A criminal and gangster Sanjeev Maheshwari Jeeva was an aide of gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari who was gunned down a few months back. Gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari's close aide Sanjeev Maheshwari alias Jeeva was shot dead inside SC/ST Court in Lucknow. A policeman and a six-year-old girl also suffered injuries in the attack. The attacker came in the attire of an advocate and when Jeeva was about to leave the court, he extensively opened fire. The modus operandi was similar to Mukhtar Ansari's murder. Ansari and his brother were killed by the guys who pretended to be journal-

ists. According to eyewitnesses, as soon as Sanjeev Maheshwari alias Jeeva in police custody reached the court premises, the assailant present there started firing targeting him. This created a stampede there. People started running and during the rush Jeeva fell on the ground in the court. During this, the advocates present there caught the attacker Vijay Yadav, then thrashed him ferociously, then when asked the reason for the murder, he only said that he had come to kill Jeeva, killing him.

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Sanjeev Maheshwari Jeeva was a compounder who was fairly doing well, but the circumstances dragged him into crime and he became a member of the underworld. He was a close associate of Munna Bajrangi who was shot dead in 2018 in Baghpat jail. Munna Bajrangi was a carpet weaver. After a few independent killings, the first at the age of 17, he committed the first murder. He joined a gang in Uttar Pradesh led by Gajraj Singh. In an atmosphere where the moves of criminals becoming politicians was pioneered by gangsters like Raja Bhaiyya, DP Yadav and others, Bajrangi started his criminal career as a member of criminal-politician Mukhtar Ansari's gang. In the early 1990s, under the governance of Mulayam Singh Yadav's Samajwadi Party, criminals were flourishing in UP. In 1996, Mukhtar was elected from Mau, and the gang, with its arsenal of AK 47 and other weapons, became a household name in the districts of Bhadohi Mau, Ghazipur, Varanasi and Jaunpur. The gangs made a living by gathering government contracts with political help.

Earlier this week, a court in Varanasi awarded life sentence to gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari for the murder of a Congress leader's brother, Awadhesh Rai, more than 30 years ago. Awadhesh Rai, the brother of Congress leader Ajay Rai, was shot dead on August 3. After Munna Bajrangi's murder inside Baghpat Jail in 2018, Jeeva had claimed threat to his life. His involvement had come into light in the murder of BJP MLA Krishnanand Rai.

Rai, who was an MLA from Mohammadabad seat in Ghazipur district, was sprayed with bullets along with six others by a group of assailants armed with AK-47 assault rifles in 2005. Mukhtar Ansari and his brother Afzal Ansari were named as conspirators. Sanjeev Maheshwari, was a significant danger in western UP. After the assassination of

Munna Bajrangi, he allegedly aspired to rise to the position of a powerful don. He was a person of great terror even while imprisoned and serving his sentence.

While locked up, Bajrangi and Jeeva were keeping their eyes set on homes in western Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. His meddling infuriated Sushil Mooch, and as a result, a clash of gangs broke out between Mooch and Jeeva. Mutual hostility in Haridwar over the valuable property close to the transport station grew to the point where several people were killed. In addition, Jeeva had a significant setback in 2018 with the death of the notorious Munna Bajrangi inside Baghpat Jail. He was reportedly given a life sentence for the murder of the former minister Dwivedi.

The government seized about 8 bighas (or about 5 acres) of land that belonged to the notorious Sanjeev Jeeva and his wife Payal Maheshwari. The land at Thana Adarsh Mandi and Sadar Kotwali was divided into two pieces. The land was estimated to have cost roughly Rs. 1.86 crore, Amarujala reported. The wheat crop on the farm was sold for Rs 9,000 at auction, and the money was put in the government's account. Sanjeev Jeeva, his wife, and their children were listed as the owners of 21 bighas of land in the hamlet of Adampur. In the names of his wife and sons, he had purchased this estate.

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Letters to the Editor

Student must counsel

Underscoring the pressure on students to cope with the highly challenging and competitive atmosphere in the country's top professional colleges is the grim fact that 69 students died by suicide in the past five years in premier institutes such as IITs (31 deaths), NITS (22), AIIMS (13) and IIMs (3), as per data presented in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Of them, 37 were from the reserved categories and 32 from the general category; this shows that students from both backgrounds are almost equally affected by stress. The initial onus is on parents to allow their children to pursue their dreams rather than pushing them to a place that turns out to be unbearable for them. In addition, addressing this grave issue at the institutional level is vital. Student suicides Counselling a must for handling pressure.

