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UBT Shiv Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray slams BJP by pointing out NDA to an "amoeba", says ruling front has no definite shape and size



Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday likened the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to an "amoeba", saying that the BJP-led front does not have any definite shape and size. Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for calling the opposition INDIA alliance as "ghamandia" (marked by arrogance) and "Indian Mujahideen", Thackeray said the NDA should be called "ghama-NDA" ("ghamandiye" meaning arrogant).

Addressing a rally at Hingoli in Ma-

harashtra, he also asked Telangana Chief Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief K Chandrashekar Rao to clarify whether he was supporting the INDIA alliance or the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "The INDIA alliance comprises nationalist parties that want to protect democracy in the country. But most parties in the NDA comprise traitors and those who have joined the BJP as allies by breaking other parties," Thackeray said. "The present NDA is like an amoeba, which has no definite shape and size.

The INDIA alliance will defeat the BJP," he said.

The former chief minister asked BRS chief Rao to decide whether he was fighting for the country or supporting the BJP. "If you are with the country, then join the INDIA alliance or declare your alliance with the BJP openly. Don't divide votes," Thackeray said referring to the BRS trying to enter electoral politics in Maharashtra. The BRS should first focus on its own backyard, which is not in good shape, the Sena (UBT) president

said. Thackeray appealed to people to join the INDIA alliance for protecting democracy and the Constitution.

"The opposition bloc hasn't united against PM Modi, but for the sake of the country," he said. Thackeray also criticised the BJP government for allowing an India-Pakistan cricket match in the upcoming World Cup in Ahmedabad. The INDIA alliance meeting will be held in Mumbai on August 31 and September 1. Thackeray is scheduled to host dinner for the leaders on August 31. **PTI**

Rajasthan's Bharat Bhushan fighting all alone against Municipal atrocities

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Today I am writing about something that the media failed to cover or maybe this is not a breaking issue for them. In Hanumangarh district, a family is sitting on a dharna against the municipality. The family alleges that the employees of the municipality dump all the garbage collected from the city in their locality, due to which the foul smell and filth coming from the city have made life difficult for them and their family. His children are very young and wife is an ordinary woman. They are agitating against the municipal authorities and fighting their battle all alone. No one bothered to notice them, no one even wanted to know what the matter was. The victim decided to sit on the dharna after the municipality president

threatened him to be arrested by the police.

Even after the protest, the employees of the municipality did not desist, so he went to the municipal president Sukhchain Singh Ramana with a complaint about the matter, but his complaint was not heard even there, on the contrary, the officials misbehaved with him. They threatened him with the consequences of going to Jail. Angered by this, the victim along with the whole family sat on a dharna in front of the office. The officials come out of the cabin, abuse him and go. Some threaten him and some just ignore but no one has time to look into the basic request of the family.

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where he was manhandled and abused, which hurt his wife and three children. Together, they all made many peels but the officers were rude to his family.

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One day he reached the house of Municipality President Sukhchain Singh Ramana, where he was manhandled and abused, which hurt his wife and three children. Together, they all made many peels but the officers were rude to his family. The case pertains to Ward 21 of Pilibanga in the district, where the victim Bharat Bhushan lives with his family. The victim alleges that the employees of the municipality collect the entire garbage of the city and dump it in his locality. Due to which the garbage gets accumulated in front of his house for the whole day. Due to this, there is a constant risk of spreading infection and diseases in children.

According to the report, the entire family sat on a dharna last night, but the municipality president or one of his representatives came to take care of them. The victim's family is still sitting on dharna. The victim said that he decided to sit on the dharna after the municipality president threatened him to be arrested by the police. Today, land, water and air have become polluted. Garbage is dumped in open spaces. Large factories emit a lot of smoke. Due to dust particles in the smoke, air becomes contaminated. In addition to the spread of foul odour, germs also breed in rotting trash leading to various diseases.

