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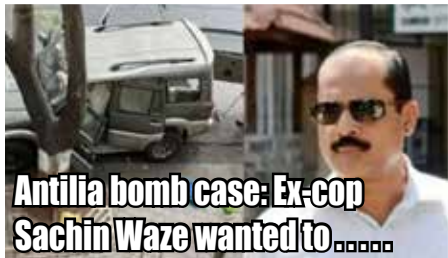
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G 20 Summit: PM Modi gives credit to everyone for the grand events grand success

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday interacted with 'Team G20' at Bharat Mandapam and while said that the credit for the success of the summit goes to them.

"We got appreciation from everywhere and it is because of the hard work of all the functionaries and said the Credit for the G20 Summit's Success goes to all of you (Team

G20)" PM Modi said.

He then urged the officials who contributed to G20's success to record their experiences on a website.

"I have a request to make that if you all can record your experiences, this will serve as guidelines for future events," he said.

Around 3000 people, who were a part

of the G20 Summit that held in the national capital earlier this month are taking part in the interaction.

The team includes the ones who have worked at the ground level to ensure the smooth conduct of the Summit.

This includes functionaries like cleaners, drivers, waiters and other staff from across various ministries. The event was

also attended by ministers and officials of various departments.

The interaction was followed by a gala dinner.

India's theme for the G20 Presidency was 'One Earth One Family One Future'.

The New Delhi Declaration was adopted by G20 leaders on September 9, the first day of the summit. ANI

Journey of a media rebel, crossing all the odds to pursue her career

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

I started my journalism career at the age of 17 as a translator in one trade magazine in the diamond market of Mumbai. Soon I joined an English tabloid and worked there for a year as a trainee reporter. After that I joined a local cable news channel which was very popular those days, where I worked as a local news correspondent. The cable news got shut due to their own issues and again I was in search of a job but fortunately by now my media training from print to visuals was almost completed. I joined Astha channel and made a children's series called "Chotisi Baat Nanhonke Saath". One newly launched health channel called Care TV saw my work and assigned me health-based documentary making for their channel. The journalist in me was not happy with what I was doing but these opportunities gave me a lot of experience and exposure.

Without much struggle I got a break in Free Press journal, an English daily of Mumbai to work as court correspondent, and I was very keen to do it because those days I was studying law. My college used to be in the morning and newspapers reporting was after that. My studies

and my work were in a lot of balance. My major coverage was Maharashtra Navnirman Sena's attack on North Indian students appearing for railway recruitment examinations; they were brutally assaulted by his party men. While I was working with a free press journal, I received a call from Late Mr A R Kanangi the then associate editor of Afternoon Despatch and Courier. I was assigned political coverage, one long year I ruled the frontpage with my reports and by-lines, which bothered many old guards of ADC but the owner Mr Morarka was impressed with my work and one fine day he promoted me as City editor.

This promotion became hell for me, I had to face worst of politics in that publication house. Some colleagues used to write anonymous letters to Mr Morarka, there were series of letters written against me. They didn't stop there a frustrated soul also wrote a obnoxious blog on me. The old staff of ADC could never digest the fact that I joined their publication and soon became its city editor.

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There were many people waiting for their elevations but I became a hindrance. I used to work for 15 to 16 long hours a day. My body and mind reached to a saturation. Many people left their jobs due to undue pressure and cheap politics. I also wanted to get out of that filth. My experience and wisdom did not allow me to take any kind of burden. I was threatened, warned of not getting a job anywhere. But at that moment I decided to quit. I came out of the newspaper office; my heart was calm but my head was heavy.

Next Few days I was breathing the freedom of staying at home, one day I received a letter from them asking me to resign. It was emotional turbulence, I wanted to quit the job but when I received that letter, I was in unknown pain. I was troubled to get my experience letter from them, my dues and full final settlements were kept pending. They delayed it for their own reasons, I had to chase them for quite a long time. There is a saying "when going gets tough the tough get going". While I was in town, I met Advocate Rohini Salian, she was my mentor, well-wisher and guide. I told her that I quit the job and now don't want to work under any banner but wish to start my own publication. She encouraged me to follow my intuitions and fulfill the dreams. She said do what you believe in, start your own newspaper but plan for it.

Planning for it means finance was an inevitable part. I was heartbroken and hopeless, one evening my kid friend, partner in crime and my confidant Aditi and I went to the terrace of my building to have chill evening chats but I was silently watching the moon, I was in deep pain or maybe in deep silence. I know what I wanted to do but I was clueless of how to do it. I wanted to reach that sky but also wanted to find the stairs to climb towards my aims. Adi shook me and asked "are you lost?". I told her that I lost my job and now I don't want to join any media house for survival but aiming to do something and not finding ways. She gave me a heavy dose of motivation; she made me believe that I can do it. The Next day I approached my friend Sachin and told him about my newspaper venture, he agreed to help me with a couple of lakhs. But that was not enough, and finally I mortgaged my house knowing that I would have no shelter if I lost it. I got a good fund after mortgaging my house. Some small amount I fixed for the emergency of life. And with the remaining funds I made a blueprint of required expenses to start a newspaper. It took me time to draw conclusions and go ahead with the plan. It was 2009 January I was called to Esplanade court for title registration formalities. There was one senior gentleman who helped me register a newspaper title that I wanted, "Afternoon Voice". When I was in ADC people used to say you are the news face and voice of Afternoon. The term Afternoon and its Voice was very close to my heart that is why I decided to name my newspaper as "Afternoon Voice".