Jahangeer Shaikh

Impact of Manipur Violence

The three-month-old communal violence in Manipur has reached Mizoram. Nagaland is not far away. Other northeastern states including Assam may also come under its grip. There is no doubt that the inefficiency of the state government there has been responsible for making this situation worse. But the question is, what steps is the central government taking? Then the Union Home Minister had also gone to this civil war state and had also given an assurance. But the incidents which put civilized society to shame continued to increase. The incident that took place on May 4 and the video that went viral after that put the whole nation to shame.

The police, the administration and the state government have done everything that was left unturned. The government's counsel assured that the central and state governments are taking steps and the situation will be under control. It is alleged that the police remained mute spectators. Now the Center has handed over the responsibility of the viral video case to the CBI. The CBI will take action in its own way, but the core questions remain. Looking at the sensitivity of this state, there is a need to find a permanent solution to it.

Ashraf Nawaz

Elusive Consensus

India and China have once again appeared to be distancing themselves from their latest high-level engagement with various assessments of the strain on their relationship. India's concerns about the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) were raised during a meeting between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and top Chinese diplomat and Politburo member Wang Yi in Johannesburg earlier this week. Highlighted He said China's actions had "eroded" the "public and political basis" of the relationship. He "also emphasized the need to restore peace and tranquility in the border areas, so as to remove the usual obstacles in bilateral relations."

Meanwhile, after 18 rounds of talks, little clarity remains on the LAC situation and China's continued incursions into Demchuk and Depsang, the last two remaining friction points. While arrangements for setting up buffer zones at the other five points are welcome, the arrangements and terms of withdrawal from both sides are also under wraps. As both sides seek ways to stabilize relations and restore peace, the public must be kept informed. India's relations with its largest neighbor are too important to be overshadowed.

G. Champa

Species that spread venom

India has been witnessing an average 58,000 snakebite deaths in a year. The study has been conducted by the Centre for Global Health Research (CGHR) at the University of Toronto, Canada with Indian and UK partners and published in Life Journal. Most snake-related deaths have occurred during monsoon. People enter uninhabited areas where shrubbery is thick and overgrown, leaving them vulnerable to the risk of a snakebite. The study has rightly suggested the use of rechargeable torches or mobile phone flashlights, wearing rubber boots and gloves. The increasing deforestation may also be one of the reasons for the reptiles to enter the human habitats and expose the people to grave risk of snake bites.

It was disheartening to note that animal bites in Maharashtra state are touching a new high. The reason for so many deaths due to snake bites is that the state is having a four-month period of monsoon and the water logging in several places lead to the sighting of snakes in the city and suburbs. As the snake bite is poisonous and there is no proper medical care, the victim dies after a struggle. Dog menace is also a cause for concern. Stray dogs are on the increase and they are not properly vaccinated and become rather troublesome to children and elders. This is a sad state of affairs. But human life is lost in such bites and Maharashtra stands third in the list of deaths occurred due to these bites. Tiger, Leopard and other dangerous animals cause other deaths and the State Government needs to act to avoid the menace. This is not the first time such a thing is happening and the authorities in charge of these animals

should make them wander inside an iron railing so that it will not harm the public in any way. Time and again, we hear that the man eater wanders in the gardens and the forest areas nearby giving the public sleepless nights. We have to preserve species like lions, tigers and Cheetah and not at the expense of human life.

Due to its biodiversity, India has been a home to many kinds of insects, bugs, arthropods, etc. Though most of these insects are small, they can still cause major damage to us, as well as our health. These Dangerous Indian Insects have the ability to kill humans as well as animals due to the high amount of venom in their body. Sometimes, the most beautiful things which we come across could be the deadliest. Here are some of the deadliest harmful insects, the giant black Indian scorpion, as well as the Indian red scorpion, is one of the most dangerous insects that one can come across in India. The Indian red scorpion ranks among the most harmful insect species in the world, and it only stings as a last resort.