Mosquitoes, flies and mice find a fertile breeding ground in mounds of waste. Garbage from the households' wastes creates health hazards. Increasing garbage in the home, outside has aggravated the problem of air pollution. Municipality facilities are not available in many areas. Bharat Bhushan has raised a question about the stink over garbage piling up at his door. In a letter to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) he highlighted the problem of Municipal contractors dumping the waste in his area.

Municipality is picking up the waste regularly from the surrounding area and dumping it right in front of his house, so much so that it has started to pile up. The waste has oil, grease, plastic, and other things, making it a health hazard. He has two young children and they need to be protected. The arrogance and unreasonable behaviour were reported but instead for



helping the family the authorities have threatened the whistle-blower. If we the citizens take note of such things, or support such agitations in whichever capacity we can, Bharat Bhushan like fighters against the system can get justice.

Unfortunately, his voice is choked and his hands are tied, his family is with him but he alone can not really fight against municipal atrocities. It's the need of hour that we all make these authorities accountable and make our surroundings worth living.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

Changes in design of the Mumbai coastal road

It seems like the coastal road is indeed an ill-conceived project. A PIL was filled by an architect Alan Abraham seeking changes to the proposed design. However, according to the BMC, no changes are feasible at this stage as nearly 80 percent of the work has been completed. So, does this not mean that the proposed changes are valid but cannot be implemented because a major portion of the road has been completed?

A more in-depth study of the ground realities, before embarking on such a project would have saved them the hiccups the authorities are now facing. The authorities ought to understand that if such Infrastructure projects are for the welfare of the public, then public participation is very important.

Melville X. D'Souza

Appeal for Peace

The appeal for peace by several khap panchayats and farmers' unions after the communal clashes in Nuh is a reassuring development. At a mahapanchayat in Hisar, resolutions condemning the violence and calling for harmony were passed. Farmers' unions have been critical of the Haryana Government's handling of the situation.

The Phogat and Sangwan khaps have sought action against those trying to spread hatred. Demands have been made to rein in elements at the forefront of attempts to create communal tension. Though late in the day, the arrest of self-proclaimed cow vigilante Bittu Bajrangi is a sign of course correction. Why the likes of him and Monu Manesar were allowed to make inflammatory speeches and provocative live videos needs to be thoroughly investigated. The police cannot be seen to be selective in enforcing the rule of law.

Deft handling of the situation prevented communal tension in Samalkha from taking a turn for the worse when Tiranga Yatra participants barged into a mosque recently. Those involved must be taken to task.

Tauqueer Rahmani

Just declaration, no implementation

The government often forgets to announce the strict implementation of plastic ban in the state. It is not seen to be implemented strictly. The Mumbai Municipal Corporation took a lot of action in the meantime. But what happened after that? So it feels good to hear and read such announcements. But in reality it does not happen. And the decision of the government is dragged. Therefore, the government should introspect while taking such bold decisions.

Uday Waghvankar

Water from Air

People have been choosing river basins to settle down since time immemorial and if we talk numbers, approximately 1.7 billion people reside in the river basins. Due to the excessive misuse of river water by people living in the river basins all these years, more than one-fourth of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025. However, India has come up with a solution to generate water from the atmosphere by processing the moisture in the air and making clean potable water. A Bangalore-based company called Uravu Labs has come up with this phenomenal technology and this can go a long way in solving the water problem. Our atmosphere contains almost 38 million billion gallons of water which will be enough for our 8 billion-plus population. The water in the atmosphere regenerates in 7-8 days whereas groundwater takes almost 1400 years to regenerate. Looking at all these positives we can say that this solution if implemented on a large scale will not only bring good revenue to India but also will quench the thirst of the world.

Noopur Baruah

Understanding Cholesterol and Promoting Heart Health



Cholesterol plays a crucial role in the body, as emphasized by the American Heart Association (AHA). This waxy, fat-like substance, present in all cells, is essential for creating cells, producing hormones and vitamins, and aiding digestion. Despite debates among experts about the direct link between high blood cholesterol and cardiovascular disease (CVD), organizations like the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) emphasize its association with conditions like atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease, stroke, and heart attack. Elevated cholesterol levels can lead to plaque formation when combined with other substances. This plaque buildup, known as atherosclerosis, can narrow or block arteries, particularly the coronary arteries, which can result in coronary artery disease. This condition restricts blood flow to the heart and poses a significant health risk.

