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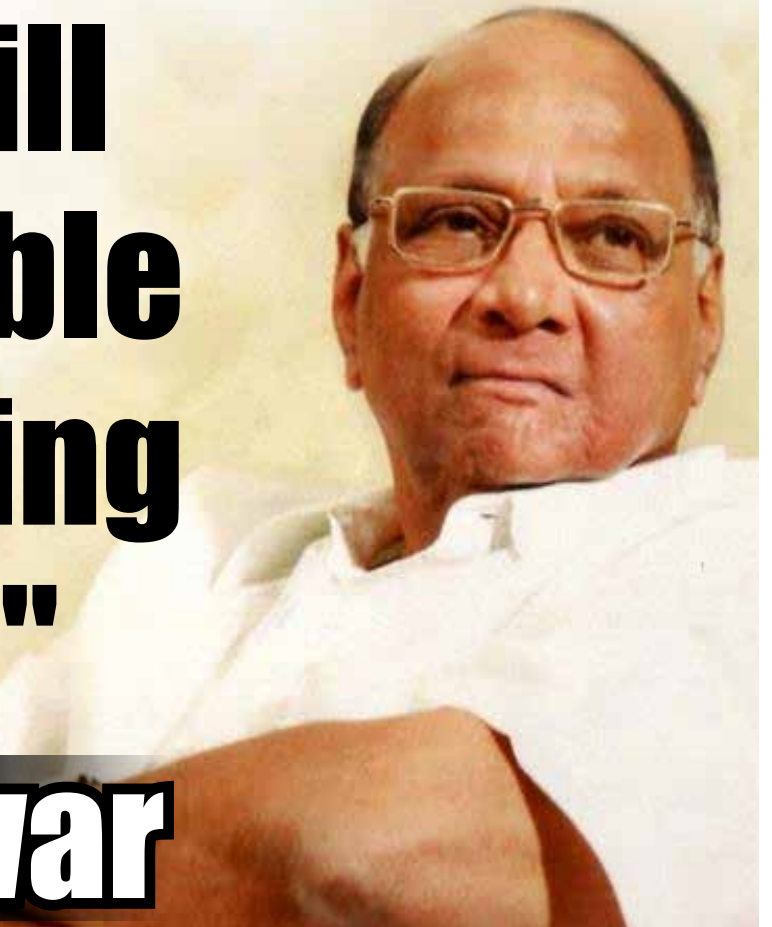
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INDIA ALLIANCE MEET:

"This alliance will provide formidable alternative to bring political change"

says Sharad Pawar



As many as 63 representatives from 28 political parties will attend the third meeting of INDIA alliance meet on August 31 and September 1, NCP president Sharad Pawar said on Wednesday.

Addressing a press conference here, Pawar expressed confidence that the opposition alliance will provide a formidable alternative to bring about

political change. Pawar said there has been no discussion on seat sharing within INDIA.

He said there is no confusion over NCP. "People will teach those who have left a lesson," he added, targeting estranged nephew Ajit Pawar who joined the Eknath Shinde-led government in Maharashtra last month. Asked about BSP chief Mayawati,

Pawar said, "it is not known on whose side she is. Earlier she has had dialogue with BJP."

Former chief minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray said the alliance of opposition parties belonging to different ideologies has a common objective of protecting democracy. On INDIA alliance PM face, Thackeray said, "We have

many choices for PM candidates. But what choice does BJP have, except one." To a query on the issue of who will be INDIA convenor, Thackeray asked, "who is NDA convenor". Former CM and senior Congress leader Ashok Chavan said in 2019, non-BJP parties got 23 crore votes, while BJP got 22 crore. "If we work together, we can win," he added. **PTI**

Fraudsters property builders is new nuisance for Mumbai

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

The urban growth rate of India is increasing at an extensive speed. India's growth and Industrialisation evolution rate has been changing drastically since the beginning of the 21st century. In India, people are moving from place to place in search of capital, leading to a shortage of land shortly; as a result, the real estate market is booming rapidly. Henceforth investing in Real estate can be profitable. But as the Demographic rate is increasing, the crime rate is thriving expeditiously. Real-estate business is contributing to the economic growth of the country on a big margin; real estate does have a lot of opportunity and capital because of the presence of an abundance of money, the real estate market is vulnerable to scammers and opportunity seekers, inadequate amount of research and mindfulness

can be fatal.

