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Manoj Jha after returning from Manipur

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MANIPUR HORROR: PROTEST AGAINST THIS INCIDENT GETS 'VIOLENT' IN NASHIK



At least 10 police personnel received injuries in stone-pelting after a protest march against the sexual assault on two women in Manipur turned violent at Satana town in Maharashtra's Nashik district, officials said.

Several persons have been detained in connection with the incident which took place on Saturday evening and the situation has been brought under control, Superintendent of Police (SP) Shahaji Umap said.

The march was organised by the Eklavya Adivasi Sanghatana, a few other tribal organisations and the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi to condemn the incident in Manipur where two women were paraded naked and sexually assaulted by a mob on May 3. Thousands of young men, some of them with their torsos bare as a mark of protest, took part in the march, a local police official said. When the march, which started from the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar statue, reached near

the tehsil office, some participants started a sit-in agitation in front of the Satana police station, demanding that local BJP MLA Dilip Borse accept their memorandum, he said.

The police officials told them the MLA could not accept their memorandum as he was attending the assembly session in Mumbai, he said. There were heated arguments and some of the protesters pelted stones at the police and passing vehicles which forced the police

to use "mild lathicharge", the official said. There was tension in the town and shops and other commercial establishments downed their shutters following the incident. "Ten police personnel were injured in the incident and we have taken 21 people, who indulged in stone-pelting, into custody. The incident took place after the protest march. Additional force was called in immediately. The situation is now peaceful," SP Umap told reporters on Saturday. PTI

Why MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh immune to law and order?

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

BJP MP Brij Bhushan is serial offender but PM Modi who promised clean government has maintained silence at such crucial issues. For months the wrestlers are protesting at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, they want justice against the atrocities done to them. No BJP leader or PM himself who sloganeer stating save Girls is now giving this leader another opportunity to be in electoral politics but did not even order some internal inquiry to know the truth. MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh was Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP's MP, he has been accused of sexual harassment by seven women wrestlers, is now planning

to make a show of strength at a rally in Ayodhya on June 5. Brijbhushan has taken help of many PR agencies to make his show larger than life.

In 1992 he was involved in Babri Masjid Demolition Case, due to which he was arrested by CBI along with 39 other people. He was the prime suspect and was later acquitted by the Supreme Court of India in 2020. He was charged with the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act in 1993 for allegedly helping associates of Dawood Ibrahim who allegedly organized the J.J Hospital Shootout in Bombay.

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the sexual harassment charges leveled against him by female wrestlers.

Brij Bhushan is set to address the Jan Chetna Maha Rally at the Ram Katha Park in Ayodhya, where sadhus as well as experts in law, education, and social work have been invited from several states. The rally is being held at a time when the Delhi Police has registered two FIRs against the MP. Since the FIRs were filed, Singh had been staying away from political programmes. But, he has been touring different districts of UP's Awadh region, including Gonda, Ayodhya, Bahraich and Basti, over the past week to invite people to the Ayodhya rally. Hope this time at least voters would do justice by not electing him.

Vaidehi Tamam

Brij Bhushan stated "I have committed a murder in the past. Whatever people may say, I did commit a murder. I immediately shot and killed the person who had shot Ravinder dead".

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Two female wrestler complainants described the way Brij Bhushan used to touch their breasts and stomach sexually on the pretext of checking their breath, in a police complaint on 21 April 2023.

He was later acquitted after spending several months in jail. Sadly, BJP never hesitated to give him ticket, not only that he was given lot of importance in the party.

In an interview with the web portal The Lallantop in 2022, Brij Bhushan stated "I have committed a murder in the past. Whatever people may say, I did commit a murder. I immediately shot and killed the person who had shot Ravinder dead". Ravinder Singh was his close friend.

While serving as a president of Wrestling Federation of India, in an interview with The Indian Express, he said, "They (wrestlers) are strong boys and girls. You need someone strong to control them. Is there anyone stronger than me here?" In 2021, during a junior wrestling tournament, he slapped a wrestler on stage which was caught on camera. But BJP leaders who always mock other politicians never felt guilty of having such goon as their party worker.

In Jan 2023, a group of Olympians and international wrestlers including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia, and others organized a sit-in demanding disbanding of the federation due to alleged sexual harassment of female wrestlers by Brij Bhushan. The protests resumed in April 2023 due to government inaction. The protestors demanded police file an FIR against Brij Bhushan and his immediate arrest. The incidents of sexual harassment cited by protestors ranged from 2012 to 2022. On 28th April 2023, after the intervention of the Supreme Court, the Delhi Police registered two FIRs against him. One of the FIRs was registered under the POCSO Act (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012) for offenses against a minor. A second FIR was registered on similar grounds on the complaint of a few adult female wrestlers.

