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CM EKNATH SHINDE CONDEMNED A "WRONGFULLY EDITED" VIDEO

Gautam Korde

Video that went viral allegedly shows that the CM and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar being casual and giving just a lip service ahead of press conference on the Maratha reservation demand. That video has gone viral on social media where Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, two Dy CM's Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar CM said, "We have to speak and leave", Dy CM Ajit Pawar gives a confirmation by saying "Yes" and then Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis says, "Mike is on" and Eknath Shinde awkwardly smiles and looks at the media.

In reply to the viral video CM Eknath Shinde issued a statement stating that "We condemn the attempt to wrongfully edit and mischievously circulate a video clip of me, Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar. The state government is sensitive about this (Maratha) issue and has been the first to call an all-party meeting. Few opponents are purposely circulating the edited clip with our edited conversation and we condemn this."

While some people have mentioned that it seems state government is not serious about the issues which are affecting people of the state and statements as such spreading across social media has developed a mindset of government in the state which is not working for people.



Sharad Pawar faction NCP Ex-Home Minister Anil Deshmukh told Afternoon Voice, "Such statements coming from CM and Dy CM of Maharashtra is not correct and it seems they are not willing to give any reservation certificates. Many protests happening in the state is because of Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis as he does not want any reservation for Maratha".

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Dr. Vaidehi

Divorce is a riotous experience looked down upon by Indian society. It is a very necessary tool to separate oneself from spousal ordeal, or to mutually separate from their partner. Hindu Law recognises the right of the wife to claim many things such as alimony to property. Divorce laws largely favour women. Whereas men in most of the cases get victimised. In the recent past the Bombay HC allowed a woman's plea to transfer divorce proceedings, saying wife's convenience to be preferred over that of husband. Court says important decisions still taken in India with guidance of elders, matter of concern for women to travel alone for divorce proceedings without family members.

The Bombay High Court has allowed a plea by a woman seek-

ing transfer of divorce proceedings filed by her estranged husband before the family court at Nashik to Pune and observed that the wife's convenience has to be preferred over that of the husband. In her application, the woman reasoned that she cannot travel alone to conduct the matter in Nashik since she is staying with her elderly parents in Pune. Since her father has recently undergone eye surgery and is facing other ailments, there is no male member of the family to accompany or escort her from Pune to Nashik for the proceedings and the same should be transferred from Nashik to Pune, she requested.

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considering the respondent-husband's health condition, the court granted him liberty to appear before the family court in Pune through video conferencing on dates where his physical presence is not required.

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However, considering the respondent-husband's health condition, the court granted him liberty to appear before the family court in Pune through video conferencing on dates where his physical presence is not required. A single-judge bench of Justice Abhay Ahuja on September 8 observed that "in a country like India, important decisions such as marriage, divorce are still taken with the guidance and blessings of elders in the family". The judge added that "for a woman to travel alone for the proceedings to a Court where the fate of her marriage is going to be decided without any family member would definitely be a matter of concern and cause not only physical inconvenience but also emotional and psychological inconvenience."

The high court noted, "respondent-husband would also no doubt be undergoing panic and anxiety, as per past Supreme Court judgement, however, in these types of matters, it is the convenience of the wife that is to be preferred over the convenience of the husband." Advocate Hitesh P Vyas for the applicant-wife submitted that the couple got married in 2019, and there were no issues between the two for three-and-a-half years. Vyas claimed that in October 2022, she was compelled to leave her matrimonial home due to differences of opinion. The applicant argued that while the estranged husband dropped her at her parents' house in Pune, he had assured her he would bring her back within a week and believing the promise, she came to stay in Pune with her parents.