As the need for housing is growing, scams are also on the rise. There are many housing projects mushrooming in cities and people are falling prey to it. Builders grab money and just abscond, or most of the time they give blank checks and fool the gullible buyers. Catching these goons becomes difficult as the buyers sign various papers while purchasing the property. As the real estate market grows, the figures of scammers and frauds are increasing simultaneously. Investors invest in real estate for a better secure future, as real estate is considered the most valuable asset.

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The real-Estate market involves high risk and high prices with a lack of security. Lacking security makes it a vulnerable and easy target for scammers.

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Scams occur when an investor invests in the wrong place, and their investment becomes vulnerable and exposed to stealing. Swindles happen due to the ignorance of buyers before investing and blindly trusting scammers. The real-Estate market involves high risk and high prices with a lack of security. Lacking security makes it a vulnerable and easy target for scammers. The most common scams are falsification, unclear mortgages. An intentional presentation of inaccurate information is generally a biggest problem in property dealing. Investors who make haste in making a decision and fall easily into the fabricated word of the seller or get fooled by the scammer's fake profiles are likely to get scammed the most.

Not doing enough research also causes the scam; investing without inspecting may increase the chances of getting scammed. Scammers use fake Advertisements, phishing emails, and calls to spoof investors. Even if a consumer commission grants relief to flat buyers by ordering a builder to refund money with interest after he fails to hand over possession, the builder can still be made to repay double the amount in a separate cheque bouncing case before a criminal court. In two recent orders by a magistrate's court, three directors of a construction company were directed to pay Rs82 lakh to two brothers who had paid Rs41 lakh for two Dahisar flats in 2014 but failed to get possession and the refund cheques bounced. The directors of Prisha Developers Pvt Ltd, Sonali Ugle, Rajaram Bandekar and Kiran Gupte were also sentenced to six months' imprisonment each in both cases.

The brothers had moved the magistrate's court in 2016 filing separate complaints. While Anuj Kumar Jha (46) had booked a 503 sq ft flat for Rs54 lakh and paid around Rs16 lakh, his brother Pankaj (49) paid around Rs25 lakh for a 665 sq ft flat that he booked for Rs80 lakh. The Vile Parle siblings were to get possession in 2016. When the flats were not delivered by March 2016, the construction company executed a MoU for cancellation of booking

of the flat. The cheques handed over bounced. They said that they issued demand notices to the accused on May 2, 2016, calling upon them to pay the cheque amount, within the stipulated time. The notices to the directors were returned with the remark "Shifted" but a notice sent at their office address was returned with the remark "Intimation posted", which the brothers said amounted to service on the accused. As the amount claimed in the notice was not paid by the accused, the brothers said that they were left with no option than to knock on the court's doors. They filed the complainants on May 24, 2016.

Apartments are listed on websites like booking.com with not many photos of the accommodation. As it is new there is no review information whatsoever, furthermore it is unsearchable on Tripadvisor or even Google. Select apartment - usually listed as pay on arrival with free cancellation. Payment - 'Booking.com takes your payment on behalf of the property for this stay'. Apart from that not making sense if the listing says it is pay on arrival, the scam then appears when / if you contact the landlord to enquire about the place where it will be revealed he/she/ they have no bank account on file with booking.com and will ask you to transfer the lot up front via bank transfer to a personal bank account. Property scams are not new to India and also the cheating, hundreds of Indians get cheated each hour but there is no concrete remedy to book them. The lengthy judicial procedure takes a hell lot of time, the complainant not only loses hard-earned money but also the hopes.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

Reduce Inflation

After the tragedy of Corona, the economic condition of the middle class and lower class was slowly coming back on track that there was such a thunder-bolt of inflation on the public that everyone is suffering from it, whether it is the working class, laborers, traders or farmers-gardeners. All are distracted and troubled by inflation. Petrol-diesel prices have remained above 100.