Two female wrestler complainants described the way Brij Bhushan used to touch their breasts and stomach sexually on the pretext of checking their breath, in a police complaint on 21 April 2023. One of these two women alleged that Brij Bhushan lifted her training jersey without her consent in the year 2018. Vinesh Phogat, one of the leading protestors, alleged that the accused "mentally harassed and tortured" her for missing out on a medal at Tokyo Olympics in 2021. On May 12, The Delhi Police recorded a statement from Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh regarding

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Letters to the Editor

Manipur's nightmare of violence and government's inaction

The video that surfaced on social media depicting two Manipuri women of the Kuki tribe being stripped and paraded naked by a mob of violent men in Manipur is heart-wrenching. It shows in broad daylight the ugly face of ethnic violence and the utter failure of administration there. The nation has hung its head in shame to witness the display of heinous crime in Manipur in the name of fights between groups. That the inhuman incident said to be occurred three months ago could not make the authorities to act all these days until the video got attention now speaks volumes about the failure of law enforcement there. Still worse is that the police were said to be present there as mute spectators at the time of the incident. It's high time the centre would act decisively to take the situation under control in Manipur.

Though PM Narendra Modi has condemned the crime, it is highly unfortunate that the authorities haven't found any solution to the prevailing crisis so far. The state is passing through a difficult phase and all communities are suffering. It is due to inefficient handling of the situation by the Centre. If we cannot defend the honour of our women, how can we expect to defend the honour of our country?

Jubel D'Cruz

Stop the black market of tickets

There should be special reservation for Ganesha devotees in Konkan in Railways, ST. Govt should pay attention so that Ganesha devotees don't have difficulty in going to Konkan during Aina Ganapati. Dalal lobby should be stopped completely.

Uday Waghvankar

Smartphone ban

UNESCO calling for a global ban on smartphones in schools is most welcome. Such a ban will make a lot of sense as it will augment children's academic learning and protect them from cyberbullying in particular. Importantly, the mere presence of a smartphone inside the classroom reduces the cognitive ability of a child.

Karan Singh

Erratic weather conditions are the result of our carelessness towards environment!

Erratic weather conditions have today become a global phenomenon & people are as much to blame than the govt of each country. Population explosion in some countries like India has put an added pressure on infrastructure like housing, roads etc which has resulted in concretization that today has become an environmental hazard. Most cities have turned into concrete jungles as trees, forests, mangroves have been cut recklessly which has resulted in extreme Climatic conditions the world is witnessing at the moment.

Industrial pollution, use of plastics too has had an adverse effect on environment & this has resulted in Climatic risk which has affected all. Protecting environment should be the top priority of every govt. We must not be selfish & it is time to think of the future generation for the earth to survive many centuries to come. Consumer cos are doing their bit to weather climate risk but the real safeguard can only be to plant more trees, avoid cutting jungles recklessly & checking pollution of all forms that destroys nature. Family planning too is the need of the hour as massive population puts pressure on limited resources at our disposal!

S.N.Kabra

Eating to Live and Living to Eat

Eat to live' can be translated as the biological need of every living organism to obtain food in order to survive. Physiologically, our body needs food so that we have sufficient sources of energy and nutrients. If we are living to eat, then what's the difference between a human being and an animal. Animals live just to eat, sleep and reproduce. But a human life is a much bigger possibility. It's a greatest gift to explore the potential of being human which goes beyond physicality. So to remain alive we need to eat but it should never become the core of our existence. We exist here to explore the phenomena of human life.

Life is too short and we shouldn't just think about our comforts. Many people say that success, money and power, are not beyond health. You should sleep more, eat more and enjoy life. It's ok if you don't want to do something big in your life. You just have to keep proper care of your health but you shouldn't be obsessed with that and try to do something big in life.

Nutritionists now distinguish between "metabolic eating" and "hedonic eating," that is, between eating what your body requires versus eating for fun. I love the term "hedonic eating." It so well describes going through a bag of chips while watching TV. When I put on a few pounds I tell myself to cut out hedonic eating and the weight comes off. I am not fascinated about food. When nature strikes

in my tummy (hunger), I go for food. Otherwise, I do not think about food. Other fascinating things keep me busy. I eat to live. That is the entire truth.