Understanding different cholesterol types is essential. High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) is considered "good" cholesterol because it carries cholesterol to the liver. On the other hand, Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) is known as "bad" cholesterol, as it contributes to artery plaque formation. Very Low-Density Lipoprotein (VLDL) plays a role in plaque development by

transporting triglycerides and cholesterol.

As outlined in a Cell journal review, the onset of atherosclerosis commences with the buildup of LDLs within artery walls, amplifying the potential for heart disease. The presence of elevated triglycerides, a common type of fat, when combined with high LDL or low HDL levels, can also play a role in causing artery blockages and increasing the risk of heart attacks.

Detecting elevated cholesterol levels generally necessitates a blood test, as symptoms are uncommon, unless cholesterol levels are exceptionally high. Signs may encompass fatty skin nodules and pale rings encircling the corneas of the eyes, particularly among individuals with a familial history of high cholesterol, according to the NHLBI.

Manage high cholesterol with a mix of diet, lifestyle, and medical care. Choose heart-friendly foods, like fruits and veggies, to reduce heart disease risk. Diet-wise, eat omega-3-rich fish and foods with soluble fiber, like oatmeal and beans, to lower LDL cholesterol and remove cholesterol from the body. Choose heart-healthy nuts (like almonds, walnuts, pistachios), but watch portions for calories. Swap saturated fats (butter, red meat) for

unsaturated fats (olive oil, avocados, nuts) to lower bad cholesterol. Skip trans fats (processed foods) for a healthier heart.

Physical activity complements dietary adjustments in maintaining healthy cholesterol levels. Regular exercise, even in short intervals, has the potential to elevate HDL cholesterol and lower triglycerides. It aids in weight management, enhances circulation, and strengthens the cardiovascular system, collectively contributing to heart health.

Before making significant changes to your routine, it's crucial to consult a medical professional, especially if you're on medication or have underlying health conditions. A comprehensive strategy that includes medication, dietary adjustments, and regular exercise is recommended for managing cholesterol and reducing cardiovascular risks. This approach helps lower cholesterol levels effectively and promotes a heart-healthy lifestyle.

- Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

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Congress leader Milind Deora hails chemistry of I.N.D.I.A bloc, says, "Best example of that was in Maharashtra"

Ahead of the crucial meeting of the INDIA bloc in Mumbai, Congress leader Milind Deora on Sunday said seat sharing for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls among alliance partners is more or less finalised in many states with only a few states requiring more time.

Deora, who is closely involved in the organising of the meeting, hailed the "evolving chemistry" between Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) partners and said the best example of that was in Maharashtra.

In an interview with PTI ahead of the INDIA bloc meeting on August 31-September 1, the Congress leader from Maharashtra also asserted that there are "no problems"



within the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), comprising the Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray faction).

His remarks come close on the heels of a "split" in the NCP with Ajit Pawar and eight other NCP MLAs joining the Eknath

Shinde-led Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in the state on July 2.

Subsequently, the meetings between NCP supremo Sharad Pawar and his nephew Ajit Pawar have been the subject of some consternation among INDIA bloc partners.

Deora dismissed concerns over the developments in the NCP, saying seat sharing among MVA partners will be discussed and finalised at a later stage and what was happening within the NCP is their "internal issue".

The Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance is

an opposition bloc of 26 parties, which was formed recently to take on the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. The first meeting of the opposition parties was held in Patna and the second one at Bengaluru where the name INDIA was adopted by the bloc.

Asked if the INDIA meeting in Mumbai would be more meaningful than the earlier editions held in Patna and Bengaluru, Deora said every meeting of the INDIA bloc is equally important.