The way the prices of vegetables, groceries and other useful items have increased, the concern of the common man has increased. At this time, the priority of the government should be to reduce inflation because it is very important to get relief from inflation.

The only desire of the common man is that he should get groceries and food grains at a reasonable price. Even if this happens, the common man can get a lot of relief. Obviously, efforts to control inflation will have to be made jointly by the central and state governments. Both the governments should take measures as soon as possible to give relief to the common man.

Jahangir Ali

Neeraj Chopra on top of the moon after the success of Chandrayaan-3 last week!

Kudos to Neeraj Chopra for becoming the first Indian to win Gold in World Athletics Championship. Neeraj is on the moon & what an proud moment for India after the success of Chandrayaan-3 last week. A distance of 88.17m throw is great going for Neeraj Chopra who is also the reigning Olympic Champion & is a sure gold prospect for India at the next Olympics.

It was hard luck for India's 4x400m relay team who finished 5th in the finals though they had a brilliant run in the 'heats' where they finished 2nd behind US to break the Asian record previously held by Japan to qualify for the finals. Indian athletics has come of age & we should be winning many more medals in coming Olympics & World Championships. It certainly has been India's moment of pride as Praggnanandhaa too won a silver in the FIDE World Chess Championships.

S.N. Kabra

INDIA's Meeting

The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A.) - will hold its third meeting in Mumbai on 31, August. Nitish Kumar, CM of Bihar and originator of this concept, has refused to become the convenor of 'India'. But in politics, all this is a kind of preliminary currency, which is wrong to take serious meaning. Undoubtedly, this is a battle for survival for the opposition parties, especially the regional parties, so it will be very important for them to put aside the mutual interest in this election for the sake of unity. Whether it is Bihar's JDU or UP's SP or West Bengal's TMC or Maharashtra's Shiv Sena (Udhav faction), BJP's expansion will be a message for all of them to grab their ground. For the parties who have been in alliance with BJP for a long time, it is even more important for them not only to give shape to the alliance but also to ensure its credibility. This is not a period of dominance of any one party as was the case for a few decades after independence. Congress should not forget that it alone cannot compete with BJP. It has to see that if the BJP is eager to compromise with smaller parties, then the Congress will also have to give up the role of 'big brother'. Find common issues between parties. Among these issues are inflation, unemployment and the deteriorating condition of farmers. It should also not be forgotten that with its issues and slogans, 'India' should not say or do such a thing, which gives opportunity to water the communal spirit. The principle of secularism is an indispensable aspect of governance in any democratic society, but 'India' should not make it a battle cry in the electoral battleground, but should keep it an 'article of faith'.

N Ashraf

An Inspiration



All humans have a spiritual dimension by nature of being human". said Moberg. Essence of spirituality gives a sense of peace, wholeness and balance among the physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of our lives. It enhances our ability to deal with life's ups and downs and bounce back from difficult experiences. It is a broad concept of a belief in something beyond the self. A spiritual person has certain essential qualities which include positive thinking, inner peace, egoless, unconditional love, optimism, harmony, humility, responsibility, compassion, justice, simplicity, and reciprocity.

Therefore, it is important that the spiritual dimension of life is brought into everybody's lives. There are people who develop an allergy to spirituality because they are told that spirituality means leaving everything and going to the mountains which is not true. Essence of spirituality teaches us how to be spiritual in our office, in our home, on the streets, or wherever we are.

In fact, spirituality is about our interiority, not what we do outside. It is an inner science to create a conducive inner atmosphere. The quality of our life is dependent on how we are within ourselves, how joyous, how peaceful we are. Our body is simply an accumulation of what we have gathered from the Earth. When we leave, we cannot take even an atom of our body.

So, this body is not really ours, our mind is not ours either. Even if our memory is erased, we will still be there but our family, our status, our business, and everything that we own in the world will disappear. So, there is something else which needs to be looked at beyond these dimensions. All the things that we identify ourselves with, there is still something called 'We'. This 'We' is not subject to what we accumulate from outside.

