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## Announcement of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana only 5 lakhs, Govt GR is not yet issued



Although the announcement of health coverage up to 5 lakh under Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana was made on 28th June 2023, citizens cannot get any benefit as the government decision has not yet been issued.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, RTI activist Anil Galgali mentioned that due to this, the patient is deprived of treat-

ment and the announcement is causing friction among citizens and government officials. Even without the release of government decisions, government advertisements are coming every day. Interestingly, the late Balasaheb Thackeray Road Accident Insurance Scheme was included in the Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana. This too has only been announced but no official decision has

actually been issued. Common Man approach Helath Activist Rajendra Dhage reg same.

Anil Galgali has pointed out that such announcements actually come into effect if a government decision is issued on the same day when such announcements are made.

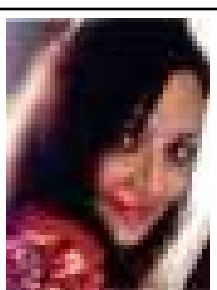
"I believe somewhere the BJP government in the state and center is to

blame for nurturing such mindsets that are seen disrespecting notable figures of our country every now and then," Dr. Fauzia Khan, MP, NCP, and National President, said. "Such insults to freedom fighters and social reformers are strongly condemned, and the government should take swift action against all such people."

"I will also raise this issue in parliament," she added.

## Savitribai Phule controversy : Twitter trends #isupportBharadwajspeaks

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

One of the most followed and famous handles on twitter @BhardwajSpeaks had to delete his account after his controversial posts. @BharadwajSpeaks largely tweets on the history and culture of India, his posts are very relevant and fact based. He is often credited for razing the old contrived marxist historical narratives of India. On numerous occasions, he has exposed the lies peddled in India in the name of history. No fact checker so far contradicted what he has written. But his tweets sent ripples in state politics. He is known for his writing of historic events fearlessly and citing primary sources for every assertion that he makes. There are many who believe that @BharadwajSpeaks has taught real history to people through social

media within a couple of years than the entire NCERT pantheon of history writers might have done since Independence through schools and universities.

In a recent clarification, BhardwajSpeaks has addressed the controversy surrounding its comments about social reformer Savitribai Phule. The account stated that their intention was solely to highlight the fact that Savitribai Phule was not the first female teacher, supported by references to ancient texts. BhardwajSpeaks has firmly asserted that they had no intention to defame or disparage the esteemed social figure.

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Savitribai Phule was an Indian social reformer, educationalist, and poet from Maharashtra. Hailed as the country's first modern feminist, Phule was India's first female teacher. She started teaching girls in Maharwada in Pune with Sagunabai, a revolutionary feminist and Jyotirao's mentor. Soon, Savitribai, Jyotirao and Sagunabai started their school at Bhide Wada. The curriculum of the school was based on western education and included mathematics, science and social studies.

By the end of 1851, Savitribai and Jyotirao Phule were running three schools in Pune with a combined strength of approximately 150 girls. She had even organised a barbers' strike in Mumbai and Pune to protest the custom of shaving heads of widows. In 1873, Jyotirao founded a social reform society called Satyashodhak Samaj and Savitribai was its active member. The community included Muslims, non-Brahmins, Brahmins and government officials. It aimed to free women and other less privileged people from caste and gender oppressions. Along with Jyotirao, she worked tirelessly during the 1876 famines and launched 52 free food hostels in Maharashtra. The Twitter handle, BhardwajSpeaks, states that there were many female teachers who existed prior to Savitribai Phule.

Quoting from ancient texts, BhardwajSpeaks pointed out that their comment was based on factual information, intending to present a broader perspective on the historical contributions of female teachers. They maintained that their remarks were not meant to defame or undermine the significance of Savitribai Phule's pioneering work in the field of education and women's rights.

Earlier, the same person had become famous with the handle @TrueIndology. However, that handle was suspended by Twitter arbitrarily. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis told the legislative assembly that the police are in touch with Twitter India to identify those behind a handle @BhardwajSpeaks that posted derogatory remarks against Savitribai Phule. Hindu Post that allegedly published derogatory articles about the 19th-century social reformer. Fadnavis, who holds the home portfolio, was responding to

a question by NCP's Jitendra Awhad during Question Hour. He said the police are awaiting a reply from Twitter India and action will be taken after the identity of those behind the handle is established. prominent Indologist 'Bharadwaj Speaks' was forced to deactivate his Twitter account after receiving legal threats over a Twitter thread on Assam-Mizoram controversy.