"With each subsequent meeting, the action plan going forward gets fine-tuned. I am personally helping organise the Mumbai meeting and I'm very optimistic about its success," the former Union minister said. **PTI**

Ganesh Festival notification: Navi-Mumbai traffic police bans movement of heavy vehicles in Mumbai-Goa highway



The Navi Mumbai traffic police have banned the movement of heavy vehicles on Mumbai-Goa highway from Sunday till the end of the Ganesh festival to be held next month.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Navi Mumbai, Tirupati Kakade issued the order

to this effect on Saturday.

Maharashtra PWD Minister Ravindra Chavan, during an inspection of the ongoing repair work on the same route, was stuck in traffic jam for more than two hours on Saturday. Later, in a video released from Chavan's office in the evening, the minister said after a discussion with the

chief minister and his deputy, it was decided to ban heavy traffic on the route for the time being and allow people to proceed to Konkan without any hurdles and the repair work to be carried out smoothly.

DCP Kakade in the order said a meeting of stakeholders was held on August 23 on the condition of the Mumbai-Goa highway and it was decided there should be no traffic jams so as to facilitate smooth journey of those proceeding to Konkan for the festival. Also, repair work on the Mumbai-Goa highway is in progress and hence the movement of heavy vehicles on it has been banned, the order said. **PTI**

Elderly man tries to kill his wife and attempts suicide in Kandivali



A 79-year-old man allegedly tried to murder his ailing wife by stabbing her with a knife and then attempted to kill himself by slashing his neck in their flat in Mumbai, a police official said on Sunday.

The incident came to light on Friday morning when the couple's domestic help reached their flat located on the third-floor of Mercury Society at Thakur village in suburban Kandivali, he said.

The man, identified as Vishnukant Narsipa Balur, and his 76-year-old wife Shakuntala, are undergoing treatment for their injuries in different hospitals here, the official from Samta Nagar police station said. During the probe, the police found that the

woman, who was bedridden, was suffering from a prolonged disease and both of them were frustrated and depressed over it.

On Friday morning, their house help rang the door bell, but when no one opened it, she alerted the building's watchman. When the house help and the watchman later reached the couple's house, they noticed the door was open. They found the woman lying in a pool of blood, the official said. Both of them were taken to hospital for treatment, he said. An FIR was registered on Friday against the man under relevant Indian Penal Code sections, including 307 (attempt to murder). An investigation is on into the case, the official said. **PTI**

Fire mishap at Santacruz hotel leaves three dead and two injured

Three people died and two people got injured in a fire incident at Galaxy Hotel in Mumbai's Santacruz on Sunday afternoon. Mumbai Police said, "Three people died while two people were injured in a fire that broke out in the Galaxy Hotel in the Santacruz

area of Mumbai."

As soon as the information was received, four fire engines reached the spot to douse the fire. The fire is reported to have broken out at 01.17 p.m. on the third floor of the hotel. Dr Jayraj, V.N. Desai hospital said, "Rupal Kanji (25 years), Kishan

(28) and Kantilal Gordhan Vara (48 years) were declared dead and Alfa Vakhariya (19 years), Manjula Vakhariya (49 years) are admitted in V.N. Desai hospital." According to reports the fire is under control. Six persons have been safely rescued. **ANI**

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Madurai train incident: Mortal remains of nine victims were taken to Luknow Airport



that his mother is all well. "I am here to take my mother back; she is coming. I am happy she is alright. I am thankful for the way both state governments (Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu) did their jobs," he said.

Another woman passenger-Jyoti Gupta, while talking about the accident said, "Around 5 am, there was a smell of fire. After that, we started shouting. The door of the train was locked, We broke that by a rod and jumped from the train."

As per the officials, tourists had travelled from Lucknow in a special train coach to Tamil Nadu on a spiritual tour. However, nine people were charred to death when a fire broke out in a stationary coach, as they were found using a cooking cylinder in the wee hours on Saturday. ANI

The mortal remains of nine victims who died in a fire accident at a train compartment stationed near Madurai yard on Saturday were brought to Lucknow Airport on Sunday. The remains are being taken to their native places.