Unfortunately, that 'We' has been covered up and crowded with other things and we never allow ourselves to look at that. We always think that

what we are identified with is much more important than who we really are. The whole process of spiritual science is to elevate us to an experience that is beyond the five senses. When we transcend the limited experience of what we know as ourselves, our experience of life will naturally be in a different dimension. Only then will we begin to experience the joy, the blissfulness of knowing who we really are, why we are here and what is the purpose of God's blessed human life. In short, finding our soul is the essence of spirituality! Originality is the essence of spirituality! To stand firmly on the ground & still reach out and touch the sky, is the essence of spirituality!

- C.K. Subramaniam

Columnist

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Government invites fitment of High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) on all vehicles registered before April 2019



The Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Department on Wednesday invited bids for fitment of High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) on all vehicles registered in the state before April 2019, officials said. To curb theft and bring uniformity in vehicle identity marks, the Centre made HSRP mandatory for every new vehicle registered in the county from April 1, 2019, putting the onus on manufacturers for installation of these number plates on new vehicles before

handing them over to customers. Sandesh Chavan, deputy regional transport officer who is holding additional charge of joint transport commissioner (computers), said bids have been invited for "manufacturing, supply and fitment" of HSRP on vehicles registered in Maharashtra before April 2019 on a "build-own-operate" basis.

These tamper-proof number plates were not mandatory for vehicles registered in Maharashtra before April 2019. Transport

department officials said the state has nearly 4 crore vehicles and 1.25 crore vehicles are expected to be fitted with HSRP within a year once the successful bidder is awarded the work. Customers will have to bear the cost of HSRP, they said. Made of a rare aluminum alloy, HSRP contains a retro-reflective film with a verification inscription 'India', chromium-based Ashok Chakra hologram, hot-stamped letters 'IND' in blue, and a 10-digit laser-branding of a unique serial number, making it tamper-proof.

These registration plates, protected against counterfeiting, are fixed at the front and rear end of the vehicles. A third registration mark refers to a chromium-based hologram sticker affixed on the inner side of the windshield, if the vehicle is a four-wheeler, with details of registration. HSRP is also popular among citizens as 'IND' or 'INDIA' number plates. PTI

Congress slams state govt over redevelopment projects, alleges "that it was left with no choice but to defend its "brazenly questionable decision-making" in Dharavi



The Congress took a swipe at the Maharashtra government on Wednesday over the Dharavi slum redevelopment project, alleging that it was left with no choice but to defend its "brazenly questionable decision-making" to help the Adani Group take control of a prize real estate asset in Mumbai.

The opposition party's attack came after the Maharashtra government told the Bombay High Court that the new tender issued in 2022 for the Dharavi slum redevelopment project in Mumbai was transparent and no undue favour was shown to the highest bidder — the Adani Group.

In a post on X, Congress gen-

eral secretary Jairam Ramesh also took a swipe at Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, saying it is noteworthy that he "handed Dharavi over to Adani" on his last day as housing minister, but it was another matter that this "favour hasn't yet paid off for the perpetual CM-in-waiting". "Having executed the PM's orders and delivered the Dharavi slum development project to his most favoured businessman, the Maharashtra government is left with no choice but to defend its brazenly questionable decision-making and contortions to help the Adani Group take control of a prize real estate asset in the heart of India's commercial capital, Mumbai," Ramesh said.

The original Dharavi tender, which a Dubai-based firm had won with a bid of Rs 7,200 crore, was cancelled in 2020 because of issues related to the transfer of railway land, he said. PTI

BJP secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said, "There is no consensus on its leader, lack of common ideology"



BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya on Wednesday said the opposition's Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will fail as there is no consensus on its leader and no common ideology.

He was speaking to reporters here ahead of the meeting of the INDIA alliance in Mumbai over the next two days.

The country's history shows that an alliance of parties with different ideologies never succeeds, the BJP leader said. "There is no consensus on the leader of the INDIA alliance. All of them

present themselves as the leader of the alliance. When all these people are leaders, how can the alliance succeed?" Vijayvargiya added.