'Bharadwaj Speaks', who earlier went by the username of True Indology, took to Twitter to speak about the violent clash between the locals of Lailapur village (Cachar district) in Assam and Vairengte village (Kolasib district) in Mizoram, and posted some historical facts about Mizoram. After the tweet thread, former Mizoram governor and former adviser or Mizo National Front Swaraj Kaushal threatened to file FIR against him, following which Bharadwaj deactivated his Twitter account. The Mumbai Police on Wednesday night registered an FIR against websites IndicTales, HinduPost and a Twitter account, BharadwajSpeaks, for publishing and "spreading false and malicious" content against social reformer Savitribai Phule.

Savitribai Phule's contributions towards women empowerment, education, and social reform are widely recognized. Whenever women in education is a topic that is being discussed, it is incomplete without mentioning her contributions. Her work has inspired a large number of women to take up teaching in India and has since revolutionized the education system as a whole. Several movies, documentaries, and television dramas have been created depicting her struggles in Marathi and Kannada media. She remains one the most influential women India as a country has ever produced and can be eternally proud of. We can not discredit the contributions made by her towards women education and social awareness. The argument about whether she was the first teacher of India or not is really very irrelevant.



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# Voices



## Letters to the Editor

### Difficult to keep a count of dogs in the city but their population has Drinking water crisis

Three parts of the earth are covered with water, yet the crisis of pure drinking water is getting sophisticated. A large population of the country is forced to drink polluted water. Due to the encroachment of traditional water sources, increasing use of plastic, and increasing water pollution, underground water is getting polluted rapidly. Drinking contaminated water increases the risk of loss of immunity, decreased life expectancy, and premature death. Due to this, many diseases spread. Water is a universal solvent, so it gets polluted easily. Industrial and plastic waste make a significant contribution to water pollution. Water is contaminated after contact with plastic by reducing the use of plastic, we can save water from pollution.

Nawaz Ashraf

### Good news for Indian football lovers!

Our national football teams, both Men's and Women's, are set to participate in the upcoming Asian Games. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has decided to relax the rules to facilitate the participation of both teams. The relaxation of the existing criterion will indeed provide a much-needed boost to our players, encouraging them to reach greater heights. Here's to a brighter future for Indian football. And definitely, some positive results will be there from the side of Indian football team in Asian games.

All the best to both men and women football team of India. However, I'm quite surprised to see that even our colts and senior teams are performing excellently in various competitions across the globe and we are emerging as the challenger in Asian football, govt left us to spend sleepless nights by virtue of a weird policy. Sir change the criteria now, you have 4 years until next time, so you don't have to take this trouble again & give this good news. Every sport is different, in football if we are top 8 in Asia we will be playing World Cup, not asking to be sent to Asian Games, understand basics.

G. Champa

### Global Tiger Day

July 29 is celebrated as Global Tiger Day. The day is celebrated in order to raise awareness about the need to conserve tigers and protect their natural habitats. Since the 1970s, steps have been taken in India to protect tigers. Global Tiger Day is celebrated every year on July 29 as a way to raise awareness about this magnificent but endangered big cat.

Jubel D'Cruz

### Opposition trying to politicize Manipur is weakening the nation & blot on democracy!

Opposition trying to politicize 'Manipur' is weakening the nation & a blot to democracy. Manipur is burning for the past over 2 months & this should be as much of a concern to the opposition party's than it is to the govt. The country is heading for Parliamentary elections next year but issues like Manipur should not be an political agenda for elections which most political party's have made out to be which is the reason why nobody is truly making an effort to solve the real issue which triggered violence in the State in question.

Opposition wants PM Modi to speak on Manipur in Parliament but is it really relevant when the situation demands a consensus on action to be taken to stop violence in the State which can only happen when all MPs including the PM & Home Minister (including MPs of the opposition) agree on an collective action to stop violence in the State. Emergency should be declared in Manipur till the situation normalizes in the State & than can one have an debate in Parliament to look into the demands of the people & warring party's at loggerheads. Debate in Parliament would only fuel more violence as MPs with vested interests try to add oil to fire which is not in the national interest!