There was also another reason to have this name, those days many employees were sacked, some left abruptly, but none of them were allowed to put their point or given a chance to voice their opinion. I created this platform for all those voices who were deprived. Meanwhile, in the living room of my house I made my office. We purchased two second-hand computers from one, who about to shut the vernacular newspaper. That person gave me knowledge about printing newspapers, circulating and all other aspects of the business which were remotely not thought of by me. I mean, I was really naïve on that front. Looking at my pocket and sitting in the office of a failed businessman made me temporarily miserable but still I was determined to do what I wanted to do.

I approached a circulation agency, but that agency owner did not take me seriously in the first place, he thought I was just venting out of frustration. But still he gave me valuable suggestions and keeping that in mind, my search began for a printing press. I visited several people, they all were asking for the volume that I wanted to print and size of the newspaper, number of black and white pages, and number of colour pages, or all colour or all black and white. Here I realized that my homework is incomplete, just managing funds and office is not enough. Now coming back to my team, they were all school dropouts and there one page designer who was professional but never worked for a newspaper. I gave him a copy of some tabloid and told him to design exactly. He roughly designed the pages, I decided to keep 16 pages firstly, 8 black and white and 8 colour pages. All news pages were in black and front page, entertainment pages, supplements, letter diary in colour. At least this time I had some rough idea of how my newspaper will look.

Here I realized, just computers are not enough but we need printers and scanners too. My next investment was my printer and scanner. We got a brand-new colour printer and scanner on EMI. My happiness knew no bounds when I got the rough print of layout in my hand. I did prayers, treated everyone with some sweets and the next day my search for printing press was on. These days I was working for 24 hours. I was unable to sleep, my dreams were chasing me and they did not allow me to close my eyes. Well, the power naps gave me a lot energy to sustain for the day. I used to stay in Borivali and my meetings used to be in south Mumbai. So, every day I travelled to Churchgate from Borivali. I had a phone but they were not as smart as they are now. After meeting the printer, I lined up my visit with Former Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra RR Patil, in my short visit I told him that I am coming up with my own publication. He was very calm person; it seems he did not believe my words but congratulated me for the sake of formalities. And also gave me a piece of advice, "journalist should always approach politicians to make them accountable for their jobs, your pen should have power to question, and if someone doing good work also unconditionally appreciate it." The day you write to seek benefits, that day your pen will turn to be corrupt." He was one humble soul, never hesitated to talk to scribes. I was taking leave, he gave me one pen which is still with me, and said more power to you. I was literally in a daze. Since I left his office, I was mentally in my dreams and physically dragging my body. When I reached the ground floor of Mantralaya, someone called me from behind. It

was my well-wisher Mr Anil Kumar Gaikwad, whom I used to call Anna. Anna, means big brother. He asked me to join him for a cup of tea, as he was heading towards his office in the same building. He is one sweetest person that I have met in my life, always smiling, calm and with good energy. I was introduced to him by my journalist friend. He used to like my reports and columns. And I used to like his approach towards life, he empowered many youths without making noise about it.

His office was one charity center and he was known for his humanitarian contributions. See how God plans everything for us if our goals are strong and truthful. I showed him the blueprint of my dream project, he was very much impressed. He always encouraged and appreciated independent people. To my surprise, later on he introduced me to his father, the late Shri Baliram Gaikwad, who was a ren bliss, he was owning a publication house called "Vastala Baliram Prakasha Kendra". I showed him my ambitious project, he promised me to print my newspaper for free until I learn the craft, and asked me to work on dry-runs. Dry-run means full-fledged newspaper, full-fledged newspaper means need of manpower, content, news, and much more. But those days when people got to know that I am coming up with my own venture, they all approached me with some kind of content support. I rented a one small commercial shop and that was sufficient for running the show. Later on, my friend Sachin gifted two laptops and one huge laser printer. On Office launch day, all my friends gifted me something or the other that we need on a daily basis, including cups to have tea. Some energies were really working in my favor and things were taking shape; I received a letter of Afternoon Voice title registration and later on RNI number too. We took two three news agency subscriptions; they were giving me enough city news and other content. Film PR was flooding our inbox with a lot of content. Some unknown column writers gave their columns to publish. For a daily dose of crossword and puzzle, one agency tied up with us on minimal charges. Within no time, we came up with dry-runs but that was a super awesome feeling as if I won the half battle.

Trust me I forgot to sleep, eat and even forgot to look at the sun and moon those days. I caged myself in a room on the news desk. With the 11th dry-run I realized that I am ready for the show. 2009 January to August, it was a daily marathon. I decided to launch my newspaper officially on 8th August. Mahatma Gandhi's August Kranti day which launched the Quit India Movement. My movement was to change the prerogative by asking to quit the undue dominance on intellectuals, a journalist can become owner and publisher if they wish to, but without journalists an owner of a business house cannot bring out a newspaper just because he has money and riches. One needs to respect the think tanks. Well! Sachin helped me with booking a Mumbai Press club room, I approached then the commissioner of police Mumbai, Dhanushkodi Sivanandhan, and then the BMC commissioner R A Rajiv, to launch my Afternoon Voice. Press club hall was full of those people who actually didn't believe that I would come up with my own newspaper. Most of the people arrived there were with lot curiosity and some genuinely wanted to appreciate my efforts. Some were my old peers from previous job. Well, my published edition's editorial had the entire saga explained and the lead story was very powerful on journalists losing their jobs without notice. The launch was done successfully and my half battle was won. That day I saw my newspaper on stalls and I literally sat on the ground at one of the stalls. My body was fragile and my heart was pumping fast, tears were rolling on my cheeks, my eyes couldn't believe that I did it.