Reacting to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's remark that the Centre's decision to reduce the price of LPG cylinders by Rs 200 was the impact of only the two meetings of the alliance, he claimed that scores of women were raped and eight to ten people were killed in her state between the two meetings. "Banerjee should first answer us about these criminal incidents in her state," Vijayvargiya said. PTI

INDIA Meet: WB CM Mamata Banerjee meets actor Amitabh Bachchan



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday met Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan at the latter's residence in Mumbai. Soon after arrival at Mumbai airport for attending the two-day meeting of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) on August 31 and September 1, Banerjee drove to Bachchan's

residence in suburban Juhu. There were reports that Bachchan had invited her to tea at his residence during her Mumbai visit. Bachchan had attended the inaugural function of last year's Kolkata International Film Festival, where Banerjee demanded that he be accorded the country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna for his contribution to Indian cinema. PTI

Nation

Aditya-L1 mission: ISRO confirms launch rehearsal and internal check completion of solar mission



India's first solar mission to be launched with an aim to study the sun. According to an ISRO statement, the Aditya L1 spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors. Using the special vantage point L1, four payloads directly view the Sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the Lagrange point L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium. ANI

Ahead of the launch of India's solar mission, Aditya-L1, the Indian Space and Research Organisation (ISRO) on Wednesday announced that the launch rehearsal has been completed along with the vehicle internal checks. Tak-

ing to 'X' (formerly known as Twitter), ISRO wrote, "PSLV-C57/Aditya-L1 Mission: The preparations for the launch are progressing. The Launch Rehearsal - Vehicle Internal Checks are completed".

The Aditya-L1 mission is

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan lauds PM Modi's decision of LPG cylinder prices reduction



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a great gift to the women of the country by reducing the prices of the LPG cylinder. "Yesterday, PM gave a great gift to the women of the country... In Odisha when PM Modi took the responsibility there were 20-22 per cent LPG

connections. In Odisha, there are 1 crore households, out of which 21 lakh houses have LPG connections. Now this number has increased to 96 lakhs. In this 53 lakhs, connections are under Ujjwala Yojana..." Dharmendra Pradhan said while speaking to reporters. The Centre had on Tuesday announced a reduction in the prices of cooking gas by Rs 200 per cylinder. ANI

UP: SC seeks action against cops for lathi charge in police and lawyers clash at Hapur



protesting peacefully against the alleged high-handedness of the police, is a clear violation of their rights and the rule of law.

The Supreme Court Bar Association will not tolerate any attack on the prestige of advocates and in pursuance sought to censure the police officers responsible for the lathi charge, stated the press communications issued by Advocate Rohit Pandey, Hong, Secretary of SCBA. Pay compensation to the injured advocates, take measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur, and introduce and implement the Advocates Protection Act for the protection of advocates and their families against such brutal incidents, demands SCBA. ANI

The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) on Wednesday strongly condemned the incident of lathi charge by Police on lawyers in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh and sought to investigate the incident and bring the guilty police officers to justice. Hapur Bar Associa-

tion's officials and members on Tuesday were staging a protest over an alleged 'fabricated' case filed against a female lawyer and her father. Tensions escalated as police resorted to lathi-charge against lawyers.

SCBA stated that the lathi charge on the advocates, who were

Karnataka: Rahul Gandhi slam central govt, says "Govt should work for poor, weak"



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday took a dig at the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Central government, saying that the government should work for the "poor and the weak". Speaking at the launch event of the 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme in Mysuru, Rahul Gandhi said, "There is a fashion in the country. The government in Delhi (at the Centre) works for billionaires...We think that the government should work for the poor and the weak."

The former Congress president said that he had met thousands of women during his Bharat Jodi Yata earlier this year. "In Karnataka, we walked for around 600 kilometres. I talked to you and I understood one thing clearly. You said that inflation is affecting you...It is the women who suffer its blow. Thousands of women told me that they couldn't bear the inflation. I understood that the women of Karnataka are the foundation of this state..." he said. ANI

Andhra Pradesh: Fire broke out at shopping mall in Srikakulam district

A fire broke out in a shopping mall in the Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of Wednesday, said authorities. Fire tenders rushed to the spot to douse the fire, they added.