S.N.Kabra

# Why Do We Need To Learn New Skills? - 4



### Following are the benefits of skill acquisition:

#### Raising capital:

It is wittily essential for you to become skilled at increasing money. You often must cover a denial cash flow temporarily, and you will need money for extension and new programs. Improving your skills related to getting money for your business can mean the inequality between the success and failure of your deal.

#### Strategic Planning:

Being good at staring a business does not naturally make you good at allying for the rise. You must acquire planning skills that tie your view to rational steps that your business can take to understand that view. The inclusion of this skill is important because without your organization can fester and lose out to the race.

#### Crisis Management:

You may have expected a smooth ride to the top when you started your business, but the truth is you will experience shortage situations. Whether it's a scarcity of money or the loss of your benefit to a fire, you must have the skills to remain patient in times of problems and maintain your ability to make active accord. This is important because you can learn to joy when it looks like you could be conquered.

#### Decision Making:

You will find that you often do not have all the advice you would like to make agreements. It is important to achieve the skill of being conclusive even when you are taking a risk, you cannot fully appraise. Sometimes creating any decision is better than making no decision. You can learn to grasp the skill of making decisions in uncertain situations and greatly improve your ability to lead.

#### Communication:

The importance of embracing strong communication skills will be evident in all of your ambitious activities. From networking to dominant, you need to continually renew your communications skills to form accord and inspire harmony. Improve your written, unwritten, and nonverbal communication skills constantly so that you can lead your workforce adequately and gather support in the business association.

Skill is one of the most critical aspects of your career. It is the ability to do something well. A well-developed skill can make us master in a particular field, and it can be learned too.

Any behavior which gives you the feeling of leaning is fruitful for your career. In your career, you need to invest

yourself fully even if it is by learning new skills. Skills give you confidence in doing any work. It gives you a feeling of accomplishment and tells a lot about your worth.

Learning new skills helps in career, business, work-place, etc. You can learn any skill and can search for that type of work.

#### Conclusion:

The necessity of learning new skills is undeniable as it enhances our ability to work. Not only it helps us gathering new experiences, but it also makes us confident. It also gives you access to new and different chances. You can develop yourself, and that is growth.

These are the benefits of learning new skills at work. In addition to that, professional life's success also depends on learning new skills. People will hear your ideas with more concern, and with that, you will be able to expand your connections.

- Vijay Garg

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City

## Congress MLA objects to the presence of children in assembly visitors' gallery amid heavy rains Mumbai



Congress MLA and former school education minister Varsha Gaikwad on Thursday objected to the presence of children in the assembly visitors' gallery, citing a "red alert" issued in Mumbai amid heavy rains, which has led to the closure of schools. Gaikwad, who is also the

Mumbai Congress president, wondered how children in uniform were in the state assembly when schools are shut due to the red alert. "There is waterlogging in Churchgate. How will the children go back," she asked.

Speaker Rahul Narwekar said the government must ensure that the children reach their homes safely. Mumbai witnessed incessant rainfall since Thursday morning and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted "heavy to very heavy rain" in the city during the day. PTI

## India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in the Mumbai suburbs



The IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert with the possibility of extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places. This comes after a 'red' alert which was in place till 8.30 am today. Mumbai-Gia Highway is now open for vehicular movement after being closed due to heavy rains and overflowing rivers in the coastal Konkan region of Maharashtra.

A 'red' alert still continues in parts of Maharashtra including Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sangli and Gadchiroli districts, according to the IMD. Mumbai city recorded the wettest July this year since 1991 surpassing the 1,500 mm mark, according to the Brihan-

mumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). Four out of the seven lakes which supply water to the city have overflowed in the last week after reaching full capacity.

Meanwhile, knee-deep water accumulated in parts of Thane Thursday, where hundreds were moved to safer places as incessant rains raised the risk of landslides. A 32-year-old man was swept away in a swollen nullah near a creek in Kalwa town, while a 19-year-old man was feared drowned in a dam in Ovla area. Thane and Raigad districts recorded over 100 mm of rainfall Thursday as heavy rain lashed the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

## Man swept away after falling into swollen nullah late Thursday

A 45-year-old man was swept away in a swollen nullah after slipping into it at Kalwa in Thane city of Maharashtra, police said on Friday.

The incident occurred at 11.30 pm on Thursday, they said. "The victim, identified as Ramesh Taki, was walking in Mahatma Phule Nagar locality when he accidentally fell into the swollen nullah and got swept away," an official of Kalwa police station said. A search operation was conducted by the personnel of the local fire brigade and the Thane civic body's Regional Disaster



Management Cell (RDMC), but the victim could not be traced, he said.