All my old readers became my buyers. First day's sale was with a 2 percent return. At the launch, Mr Suresh Baliga, the former sub editor of ADC, ADC's former editor Late Mr Mobin Pandit, and the other expelled staff, page designers all approached me. I explained them that my budget is very low and I cannot afford to pay them remuneration but most of them literally volunteered for some time. Mobin then used to work for Peninsula Magazine, and he was on long vacation in India. His only condition to work with me was, daily four cups of tea and permission to smoke. In that month he actually mentored me on the editorial desk. We used to come up with powerful lead stories and edits. Meanwhile one astrologer approached us to write an everyday prediction, some comic column writer, and agencies were already there.

For the meantime, many citizen journalists started contributing. We hired one marketing manager on commission. That's how the story of Afternoon Voice started with a rebellious mindset. Unfortunately, after sometime Afternoon Despatch and Courier got dispatched to an unknown address; it succumbed to circumstances and shut down. The owner of ADC Kamal Morarka passed away. Now I can say, there is only one Afternoon in the market and that is we the 'Afternoon Voice'. We are a very small group, but our mission is big. We want to fight the odds in the fourth estate and strengthen democracy. We don't follow any ideology or political party; we just follow correct news. Most of the time many do not like us because we attack the wrong and appreciate the right. we make authorities accountable with constructive criticism. These days the media is abused, they are alleged with numerous adjectives. Their credibility has declined. I don't blame anyone for this, neither the media nor the people of this country. The journalist abides accountability before the society in general, before the law and before the professional connotation.



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Along with education, writing should also be beautiful



- Vijay Garg

The standard of intellectual, emotional ability and capacity of every person can be identified from his writing. A person's personality and his writing keep influencing each other. Those who do not have consistency, coherence, fluency and speed in their writing, their behavior also does not have these symptoms. Lack of motivation on practice If we associate beautiful handwriting with school students, then their number is equal to salt in flour.

The reason why the writing of the students is not beautiful and attractive is the early stage There is a lack of proper guidance, practice and inspiration from parents or teachers, neglect from students, existence of unfathomable syllabus without learning and teaching the art of writing from the basic level, etc. It is necessary for teachers and education department to be serious In order to develop the art of beautiful writing in students, it is necessary to be more serious than the parents and the teachers and the education department.

Continuous motivation among students, constant practice, organization of beautiful writing competitions in schools, apart from morning meetings of students with beautiful writing. Positive steps taken at the school level, such as special honors programs, compulsory use of ink or gel pens for all students for school-home work, etc., can be effective. Being comfortable in the fingers of the hands After the practice of blackboards disappeared in schools, ball point pens came in the hands of students, then they started to move away from the art of beautiful writing.

Writing with these pens has replaced the ease of hand while writing, which results in randomness of letters, coordination, fluency, lack of uniformity in appearance and shape etc became the

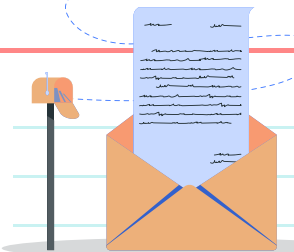
cause of As a result, rudeness came in the writing of the students. In schools, teachers who have beautiful handwriting expect beautiful handwriting from their students and encourage them to write with ink or gel pens because they move/write smoothly and become a reason for fluency in writing.

The first condition for the beauty of handwriting is to have harmony in the fingers of the hands. The start of the beautiful writing campaign At the present time, the education department or the department at the government level for students with beautiful writing Compulsory participation of every school by starting the tradition of commendation, awards at L level, policy of awarding separate/extra marks to students for good writing in annual board examinations should be considered.

Sending the percentage report of students with beautiful handwriting to the department by the inspection teams, organizing seminars/trainings/workshops etc. for teachers to promote the art of beautiful handwriting, ranking each school in the lower level in academic competitions conducted by the Punjab School Education Board every year.

From this Banning to participate in and beautiful writing campaign should be started in government schools. Fatties were useful in making writing beautiful In the current government primary schools, the practice of writing on blackboards has been over for about fifteen-twenty years. Fatties were very useful in making students' handwriting beautiful. The 'good' found on the board by the teacher encouraged the students to bring beauty in their writing. Thus, the student matures in beautiful handwriting by repeatedly writing on the board with pen and ink.

Letters to the Editor



India in World Inflation

While in the last ten years, India has jumped from 10th to 5th in the world in terms of GDP size, in the same period, it has stood at 3rd place in terms of highest inflation, leaving behind America, Britain, Germany and France. On the scale of consumer price index of countries, only Turkey and Brazil were ahead of India. If this calculation was done over a period of one year, three years and five years, India would rank second, sixth and second respectively. That is, the sting of inflation has been rejecting economic development based on GDP scale.