Monsoons are the time when snakes come out — to play, hunt and mate. Their dens flooded, they seek refuge in dry patches where often the reticent reptile's cross paths with humans, resulting in a season of fatal snake bites every year. The toxicity of snakes depends on their geography, diet, season and various other factors. To make antivenoms that are effective in treating the local population, the venom needs to be extracted from the same region. Antivenoms made from venom of snakes found in Chennai will only be effective in the southern region, and its efficacy reduces with distance.

Apart from these harmful insects and creatures, there are many more dangerous Indian insects, as well as some dangerous creatures native only to India. This includes insects like the praying mantis, earthworm, spider, mupli beetle as well as the tiny caterpillar: to name a few. Spiders are usually found in plants, shrubs, grasses, flowering plants, leaf litter and sometimes under stones. The spider species weave webs to trap other insects and act as bio-controlling agents to keep the insect population under control. Spider families in India are not very much harmful to humans but spider bites known as arachnidism need treatment. Major regions of Indian spiders are distributed as Spiders of Kerala, South Indian Spiders, Spiders of Central India, Spider Families of Mumbai and Newly Discovered Spiders. Most commonly seen spiders are House spiders, Water spiders, Tree spiders, banana spiders and garden spiders.

Monsoon weather is a common time for all these venomous insects, spiders and snakes to come out. If there is excessive rain, then the snakes come out again when it is hot and they also come out in the open. It is better to have the areas around co-operative housing societies to provide sufficient lighting arrangements to avoid the snakes entering your compound. It is better to take precautions rather than paying the price for the snake bites.

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Honoured to receive award named after Tilak, who was at forefront of freedom struggle,' says Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune on Tuesday. He said that he was honoured to receive a prize named after Tilak, who was at the forefront of the freedom struggle, and added that he would donate his prize money of Rs 1 lakh to the Namami Gange project.

At the ceremony, he shared the stage with chief guest Sharad Pawar at the Lokmanya Tilak Na-



tional Award ceremony in Pune. Modi had begun his Pune visit by offering prayers at the iconic Dagdusheth temple today.

Thane girder launching machine collapse: Death toll rises to 16, rescue operations on



The death toll in the collapse of a girder launching machine in Maharashtra's Thane rose to 16 after two more bodies were pulled out from the accident site while the search and rescue operation continued on Tuesday morning, officials said.

The incident took place after a girder launching machine collapsed near Shahapur in Maharashtra's Thane district late at night.

According to officials, the exact number of people who might still be trapped under the col-

lapsed structure is not clear.

Crane accident in Maharashtra: CM Eknath Shinde announces Rs 5 lakh aid to families of deceased

Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday expressed grief over the loss of lives in the crane accident at Shahapur in Thane district and announced an aid of Rs 5 lakh for the families of each of the deceased.

Seventeen workers were killed and three injured as a crane fell on a bridge slab during construction of the third phase of Samruddhi Expressway in Maharashtra's Thane district on Tuesday, an official said.

Six of Marathwada's eight districts still rain-deficit



Amid the peak of the monsoon season, six of the eight districts in Maharashtra's Marathwada region are still witnessing a deficit in rainfall, with Parbhani receiving about 73 per cent of the expected rainfall till July end.

The Marathwada region comprises the districts of Aurangabad, Osmanabad, Jalna, Beed, Latur, Nanded, Hingoli and Parbhani. According to a report by the di-

visional commissioner, Parbhani district has received 266.6 mm of rainfall against the expected figure of 354.5 mm, which is about 73 per cent, as of July end.

Jalna has received 248.5 mm of rain, or 83 per cent, compared with 299 mm of expected rainfall, while it is 85.8 per cent for Aurangabad – 238.1 mm against 277.4 mm. The deficit in rainfall is a bit less in Osmanabad, Latur and Beed. (PTI)

SC to hear Uddhav Thackeray's plea against EC order allotting Shiv Sena name, symbol to Shinde faction

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that it will list for hearing a plea filed by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader, Uddhav Thackeray, challenging an Election Commission of India (ECI) order regarding allot-

ment of the party name 'Shiv Sena' and symbol 'bow and arrow' to the faction led by Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, after the conclusion of Constitution bench hearing on Article 370.

"They called me a gold digger and accused me of having relationship with Suresh Chandrasekhar": Nora Fatehi

Bollywood actor Nora Fatehi on Monday recorded her statement before a Delhi court in a defamation case filed by her against fellow actor Jacqueline Fernandez and media organisations.