Several nullahs in Thane were flooded due to incessant rains over the past few days. RDMC chief Yasin Tadvi said that Thane city recorded 166.31 mm rainfall in 24 hour ending 8.30 a.m on

Friday. The city's total rainfall so far this season is 2,247.29 mm, he said, adding that during the same period the rainfall last year was 1,443.97 mm. Meanwhile, the authorities in neighbouring Palghar said the district received a total of 185.10 mm of average rainfall till 8 am in 24 hours. PTI

## ED requires six more days of custody of Patkar



Patkar (46) was arrested on July 19 by ED along with Dr Kishore Bisure (55). Special public prosecutor Kavita Patil said the agency required six more days of custody of Patkar as he had not cooperated and gave evasive answers denying all involvement in the case when confronted with evi-

dence and statements of other witnesses. She said that ED did not require further custody of Bisure for interrogation as he had cooperated with the probe. Bisure was thereafter sent to judicial custody for two weeks. Special Judge M G Deshpande sent Patkar into ED's custody till August 1.

## NIA makes fifth arrest in Maha ISIS module case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested another accused for allegedly promoting violent activities of the proscribed global terrorist outfit ISIS in Maharashtra, an official said.

Adnan Ali Sarkar, 43, was the fifth accused arrested in the case, which was registered on June 28, a spokesperson of the anti-terror federal agency said.

Terming the arrest of Sarkar from his house in Kondhwa area of Pune as a "major breakthrough" in the ISIS Maharashtra module case, the official said several incriminating materials such as electronic gadgets and documents related to the ISIS, also known as Islamic State, were seized during the raid. PTI

## No police in ladies compartment when woman was sexually assaulted in moving train: Fadnavis tells Assembly

There were no police personnel present in the ladies compartment when a woman was sexually assaulted in a moving local train in Mumbai last month, Maharashtra Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis informed the state Assembly.

"Local patrolling is operational in ladies compartment between 9 pm to 6 am. At other times, police are deployed at the railway platforms," Fadnavis said in a written reply to a query by Shiv Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik. "As the incident happened between 7.30 and 8.30 am, no



action has been initiated against any police personnel," Fadnavis said. The incident happened on June 14 and the accused was arrested the same day, Fadnavis said. The process to file a chargesheet against him is on, the minister said.

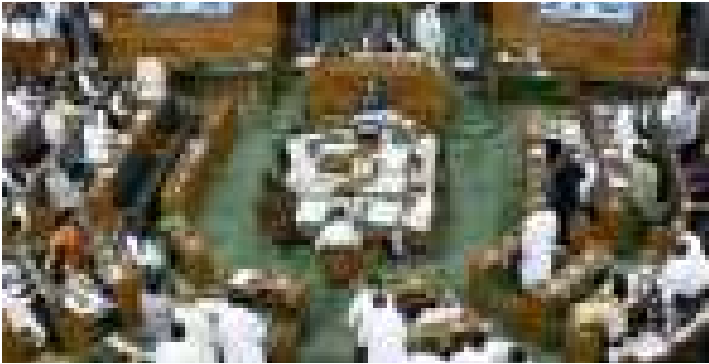
## Lake levels rise to 61.58%

The water stock in the seven lakes which supply water to the city rose to 61.58 percent on Thursday morning, marking a rise of three percent from Wednesday morning. In

2022, on the same day, lake levels touched 88 percent whereas in 2021, the water stock stood at 68 percent. A 10 percent water cut is in effect in the city, which had been imposed on July 1.

## Nation

### Lok Sabha passes nursing and midwifery commission bill, dental commission bill



The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 and the National Dental Commission Bill, 2023, amid sloganeering from the Opposition benches. The National Nursing Midwifery Commission Bill provides for the constitution of the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission for develop-

ment and regulation of all aspects relating to nursing and midwifery education, institution and profession, and a Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to the National Commission.