According to economists, inflation is an undeclared tax system, in which taxes are collected without imposing taxes on the general public. Some part of it goes to entrepreneurs and some to the government. On the contrary, Saudi Arabia remained a country with a very low inflation rate in all these ten-year periods. The most surprising thing is that consumer inflation in China

was the lowest and even negative compared to other countries in the world. This is the only one country that provides massive relief to the people due to the lowest inflation rate in every period. It is worth noting that on a purchasing power parity scale, China's GDP is the largest in the world (\$31 trillion) while India's GDP is only \$11 trillion, i.e. India's GDP mentioned above is due to inflation. Recently, to stop inflation, the government has imposed many restrictions on the foreign trade of wheat, rice, onion and sugar so that it becomes cheaper, but the latest news is that there are very few chances of stopping inflation at present. Unless development is made employment-centric instead of GDP-centric, all efforts for human development will remain meaningless.

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Simultaneous polls more pernicious than advantageous

The Modi-led Central government is geared up to bring about simultaneous election in the country even it has formed a panel to explore the possibility of 'one nation one election' theory with its 'some like minded people' as the members. The government is reasoning that the simultaneous polls will reduce the expenditures of elections and that can be used in public welfare. But the idea of one nation one election is more pernicious than advantageous. Because

if no political party gets majority in any state, what will be there? Will the President's Rule be imposed till the next parliamentary election is held? It also matters when the state or central government faces the no confidence motion and loses the majority in the house. Therefore, the Union government should put it aside and ponder on main issues.

Hassan Khan

Stop making hatred speech

Hatred speeches have been addressed for last days by Bajrang Dal leaders and members, against Muslims, even while Supreme Court has instructed guideline to stop from making sauc speeches that is based on prejudice and malice. A video is circulating on social media which shows that a mob is shouting anti-Muslim slogan. While policemen are seen walking alongside making no preen and effort to prevent them. The drove asking Muslim vendors to not allow any activity in market. Report say, there are no Muslim shopkeepers and traders. Why provocative slogans are being raised? Their target is to incite and foment violence further. Police Department should take rigid and stringently action against such people acting upon according to supreme court's verdict.

Faizan Ahmed

Flying Kiss cannot Obscure Main Issues

Countrymen have been gripped by fear because of increasing violences in country day by day. people of Hariyana and Manipur are starving and they have no place to live, despite having home, they have been randed homeless. Demolishing homes in Nuh shows that Govt is targeting a certain community and wills to root them out from the country. It does not require any special knowledge of law to say that demolition is inherently illegal in the absence of any process. Instead of these concerning issues, Smriti Irani and her associates are posing "flying kiss" and turning blind eye on strife-torn States. The conducts display that they are in deep slumber regarding resolving the disgusting matters. while both INDIA & NDA can eliminate the violences together but BJP is not ready to eject it. SC appointed an action but only it is not enough, it must manifest a strict action to justice for minorities against communal government so that integrity of the country could remain safe.

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Antilia bomb case: Ex-cop Sachin Waze wanted to create terror in the mind of Ambanis, says NIA court

Former policeman Sachin Waze wanted to create terror in the mind of the Ambani family, a special court here observed in its order denying bail to him in the Antilia bomb scare case and the killing of businessman Mansukh Hiran.

The court held that though the gelatin sticks planted near Antilia, the Ambani residence, were not connected to a detonator, it was sufficient to create terror in the minds of people.

Special NIA judge A M Patil denied bail to Waze on September 16 and the detailed order was made available on Friday. Citing statements of witnesses, the court said the applicant and the co-accused in the case had tried to spread terror in the mind of the Ambani family and had eliminated Hiran after conspiring with each other.



“It was a well-planned murder. Every precaution was taken to escape the clutches of law. It is not a simple allegation under a section of the Indian Penal Code. In such a situation if the applicant is released on bail, there is every possibility of him tampering

with the witnesses,” the court observed. “It is amply clear that though the gelatin sticks were not connected to the detonator, it was sufficient to create terror in the minds of people. Here in this case, the attempt of the applicant was to create terror in the mind

of a particular section of people and that is the Ambani family,” the order stated. As seen from the prosecution story, Waze conspired to “regain clout”, it said.

The court said that when the incident took place in February 2021, the accused was attached

to the Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) and was entrusted with duties as a police officer.

However, upon perusal of the statements of witnesses, it is seen that bringing the SUV from Hiran, parking it near Antilia along with a note and gelatin sticks and the murder were not part of Waze’s duties, it said.

In his plea, Waze is silent about how these activities were part of his duty, but he wants to take advantage of the point of obtaining the prior sanction for the prosecution of a government servant, the court observed. On Waze’s contention of internal rivalry in the police department, the court said his bail plea is silent “as to with whom he had rivalry in the police department and how he has been implicated in the false case”. PTI

NCP: Ajit Pawar faction submits petition to speaker seeking disqualification of 10 MLAs affiliated chief Sharad Pawar faction

The Ajit Pawar faction of the Nationalist Congress Party has submitted a petition to Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar seeking disqualification of 10 MLAs affiliated to party founder Sharad Pawar.

The petition was filed on Thursday by Anil Bhaidas Patil, who is the chief whip of the Ajit Pawar faction.

The 10 MLAs named in the petition are Jayant Patil, Jitendra Awhad, Rajesh Tope, Rohit

Pawar, Anil Deshmukh, Prajakt Tanpure, Balasaheb Patil, Sunil Bhusara, Sandeep Kshirsagar and Suman Patil, said Anil Bhaidas Patil. Incidentally, the Sharad Pawar faction has already filed disqualification petition against 40 MLAs who allied with Ajit Pawar.