As per the application, in February this year, the husband filed a petition for dissolution of marriage before the family court in Nashik, which the applicant did not know until the husband's cousin came to Pune in April this year to hand over her belongings. After that, the applicant issued notice to the husband seeking a decree of divorce alleging certain wrongs committed by him, and if he wanted to resolve the issue amicably, she would seek a decree by mutual consent upon conditions, including permanent maintenance of Rs 1 crore. Vyas denied allegations made by the estranged husband of his client and sought transfer of divorce proceedings from Nashik to Pune "in interest of justice".

However, advocate Varsha Pichaya for the husband opposed the application and said that her client's condition had deteriorated due to alleged harassment and mental cruelty from the applicant and that she had willingly left her matrimonial home in Nashik. Pichaya also said the applicant had travelled to Nashik in June this year to enquire about the proceedings, and she can



continue to attend the same.

It is important to note that maintenance and alimony are separate legal concepts. Maintenance is financial support provided to a spouse during the subsistence of the marriage or after divorce, while alimony is financial support provided to a spouse after divorce to help maintain the lifestyle and standard of living that was enjoyed during the marriage. It is better to divorce than stay in an abusive relationship. There is a limit to suffering. In India divorces are increasing though divorce rate is less. Mutual divorce is easy. But if it is contested it is difficult. Laws are more in favour of women in most countries, not only India.

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Two unnatural deaths

- M Pradyu
Columnist

following heavy fever in Kozhikode, Kerala recently has again led to panic as the medical results issued by the National Institute of Virology in Pune has confirmed that death occurred due to the deadly nipah virus.

The Kerala health department and the Central agencies have given an alarm and all medical and local bodies of the district alerted to take immediate measures so that the fatal disease doesn't spread and cause more fatalities.

A central medical team of experts has been sent to Kerala to take stock of the situation and to assist the state government in the management of the Nipah virus infection. It will help the state government in the management

of the infection. Meanwhile samples of some more people from Kerala who were in the contact list of the deceased have been sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune for testing for the deadly virus.

The healthcare facilities and awareness among the people

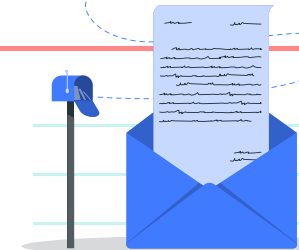


in the state undoubtedly makes the situation sans panic. Awareness, confidence, grit and determination undoubtedly helps to overcome such health crisis rather than getting succumbed to pressure, panic and phobia. Half the battle is won when there is no panic and pressure.

The way in which the health officials, the police, the panchayats, other local bodies, local health volunteers, politicians, the press and the commoner alerted and supported one another for the containment of nipah in 2018 and Corona

Pandemic in 2020 is a testimony of how the state and the public can play a vital role during such health crisis. Negligence and dereliction can cause only casualties and therefore the state and the central should join hands and see that this sudden health crisis is controlled and put to an end.

Letters to the Editor



When Imran Khan was the...

When Imran Khan was the PM of Pakistan, he was keen on resolving the Kashmir issue with India. Hopefully, the present PM of Pakistan will settle this long-standing border crisis. Pakistan should also move away from China and mend its ties with the United States of America.

Jubel D'Cruz

crazy about Indian clothes. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak also showed his desi look. Yuko Kishida, wife of the President of Japan, was seen wearing a traditional Banarasi saree, while on the other hand, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh was also seen wearing a saree during the conference. International Monetary Fund (IMF) MD Kristalina Georgieva was seen in traditional suit-salwar. India's hosting of G-20 has left a profound impact on the world. Today, leading countries around the world are praising India. In such a situation, India's head has become proud in the whole world.

Ashraf Nawaz

political parties are engaged in the process of ticket distribution. Except Congress, remaining declaring their candidates. dates has also come. There is abundant mineral wealth here, Madhya Pradesh is also the most suitable state in the country for eco-tourism. In the year 2022, over 3.4 crore tourists including domestic and foreign visited Madhya Pradesh. Therefore, all political parties should debate on economic programs and basic issues and politics should also be conducted on this basis. Overall, negative politics based on castism and religion should have no place in democracy.