As per the Act, it also involves, the constitution of three Autonomous Boards, namely, the Nursing and Midwifery Un-

dergraduate and Postgraduate Education Board, the Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board, and the Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board. Meanwhile, the National Dental Commission Bill, 2023, seeks to regulate the profession of dentistry, to provide quality and affordable dental education, to make accessible high-quality oral healthcare and related matters to bring on a par with the global standards. Both Bills were moved by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned for the day on Friday, amid continued slogan-shouting from the Opposition benches over the demand for a discussion on the Manipur situation. ANI

### NCW to submit report on Manipur incident to government within next 1-2 days

Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW), Rekha Sharma on Friday said that the commission would submit its report about the Manipur incident to the government within the next one or two days. She made the remark while talking to media persons in Madhya Pradesh's capital Bhopal. She has arrived here regarding an awareness program organised about the challenges

faced by women of denotified tribes.

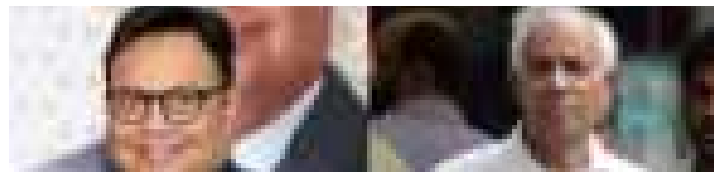
"I have visited Manipur and met all the people concerned in the incident. I met both the victims and the women organisations working for both the communities of the victims. I will prepare its report and will submit it to the government within the next one or two days," Sharma said. She also said, "I reach everywhere, wherever incidents

related to women happen. I have come to Madhya Pradesh as well many times." Meanwhile, talking about Karnataka's Udupi video incident, NCW Chairperson said, "One of our members, Khushboo Sundar has gone there and she is investigating the matter. Till now she had only visited the college, now she is trying to meet the victims. After that we will take further action on the basis of her report." ANI

### Coal Scam: Delhi HC grants interim bail to Ex-MP Vijay Darda, his son and businessman Manoj Jayaswal

The Delhi High Court on Friday granted interim bail to former Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Darda, his son Devender Darda and businessman Manoj Jayaswal in a case relating to irregularities in the allocation of a coal block in Chhattisgarh. The Special Court on Wednesday had sentenced them for four years imprisonment in the case.

The bench of Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma while granting interim bail took into account that they were never arrested and remained on bail and said, "they be admitted to interim bail subject to conditions that they shall not leave country and



make themselves available as and when called." The Court also granted time to CBI to reply to application filed by them, seeking suspension of conviction and sentence. The court also sought response of CBI on their plea challenging trial court order of conviction and fixed the matter for September 28, 2023.

Advocate Vijay Aggarwal appeared for Manoj Jayaswal, Senior Advocate Kirti Uppal ap-

peared for Vijay Darda and Advocate Ayush Jindal appeared for Devender Darda. The Special Coal Court of Delhi on Wednesday sentenced four years imprisonment to Former Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Darda, his son Devender Darda, M/S JLD Yavatmal Energy Pvt Ltd's Director Manoj Kumar Jayaswal for four years in a case relating to irregularities in the allocation of a coal block in Chhattisgarh. ANI

### NIA Court Kulgam issues proclamation orders against 2 active terrorists in J-K



NIA Special Court Kulgam designated under National Investigation Agency Act issued Proclamation orders under section 82 CrPC against two active terrorists, Kashmir Police said on Friday. The terrorists identified as Yawar Bashir Dar and Irfan Yaqoob Lone have been involved in the case and booked under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Qaimoh police station.

The orders have been issued against the involved terrorists at the request of the Special Investi-

gations Unit (SIU). Yawar Bashir Dar is a resident of Redwani Balla and Irfan Yaqoob Lone belongs to Hawoora. Before issuing proclamation, the court has already issued open-ended Non Bailable warrants (NBW) against these terrorists. "Today, proclamation orders have been read in the conspicuous places of their native villages and copies of proclamations were pasted in conspicuous places of their residential houses and conspicuous place of their villages as well," the police said. ANI

### MP: Minor girl raped in Satna; condition critical

A minor girl was allegedly raped in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district, a police official said on Friday. The incident occurred in Maihar town in the district. The condition of the minor victim is said to be critical and she has been referred to Rewa.

"We got information on Friday morning that around 12-year-old girl was raped in the district. After preliminary enquiry, the police have arrested two accused in this case. The girl is undergoing treatment and she has been referred to Rewa. Strict actions will be taken against the accused. Further investigation is underway," Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (SDOP, Maihar) Lokesh Dawar said. Meanwhile, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has expressed displeasure over the incident and claimed that the state government has completely failed to provide security to the women in



the state.