The NCP has 53 MLAs in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, with legislators like Nawab Malik and Suman Patil maintaining a neutral stance. On July 2, the NCP suffered a split

after Ajit Pawar and eight MLAs, including Chhagan Bhujbal, Hasan Mushrif and Dilip Walse Patil, joined the Eknath Shinde government. Ajit Pawar was sworn in as deputy chief minister while the other eight were made ministers. The Sharad Pawar group has also submitted disqualification petition against seven of these nine MLAs.

Both factions have claimed the party name and symbol and have also appointed functionaries. PTI

Mumbai airport: Flight operations to remain suspended temporarily for runway maintenance

The two runways at Mumbai airport will remain closed for six hours for maintenance works on October 17 and during this period, there will be no flight operations.

The maintenance work of both runways will be undertaken between 11 am and 5 pm, the airport operator said in a statement on Friday.

A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) has already been issued to the airlines and other stakeholders six months in advance. “As a part of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport’s (CSMIA) comprehensive post-monsoon runway maintenance plan, both runways – RWY 09/27 and RWY 14/32 will be temporarily non-operational on October 17 from 1100 hours to

1700 hours,” as per the statement.

This scheduled temporary closure is a part of CSMIA’s annual post-monsoon preventive maintenance plan, it said. The facility, which is the second busiest airport in the country after Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport, has two crossing runways-09/27 (main runway) and 14/32 (secondary runway). PTI

Fire breaks out in Mumbai's Heera Panna mall in Jogeshwari

A fire broke out in a shopping mall - Heera Panna in Mumbai's Jogeshwari area on Friday afternoon, officials said. According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the blaze erupted around 3:15 pm.

According to officials, twelve

fire tenders are on the spot and efforts are on to douse the fire. So far, no casualties or injuries have been reported in the incident. The Mumbai fire brigade authorities declared it to be a level three fire. However, the reason behind the fire is still being ascertained.

More details are awaited. ANI



Om Sai Mitra Mandal in Kandivali is celebrating its 30 years while President Krishna Chougale of this mandal said, "We are celebrating this festival from last 30 years and also some funds are given away for lot of charity work".

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Manipur violence: State govt files status report in SC over issue of recovery of arms



The Manipur government on Friday filed a status report before the Supreme Court on the issue of recovery of stolen or missing weapons and ammunition "from all sources" in the ethnic violence-hit State. A bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra was informed by the Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta that the confidential status report has

been filed on the issue and it is for the judges only.

The bench agreed to accept the report confidentially as the issue regarding the weapons was "extremely sensitive". CJI Chandrachud said, "Keeping in mind the sensitivity of the issue, the status report (on recovery of arms) shall be made available only to this court." The CJI, however, made it clear that he, personally as a judge, was averse to

filing any such documents which are not available to litigants. Earlier, the apex court had asked the Manipur government and the law enforcement agencies to file a status report on the "recovery of arms made from all sources" in the State. The top court's direction came after it was submitted before the bench that besides illegal ones, a huge cache of arms and ammunition were stolen from police stations and army depots in the State.

Advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for the Kuki community side, told the top court that the bodies of two women, who were gang-raped and killed in May in Manipur, have not been given to their families yet. The Solicitor General said the apex court-appointed committee has already taken cognisance of this and has issued directions to the authorities. ANI

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju strongly condemns act of China for denying visa's to athletes

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju strongly condemned the Chinese act of denying visas to three female Wushu players belonging to Arunachal Pradesh and said that the act violates both the spirit of Sports and the Rules governing the conduct of the Asian Games. The three female Wushu players from Arunachal Pradesh – Nyeman Wangsu, Onilu Tega and Mepung Lamgu – have been denied entry into China for the 2023 Asian Games that get underway this weekend.

Taking to the social media platform 'X' Kiren Rijiju wrote, "I strongly condemn this act by China to deny visas to our Wushu Athletes from Arunachal Pradesh who were to participate in the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou. This violates both the spirit of Sports & also the Rules govern-



ing the conduct of Asian Games, which explicitly prohibits discrimination against competitors from member states." Further retorting to Chinese claims of Arunachal being a disputed territory and some of its part belonging to China, Rijiju said, "Arunachal Pradesh is not a disputed territory but an inalienable part of India. The entire people of Arunachal Pradesh resolutely oppose any illegal claim of China on its land and people. International Olympic Committee should reign in China's illegitimate action." ANI

Sanatan Dharma remark: SC seeks reponse from TN govt over plea seeking FIR against Udhayanidhi Stalin

The Supreme Court on Friday sought responses from the Tamil Nadu government and its minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on a plea seeking an FIR against him for his "eradicate Sanatan Dharma" remark. A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M Trivedi issued notices on a plea filed by B Jagannath seeking an FIR against the Tamil Nadu minister on grounds that the remarks are akin to hate speech and that the top court had in similar matters passed several directions, including registration of FIR. Senior advocate Dama Seshadri Naidu, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the minister allegedly asked school students to say that this religion is not good and that the other religion is good. "This court has taken note of similar matters where individuals make such a

statement against another's faith but in this case it is a minister making the statement. Here it is a state, which is telling the school students that so and so religion is wrong," Naidu said. The bench asked Naidu what was he seeking from the court, to which the senior lawyer said he is seeking a restraining order against the minister (Stalin) from making any such statement and secondly that an FIR be registered. "We are also seeking that students should be kept out of this," he said. The bench said, "Although we are issuing notice, you are turning the Supreme Court into a police station by approaching it for registration of FIR. You should have gone to the high court." Naidu said they were compelled to approach the court as he is a minister and when they went to register FIR, no one registered it. PTI