In her statement, Fatehi said her reputation was ruined in the public eye through false narratives. "They called me a gold digger and accused me of having a relationship with a con artist Suresh Chandrasekhar," she said. "I feel that I have been used as a scapegoat in this case in the media to safeguard certain people and because I am an outsider and I have been taken as a



soft target and I want compensation for all the damages caused to my career. Jacqueline has asked the media why ED has taken me as a witness in the case and her as an accused. This statement has led to prolonged unnecessary harassment, loss of work and cyber bullying.

Cop who shot senior, three others was suffering from mental health issues

PC Sinha, Inspector General cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Western Railway said, "The constable Chetan Singh a short tempered person and was suffering from mental health issues. He had just returned from leave. He first shot his superior and then shot those who came in front of him. The constable is in service for more than 12 years, recruited in 2009 and was Posted at Lower Parel workshop. He was on leave and when resumed to work, he was put on escort duty."



Students at Gurukul School of Arts, Lalbaug pay tribute to the innocent people brutally killed in the Jaipur Express

Nation

Internet services suspended in Sohna, Pataudi and Manesar, informs Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner



Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav on Tuesday said that the internet have been suspended in Sohna, Pataudi and Manesar due to rumours circulating on social media after the Nuh violence.

"Because rumours were circulating, we have suspended internet services in Sohna, Pataudi and Manesar. An incident was reported from Gurgaon last night at around 12.20 am in sector 57. A part of a mosque was set on

fire. It was controlled and no major damage was sustained. The mosque was under construction but unruly elements attacked it. They had weapons. One person was shot dead. He died of bullet injuries. One more person was injured in the fire and he is in hospital. The police have rounded up five people. The situation is now peaceful," he said.

In Sohna, we held a meeting with the leaders of both communities. A peach committee meeting was held. The political leaders

were also present. We have appealed for peace. We have asked them to inform us of unruly elements. Markets have been opened. We carried out a flag march in the area," he further said.

"There are some rumours and fake messages circulating on social media, which are exaggerating the damage or people are claiming to be community leaders and asking people to gather to 'take revenge'. Our IT Cell is monitoring these channels and cases will be lodged against these elements and strict action will be taken. I request everyone to not pay heed to rumours. Our attempt will be to activate peace committees in the district so that peace prevails. During the day, we have got information that some people are gathering in groups, but our teams have disbanded them. No one is being asked to leave their houses, contrary to rumours. The situation is under control," said Yadav.

Opposing the Delhi Ordinance Bill is wrong says Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit



Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit today said that opposing the Delhi Ordinance Bill would be wrong and that if power has to be given to Delhi, it should be made a full-fledged state.

"BJP has a majority in Lok Sabha, this bill should be passed in the House. The bill is as per the status of Delhi. If you want to give powers to Delhi, then it should be made a full-fledged state....In my opinion, opposing this bill is wrong," he said.

The Delhi ordinance was promulgated by the Centre on May

19, a week after the Supreme Court handed over the control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, to the elected government headed by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The ordinance sought to overturn the SC order that had given executive powers to the Delhi government in service matters, including the transfer and posting of officers. The proposed Bill is expected to cement the power of Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena to differ from the Delhi government's decision on service matters.

Famed art historian, educator Kavita Singh dies at 59



Renowned art historian and former professor and dean at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Kavita Singh — famed for her work on Mu-

ghal, Rajput and Deccan art, and the role of museums — died of cancer on Sunday evening. She was 59.

Singh was among six eminent researchers in 2018 who won the Infosys Prize by the Infosys Science Foundation in the humanities category for her "extraordinarily illuminating study of Mughal, Rajput and Deccan art as well as her insightful writing on the historical function and role of museums and their significance in the increasingly fraught and conflicted social world in which visual culture exists today."

Rouse Avenue Court sends a notice to ED regarding a plea filed by Manish Sisodia.



Rouse Avenue Court on Monday sent a notice to ED regarding a plea filed by Manish Sisodia. Sisodia in his plea had requested to withdraw

money from the account that the ED had seized.

Sisodia said he needed money for medical expenses of his wife and household expenses. The matter on the plea will be heard on August 4.

Further, the Court said that the remaining documents be supplied to the accused A8 to A11.