It's the same three words: 'To', 'Live' and 'Eat' but the order and perception of those words creates vastly different meanings to people. Those who "Live to Eat" view food as something more in their life than just fuel. It can mean comfort, family, friends, happiness, lifestyle or stress release. When food takes on greater meaning than its nutrients we start running into troubles. Those who 'live to eat' may find making healthy, positive eating changes very challenging. To them, it's more than just food. It's about what food means to them. When it comes to making positive eating changes, fear of change can significantly impact those who "Live to Eat", especially in two cases:

The key is striking the balance that allows us to enjoy food when we want while being mindful of and listening to our natural hunger signals. We should choose nourishing, healthy foods whenever we can because we know there will be special occasions when we will choose not to and instead will indulge and enjoy it. It is not about restriction...it's about balance. What Eating to Live really means.

What I'm trying to say here is that Eating to Live does not mean you have to eat or not eat any particular food. It means that your food should be meant to an end not your ultimate goal and concern. I have seen how

food can negatively affect the lives of people. Too much of anything can be bad, moderation is important in all aspects of life. It is okay to enjoy food when you are eating, but eating to live a happy healthy life is very important for not just your health, but for the health of those around you.

Your food should be your friend that supports your journey whatever that journey is. Your food should support your happiness and wellbeing, not steal from it. Your food should make your life more enjoyable and less stressful, not the other way around. Food should give you energy to achieve your goals, to help you become the best you can, it shouldn't steal your energy and focus. Food should be natural and nurturing like sleep: you want to sleep and get rest – you go and sleep, have a nap, you want to eat and give your body nourishment – you should go and eat the food that is nourishing for your body and soul, easy to get and prepare without stressing out about it. And as I said, that has nothing to do with any particular food, food group, macro or micro nutrient, calories, fats and proteins in it. It has to do with you. There is a perfect diet for everyone out there, one that will make you Eat to Live, not Live to Eat.

- Jayanthi Subramaniam

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Sanjay Raut slams BJP for calling opposition bloc INDIA members' visit to Manipur as 'show-off'



Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Sunday hit out at the BJP for calling the visit of members of the opposition bloc INDIA to Manipur as a "show-off", and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has neither visited the strife-torn state nor spoken about it in Parliament.

A delegation of 21 MPs from the opposition bloc INDIA reached Imphal on Saturday to assess the situation in Manipur and visit several relief camps to

meet victims of the ethnic clashes that broke in the northeastern state on May 3.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday alleged the opposition INDIA bloc members' visit to Manipur was a "mere show-off". The north-eastern state has been witnessing ethnic clashes since early May between the majority Meitei community, concentrated in the Imphal valley, and the Kukis, occupying the hills. More

than 160 people have been killed in the violence so far. Talking to reporters here, Raut claimed more than 200 people have been killed, while homes of ministers and legislators have been burnt and some women paraded naked in Manipur. "Prime Minister ji... Manipur is part of India and its citizens are Indian citizens...listen to them. That is why the INDIA alliance delegation visited the state. How can understanding the grief of citizens and consoling them be called a show-off?" he asked. The prime minister has not gone to Manipur and has not spoken about the issue yet in Parliament, the Rajya Sabha member said. "The opposition alliance leaders spoke to the affected citizens and understood their grievances, if this is called a show-off, then we haven't seen a cruel government and politics than this," Raut alleged. PTI

Aaditya Thackeray asks MMRDA to look into Metro rail works, damage to Mumbai roads



Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Sunday asked the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to look into its ongoing Metro rail works, as the muck and slurry from these sites were damaging roads.

Taking to Twitter, Thackeray said the MMRDA should look into its ongoing Metro works, especially on roads like Linking Road in Bandra (west).

The muck and slurry from the Metro sites were all over the roads and good roads have been damaged and potholed, he said. The Sena leader pointed out that the Metro barricades were left open badly in some places or had fallen, causing traffic jams and endangering the lives of pedestrians. "Don't let your contractors ruin my city for its profits and bad management," the former minister said. PTI

Nitish Kumar can return to NDA any time, says Athawale



Union minister Ramdas Athawale on Sunday said Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who snapped ties with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) last year, can return to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) any time.

Talking to PTI, Athawale said Nitish Kumar was part of the NDA earlier and despite the BJP getting more seats in the assembly elections in Bihar last time, he was made the chief minister.

The minister also took a dig at the opposition's INDIA alliance, alleging that its sole agenda was to remove Prime Minister Narendra Modi from power. Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) snapped ties with the saffron party and walked out of the NDA in August 2022. He later joined hands

with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and formed a new government. He is one of the most significant faces of the opposition parties' alliance - INDIA. "Nitish Kumar can come back to us anytime," the Union Minister of State for Social Justice, whose Republican Party of India (Athawale) is part of the ruling NDA, said.