Delhi: SC rejects plea seeking use of barium in firecrackers

The Supreme Court on Friday rejected the plea seeking the manufacture, sale and use of firecrackers containing barium chemicals. The top court also did not intervene in the Delhi Government's decision to put a complete ban on the use of firecrackers in the national capital. A bench of justices AS Bopanna and MM Sundresh also wished "Happy Diwali", after reading the order. "We can only say, Happy Diwali," the court said.

The top court was dealing with the issue relating to firecrackers. One of the pleas was filed by BJP leader Manoj Tiwari in 2022, challenging the

blanket ban on firecrackers during Diwali celebrations in Delhi. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the government, during the last hearing, had apprised the court that it was right that Barium was banned on the government proposal, but it was for the 2018 Diwali. The court had remarked that as of now everything is banned whether it is green crackers or others in Delhi.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati had also apprised the court that Delhi Police has not issued any permanent licence on the firecrackers since 2016. She also informed the court

that all permanent firework manufacturing licenses have been revoked and police will inspect all premises of licensees. The court remarked that only punishing the ones who fired the crackers is not enough and authorities have to go to the source of these crackers. Senior Advocate Gopal Sanakaranarayanan had said that rich people can burst crackers worth lakhs and then go back to their air-conditioned homes with air purifiers.

He also pointed out that no health organisation has said that barium could be used and asked to look into aspects of the harmful barium on health. ANI

India reports new 55 cases of COVID-19

India saw a single-day rise of 55 new coronavirus infections while the active cases have been recorded at 461, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

The death toll has been recorded at 5,32,031, the data updated at 8 am stated. The country's Covid case tally is 4.49 crore (4,49,98,393). The number of people who have recuperated



from the disease has increased to 4,44,65,901 and the national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry's website.

The case fatality rate stands at 1.18 per cent. According to the website, 220.67 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far. ANI

World

US: National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan says, "India is not Russia" over economic support



United States National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said that India is not Russia, and China has its own set of problems, which are taken into context by Washington while making decisions. US NSA Jake Sullivan was asked about the US administration giving a "pass" to India and China, especially in

terms of giving economic support to Russia.

Addressing the briefing on Thursday, Sullivan said, "We have taken a variety of actions to protect America's national security vis-a-vis threats from the PRC... We have an entire strategy with respect to our technology export controls to make sure that American technol-

ogy cannot be used against us". "President Biden, in fact, is the first person to take some of those steps. No previous administration has done so," he added.

He further said that India is "not Russia" and China has its own set of challenges. "...where we have concerns with India, whether it comes to issues related to the very watchlist that you're describing or otherwise, we make those concerns clear. And we defend U.S. interests, as we do with every country in the world," Sullivan said.

He added, "Now, India is not Russia, and China has its own set of challenges that we deal with in its own context. So, of course, there is going to be differences in how we deal with countries one by one". ANI

Sudan's military leader says, "War in the country could spread beyond its borders"

The war in Sudan could spread beyond the north-east African country's borders if it is not stopped, Sudan's army chief told the United Nations General Assembly, while urging world leaders to designate the rival paramilitary force as a terrorist group. The nature of this war is now a threat to regional and international peace and security. ... This is like the spark of war, a war that will spill over to other countries in the region, Sudan's Army Chief Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan told world leaders late Thursday. Sudan plunged into conflict in April when long-simmering tensions escalated between the military, led by Gen. Burhan, and the rival Rapid Support Forces, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo. Both had joined forces in 2021 to seize power in a coup that

cast aside Sudan's pro-democracy forces. The conflict has killed at least 5,000 people and wounded 12,000 others, according to Volker Perthes, the U.N. envoy in the country, who announced his resignation last week. Gen. Burhan said the Sudanese military has knocked (on) all doors to stop this war and asked the U.N. to designate the RSF as a terrorist group. The RSF, he said, has committed all sorts of crimes that give grounds for such a designation, including receiving the help of outlaws and terrorist groups from other countries. Those who have supported killing, burning, raping, forced displacement, looting, stealing, torture, trafficking of arms and drugs, bringing mercenaries or recruiting children - all such crimes necessitate accountability and punishment, Burhan said. PTI

Among six person three Indian-origin men booked in charges for molestation in Singapore



Three Indian-origin men, including a doctor, were among six persons charged in separate cases of molestations in Singapore on Friday, according to a media report.

Singaporean Courts generally have the practice of taking up multiple cases of a similar crime and framing charges against them jointly to save time. Among the Indians charged were Dheeraj Prem Khaitani, 35, a doctor by profession, followed by Hardiran Singh Randhawa, 29, and Melvinder Singh Gurmit Singh, 31, The Straits Times newspaper reported.

Apart from them, charges were also framed against Pakistani-origin Butt Muhammad Abdullah and two Chinese-origin Singaporeans Wang Shitao,

49 and Spencer Tan Peng Chua, 58. Khaitani, who is a director at several firms including Stark Medical Innovations, was charged with molesting a woman at Singapore's post hotel Marina Bay Sands on June 25. Following Friday's court proceeding, his case has been adjourned to October 25, the report said.