Delhi excise policy case: Court grants bail to businessman Dinesh Arora

The Rouse Avenue Court of Delhi on Tuesday granted bail to businessman, Dinesh Arora, in connection with an ongoing probe in the Delhi excise policy case. He was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on July 6 and was in Judicial Custody until now.

The Special Judge MK Nagpal on Tuesday granted bail to Arora on a personal bail bond of Rs 1 lakh and like amount surety.

Earlier, while seeking remand, ED counsels submitted that during the custody he has been confronted with certain persons and documents involved in relation to payment transfer of cash and proceeds of crime.

ED further stated that he has also revealed some crucial facts and names of individuals receiving proceeds of crime but on the basis of the information provided by the accused, some searches are being carried out in Delhi and

NCR which will lead to recovery of incriminating material. Arora has been declared an approver in the same case being investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Earlier Vikas Pahlwa, senior counsel, appeared for Dinesh Arora and submitted that I have not seen the grounds of arrest. pls, see the background. It is a peculiar case Before the pardon was given on 16th November 2022, ED had called him in September. ANI

Bill to replace ordinance for control of services in Delhi introduced in Lok Sabha

A bill to replace the ordinance for control of services in Delhi was introduced in Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai introduced the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Opposition members including Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury,

NK Premachandran and Shashi Tharoor opposed the introduction of the bill. Rejecting the contentions of opposition members, Home Minister Amit Shah said that Constitution has given the House power to pass any law regarding Delhi. He said the Supreme Court judgement has clarified that parliament can bring any law regarding Delhi

and the opposition parties were opposing its introduction for political considerations.

The bill empowers the Central Government to make rules in connection with the affairs of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi including the functions, terms and other conditions of service of officers and employees. ANI

World

Over 1000 people infected with tuberculosis in Afghanistan's Kandahar in last six months



More than a thousand people were infected with tuberculosis in Afghanistan's Kandahar in the last six months, TOLO News reported. TOLO News is an Afghan news channel broadcasting from Kabul.

The province's health officials said children, women, and the elderly are among those afflicted by the disease. Head of the tuberculosis section in Kandahar's Public Health Department, Jamaluddin Azimi, said, "In the last six months, we had approximately 1,160 tuberculosis

patients, which has decreased by six and a half per cent compared to last year, and overall, the level of the disease among women is higher." Further, according to officials, lack of treatment is the main reason behind the spread of tuberculosis.

A resident of Zabul province's Shahjoy district, Khan Mohammad, said he has been in treatment for several months. "It has been 12 months since I was in treatment, but it did not benefit me. When I came here to the Doctors Without Borders centre,

I was treated, and the doctors said that I will get well," said Khan Mohammad, as per TOLO News. "I came here, the doctors treated me and helped me with everything, and now I am fine," said Abdul Ahad, a Helmand resident. Presently, 75 people suffering from tuberculosis are being treated at the Doctors Without Borders Hospital in Kandahar, most of whom are women and children, reported TOLO News.

Deputy of the Doctors Without Borders Centre in Kandahar, Mujeeb Rahman, said, "In the last six months, we have newly diagnosed and registered 415 people with tuberculosis in the Mirwais Hospital in Kandahar and Sarpouzeh Prison." Cough, fever, and weight loss are the main symptoms of tuberculosis. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), many in Afghanistan die every year from tuberculosis. ANI

Recent bomb blast reveals toxic consequences of Pakistan's dance with terrorism



After the recent bomb explosion that shook a rally in Pakistan, the lethal consequences of nurturing terrorism have come under the spotlight again. These horrifying incidents of violence, including the recent suicide bombing in Peshawar market, which claimed the lives of more than 50 people, have shown Pakistan the chaotic result of being a terrorism well-wisher, according to a report in Khalsa Vox.

The Islamic State Khorasan (ISKAP), a banned terrorist organisation, was swift to claim responsibility for the atrocity. It was like tasting its own dish for Pakistan, as the country has long been a hospitable environment for terrorists, observed the Khalsa Vox report.

As per the publication, de-

spite the limited resistance from the Pakistani Government, these terrorist organisations continue to succeed in their heinous crimes with chilling ease. Accusations of Pakistan's intelligence agencies covertly supporting such groups have added to the public's dismay. The government's reluctance to deal with these malevolent entities has given rise to a breeding ground of terror that has only harmed the nation.