Nath wrote on twitter, "The incident of rape with a small girl in Maihar is highly condemnable. Like the Nirbhaya incident, the matter of inhumane acts with the victim is also coming to the fore. Incidents of atrocities against girls in the state have proved that the Shivraj government has completely failed to provide security to the women and daughters." "I demand from the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan that the best treatment should be provided to the victim and she should be given financial assistance of Rs 1 crore immediately," Nath further wrote. ANI

# World

## Sudan conflict brings new atrocities to Darfur as militias kill, rape, burn homes in rampages



**A**mna al-Nour narrowly escaped death twice. The first was when militias torched her family's home in Sudan's Darfur region.

The second was two months later when paramilitary fighters stopped her and others trying to escape as they tried to reach the border with neighbouring Chad.

"They massacred us like sheep," the 32-year-old teacher said of the attack in late April on her home city Geneina. "They want to uproot us all." Al-Nour and her three children now live in a school-turned-refugee housing inside Chad, among more than 260,000 Sudanese, mostly wom-

en and children, who have fled what survivors and rights groups say is a new explosion of atrocities in the large western region of Sudan. Two decades ago, Darfur became synonymous with genocide and war crimes, particularly by the notorious Janjaweed Arab militias against populations that identify as Central or East African.

Fears are mounting that that legacy is returning with reports of widespread killings, rapes and destruction of villages in Darfur amid a nationwide power struggle between Sudan's military and a powerful paramilitary group called the Rapid Support Forces.

"This spiraling violence bears terrifying similarity with the war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated in Darfur since 2003," said Tigere Chagutah, a regional director with Amnesty International. "Even those seeking safety are not being spared." Fighting erupted in the capital Khartoum in mid-April between the military and the RSF after years of growing tensions.

It spread to other parts of the country, but in Darfur it took on a different form – brutal attacks by the RSF and its allied Arab militias on civilians, survivors and rights workers say. During the second week of fighting in Khartoum, the RSF and militias stormed Geneina, the capital of West Darfur state, located near the Chad border. In that and two other assaults since, the fighters went on a rampage of burning and killing that reduced large parts of the city of more than half a million people to wreckage, according to footage shared by activists. "What happened in Geneina is indescribable," said Sultan Saad Abdel-Rahman Bahr, the leader of the Dar Masalit sultanate, which represents Darfur's Masalit ethnic community. PTI

## Trump, aide face additional charges in Florida classified documents case

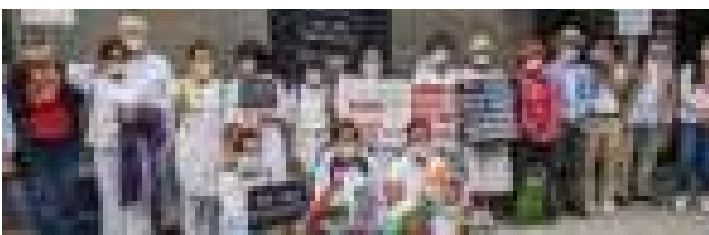


**I**n the classified documents case, the US Special Counsel Jack Smith has added new charges against former President Donald Trump, CNN reported. Trump is facing accusations that he and his aides asked a staffer to delete camera footage at his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago resort, in the summer of 2022 in an effort to obstruct the classified documents investigations.

Trump has been charged with three new counts, including one additional count of willful retention of national defence information and two additional obstruction counts. Smith also filed new charges against

Trump aide Walt Nauta and added a new defendant, Mar-a-Lago maintenance employee Carlos De Oliveira, to the case, reported CNN. In the classified document case, the former president has pleaded not guilty to 37 federal charges related to the documents, which were allegedly mishandled when they were taken to the Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida after Trump left office. Walt Nauta, Trump's aide, has also pleaded not guilty to multiple counts related to the mishandling of documents at Mar-a-Lago, including several obstruction and concealment-related charges. ANI

## Silent protest march held in London over Manipur violence



**A** UK-based Indian-origin women's group organised a silent protest march here to register their protest against the violence in Manipur. The Women of North East India Support Network (WNEISN) organised a group of men and women in face masks to signify silence and carried placards outside the Indian High Commission here. The group then marched towards Parliament Square to conclude their protest at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi opposite the

House of Parliament complex on Wednesday evening.