Athawale said, Nitish Kumar had reservations about the name of the opposition's INDIA alliance, and also there are divisions within the grouping on who will be its convener and also the prime ministerial candidate. "I was in Patna yesterday and I was asked about the reported displeasure of Nitish Kumar who had left the Bengaluru meet of the opposition alliance early," Athawale said. PTI

IIT-B students complain of food discrimination after 'vegetarians only' posters are put up on hostel walls

Students have raised the issue of food discrimination at the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) after "vegetarians only" posters were put up on the walls of the canteen in one of the hostels here, a student representative said on Sunday.

Posters stating "vegetarians only are allowed to sit here" were put up on the walls of the canteen of hostel 12 at the prestigious institution last week, and a photograph of the same went viral on social media.

An official from the institute claimed that while they had found out about the posters, they did not know who had put them up in the canteen. There are no fixed seats for people consuming different categories of food and the institute is unaware about who put up the posters, he said. Representatives of the student collective Ambedkar Periyar Phule Study Circle (APPSC) condemned the incident and tore the posters. "Though RTIs and emails to the hostel's general secretary revealed that

there is no policy for food segregation at the institute, some individuals have taken it upon themselves to designate certain mess areas as 'vegetarians only' and force other students to leave that area," the AAPSC said. Following the incident, the hostel's general secretary sent an email to all students saying, "There is a counter for Jain distribution in the hostels mess, but there is no designated sitting space for those who consume Jain food." There have been reports of individuals force-

fully designating certain areas of the mess as "Jain sitting space" and not allowing individuals who bring non-vegetarian food to sit in those areas, the general secretary wrote. "Such behaviour is unacceptable and no student has the right to remove another student from any area of the mess on the grounds that it is reserved for a particular community. If any such incident is repeated, we will be forced to take strict action against those involved," he stated in the email. PTI

Maharashtra: FIR registered after Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan receives threat on email

Former Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan has received an email threatening him after he demanded the arrest of Hindutva leader Sambhaji Bhide for his controversial comments on Mahatma Gandhi's lineage, following which an FIR was registered.

Chavan's aide also said police security has been increased

for the senior Congress leader. On Sunday, police registered an FIR in Karad city in Satara district, Superintendent of Police Sameer Sheikh told PTI. Earlier, Chavan's aide said the Congress leader has lodged a complaint with the police in Karad city after the e-mail was received on Saturday night. Chavan is the MLA from the Karad South assembly constituency.

Nation

"Only demand is peace with justice...": Manoj Jha after returning from Manipur



After returning from violence-hit Manipur on Sunday, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha urged the Kuki and Meitei communities to cooperate in restoring peace and harmony in the state saying that there is "no alternative to peace anywhere". "We want peace to be restored in Manipur. Peace with justice. Our only demand is that both communities should live in harmony. The situ-

ation in Manipur is dangerous. Be it Madhya Pradesh or Manipur, there is no alternative to peace anywhere," Jha said while talking to the media.

The 21-member delegation of the grand Opposition alliance, on Saturday, arrived on a two-day visit to the state, which has seen ethnic strife and violence since May 3. The leaders returned to Delhi on Sunday afternoon.

The 21-member Opposition

delegation from both Houses includes Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Gaurav Gogoi, K Suresh and Phulo Devi Netam of the Congress; Rajiv Ranjan Lalan Singh of the JDU; Sushmita Dev from Trinamool Congress; Kanimozhi from DMK; Sandosh Kumar of the CPI; AA Rahim from CPI(M), Manoj Kumar Jha of RJD; Javed Ali Khan of SP; Mahua Maji of JMM; PP Mohammed Faizal of NCP; Aneel Prasad Hegde of JDU, ET Mohammed Basheer of IUML; NK Premachandran of RSP; Sushil Gupta of AAP; Arvind Sawant of Shiv Sena (UBT); D Ravikumar of VCK; Thiru Thol Thirumavalavan also of VCK; and Jayant Singh of the RLD. However, on being asked whether an all-party delegation should visit the state or not, Jha said, "There have already been discussions in Parliament that an all-party delegation should visit Manipur as well." ANI

Andhra farmer claims he earned Rs 3 crore by selling tomatoes in Chittoor



Amid the soaring prices of tomatoes in the country, a farmer of Chittoor district has claimed that he has become crorepati and earned Rs 3 crores after selling the fruit. Chandramouli, a farmer from Karakamanda village, Chittoor district claimed that he has earned an income of Rs 3 crores after cultivating tomatoes in 22 acres of the field.

Farmer claimed that Rs 3 crore was the net income earned by him as Rs 20 lakh went into commission with Rs 10 lakhs being spent in transportation and other expenditure.