Jahangir Ali

Russia-Ukraine war, USA-China rivalry, it seems that this summit may fail because, Western countries will not waste any opportunity to criticize Russia on Ukraine and China on Taiwan and on such issues. And Russia and its Allies will not sign either, but India today has established itself as a link between the least developing countries and developed countries. Whether it is India's request to make the African Union a G20 members or raising issues like food insecurity, debt trap, and climate change for these countries during the G20 meeting. And so there is a high possibility that in G20 meeting, all the countries will agree on these issues and also sign the joint statement.

Md Mofidul Ali

India is India everywhere

During the two-day G-20 summit, there was a gathering of dynamic world leaders in the country's capital Delhi. During this time, foreign guests were seen mingling with Indian culture and folk art. Women especially became

MP Elections

Now only a few days are left for Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections. There is a possibility that the Central Election Commission will declare the election schedule by October 10. All

Will the G20 summit be successful or not?

--It depends on whether all the members sign the joint statement at the end of the G20 summit or not. Seeing today's geopolitical situation,

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Joint rallies of the MVA 'Vajramooth' will soon resume



Ahead of Opposition alliance INDIA's first meeting of co-ordination committee scheduled to take place in New Delhi on Wednesday, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray and MP Sanjay Raut met NCP president Sharad Pawar at Silver Oak, Pawar's south Mumbai residence on Tuesday.

The first meeting of the 14-member coordination committee of the Opposition INDIA alliance will take place at Pawar's residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. NCP state president Jayant Patil, who was also present in the meeting on Tuesday, said that a discussion regarding the INDIA alliance and Maha Vikas Aghadi took place during the meeting and that the talks for seat-sharing between the INDIA alliance and MVA parties will take place soon. "It

was decided during the INDIA alliance meeting in Mumbai that the seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha polls should be expedited and for that a discussion has to take place with Congress. Uddhav ji Thackeray will be talking to Congress leaders. A meeting for holding talks about seat-sharing will take place this month," Patil said, adding that the joint rallies of the MVA 'Vajramooth' will soon resume. "It was decided during the INDIA alliance meeting in Mumbai that the seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha polls should be expedited and for that a discussion has to take place with Congress. Uddhav ji Thackeray will be talking to Congress leaders. A meeting for holding talks about seat-sharing will take place this month," Patil said, adding that the joint rallies of the MVA 'Vajramooth' will soon resume.

3 cops suspended for lathicharge on protesters; wrong message to rank & file, say senior officers

A day after Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said action will be taken against police personnel involved in lathicharge on Maratha protesters in Jalna, the state home department on Tuesday issued two orders suspending Jalna's additional superintendent of police (ASP) Rahul Khade and deputy superintendent of police (DSP) Mukund Aghav.

The DGP office also suspended a police officer of the Assistant Police Inspector (API) rank.

The move comes after Chief Minister Eknath Shinde promised to take action against those responsible for the lathicharge, a demand persistently raised by Maratha activist Manoj Jarange Patil, who has been on a hunger strike since August 29 to press the demand for reservation for the Maratha community. Shinde also promised the protesters that the at least five FIRs registered against them for law and order problems created in Jalna would be withdrawn.

Veteran journalist Walter Alfred passes away at 103

Former Press Trust of India (PTI) journalist Walter Alfred, who covered many landmark events in the last century, passed away on Wednesday at his home near Mumbai, his family said. "Papa would have turned 103 later this month. He passed away at 1.30 am peacefully in sleep at his Mira Road home," his daughter Anita told PTI.

Alfred used to regale anyone who met him with anecdotes from his meetings with world leaders, facing arrest in Pakistan and covering wars. A resident of Srishti complex in Mira Road since the last several years, the veteran journalist who traversed the globe as a PTI correspondent, was witness to some of the most historic moments of the 20th century.