The mortal remains of nine victims and injured persons were brought to Lucknow by four Indigo flights--6E 6311, 6E 2088,

6E 2789, 6E 7389 and 6E 6353. Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister who also went to the airport expressed his grief over the accident and said, "This is an hour of grief. I pray for all the departed souls to give them a place at your feet and give courage to the family to bear the pain. Mohit Singh, the son of a woman passenger who was on board the train and was injured, said that he is happy

Manipur Burning: Three houses set on fire in Imphal and policemen's guns snatched

Unidentified men torched three abandoned houses at New Lambulane locality in Manipur's capital Imphal on Sunday afternoon. Firemen rushed to the spot and put off the blaze, officials said. Soon after the incident, people gathered in the area and demanded state and central forces deployed in the locality to allow them to enter the area, officials said, adding that the security forces later fired a few rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the crowd.

In another development, unidentified men snatched three weapons from the security personnel guarding the residence of former health and family



welfare director K Rajo around 2am on Sunday, police said. The incident took place at Sagolband Bijoy Govinda under Imphal PS in Imphal West district, police said, adding the snatched weapons included two AK series rifles

and a carbine. Investigation is on to determine the circumstances leading to the incident, officials said. Police, meanwhile, have launched multiple operations to retrieve the weapons and apprehend those involved. PTI

Chandrayaan-3: Vikram lander has started doing its experiments and relaying them back to ISRO headquarters



The Chandrayaan-3 lander module which landed on the Moon's surface successfully has begun doing its set experiments and subsequently relaying them back to ISRO headquarters.

In its latest update, ISRO on Sunday put out the first observations recorded by the 'ChaSTE' payload onboard Vikram Lander. Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) payload was attached to measure the thermal conductivity and temperature on the moon. The payload was developed by a team led by the Space Physics Laboratory (SPL), VSSC in collaboration with Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.

The payload attached to the lander recorded the variation of temperature on the lunar surface with an increase in depth. ISRO shared a graph on X, formerly Twitter, which showed the change in temperature on the moon's surface and underneath.

At a depth of 8 cm, the payload recorded temperature as low as (-) 10 degrees centigrade. With the gradual rise towards the surface, the temperature too could be seen rising. Above the surface, the graph showed a relative stagnancy in temperature between 50-60 degrees centigrade.

"This is the first such profile for the lunar south pole. Detailed observations are underway," ISRO said. ANI

Congress spokesperson claims parties that attended NDA meet are in touch with INDIA bloc

Congress spokesperson Alok Sharma on Sunday claimed four to five parties among the 38 that had attended the meeting of BJP-led NDA are in touch with the INDIA alliance and some of them will join the opposition bloc in the coming days. He also said some very important decisions will be taken at the upcoming meeting of the INDIA group,

scheduled to be held in Mumbai on September 1. "At least 4 to 5 political parties which were among the 38 parties that attended the NDA meeting addressed by PM Modi are in touch with the INDIA alliance. Some of them are expected to join the opposition bloc very soon while some before (2024) elections," Sharma told a press conference here. PTI

Delhi Metro Incident: Case registered against accused after walls were defaced with pro-Khalistan slogans

A case has been registered after the walls of several metro stations across Delhi were found defaced with pro-Khalistan ahead of the G20 Summit which is set to be hosted in the national capital next month under India's presidency, police said on Sunday. According to the Delhi Police official, the case has been registered under section 153 A, section 505 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Defacement Act.

"We received information about slogans at Nangloi PS at 11 am. A case has been registered and an investigation has been initiated. (Slogans) have been written at 4 metro stations. A case registered under sections section 153 A, section 505 and the Defacement Act," Commissioner of Police (Metro) G Ram Gopal Naik told ANI. Section 153A criminalises and punishes making statements, speeches or

acts that have the effect of disturbing public tranquillity or law and order by promoting enmity or creating fear or alarm between classes of people on the basis of differences in religion, caste, language or place of birth. Section 505, on the other hand, criminalises making statements, reports or rumours that encourage members of armed forces or a police officer to refuse to perform his duty, encourages a person to

commit offences against the state or disturb public tranquillity and incites persons to disturb public tranquillity.