Separately, Randhawa is accused of molesting a 30-year-old woman. Details about the location of his alleged crime have been redacted from court documents.

"Melvinder Gurmit Singh is accused of two counts of molestation, which he allegedly committed either in 2012 or 2013," said the report. Similarly, Butt was handed a molestation charge. PTI

American entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy wants to expand ties with India to achieve "economic independence" from China

Indian American entrepreneur and Republican presidential candidate, Vivek Ramaswamy said that he would be looking forward to expanding relations with countries like India, as he rolled out his trade policy aimed at achieving "economic independence" from China. Ramaswamy (38) on Thursday, cited India, Israel, Brazil and Chile as countries he wants to build trade relations with in order to cut financial ties with China as per a report by New York Post.

He counted upon India, along with Israel, to remove the "pharmaceutical dependence" on China and further involve India along with Brazil and Chile in obtaining rare earth mineral imports like lithium, which is needed for semiconductors.

Addressing a crowd assembled at a plastics manufacturing plant in New Albany, Ohio, he put forth a four-point plan to counter the Chinese Communist Party through "a pro-trade approach to sensibly decoupling from China" that he says will



balance economic issues with national security concerns. Ramaswamy began his address by criticising the decision to admit China to the World Trade Organization in 2001, saying the US had "lost the plot" in assuming it could "export Big Macs and Happy Meals and somehow that was going to export our values to the CCP reported the New York Post. "Now who's our top adversary today? It's not the USSR — that fell back in 1990... as some seem to forget, our top adversary today is Communist China," he said. Going on the same lines as his first GOP primary debate, he reiterated that "The climate

change agenda is a hoax." "The issue has nothing to do with the climate and everything to do with letting China catch up to the US" economically, as Beijing's greenhouse gas emissions have remained far higher than other developed nations', the New York Post reported.

"To declare independence from China, we must declare independence from the climate change agenda here at home... I have no problem with the existence and purchase of electric vehicles. But I do have a problem with a subsidized industry that falsely tilts the scales towards China," Ramaswamy said. ANI

Expression

The Courts Worried about the Neglect of Parents



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In the newly emerging social order and family structure, the life of elderly parents is becoming tragic. The neglect and indifference being shown towards elderly parents by their children in the society has increased so much that the courts have to intervene. Parents are not only facing disrespect, but they are also being deprived of essential necessities like— food, water, medicine, roof over their head etc. Though, it is a one-sided story. Amidst the increasing dominance of materialism and money, parents are falling victims to the harassment by their own children. To control such growing problems, the courts have to intervene, but also have to force their children to take care of their elderly parents and respect them. One such decision by Madras High Court is going to raise questions on blood relations in today's society. The court has made it clear in its decision that it is the responsibility of the children to fulfill the needs and wishes of the elderly parents. This decision by the court is not limited only to property disputes between a child and parents; this needs to be seen and understood in a broader sense. Creating a sensitive mindset can change the environment of the society. The court wants that by freeing the elderly parents from indifference and neglect, the thinking of considering them as a protective shield should be developed, so that the structure of an ideal family can be revived and the health, carefree and frustration-free life of the elderly can be managed. The court has done a commendable job of awakening the society through highlighting the need of accepting the elderly as a matter of self-respect, not as a burden in the times when money is becoming more dominant, than relationships.

For this reason, serious problems regarding the elderly persons have arisen today, these problems did not occur suddenly, but over a long time due to the changing social values



under the consumerist culture and the metropolitan modern consciousness, change in the thinking of the new generation, increase in inflation and a person's concern about his children and wife. Due to the tendency to be limited, an important aspect of thinking is to stop this wrong trend of neglecting the elderly; this is what the court has emphasized in its decision. Because the wrong way of thinking has not only made the life of elderly parents difficult, but has also increased the emotional distance between man and man. The question is that the parents who try their best to give a good life to their children even after enduring hardships, why do their children start avoiding their duty when their parents grow old? Why does their children's greed remain focused on their parents' property?

It is not that all children are neglecting their parents, but if we look around, such cases are seen increasing everywhere. The great irony and anomaly of the present era is that the elderly are standing frightened at the doorstep of their own homes; neglect of the elderly is becoming a black stain on the healthy and cultured family tradition. This is a sensitive thinking of the court through which the growing distance between children and parents can be removed; the court wants to create such an environment

in which the elders in the family should never be seen as a burden on us, we should never think that their presence restricts our freedom. They should be kept tied to the family's stream. But we are wandering in the narrow lanes of opportunistic, one-sided and narrow thinking; that is why, there is fear, insecurity and panic about the future in the eyes of the elderly parents, and there is endless pain in the heart. Aged parents need to be freed from these tragic and scary situations.

There is always room for improvement. We should respect our elderly parents in family life, for this we should move in the right direction, think right and do right. The increasing burden of lawsuits related to elderly parents in the courts is a serious problem, for this today not only a revolution of ideas is needed, but also an individual revolution and a family revolution.