From covering India's Independence and the days of Indira Gandhi's Emergency, to reporting on the India-Pakistan and Vietnam wars, to rubbing shoulders with leaders from Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistani General Ayub Khan to former Indonesian premier Sukarno, Alfred had seen it all.

Born and brought up in Mangalore, Alfred had a penchant

for news from a very young age. For his undergraduate course, he studied History at the then Government College in Mangalore. He moved to Khalsa College in Mumbai. Three days after the 1971 India-Pakistan war broke out, Alfred was jailed for a month in Rawalpindi on espionage charges. His assignment as PTI's Southeast Asia correspondent saw him stationed at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Singapore.

After working for 60 years, Alfred retired in 1980, but found it hard to let go of his passion for journalism. He went on to teach the subject at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication. He moved back to Mumbai in 1997, and kept writing for Indonesian and Malaysian papers for several years. **PTI**

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CM Eknath Shinde condemned a "wrongfully edited" video



Activist working for 'Maratha Reservation' **Vinod Patil** said, "We are completely against these statements coming from the CM and Dy CM of Maharashtra as people had hope and faith with government but if they are only not serious about these issues then for whom they are working and what are the citizens supposed to do in this situation is question raised in Maharashtra".



Congress **MLA P N Patil** said, "Maharashtra state does not have entire authority for the approval of giving the reservation to maratha's as it comes from central government which is present at Delhi. With such dialogues it also seems that government is trying to divert people from the actual issues which they are facing".



UBT Shiv Sena faction MLC **Sunil Shinde** said, "Government is not serious about the giving the reservation to people as they do not have any intend to any kind of reservation and they are only giving statement for name's sake. These statements create panic and issues amongst people and false FIR cases are been logged against them".

His statement comes after Leader of Opposition in Maharashtra Assembly Vijay Wadettiwar slammed the state government over the leaked video of Shinde and two Deputy CMs. In the video, few moments before the press conference, Shinde is heard saying 'What do we do. We will speak and walk away'. While Pawar replies in the affirmative, Fadnavis reminds them that the mic was on. Watch

the interaction between these three prominent leaders of the government before the press conference after the all-party meeting last night for Maratha reservation. His exclamation "We want to be free to speak" shows his disinterest in the Maratha reservation issue. All the members of the society are protesting all over the state for Maratha reservation. Many have given up food. It is seen that our Maratha youth is trying to wake up the state government through various means. However, this government is only wasting time. On the one hand society is fighting for life and death through peace, see how seriously this triple engine of the government is taking this issue. Society is looking at you now...

"Before the discussion, we were talking at the place of the press conference. But our discussion was going on saying 'let's talk on positive issues only, no political talk'. We said that we will leave after talking that much. Our discussion was 'no political commentary'. But today an attempt was made to create confusion in the Maratha society by removing the front and back words of those words. These efforts were made by disaffected people", said Eknath Shinde on this occasion.

Meanwhile, Shinde criticized the Uddhav Thackeray government saying that the reservation given by Fadnavis could not be sustained. "All I can say is that when reservation was given to the Maratha community during the Fadnavis era, it was upheld in the High Court. But it could not survive in the Supreme Court. I don't want to talk about it today because of someone", said Eknath Shinde at this time

Nation

Gujarat: PM Modi and CM Bhupendra Patel announces ex-gratia for kin of dead in Bharatpur accident



will receive an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh while the injured will receive Rs 50,000 each. The Gujarat government stands by the kin of the deceased and the injured at this difficult time."

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the next of kin of those, who lost their lives in the accident, the PMO informed through a statement, adding that the injured would receive Rs 50,000 each. The bus had halted on the highway for some repair work when the trailer rammed it from the rear, police said, adding that some passengers were on the bus while the others were standing outside at the time of the accident. ANI

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel on Wednesday announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each for the next of kin of the 12 people, who died in a horrific highway accident at Bharatpur in neighbouring Rajasthan on Wednesday morning. A trailer rammed a bus, which was headed from

Bhavnagar in Gujarat to Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, from the rear in the early hours of Wednesday.