Realizing that the crop coming after the summer would fetch a good price, the family tasted the losses of the tomato crop multiple times and yet opted to cultivate the same crop again. Farmer claimed that Sahu variety of tomato were planted in 22 acres on April 7. Mulching and micro-irrigation methods were followed in the cutting system. The yield started at the end of June. The production was sold in the Kolar market in Karnataka, which is close to the district. In the auction, the price of a 15 kg box was between Rs 1000 to Rs 1500 and around 40,000 boxes have been sold. ANI

Kerala: 5-yr-old raped, strangled, dumped in sack near Kochi market

A 5-year-old girl whose body was found near Aluva market in Kerala's Kochi on Saturday, was raped and strangled to death after she was abducted from her house, police said on Sunday. According to officials, the girl belongs to a migrant family from Bihar and had been living in Kerala for 8 years.

"The post-mortem findings of the minor confirmed that the minor was brutally raped. The accused thrashed her face with a stone. She was strangled to death with her own clothes. The girl suffered serious injuries on her head during the attack," a senior police official said while quoting the post-mortem report

Following the murder, the accused dumped her body in a sack near the market, the official said. Officials said the incident

took place on Friday afternoon at around 3 pm. The girl was kidnapped from her home at the Garage Junction. On the same day, she was raped and strangled with her own clothes to death around 5-5.30 pm.

The family filed a missing person complaint around 7:10 pm on the same day. Later, an FIR was filed on the same day. During the initial probe, police nabbed a man identified as Asfaq Alam on Friday evening at 9:30 pm on suspicion, and later took him into custody. "The Suspect was in an inebriated state and attempted to mislead the interrogation. But when confronted with CCTV footage showing him kidnapping the minor, he confessed to the crime on Saturday morning," the police said. ANI

Meghalaya: BSF rescues 88 head of cattle on international border in East Khasi Hills

Border Security Force (BSF) personnel in Meghalaya rescued 88 cattle allegedly being smuggled into Bangladesh from the international border in the East Khasi Hills district of the state. Acting on a tip-off, vigilant troops of 110 Bn BSF Meghalaya confiscated 58 buffaloes brutally crammed into two trucks from Ichamati-Shella road, East Khasi Hills on Saturday, BSF Meghalaya stated.

"These buffaloes were being taken to the international border for smuggling to Bangladesh," BSF Meghalaya further said. The seized cattle and vehicles have been handed over to the concerned Police station for further legal action.

"In a different operation troops of 193 BSF battalion conducted a special ambush and rescued 30 cattle on the international border of East Khasi Hills while they were being smuggled to Bangladesh. The seized cattle were handed over to Danger police station for further legal action," BSF Meghalaya further said.



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the international border of East Khasi Hills while they were being smuggled to Bangladesh. The seized cattle were handed over to Danger police station for further legal action," BSF Meghalaya further said. ANI

PSLV-C56 carrying 7 Singapore satellites successfully placed in right orbit: ISRO Chairman

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath on Sunday said 7 Singapore satellites — primary satellite DS-SAR and 6 co-passenger satellites, which blasted off into space on launch vehicle PSLV-C56, were successfully placed in orbit. The launch vehicle with 7 Singaporean satellites lifted off from the Satish Dhawan



Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR in Sriharikota at 6.30 am on Sunday.

World

173 killed, 260 injured in rain-related incidents across Pakistan



As many as 173 people have lost their lives and 260 people have been injured in heavy rains across Pakistan since June, ARY News reported citing a report by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). According to the NDMA report, 69 men, 32 women and 72 children died

in rain-related incidents in the country. Adding to that, 110 men, 76 women and 74 children were injured.

Punjab recorded the highest number of casualties where 67 people died in heavy rains. Out of 260 injured in the monsoon-related incidents, 158 were affected in Punjab. Khyber Pak-

htunkhwa witnessed the death of 47 people due to rain and ten people were killed in Balochistan, reported ARY News. Moreover, the rainfall claimed 21 lives in Sindh, 12 in PoK and five in the Gilgit Baltistan region, the report added.

Additionally, 11 persons have died in monsoon-related incidents in Islamabad, reported ARY News. Reportedly, 1485 houses were damaged in the deadly rainfall which stormed the country. According to the reports, the floods also swept away 475 cattle heads in the country. Pakistan's Met Office has warned of urban and flash floods in Lahore and other areas while the city continued to receive heavy rainfall on Saturday, Dawn reported. ANI

One injured in Ukraine drone attack in Moscow: City Mayor



Ukrainian drones attacked Russia's capital Moscow on Sunday morning, emergency services said, adding that one person was injured, TASS News Agency reported. "A security guard was injured in a Oko-2 building as a result of the blast. Glazing from the first to the fourth floor was shattered as a result of a drone attack," a source told TASS.