"Together we marched in solidarity to share the pain and anguish of our two Kuki-Zo sisters of Manipur who were paraded naked and gang-raped," WNEISN said in a statement. The group was formed in 2020 during the pandemic as a community-based women's support network. Their silent march came in the wake of a video from Manipur last week of two tribal women being paraded naked, which sparked shock and outrage. PTI

## China providing technology, equipment to Russia : US intel report

**C**hina is providing technology and equipment to Russia, which is engaged in war with Ukraine, according to a report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, United States. The report titled, "Support Provided by the People's Republic of China to Russia," said that China has become the most important trading partner of Russia after trade with Western countries plunged in 2022.

"The customs records show PRC state-owned defence companies shipping navigation equipment, jamming technology, and fighter-jet parts to sanctioned Russian Government-owned defence companies," the report read.

"Russia has continued to acquire chips through circuitous routes, with a large portion



flowing through small traders in Hong Kong and mainland PRC, according to the foreign press," it further added. China's buying has been spurred by steep discounts on oil and is providing Moscow much-needed revenue particularly after the Group of Seven (G-7)

imposed a USD 60 price cap on Russian crude in December 2022, it said. The report was mandated by the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, passed by Congress, and was released by House Intelligence Committee Democrats. ANI



# Expression

# Pseudonym a precious pen name



The definition of a pseudonym is a fake name used by a writer when writing and publishing their work in order to protect themselves or increase the chance of success. When a famous author known for writing a specific type of novel wants to tackle a different genre, they may choose to adopt an assumed name.

Pseudonym is a name someone uses instead of their real name, especially in written work: A pseudonym is a fictitious name used to conceal someone's real name. The pseudonym of an author is a pen name and the pseudonym of an actor is a stage name or screen name. A pseudonym can also be an alias used by people or groups, like sports stars or criminals. A pseudonym is a false or fictitious name, especially one used by an author. When an author uses a pseudonym, it can also be called a pen name. There are many reasons an author may choose to use a pseudonym instead of their own name, such as to avoid controversy or to create a persona.

Many women authors throughout history have used a male or gender-neutral pseudonym to get their work published due to bias against women writers. A famous example is Mary Ann Evans, who used the pseudonym George Eliot. The word pseudonym can refer to a fake or false name used by anyone, not just writers. It's typically used so a person can remain anonymous. In legal



proceedings, the pseudonyms John Doe, Jane Doe, Richard Roe, and Jane Roe are used when a person's name is being kept anonymous. Such names can also be called synonyms. A lot of people use pseudonyms when posting controversial opinions online.

Not every novel becomes a bestseller—in fact, some can be universally hated. A new name can give an author another chance to release their work without bias or predisposition and bypass the possibility that their writing will be immediately rejected upon seeing their real name. This was especially the case for female authors dating back to the nineteenth century, who could not get published because they were women. They adopted alter egos and different pen names in order to write what they wanted while keeping their real identity a secret.

Joanne Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series and better known by her pen name J.K. Rowling—

used another pseudonym, Robert Galbraith to publish crime fiction novel *The Cuckoo's Calling*, a genre Rowling had always been a fan of, but could not write freely within due to the huge success of her hit fantasy series. Samuel Clemens was a new journalist who also wrote scathing satires, many of which led to embarrassment. Although he would choose a few pen names during his time as a writer, Mark Twain became his obvious choice, which are words he gathered during his time as an apprentice steamboat pilot.

Today, many writers may use pen names to disguise their true identity for their day jobs, not wanting their bosses or colleagues to know that they write a particular genre and be subject to scrutiny or embarrassment. It may be unsettling for some to find out their surgeon is a prolific writer of murder-thriller novels. An author may share the name of another well-known author. There are over 4,000 people in the

United States who have the name "James Patterson," for example or famous literary character. Or, a writer may have a super plain and common name and want it to be more unique and memorable to potential readers.

In Tamil one Sujatha Rangarajan wrote many of his works with a pen name Sujatha and all that he was a female writer. S. Rangarajan, better known by his allonym Sujatha, was an Indian engineer and an author, novelist and screenwriter who wrote in Tamil. He authored over 100 novels, 250 short stories, ten books on science, ten stage plays, and a slim volume of poems.

For centuries, the use of pseudonyms has been implemented in writing by various notable authors wanting to conceal their true identities. Writers use pseudonyms for a variety of reasons, and many successful, classic writers are more widely known by their pen

## Entertainment

### 'OMG 2': Priest demands deletion of scenes shot at Ujjain's Mahakal temple



A priest of Ujjain's Mahakaleshwar temple has demanded the deletion of scenes from the upcoming film 'Oh My God 2' that were filmed at the shrine. The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) cleared the film for release earlier, with an 'A certificate'.