Taking to his official handle on social media platform 'X', CM Patel condoled the loss of lives in the accident, posting, "The next of kin of each of the pilgrims, who perished in the tragic accident in Rajasthan's Bharatpur,

Fake encounters during 2002-06 in Gujarat: SC to hear pleas seeking probe after next week



The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that it will hear after next week pleas seeking a probe into the alleged fake encounter cases in Gujarat from 2002 to 2006, whose probe was monitored by a former top court judge Justice HS Bedi. A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia adjourned the matter after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the State, said a letter seeking adjournment has been circulated by the petitioners.

Mehta said senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi representing petitioners is not available due to health reasons.

The pleas were filed in 2007 by senior journalist BG Verghese and lyricist Javed Akhtar seeking

a probe into the alleged fake encounters. Verghese passed away in 2014. The top court had set up a monitoring committee under former Supreme Court judge HS Bedi for probing 17 alleged fake encounter cases from 2002 to 2006. The committee in 2019 had submitted a report to the apex court in a sealed cover where it recommended the prosecution of police officials in three out of the 17 cases it probed. On November 9, 2022, the apex court observed that the limited contours which have now to be examined involved whether any directions were required to be issued pursuant to the report of the Justice Bedi committee. Ultimately the issue now revolves around three encounters, it said. ANI

Cauvery river dispute: Former CMs Yediyurappa, Bommai, Kumaraswamy won't attend the meet called by CM Siddaramaiah

Former Karnataka Chief Ministers -- B S Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai of the BJP and H D Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) -- will not be attending the "special emergency meeting" called by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday to discuss the issue of releasing Cauvery river water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu. The meeting was convened at short notice following the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)



on Tuesday recommending that Karnataka release 5,000 cusecs of water every day for the next 15 days to Tamil Nadu. Bommai and

Kumaraswamy said they are pre-occupied with prior commitments but made their stand clear on the issue. PTI

MP: A teacher beaten-up, thrashed taken to police for his 'obscene acts' with girl student, video gets viral

A teacher of a private coaching institute in Madhya Pradesh's Indore was stripped and beaten up on Wednesday by a group of people, who later took him to a police station for allegedly indulging in obscene acts with

a 17-year-old girl preparing for NEET exam, an official said. A video of the teacher being thrashed by the group has gone viral on social media. "The teacher of the private coaching institute allegedly called the teenage girl, preparing for Na-

tional Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), to a cafe on the pretext of helping her in her studies. But when she reached the place, he indulged in obscene acts with her," Tukoganj police station in-charge Jitendra Yadav said. PTI

Odisha: A scrub typhus infection leaves at least five people dead in a month

At least five people in Odisha died in a month due to scrub typhus infection, which spreads through bites of infected chiggers (larval mites), an official said on Wednesday. While two of the deceased were from Sohela block, Attabira, Bheden and Barpali blocks of Bargarh district reported one such death case

each, said Bargarh Chief District Medical and Public Health Officer, Sadhu Charan Das. Those who died of the infection were diagnosed in hospitals outside the district, he said, adding that two cases were detected in Burla Medical College, two others in a private hospital and another in a Bolangir hospital. PTI

Jammu and Kashmir: Three senior officers were killed in gunfight with terrorists

Three security force officers including an Army Colonel were killed in a gunfight with terrorists in Koker-nag area of Kashmir's Anantnag district, officials said here on Wednesday. Colonel Manpreet

Singh, Major Ashish, deputy superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat were critically injured in the gunfight and died later, they said. Bhat died due to heavy blood loss, they added. PTI

World

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un in support of Moscow, says “punish the evil forces”



Issuing support to Moscow in the ongoing war in Ukraine, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un told President Vladimir Putin that Russia will emerge victorious in the fight to “punish the evil forces”, adding that he would “always be standing with Russia”, CNN reported on Wednesday. He praised Russia for having “stood up against the hegemonic forces” to defend its sovereignty and security – a veiled reference

to the US and the West – and said he has expressed “the full and unconditional support to all that Russia does in response”, CNN reported.