Earlier, Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin said the city was attacked by Ukrainian drones. "Tonight there was a Ukrainian drone attack. The facades of two office buildings in Moscow City were slightly damaged. There are no casualties," he wrote on his Telegram channel, according to TASS News Agency.

Earlier in the day, the Rus-

sian Defence Ministry said they have destroyed one of the drones in the air over the territory of the Odintsovo district, while the other two were suppressed and crashed in Moscow City. The Vnukovo airport in the capital, Kyiv, was closed for arrivals and departures due to the incident.

On July 28, Sobyanin reported an attempted attack by an enemy drone that was shot down by Russian Defense Ministry. "The Kyiv regime carried out a terrorist attack with an anti-aircraft missile of the S-200 air defence system converted into a strike version on the residential infrastructure of the city of Taganrog, Rostov Region," CNN quoted the Russian Ministry of Defense as saying. ANI

US hunts Chinese malware designed to disrupt America's military: Report

President Joe-Biden led administration started the hunt for malicious computer code as they believe China might have inserted them, designed to disrupt the US military operations in the event of a conflict, including if Beijing moves against Taiwan in the coming years, according to The New York Times citing the American military, intelligence and national security officials. This came after Microsoft said it had detected mysterious computer code in telecommunications systems in Guam, the Pacific island with a vast American air base, and elsewhere in the United States. Although, it was only the narrow slice of the problem that Microsoft could see through its networks it triggered fears among



the US administration.

The discovery of Malware has raised fears that Chinese hackers, probably working for the People's Liberation Army, and also the issue was touched in the White House in recent months, as senior officials from the National Security Council, the Pentagon, the Homeland Security Department and the nation's spy agencies attempt to understand the scope of the problem and plot a response. The

malware, according to a congressional official, was essentially "a ticking time bomb" that could give China the power to interrupt or slow American military deployments or resupply operations by cutting off power, water and communications to U.S. military bases. But its impact could be far broader, because that same infrastructure often supplies the houses and businesses of ordinary Americans, according to US officials. ANI

Indian-origin teen stabbed, robbed on his birthday in Australia

16-year-old Indian-origin boy was ambushed and stabbed on his birthday along with two of his friends in an unprovoked attack while they were playing basketball in Melbourne, according to a media report. The incident took place in Tarneit City on Thursday when Rhyhan Singh and his two friends were



ambushed by a gang armed with machetes, TV Channel 7News reported. A group of about seven to eight persons set upon the trio, demanding they hand over their mobile phones and also ordered Rhyhan to give up his new Nike Air Jordan sneakers, which he had only just received as a gift, the report said. PTI

Antarctica's sea ice falls to unprecedented lows for this time of year: Report



Antarctica's sea ice has fallen to unprecedented lows for this time of year, according to CNN. Every year, Antarctic sea ice shrinks to its lowest levels towards the end of February, during the continent's summer. The sea ice then builds back up over the winter. But, scientists have observed something different this year.

The sea ice has not returned to anywhere near expected levels and is at its lowest levels for this time of year since records began 45 years ago. The ice is around 1.6 million square kilometres (0.6 million square miles) below

the previous winter record low set in 2022, according to data from the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC). In mid-July, Antarctica's sea ice was 2.6 million square kilometres (1 million square miles) below the 1981 to 2010 average. That is an area nearly as large as Argentina or the combined areas of Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado. The phenomenon has been described by some scientists as off-the-charts exceptional – something that is so rare, the odds are that it only happens once in millions of years, as per CNN. ANI

Expression

When will India be the World-Leader in Morality?



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India has made a mark in world politics for her morality, dignity and ideal values; still on the other side, it has also continuously got her moral image tarnished. In the new political world order, power and stigma both go hand-in-hand, which is unfortunate, and the biggest obstacle in making a new India. In these circumstances, a news item from a small country, New Zealand, is full of lessons for the Indian politicians. Recently Justice Minister Kiri Allen had to resign from her post in New Zealand, just because Kiri had hit a parked car, while driving under the influence of alcohol. The incident that happened seems normal, but as a consequence to this accident, the minister had resigned on moral grounds, and it should serve as an inspiration for the modern Indian politicians. The laws should be equal for all. In case of crimes or gross mistakes, the politician should give up his post for presenting an example of uprightness.