Suspected activists of Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), a front for the separatist Khalistan Group, defaced several metro stations with pro-Khalistan slogans, fuelling security concerns ahead of the G20 Summit. In pictures shared by Delhi Police, slogans are seen inscribed on the walls of Metro

stations, reading "Delhi Banega Khalistan" and "Khalistan Zindabad".

"Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) also released raw footage of Delhi Metro stations which were defaced with pro-Khalistan slogans," an officer said. "Suspected SFJ activists defaced multiple Metro stations in Delhi — from Shivaji Park to Punjabi Bagh — with pro-Khalistan slogans," the officer added. ANI

World

US: Several people gathered to commemorate Martin Luther's 'dream' speech, cite similarities in today's situation



Thousands of people gathered in the US capital to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr's galvanising "I have a dream" speech, which is considered one of the pivotal events in the 1960s American civil rights movement, The Washington Post reported. The 1963 march is be-

lieved to have brought more than 2,50,000 people in Washington to push for an end to discrimination on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin.

The people gathered again at the Lincoln Memorial here on Saturday to declare that King's dream is "newly threatened and the fruits of his work are at risk,"

as per The Post. On a sweltering August day, the marchers came from distant cities to the site where King stood to assert that his crusade was being assailed, that court rulings, legislation and political extremism have undone or stymied the racial and social progress of the last half-century.

The day-long rally consisted of speeches by leaders of civil and human rights groups, and representatives from an array of other organizations, The Post reported. "If I could speak to my grandfather today, I would say, 'I'm sorry we still have to be here to rededicate ourselves to finishing your work, and ultimately realizing your hidden dream,'" King's granddaughter Yolanda Renee King told the crowd. ANI

US: Former President Donald Trump's has raises USD 7.1 million



The Trump 2024 presidential campaign has raised USD 7.1 million since former President Donald Trump's mugshot was taken at the Fulton County jail in Georgia after surrendering himself in the Georgia election subversion case, CNN reported. Over the last three weeks, Trump's campaign raised

around USD 20 million, following his indictment and arraignment in Washington related to the federal January 6 case and then his surrender and processing at the Fulton County jail in Georgia.

The source further revealed that the campaign had raised USD 4.18 million after his arrest in Georgia. It is the highest-grossing

day of the entire campaign, as per CNN. The fundraising figures were first reported by Politico. Following Trump's arrest, his 2024 presidential campaign started selling merchandise featuring the first mug shot of a former US president, The Washington Post reported.

In the mug shot, Trump has throughout tried his best to appear "unfazed and unbowed" by having been indicted four times since March, as per the New York Times. "It is not a comfortable feeling — especially when you have done nothing wrong," he told Fox News's website in an interview. However, Trump has been able to make the most of his mug shot, according to The Washington Post. ANI

Hawaii wildfire tragedy: Officials release list of 388 "unaccounted" people



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"They were reported to be safe and sound," Steven Merrill, special agent in charge of the FBI's Honolulu Division, said during a news conference

Friday. "Again, we don't take that for granted. We still understand that there's hundreds more that we're still looking for and we will not stop until we find those," The Post quoted him as saying. The list of names released Thursday was "a subset of a larger list" that still needs to be vetted, Merrill added. "The 388 names were names that we had more information on. That's why we released that first," Merrill said. "That being said, I don't want to lose sight of the fact that we still have hundreds of other names where we still need more information." ANI

Afghanistan: UNSC alarmed by increasing presence of Daesh

The United States Security Council (UNSC) is alarmed by the increasing presence of Daesh in Afghanistan. The council has said urgent international collaboration is needed to counter this threat to global security, Khaama Press reported. Khaama Press is an Afghan digital news agency.