Kim said the Russian military and its people will inherit the “shining tradition of victory” and demonstrate their reputation on the front line of the “military operation”.

The North Korean leader added that both the leaders had an “in-

depth discussion” on the political and military landscape of Korean Peninsula and Europe. Kim vowed to establish “a new era of 100-year friendship” between two countries, and proposed a toast to “the great Russia’s new victory” and Putin’s health. Notably, these remarks come amid concerns of Russia getting into an arms deal with North Korea, according to CNN. On the other hand, Russian President Vladimir Putin has said the country is considering and discussing some military cooperation with North Korea, CNN reported citing Russian state news agency Russia 1. “Well, there are certain restrictions, and Russia complies with all these restrictions,” Putin told state-owned Russia 1. “But there are things that we can of course talk about, discuss, think about it. And here too there are prospects,” he added. ANI

Russia's drone attack in Ukraine's Odesa and Sumy leaves 7 injured

Seven people were injured after a Russian drone attack in Ukraine's Odesa and Sumy regions, CNN reported citing the head of the Odesa region military administration Oleh Kiper. In a post shared on Telegram, Oleh Kiper said, “A total of seven civilians were injured as a result of Russian attack drones at the Izmail district. Six people in Reni and one in Izmail,” CNN reported.

He further said, “Two men from Reni are in serious condition, in the intensive care unit, today they will be transported to Odesa.” He stated that four people are in “moderate condition” and they will receive treatment in Reni. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Air Force said they destroyed 32 out of 44 Shahed-136/131 drones launched towards Ukraine, CNN reported. It further said that the attacks were launched from the Russian regions of Primorsko-

Akhatarsk and Kursk and Chauda in Russian-annexed Crimea. The Ukrainian Air Force said, “Fighter aircraft, anti-aircraft missile units, mobile fire groups of the Air Force and the Defense Forces of Ukraine were involved in repelling the attack.”

Earlier on September 12, Russian state nuclear corporation Rosatom head Alexey Likhachev said that Ukraine attacked Enerhodar city in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia on Monday and added that two drones were downed, Russia-based Sputnik reported. Speaking to reports on the sidelines of the ongoing Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Vladivostok, Likhachev said, “There was a massive drone attack on the city of Energodar yesterday [on Monday]. Six airstrikes were recorded around 6 pm [local time, 15:00 GMT]. Two drones were eliminated on approach, four struck,” according to Sputnik report. ANI

Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority has not carried out inspection of 35 airlines



The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in Pakistan has not carried out inspection of 35 Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flights which can jeopardise the issuance of the required certificate for next year’s flights, The Express Tribune reported on Wednesday. The Pakistan aviation authority has made observations about technical problems of planes and crew training among other issues.

According to the news daily, the airline was asked to complete the inspections by the CAA by December 2023. Along with the grounded planes, the aircraft flown abroad and by Pakistan

Navy are also included in the inspection list. The deadline for the next year's air operator certificate is January 31, 2024. A list of aircraft under the heading of operations specifications has been issued by the CAA director of flight standards. The list contains details of 12 Boeing 777, 17 Airbus A320 and six ATR planes of the airline.

The CAA has repeatedly asked the national flag carrier to have the inspections of these planes completed. A total of 15 planes of the PIA are grounded, two are abroad while two are being used by another organisation of the country. ANI

Fire in Vietnam's apartment in Hanoi leaves 10 dead, 50 injured

As many as ten people have been killed and more than 50 injured in a fire in a nine-floor apartment building in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi, Al Jazeera reported. The official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported that the fire broke out at about midnight local time on Wednesday but had been contained by 2 am (19:00 GMT).