However, the Indian politicians refuse to bother for honesty, morality and uprightness. In Manipur, May 4 video went viral, in which women from the Kuki community were paraded naked and assaulted by a group of men from the Meitei community. On this shameful incident in Manipur, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the incident of two women being paraded naked has brought shame to 140 crore Indians, but the question is why the Chief Minister of Manipur did not present an example through relinquishing his post by taking responsibility for it. Prior to this, for a long time Braj Bhushan Sharan Singh has been facing allegations of sexual harassment from female wrestlers; demonstrations were taking place in this connection, and why did he not resign from his post, so that the truth might have come out in the open. Finally, the charges have been framed against Braj Bhushan Sharan Singh under sections 506 (criminal intimidation), 354 (outraging the modesty of a woman),



354-A (sexual harassment) and 354-D (stalking) of the Indian Penal Code. Earlier, the video of the brutal manner in which the minister's son carried out the violent incident in Lakhimpur Khiri in Uttar Pradesh also went viral. Despite this, neither the resignation was taken from the minister concerned, nor was any offer made to resign till justice is done in this matter to discharge the ethics of being in a responsible position.

In the present times, the sensitivity, dignity and morality in politics are constantly being eroded, which not only questions politics, but also brings human sensitivity to the dock. So far, only cases of drunken sons of rich fathers crushing to death the poor people sleeping on footpaths have come to light. But, whenever heinous crimes were committed by the rich and influential people, the entire society showed proof of being civilized through protesting against the wrong-doers. In matters relating to Naina Sahnii Tandoor murder case or Nitish Katara murder case or Nirbhaya case, the whole society showed solidarity with the victims, but Lakhimpur Khiri and Brijbhushan incidents force us to think that the level of human sensitivity is continuously decreasing, or are we fast moving towards being a callous and insensitive society?

Immorality is spreading across the parties in politics in different ways. Defection and actions that are being taken with a sense of revenge on leaders are also examples of immorality. The defection of NCP MLAs led by Sharad Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar in recently to join Shinde's Shiv Sena-BJP government

has exposed the fact that leaders sell themselves to the highest bidder. And all this work is done with great precision and no excuses are made like— meeting of minds, ideology, principle, morality or personal preference etc. The Bharatiya Janata Party, which advocates ethics and values, has also started turning away from high values for political manipulation that is known for smart political management. He has also kept morality at bay by using state machinery and government agencies for coercion and intimidation.

In politics, everyone is showing the same hue— this is a bitter truth of today's Indian politics. In Bihar Nitish Kumar, till August last year when the JD(U) had not switched sides, was praising Narendra Modi, but soon after changing his side after Lalu's formation of a government he also changed. It seems that morality in Indian politics has also learned to live like Sunny Leone. It has become completely free from morality and without dignity in modern thoughts. Not all politicians are disturbed even by seeing the naked bodies of political parties, yet common people or hungry people covered with torn clothes hope that the morality of politics is somehow completely covered.

In a country with high political traditions of Lal Bahadur Shastri and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the expectation of self-resignation while fixing his responsibility should be considered meaningless in today's era, because this is not the era when politicians do not talk to anyone else related to their department who used to resign even on the slightest mistake of the government or let their government

fall due to lack of one vote. For Indian politicians and ministers who have the tendency to consider themselves above the law, the news from the small country of New Zealand is certainly exemplary. The question is, how long will our country remain sluggish in following the law and showing moral integrity? Not only are the laws strict in New Zealand, but politicians are far more cautious about morality and decorum than in the other countries. The Justice Minister there not only had to stay in the police station for three-four hours on a minor incident, but also had to resign from her post in the government. The Prime Minister of New Zealand has also accepted the resignation of the Justice Minister. This is not only one example in New Zealand; earlier this year, the then PM Jacinda Ardern announced her resignation from the post, saying that she no longer had the energy to work. Jesinda, who became the youngest woman Prime Minister of the world, bravely fought not only the Corona epidemic, but also the terrorist attacks in her country. For a country like India, it is going to teach more, where neither the law, nor the rules and regulations matter to the people sitting on the political chair. In minor road accidents, everyone is seen threatening the opposite party. The high talk of morality is seen only in the election manifestos of political parties here. Not only this, even after getting involved in big scams, politicians do not fail to flaunt their power. It is not that our politicians are not the ones who set the ideals of morality.

Entertainment

As a love story of a Punjabi man and a Bengali woman, "Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani" plays with stereotypes only to later break them, says writer Ishita Moitra, who believes the film is all about "falling in love with the differences" between people. The family entertainer, directed by Karan Johar, follows the love story of Rocky Randhawa (Ranveer Singh) and Rani Chatterjee (Alia Bhatt), who belong to contrasting backgrounds and cultures. "It is about celebrating your differences, it's a shout-out to inclusivity. There are many reasons why we hate someone or judge others, but it's about rising above those differences, accepting each other, and living with love. We were playing with the same stereotypes.