The Under-Secretary-General of the Office of Counter-Terrorism, Vladimir Voronkov, during the meeting highlighted that Daesh had acquired American weapons within Afghanistan. Moreover, the group's attacks on both the Taliban officials and security forces and international targets have grown in complexity, raising significant concerns. Voronkov said that close to 20 terrorist groups are presently operational in Afghanistan. Failing to contain their influence could pose a grave security threat to the

region and the global community. "The situation in Afghanistan is growing increasingly complex, with fears of weapons and ammunition falling into the hands of terrorists now materializing, he cautioned. The in-country operational capabilities of Daesh's so-called Khorasan province — sanctioned as ISIL-K — has reportedly increased, with the group becoming more sophisticated in its attacks against the Taliban and international targets," Voronkov's seventeenth report on the Daesh threat warned about the risk to global peace and security, as per Khaama Press. "Moreover, the presence and activity of some 20 different terrorist groups in the country, combined with the repressive measures put in place by the Taliban and a dire humanitarian situation, pose significant challenges for the region and beyond," he added. ANI

Afghanistan: Taliban bans women from visiting Band-e-Amir National Park

As the Taliban's atrocities continue to add to the miseries of the women in Afghanistan, the organisation has banned women from visiting Band-e-Amir National Park in Afghanistan's central Bamyan province in another regressive move, according to Khaama Press. Mohammad Kha-

lid Hanafi, the Taliban's Minister for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, stated in a speech in Bamyan that they are creating a mechanism that will eventually allow women to enter the park.

However, until the system is established, women are not permitted to enter the park, reported

Khaama Press. Hanafi also urged the Taliban security forces and the elders of the Bamyan province to help them enforce the prohibition on women entering parks. During his speech, he also criticised people for disobeying Taliban directives and women for not adhering to the hijab rules set by the Taliban. ANI

Why is the world attracted to go to the moon?



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This was India's third moon mission, which was successful, but there were many questions, why is there a need to spend so much money on the moon, what is there on the moon? In fact, the world is trying to run away from pollution. 10 lakh tons of helium 3 is filled on the moon, which is equal to nothing on earth.

Helium-3 is a gas that is a pollution-free alternative to uranium and plutonium. In the world, the closure of coal-fired power plants was followed by the construction of nuclear reactor base power plants, including Paris.

The climate accord also includes eliminating carbon dioxide and chlorofluorocarbon emissions from industries, power plants and vehicles from the earth by 2050, otherwise the earth's ozone layer, which protects us from the sun's

ultraviolet rays, will be depleted by the end of this century. will go and the life on earth will also end.

Uranium is used as fuel in nuclear power plants, which can keep a power plant running for many years, but it has two major problems. The first problem is that there is very little on earth and where it is it is very expensive to mine and convert it into fuel, which makes coal cheaper. The second reason is when it becomes a waste after being used, then this waste remains radioactive for several decades, which again makes it very expensive to dispose of it. But on the other hand, helium is also a nuclear fuel, the amount of which is much less required than uranium for a nuclear reactor, and it is not radioactive after becoming waste, but it is almost zero on earth, so it is a cheap and clean fuel even.

Even by bringing it from the moon, only India This mission is being talked about because it reached the moon with just as much money as Salman Khan's film. The European Space Agency and NASA revealed many years ago about the existence of large



reserves of Helium 3 on the moon, it is the fuel of the future. In the near future, the country that will have the ability to bring helium 3 from the moon will earn not billions or trillions but billions of dollars and India is the master of this race, which has huge energy needs according to its population and at a cheap rate. By bringing other countries will be able to sell Now if you ask why the disaster happened which was supposed to go to the south of the moon, then NASA and the European Space Agency had told that the large deposits of the moon and helium 3 are in the south of the moon, that is why in the S. Chandrayaan mission, NASA and The European

Space Agency continuously supported ISRO from its ground station so that there was no room for error during the landing.

The Vikram Lander will set new horizons for the future energy needs in the history of the earth including India and when Clean Energy is available in the future, this achievement of ISRO, Vikram Lander will always be remembered in the world because of the research and research that will be done because without energy your phone battery cannot run which is being depleted on earth. This is a historical milestone which you can't expect, this is a big achievement in the world.