The news agency said the building was home to 150 people and located down a narrow alley in a residential area southwest of Hanoi. Some 70 people were rescued from the block, with 54 of them rushed to hospital, it added. State-owned national television channel VTV said four children were among those killed. Television images showed firefighters equipped with hoses and ladders at the scene by night, while a column of thick, dark smoke billowed from the building during the day, as per CNN.



A witness said a small child was thrown from a high floor to escape the flames. “I was about to sleep when I smelled something. I went outside and saw the fire,” she said. “The smoke was everywhere. There was a little boy thrown from a high floor, I don’t know whether he survived or not

although people used a mattress to catch him,” she said.

Police have launched an investigation into the cause of the fire. Vietnam has experienced several deadly fires in recent years, frequently at entertainment venues like popular karaoke bars, as per CNN. ANI

Expression

Advantages of early education for children



Vijay Garg

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Psychologists claim that imparting early education to children between the ages of 3 and 5 is highly beneficial for their overall development. Preschools provide toddlers with a positive learning environment so that they can learn the basic life skills required to face the world with confidence. Here are the 13 benefits of imparting early childhood education that gives your toddler a headstart towards a happy and healthy future:

Benefits of pre-primary education

1. Nurtures inquisitiveness

Toddlers are born with an inherent urge to understand the world around them. They have an active imagination and are always eager to discover new things, make new friends, and explore new environments. Early childhood education nurtures this inquisitiveness and imagination of your child so that they can become effective learners.

2. Improves child's concentration

Toddlers are curious and playful by nature; hence, they have a shorter attention span compared to adults. Early childhood education imparted by pre-primary schools helps boost concentration in children. It also encourages them to be good listeners, so that they can follow directions or do tasks on their own or participate actively in group activities.

3. Boosts cognitive skills

Preschools play a key role in strengthening the cognitive skills of young minds. Since toddlers get the opportunity to engage in a variety of practical activities, the fun learning environment motivates them to solve problems, observe things closely, and ask questions to satiate their curiosity.



4. Teaches diversity

The multicultural classroom environment in pre-primary schools teaches toddlers to embrace and respect diversity in cultures and opinions so that they become well-rounded individuals. It helps them understand the fact that every individual is unique in his or her own way.

5. Boosts confidence

Early childhood education encourages your child to be confident in social set-ups. Pre-primary schools appreciate her every big and small achievement and enable her to perceive her talents and capabilities in a positive yet realistic way. This instills a sense of competence in her, thus, boosting her self-confidence and self-esteem.

6. Makes a lifelong learner

Pre-primary education provides your toddlers with a fun environment that instills in them an eagerness to learn. This inspires your child to become a lifelong learner.

7. Builds team spirit

In order to develop the social competence of your child, pre-primary classrooms use fun ways to encourage toddlers to work in a team. By inculcating team spirit in young

minds, pre-primary teachers teach students how to work collaboratively in a group environment to achieve a shared goal. As a result, the child becomes a good listener and learns to respect the opinion of his team members so that the team can function without any disruption.

8. Builds resilience

Pre-primary education encourages your child to become independent and tough in life so that she can deal with greater challenges in a resilient manner. The teachers provide her with a challenging environment so that she can find suitable solutions to problems and face difficulties without losing heart.

9. Enhances social and emotional skills

Preschools train children to become socially and emotionally aware by regulating their behavior and helping them create a personal identity. At the same time, preschools promote social interactions as your child gets the opportunity to develop friendships with her fellow classmates.

10. Prepares for school

Pre-primary education plays a critical role in preparing your child for kindergarten and beyond. Social readiness and emotional preparedness

combined with pre-reading / writing skills and a basic understanding of mathematical concepts help him succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

11. Develops early math skills

Early childhood education promotes numeracy and early math skills in toddlers which later help them solve more complicated mathematical problems in high school.