"In the film, no one is perfect. Like, this (culture) is a stereotype but when you invert it, you dig deep, you fall in love with the differences... Eventually, they stand for each other, they rise above those (things). Everybody understands there's no perfect community, perfect person or perfect love. You have to first make the stereotypes to break them," Moitra, also belongs to a Bengali household, told PTI in an interview.
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'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahani' is a shout-out to inclusivity says writer of the film

With the rise of paparazzi culture, travel style among celebrities has become as important as any red carpet event. Many stars are now under pressure to always look stylish especially at airports as shutterbugs are stationed 24*7 there to click them.

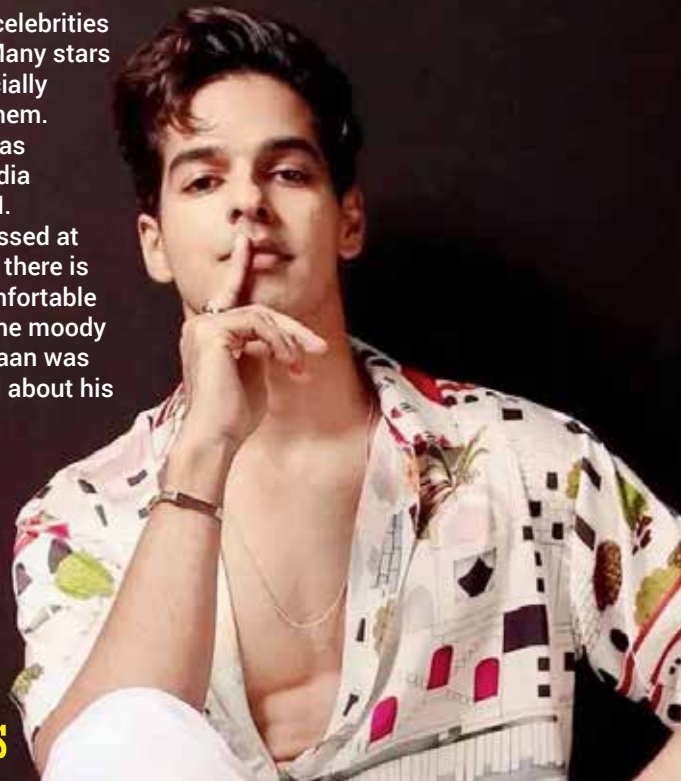
Actor Ishaan Khatter, who channelled his fashionable avatar as showstopper at Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna's show at India Couture Week in Delhi on Saturday night, briefly spoke to ANI.

Asked if he underwent the pressure to always be well-dressed at airport, Ishaan quipped, "No... I only only take pressure when there is turbulence on flight." He further said, "I always try to wear comfortable clothes irrespective of anything. I will be frowning and become moody if I wear uncomfortable clothes...so just be comfortable." Ishaan was in a fun candid mood during the conversation. He also talked about his "off-duty" style.

"Kachcha baniyan (undergarments)," he laughed out loud while mentioning his "off-duty" comfortable outfit. Isn't he funny?

Ishaan looked suave in a shiny suit from Rohit and Rahul's Equinox collection. He went shirtless on the runway, only wearing a tailored black blazer and matching black satin pants. ANI

This is what Ishaan Khatter has to say about the pressure of airport looks



"I feel comfortable in..." Ananya Panday turns 'golden bird' at ICW 2023

"Do eat biryani...": Sobhita Dhulipala's ramp walk tip will leave you in splits



Actress Sobhita Dhulipala's ramp walk for designers Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna's show at India Couture Week 2023 truly proved that she is an ultimate diva on the runway.

Decked up in a shimmery ensemble, Sobhita on Saturday oozed oomph with her hot walk at the gala. She owned the ramp last night and how. Joining her on the ramp as another showstopper was actor Ishaan Khatter. Like Sobhita, he also set the runway on fire.

On being asked to share dos and don'ts to follow before hitting the runway, Sobhita quipped, "Do eat biryani." The 'Made in Heaven' actress burst into laughter while mentioning the "biryani" thing. ANI

Actor Ananya Panday's ramp walk for designer Rimzim Dadu's show at India Couture Week 2023 truly proved that she is a stunning diva on the runway. Decked up in a golden shimmery ensemble, Ananya on Sunday oozed oomph with her hot walk at the gala. She owned the ramp on Sunday and how.

The muse for the fashion gala expressed her excitement for the show and told ANI, "I am feeling amazing and great. She made me a golden bird. So I am so happy."

On being asked to share her way-to-go outfits, Ananya told ANI, "I think people see me mostly in track pants and chappals and shorts. So, I feel comfortable in such outfits. They can be easily carried" ANI