Speaking to ANI, Mahesh Sharma, a priest of the Mahakaleshwar temple, said, "The censor board has given 'A' certificate to the film 'Oh My God 2'. This certification is reserved for films that have adult content. We demand that some scenes, which were filmed at the Mahakal temple, be removed as they might offend the religious sentiments of viewers." "If our demand isn't met, we will launch protests across the country," Sharma added. Actor Akshay Kumar, who leads the film's cast, had shot for the film at the Mahakal temple. ANI

### Anshuman Jha's 'Lord Curzon Ki Haveli' set for world premiere at IFFM 2023



Actor Anshuman Jha's directorial debut "Lord Curzon Ki Haveli", starring Rasika Dugal and Arjun Mathur, will have its world premiere at the Indian Film Festival Of Melbourne (IFFM). The black comedy thriller will have its premiere as the 'Centrepiece Spotlight Film' (official selection - out of competition) on August 17. The 14th edition of IFFM will run from August 11 to 20. Jha, best known for featuring in "Love Sex Aur Dhoka" and "Lakadbagha", said he is thrilled to kickstart the festival run of his movie with IFFM. "I thank the jury at IFFM 2023 for selecting us as the 'Centrepiece Spotlight film'. I am very grateful to my team (cast and crew) and Golden Ratio Films and Jetty Productions for their trust & support through this challenging but memorable experience," the actor said in a statement. PTI

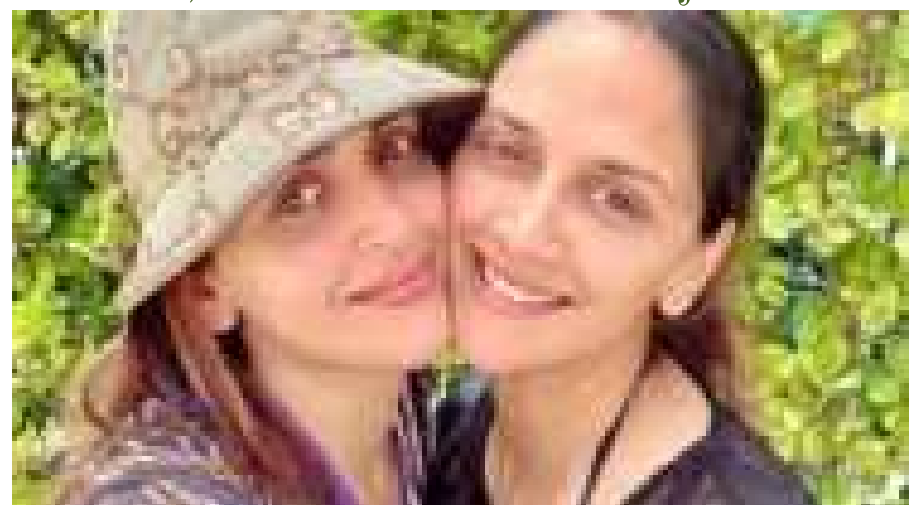


### Brad Pitt, Ines de Ramon's relationship is "going very strong"

Brad Pitt and Ines de Ramon are spending a romantic summer together. The couple was first seen together eight months ago, and a source close to de Ramon told People that the relationship is still "going very strong." According to the insider, "they are doing great" and have spent quality time in Europe, reported People. "The two have been spending a lot of time together this summer as they truly enjoy each other's company and are very into each other," the insider says. "It's apparent to anyone who sees them together."

A source close to Pitt, 59, informed People that he's spent the summer in Europe, where he was filming a Formula One racing movie until the SAG-AFTRA strike forced the production to go on hold. "He still keeps a residence at Chateau Miraval and has been spending a lot of time there and elsewhere in Europe," the source added. "And Ines has been flying in to see him several times." ANI

### Esha Deol shares special birthday wish for Ahana, calls her "adventurous junkie"



Actor Esha Deol has penned down a sweet birthday message for his sister Ahana Deol. She posted a picture and called her an "adventurous junkie". She wrote in the caption, "Happy birthday my Anni baby. I pray for you to always be happy & healthy & continue being that adventurous junkie. Love you very much my precious baby sister" ANI