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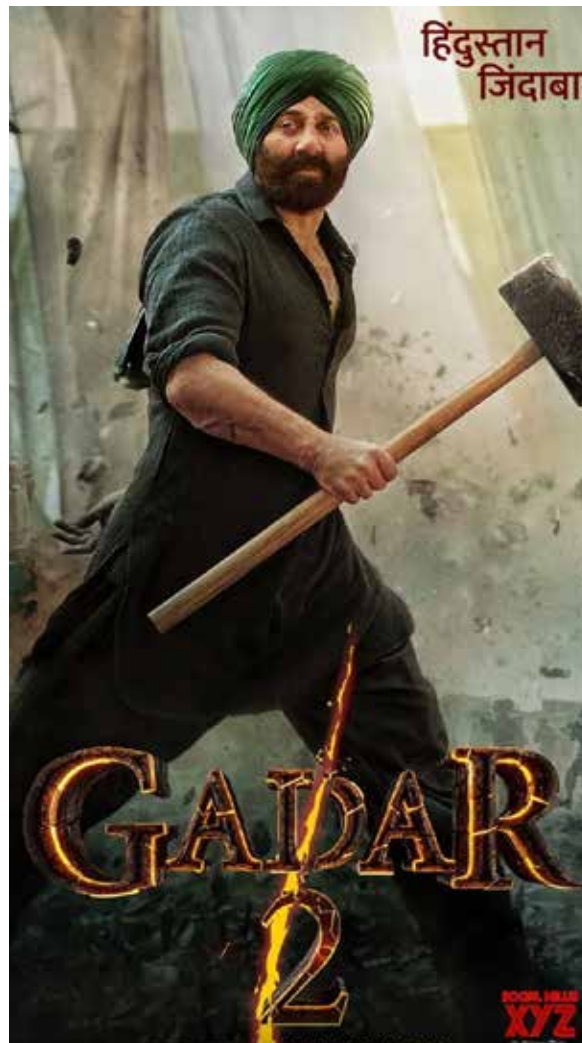


Chandrayaan-3 : Actress Kangana Ranaut praised women scientist , says "All of them with bindi, sindoor..."

Actor Kangana Ranaut praised women scientists for their contribution to the Chandrayaan-3 project. On Sunday, Kangana took to her Instagram stories and posted a picture of a group of female scientists. She captioned the picture, "India's leading scientists, all of them with bindi, sindoor and mangalsutra... the epitome of simple living and high thinking... the true essence of Bhartiyaata."

All of the female ISRO scientists can be seen wearing sarees and bindis. They were all smiles as they posed for the camera. **ANI**

Actor Sunny Deol's 'Gadar 2' has becomes third highest-grossing hindi film



Sunny Deol's 'Gadar 2' continue to achieve new heights as the movie has now become the third highest-grossing Hindi film.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared, "CROSSES 'KGF 2', NEXT 'BAAHUBALI 2'... After crossing *lifetime biz* of #Dangal, #Gadar2 overtakes #KGF2 #Hindi... #Gadar2 is now THIRD HIGHEST GROSSING #Hindi film in #India... Continues to smash #BO records at mass sectors... [Week 3] Fri 7.10 cr, Sat 13.75 cr. Total: 439.95 cr. #India biz."

'Gadar 2' has already entered the 400 crore club and Sunny Deol expressed his gratitude by recording a video while on a flight. He just took to his Instagram handle and thanked moviegoers for showering love. In the video, Sunny said "First and foremost thank you all. I never imagined you guys would like Gadar 2 so much. We have crossed 400 crores because of you all." **ANI**

Stranger Things : Actor Joe Keery says, "There's a sense of both relief and sadness"

There's a sense of both relief and sadness, says actor Joe Keery, who is getting ready to bid adieu to "Stranger Things", the popular sci-fi horror drama series. Created by the Duffer Brothers, the Netflix show is slated to end with the fifth season. Keery said he owes his career to the series, on which he plays Steve Harrington. **PTI**