Our India considers elders as God. There are many such examples in history that acting on the orders of their parents, great beings like Lord Shri Ram left the kingdom and wandered in the forests; Shraavan Kumar, a devotee of his parents, made his blind parents sit in a Kanwad and made them travel to Chardham. Then why is the distance between elderly parents and their children increasing in modern society? This problem

starts when the younger generation starts looking at their elders with neglect, and leaves them helpless to fight old age and loneliness. Today the elderly always suffers from loneliness, neglect by family members, contempt, bitterness, fear of being thrown out of the house or wandering here and there in search of a roof. Cases related to these situations take refuge in the court to get justice. Why do children who ignore their parents not understand that tomorrow they also will have to face the same phase of life that their parents are going through? The question to consider is whether the job of the court should be to advise children to serve their parents? When the water starts passing above the head, then the courts have to take tough decisions and make sharp remarks in such cases.

India is a country with the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'— such thinking in which the whole world is one family. In a country that has given birth to such a unique idea, if children start avoiding the care of their parents and even start insulting them, then it is natural to get worried. This problem has also increased due to nuclear families. Free living and high consumerism have also deepened this problem; that is why elderly parents are becoming so frustrated and neglected.

These days, many such incidents have come to light in the insensitive society, when elderly parents were even murdered due to greed for property. In such a situation, it can be easily imagined what mental trauma the elderly parents have to go through after seeing this naked selfishness happening with their own people. In old age, the parents are left with mental distress and only the hope of sympathy remains. Not only in big cities but now even in small villages, old people have to take shelter in 'Old Homes' when they are neglected by their families. Having a large number of 'old homes' is not a symbol of development, but a curse. This is really a matter of shame and embarrassment for us.

Entertainment

Wedding Bells: Couple Raghav Chadha, Parineeti Chopra arrived at Udaipur



AP MP Raghav Chadha and actor Parineeti Chopra arrived at Udaipur in Rajasthan from Delhi. The couple will tie the knot in Udaipur reportedly over this weekend.

On social media, a number of images and videos of the couple arriving at the Udaipur airport on Friday from Delhi have surfaced.

Parineeti looked stunning in a red jumpsuit with a cream shawl. She completed the appearance with black sunglasses. While Raghav chose a black sweater and blue denim. Earlier, the duo hosted Sufi night for their close friends and family members. Parineeti Chopra's cousin Priyanka gave it a miss but the actor's mother Madhu Chopra and brother Siddharth marked their presence at the special function organised at Raghav's residence in the national capital. Prior to the musical night, Parineeti and Raghav sought blessings at a Gurudwara in New Delhi, where they participated in Ardas and Kirtan. **ANI**

Actor Vicky Kaushal spills beans over collaborating with Katrina Kaif, says "It has to happen organically"



Actress Ridhi Dogra seeks blessings at Lalbaugcha Raja on this birthday



Actor Ridhi Dogra on Friday turned a year older. She marked her birthday by seeking blessings at Lalbaugcha Raja in Mumbai. Taking to social media, Ridhi dropped several images from the temple. Meanwhile, Ridhi is basking in the success of 'Jawan'. In the film, she essays the role of Kaveri, Shah Rukh's adopted mother. Her brief role did not go unnoticed and won hearts. **ANI**

Actor Farhan Akhtar opens up over delays in shoot of 'Jee Le Zaraa', says "Strike has put Priyanka's dates into huge tizzy"

Waiting for Priyanka Chopra, Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif's 'Jee Le Zaraa' to go on floors? If yes, then you will be left a little disappointed. In an interview with US-based publication Variety, director Farhan Akhtar shared that the film is on hold at the moment.

"We just have issues with dates, and the actor's strike that's happened has put Priyanka's dates into a huge tizzy with what can happen and what can't, so I've started genuinely believing that that film now has a destiny of its own. It'll happen when it has to, we'll see," Farhan told Variety. Farhan referred to an ongoing writers and actors' strike in Hollywood. **ANI**



Actor Vicky Kaushal says he would love to collaborate with his superstar wife Katrina Kaif for an on screen project, but it has to happen "organically". Vicky, who tied the knot with Katrina in 2021, said he is aware of the fans' curiosity to see them in a film together and they are waiting for the right script. "We would love to see ourselves in a movie together. But it has to happen organically and for the right reasons, not just because we are together, and that there's a curiosity about watching us in a film together. **PTI**



Couple Joe Jonas, Sophie Turner found their dream home in UK months before split: Report

American singer-songwriter and actor Joe Jonas and 'Game of Thrones' star Sophie Turner planned to establish permanent roots in England prior to their divorce, according to a lawsuit filed by Turner in a Manhattan court on Thursday, reported People. According to the documents, the former couple found their "forever home" in the United Kingdom barely two months before announcing their separation.

As per People, the Jonas Brothers singer, 34, and 'Game of Thrones' alum, 27, had been searching for a permanent home to raise their two children — Willa, 3, and another daughter referred to as D. in previous court docs, 14 months — in Turner's home country since Dec. 2022. The search continued through July 2023, when they entered into a contract to purchase a property, the filing states. Jonas officially filed for divorce from his wife of four years in early September. The duo eventually picked a "beautiful country property" in Oxford to serve as their primary family residence after seeing various homes throughout England, according to the documents.

The two were allegedly "excited about the move for their family" and couldn't wait to watch their daughters grow up in the English countryside. Contracts were exchanged between the couple and the sellers of the home on July 7 with an anticipated completion date of December 2. Jonas and Turner "looked forward to spending their Christmas 2023 holiday with the children, family, and friends in their new home in England," according to the docs, reported People. **ANI**