All the goods in the shopping mall were burnt to ashes, said owners of the mall, adding that



an estimated property loss worth Rs two crore was incurred in the mishap. The mall is located in

the Odisha- Andhra border area of the district. Further details are awaited. ANI

World

More than 15,000 Indian tech workers have moved to Canada in 12 months



Over 15,000 Indian tech workers have moved to Canada in the span of just 12 months, from April 2022 to March 2023, indicating that the country has emerged as a

global magnet for tech industry talent, according to Khalsa Vox. This surge in migration positions India as the largest contributor to Canada's expanding tech workforce, as highlighted by a recent

joint report from The Technology Councils of North America (TECNA) and Canada's Tech Network (CTN).

Of the more than 32,000 tech professionals who sought greener pastures, 15,097 chose Canada as their new home, underscoring the nation's allure in the tech industry. Following India on the list of contributors was Nigeria, with 1,808 tech workers making their journey to Canada. Experts attribute this phenomenon to Canada's immigration-friendly policies and its competitive edge in terms of labour costs, as per Khalsa Vox. ANI

South Korea: One-third young people feel positive about marriage as per survey



A recent survey has found that only one-third of young South Koreans feel positively about marriage, CNN reported. The country's citizens are increasingly shunning marriage and parenthood.

A new government report

highlights that the trend has accelerated over the past decade, spelling demographic trouble for the ageing nation in the years ahead. The report which surveys residents between the ages of 19 and 34 every two years, was released on Monday by the of-

ficial Statistics Korea. It found just 36.4 per cent of respondents polled last year said they had a positive perception of marriage – down from 56.5 per cent in 2012, CNN reported. The fall reflects the growing pressures on young South Koreans, including economic concerns such as unaffordable housing and rising costs of living.

The report cites reasons for young people not getting married. The reasons include not having enough money for marriage and the feeling that it's simply not necessary. And among the third of respondents with a positive perception of marriage, results skew heavily toward men – with just 28 per cent of women responding positively. ANI

Pakistan: Police books two cases against 158 people for protesting against inflated power bills



Pakistan's Gojra Saddar police on Tuesday registered two cases against 158 people for protesting against inflated power bills and blocking the M-4 at two points between Gojra and Toba Tek Singh interchanges on Monday, Dawn reported. Dawn is a Pakistani English-language newspaper.

In Gojra, the cases were registered under identical sections of 341, 506, 290, 291, 148 and 149 of the Pakistan Penal Code against the electric-

ity protesters. In one FIR, the complainant of ASI Waris Ali Shami said 23 nominated and 50 unidentified persons broke the fence of the motorway and blocked traffic by holding a protest on it near Chak 311-JB. In another FIR registered against 15 nominated and 70 unidentified persons, ASI Muhammad Nawaz claimed that the protesters blocked the traffic on the M-4 near Chak 434-JB. No arrest has been made so far, as per Dawn. ANI

US: Florida officials has urged people to evacuate from their places due to heavy storm



Florida, a US state known for sport fishing, clam farming and wooden houses on stilts, is bracing for a potentially catastrophic hit from Hurricane Idalia storm, CNN reported. The officials across Florida's west coast repeatedly pleaded with residents on Tuesday to evacuate the place immediately as the high water waves from the storm could prove deadly and the first responders would not be able to help until the storm passes

"If you haven't evacuated, you're north of Fort Myers, you're up into the central Gulf Coast, northern Big Bend area, if

you have not evacuated, you need to do that right now. You need to drop what you're doing, you need to go to your room, pack up, pack your things, and get to safety," Florida Division of Emergency Management Executive Director Kevin Guthrie warned Tuesday evening, according to CNN.

Idalia is projected to make landfall in the United States during the early hours of Wednesday (US time). The National Hurricane Center said that "Catastrophic storm surge" and "destructive winds" were likely Wednesday morning. ANI

Russian defence intercepted Ukrainian drone over Ryazan region



Russian air defence intercepted a Ukrainian drone over the Ryazan Region on Wednesday, TASS News Agency reported. The Russian Defence Ministry told reporters that a drone was sent to Russia in another attempt made by the Ukrainian government.

"At around 4:00 a.m. Moscow time, the Kyiv regime tried to attack facilities on the Russian Federation's territory with a fixed-wing drone. On-duty air defence units eliminated the drone above the territory of the Ryazan Region," the ministry said. At around 2:30 am Moscow

time, another drone was intercepted in the region. Earlier, over the Bryansk Region and Oryol Region of Russia, Ukraine sent fixed-wing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) today which were again intercepted by Moscow, reported TASS News Agency.