12. Encourages patience

Pre-primary schools provide your child with ample opportunities to learn the art of patience so that he can face challenging situations in life with persistence and fortitude.

13. Teaches cooperation

Preschools teach your child the valuable skills of cooperation through classroom games, which involve sharing, following instructions, and taking turns. Cooperation is an important life skill that helps her build relationships and get along with others in any situation.

In order to ensure the success of future generations, it is the parents' responsibility to optimize the early years of their children's education. It is the most powerful investment they can make towards ensuring a bright future for themselves.

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Actress Kajol pens sweet note for his son's 13th birthday, says "baby boy"



Star couple Kajol and Ajay Devgn's son Yug turned 13 on Wednesday. Marking his special day, Kajol penned a heartfelt post, showering her "motherly love" on him.

"Happy happy 13th birthday baby boy. This day will never come again in ur life. It's momentous for the both of us .. u because u become a young adult and me because I now have a young adult as a child. Love you to bits and pieces," she wrote. Alongside the note, Kajol dropped an adorable selfie with Yug.

Earlier in the morning, Ajay also wished Yug in a special way. As Yug entered the teenage phase, Ajay sweetly wrote how Yug is slowly outgrowing his lap. He also shared a picture with his son. "He's outgrowing my lap already. Happy birthday beta... thoda ahiste ahiste bada ho yaar (sic)," Ajay captioned the post.

Ajay and Kajol got married in 1999. The star couple welcomed daughter Nysa on April 20, 2003. Seven years later, their son Yug was born on September 13, 2010. **ANI**

Actress Pallavi Joshi open up about 'The Vaccine War', says "This film is not based on Covid"



Makers of the upcoming film 'The Vaccine War' recently unveiled the film's official trailer which received a good response from the audience. Starring Nana Patekar, Anupam Kher, and Pallavi Joshi in the lead roles the film is set to hit the theatres on September 28.

Talking exclusively to ANI about 'The Vaccine War', Pallavi Joshi said, "A lot of people are confused...But this film is not based on Covid. We are only talking about how the vaccine was made and the problems faced during that time. This is not a dark film in any sense...It is a very positive film that celebrates our success. The audience will be filled with pride when they leave the theatres after watching it...We have proved that India can do it..." **ANI**

Actor Chris Evans and Alba Baptista are all set to celebrate second wedding in Portugal



The 'The Gray Man' actor Chris Evans, who recently got married to Portuguese actress Alba Baptista, is going to have a second wedding celebration in Europe, reported Page Six. "There is going to be a second gathering in Portugal for members of Alba's family who couldn't be in Massachusetts," a source exclusively told, as per Page Six. "Sometime this week, I believe. Then they'll depart from Portugal for their honeymoon."

Reps for both actors did not immediately respond to Page Six's request for comment. The news of the second party comes days after Evans, 42, and Baptista, 26, tied the knot in an intimate ceremony at their Boston-area home. Page Six learned that the 'Captain America: Civil War' star and the 'Warrior Nun' actress invited their closest family and friends to the "beautiful" ceremony. An insider told us that the nuptials were "locked down tight" and attendees had to sign NDAs and hand in their cell phones. **ANI**

Actress Raveena Tandon posts a sweet note with pictures on social media with her 'grandson'



Actress Raveena Tandon penned down an adorable birthday wish for her grandson Rudra. On Tuesday, the 'KGF 2' actor shared a string of throwback pictures which she captioned, "Happy Birthday my dear Baby's baby... @rudramendes ! my dear Rudra , wishing you a happy happy 4 th ! May Mahadev always light up your path with love and happiness, glory and success... I love .. Glam ma."

In the pictures, she shared adorable glimpses of her grandson and her other family members. Soon after she dropped the pictures, fans flooded the comment section with red heart emoticons and sweet birthday wishes. **ANI**