In the words of Hillary Clinton, "If you have snakes in your backyard, they won't just bite your neighbours." Terrorism, too, follows the same chilling principle. Should Pakistan continue to be a sanctuary for terrorists, they will eventually turn their fangs on their host. The recent bombings are but the latest cruel reminder of this imminent danger.

Hubble Space Telescope captures a planet's atmosphere being blasted away by a star

The Hubble Space Telescope has captured a nearby planet's atmosphere being blasted away by energetic outbursts from its star, CNN reported. The red dwarf star, called AU Microscopii, or AU Mic, is located outside of our solar system, 32 light-years from Earth, which is relatively close. It's home to one of the youngest planetary systems ever observed, and the star is less than 100 million years old, as per CNN.

NASA's now-retired Spitzer Space Telescope and the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite discovered the system during observations in 2020. A slight dip in the star's brightness revealed the presence of a gaseous world orbiting in front of it.

When the Hubble Space Telescope observed one orbit of the exoplanet, which takes 8.46 days, everything seemed normal. Then, the telescope revisited the system for another look a year and a half

later. Astronomers were surprised to see that AU Mic b, the closest planet to the star, is bearing the brunt of the star's radiation, which is evaporating the planet's hydrogen atmosphere. There are at least two known exoplanets in the system, and more may await discovery, according to CNN. The latest findings are part of a study that has been accepted for publication in a future edition of The Astronomical Journal. ANI

Death toll in Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih attack rises to six, at least 75 injured

The death toll has risen to six in Ukraine's Kryvyi Rih attack that also left at least 75 injured, Al Jazeera reported citing the officials. The city of Kryvyi Rih witnessed a Russian attack on Monday that resulted in widespread damage.

The search and rescue efforts in the area, according to Anton Gerashchenko, advisor to the Ukrainian minister of internal affairs, have come to an end. He



shared images of a woman and her 10-year-old daughter who perished in the attack on the social media site X. Igor Klymen-

ko, the minister of the interior of Ukraine, also verified the death toll on Telegram, according to Al Jazeera.



UNESCO recommends delaying decision on placing Great Barrier Reef on list of "in danger" World Heritage sites

UNESCO has recommended delaying a decision to place the Great Barrier Reef on a list of "in danger" World Heritage sites, but has emphasised it remains under "serious threat" from climate change and pollution, ABC News reported. ABC News is a public news service produced by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Australian government's management of the reef was set to come under the microscope at an upcoming World Heritage Committee meeting where members were expected to vote on whether the reef should be la-

belled as "in danger". However, UNESCO in a report released overnight, recommended delaying that crucial decision for at least another year. Its draft recommendation said the Australian government had taken positive steps to protect the reef in the past 12 months.

But UNESCO said "urgent and sustained action" was still needed to improve the long-term resilience of the world's biggest coral ecosystem. The UN agency, which oversees World Heritage sites, had been considering whether the reef should be placed on its "In Danger" list. ANI

Work Life Balancing – Managing Life Priorities



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Banking industry is an emerging industry in India, the entry of private sector and foreign banks have brought various essential changes in the banking industry. Work-life balance in Banks has been in the news a lot recently. What does this mean for those in HR or leadership roles? Work-life balance is the state of equilibrium where a person equally prioritizes the demands of one's career and the demands of one's personal life. Some of the common reasons that lead to a poor work-life balance includes increased responsibilities at work, Working longer hours, increased responsibilities at home & having children. Work-life balance is a concept which includes proper prioritizing between "work (career and ambition) and professional life and personal life. "Lifestyle" (health, pleasure, leisure, family and spiritual development/ meditation).

Work-life balance is great. Historically, the banking industry has been characterised by long, intense working hours. Bank employees take painful efforts to deliver to the multiple needs of their customers. As employees are logging in more hours, work-life balance has become an increasingly important factor to

overall satisfaction in the workplace.

Now a day's managing work life balance is a challenge for different lives, a good working definition of Work-both employers and employees particularly in service Life Balance is: industry where employees are loaded with work at workplace and at the same time they have to balance their Meaningful daily Achievement and Enjoyment in each personal life. When creating a schedule that works for you, think about the best way to achieve balance at work and in your personal life. Your overall physical, emotional and mental health should be your main concern. Prioritizing your health first and foremost will make you a better employee and person. Work life balance= Time management + Stress management.