"On the morning of August 30, an attempt by the Kyiv regime to carry out a terrorist attack against facilities on the territory of the Russian Federation using fixed-wing drones was thwarted," the ministry said in a statement. ANI

Expression

Maintaining uniform standards across Dual Board exams in a year could be challenging



Vijay Garg

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While launching the New Curriculum Framework for school education in sync with National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), the Union Education Ministry noted that board examinations in the country would be conducted twice a year. It further said that the students will be allowed to retain the best score out of the two exam scores.

The academics ponder over the merits and drawbacks of dual board exams in the country. While it could offer more chances for improvement and enhance academic competitiveness, it might also lead to increased stress levels and a casual approach towards studies, they claim.

Students will have an option to enhance their scores

"The consequences of introducing two board exams in a year would heavily depend on the logistics and implementation strategy. If schools are required to complete the syllabus within the current time frame, it might lead to increased pressure on both students and teachers. On the positive side, it would offer students a chance to enhance their scores if they previously could not perform well due to health or family issues," . "Introducing two board exams could potentially provide students with more opportunities for college admissions. Similar to universities abroad, colleges might need to open admissions twice



a year, accommodating students from both exam sessions. This could be beneficial for those who may have not performed well in the first attempt," she adds.

"Holding board exams twice can also result in negative impacts like students may become more casual towards the exams, assuming that they have a second chance to improve. This approach might undermine the seriousness towards studies and dilute their performance,"

"With two exams, students might experience reduced pressure in terms of content volume to be covered at once. This could lead to better retention of knowledge and a deeper understanding of subjects. Having more frequent assessments can provide a better representation of a student's academic performance, as it reduces the stakes associated with

a single high-stakes exam. Frequent exams allow for more timely feedback to students, helping them understand their strengths and weaknesses in a timely manner, and enabling them to make necessary improvements,"

Conducting and grading exams is time-consuming

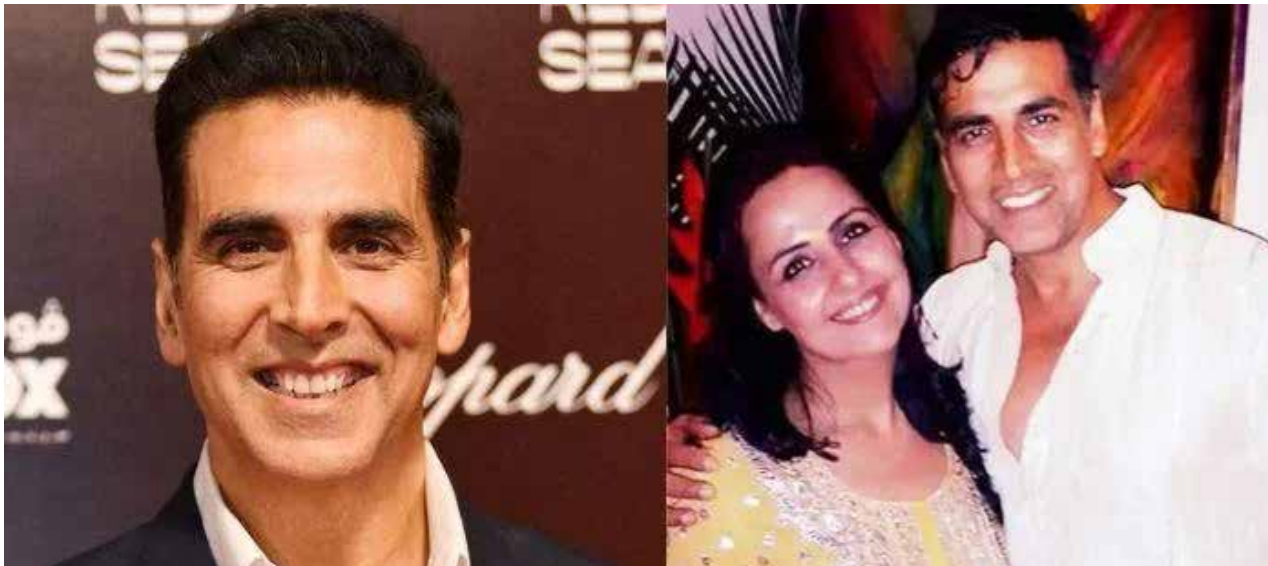
"The other consequences of this can be that instead of reducing stress, having two exams could potentially increase stress due to the need to prepare for exams more frequently. If the focus shifts towards exam preparation and cramming, the overall quality of education might suffer as teachers and students prioritise exam-specific content over holistic learning. Conducting and grading exams is time-consuming for educators. More exams could lead to increased workload and potentially compromise the quality of teaching.

Maintaining uniform standards across two exams in a year could be challenging. The difficulty level and content covered in each exam would need to be carefully calibrated. Careful planning and consideration would be necessary to maximise the positive impacts and mitigate the negative consequences,"

Impact on future job prospects

"The introduction of two board exams a year might make the academic landscape more competitive and challenging. Students will be required to consistently perform well to secure admissions and maintain a strong academic record. This could eventually lead to a workforce that is better prepared academically. In the long run, this might contribute to a job market that values consistent academic performance,

Entertainment



Actor Akshay Kumar on Wednesday extended heartfelt wishes to his sister Alia Bhatia on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Taking to Instagram, Akshay shared a throwback picture with his sister which he captioned, "Jo tu mere naal hai te zindagi wich sab change My sister, my pillar of strength since day one."

Akshay share a very healthy bond with his sister. Soon after he shared the post, his friends and fans swamped down the comment section and dropped red hearts and fire emoticons. "Always Love You My Khiladi King," a fan commented. Another fan wrote, "Wishing you a very happy rakshabandhan alka dii nd akkii sir" A user wrote, "God bless you both." **ANI**

Actor Akshay Kumar pens wishes for sister on social media, says "My pillar of strength"

The former 'The Bachelorette' contestant Josh Seiter is "alive and well," reported Variety, a US-based media outlet. On Monday, a statement on Josh's Instagram account announced his death at the age of 36, that post has now been deleted.

Taking to Instagram, Seiter shared a new video on Tuesday morning, claiming that his Instagram account had been compromised by an unknown third party "playing a cruel joke," as per Variety.

"As you can see, I am alive and well," Seiter begins in the video. "My account was hacked. For the last 24 hours, I have been trying desperately to get into it. Somebody was playing a cruel joke and mocking my mental illness and the struggles I've gone through with depression and suicide attempts. I'm sorry for the pain they caused when they made that post." **ANI**



'The Bachelorette' contestant Josh Seiter responds to death rumours, says "alive and well"



Actor Allu Arjun shares a glimpse from the sets of 'Pushpa 2' on social media

Actor Allu Arjun became the first Telugu actor to win the most coveted award for Best Actor at the 69th National Film Awards. Allu Arjun's career prompted Instagram's global account to delve into the life of this Pan-Indian star and to raise a distinct buzz for the eagerly anticipated sequel 'Pushpa 2' on the international stage while capturing the first-ever glimpse of the movie.

The Official page of Instagram Global has arrived at the door of icon actor Allu Arjun and shared glimpses of the actor's daily routine and from the sets of 'Pushpa 2'. They captioned the post, "Before heading to set, actor @alluarjunonline (Allu Arjun) needs a chilllllll morning. Understandably. 'Fans in India are different from the rest of the world. You have to see it. I can't explain.' Enter Ramoji Film City, located in Hyderabad, India. It's one of the world's largest film studio complexes and home to 'Pushpa 2: The Rule,' Allu Arjun's latest action-packed sequel."

"The studio also serves as a regular hangout for fans eager to meet their hero before shooting. 'They play a huge part of my motivation,' says Allu Arjun. 'It's their love that makes me push my boundaries, and I want to make them really proud — like, more proud and more proud.' Though his family has been in the film industry for three decades, and Allu Arjun has acted in dozens of Indian films, this is his biggest film so far. 'If there's one thing about Pushpa that I really like, it's his never-give-up character.'" **ANI**