The menace of work- life imbalance is noticeable in banking industry. Employees in the banks take painful effort to deliver the various needs of its customers. Work deadlines are getting compact and the individual's jobs are loaded and added with quality output. Due to work in pressure, it becomes hard to maintain balance between professional and family life.

Work life and personal life are two sides of the of the four life quadrants: same coin. It is important to understand how key balance is to creating engaged and happy workers. Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is not only important for health and relationships, but it can also improve your employee's productivity, and ultimately performance. A healthy work-life

balance allows everyone to excel at work and take care of their personal wellbeing outside of the office. There are lot of benefits for work life balance as its policies provide the ability to manage work and individual commitments. It leads to improved personal and family satisfaction. It guides to have increased focus, motivation and one of the factors that affect women employees' retention in job satisfaction knowing that the family and work the company. It leads to less distraction. Directs in increased in job security due to flexibility or work time flexibility.

Perfect work life balance is maintained by having flex working hours. A negative work/life balance can cause burnout, stress, health problems, and pressure on marital and family relationships. Because these issues can significantly affect worker productivity and output, many progressive organizations are prioritizing addressing the topic of work/life balance. There is no doubt that employers expect more from their people, which leads to them feeling more pressure to achieve greater results. These pressures appear to have reached a breaking point, as people realise that they need to achieve better balance in their lives.

Work life balance provides an opportunity to balance work and life - usually a relaxed work culture. What we need is to adopt and encourage flexible working hours to meet employees' needs. Everyone is super friendly and smart.



Entertainment

Nargis Fakhri shares pictures from sets of debut series 'Tatlubaaz'

Actor Nargis Fakhri shared a string of pictures from the sets of her upcoming series 'Tatlubaaz.' Taking to Instagram, Nargis on Monday shared the post which she captioned, "Who knew pushing boundaries could be so much fun! #shooting #webseriesdebut #benaras #bollywood #ott #epicon."

In the first picture, she could be seen getting her makeup done on the sets of series and donning a pink saree. In another pic, she can be seen standing inside her vanity van in a beautiful red saree. The last two pictures were clicked from a monitor on the sets of the series which features Nargis in the frame. ANI



Suzzane Somers reveals her breast cancer has returned



Hollywood actor Suzzane Somers, on Tuesday (local time) revealed being diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time. Taking to Instagram, Somers shared a post in which she could be seen along with her husband Alan Hamel by her side.

She wrote in the caption, "Since I have been taking time off from work, many of you have asked for more details about my health. As you know, I had breast cancer two decades ago, and every now and then it pops up again, and I continue to bat it down. I have used the best alternative and conventional treatments to combat it."

According to People, a US-based media outlet, Somers has been vocal about her health journey over the years. In addition to her 2000 breast cancer diagnosis, the Step by Step actress also battled skin cancer. "This is not new territory for me. I know how to put on my battle gear and I'm a fighter. Alan has been by my side every step of the way. I can't even explain how much he has done for me. If it's even possible, we are even closer than ever," Somers said.

She concluded, "My incredible family has been so supportive, and have helped so much by keeping the business running so you can still have access to all the wonderful products. Thank you for the continued love and support. It's only about who you love and who loves you - and I love you!" ANI

US singer Bebe Rexha confirms breakup with boyfriend Keyan Safyari after 3 years of relationship

American singer Bebe Rexha has ended her three-year relationship with boyfriend Keyan Safyari, just two weeks after she shared text messages with her Instagram followers in which he allegedly discussed her weight gain, People reported. According to People citing E! Online, while performing live on stage on July 28 in London, the star introduced her song 'Atmosphere,' telling the audience, "Now I just went through a breakup so I might get a little emotional, so you need to help me here."

The lyrics to the song, which is about being dumped by a lover, say, "And I can't blame myself for getting lost in the promise of you / And I can't blame you for leaving."

She said from the stage, "I am going to be in Heaven tonight partying and looking for a new boyfriend. I don't know why I would look for a new boyfriend in a gay club but you know, fluid?" The news of her breakup comes just weeks after Rexha shared a screenshot of a text message allegedly sent by Safyari, a 39-year-old Los Angeles cinematographer, in which he allegedly criticised her recent weight gain, as per People. ANI

