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## Maratha Quota Violence: CM Eknath Shinde said, "His government was committed to provide reservation"

In the wake of violence in Maharashtra's Jalna district over the Maratha quota demand, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday said his government was committed to providing reservation to this community in education and government jobs.

Talking to reporters after attending a state function in Buldhana district, around 450 km from here, he also said that there was no misunderstanding between him and two deputy chief ministers in the state and that all of them were

working as a good team.

"My government is committed to giving reservation to the Maratha community in the state. We will not sit quiet until the community get its due reservation," Shinde said. "Till the Maratha community gets reservation, the government schemes that are already in place will continue and deserving people from the Maratha community will benefit from it," he added.

Reservation in jobs and education provided by the state government to the Maratha community was quashed by the

Supreme Court in May 2021, citing the 50 per cent ceiling on total reservations among other grounds. An agitation seeking reservation for the Marathas turned violent at Antarwali Sarathi village in Jalna on Friday, leading to several people, including dozens of police personnel, getting injured. Police resorted to lathi-charge and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob that allegedly refused to let authorities shift a man on a hunger strike as part of the quota stir to the hospital. Police registered a case

against more than 360 people in connection with the violence, officials said.

When asked why Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who along with eight other Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLAs joined his government two months ago, was not present at the event, CM Shinde said, "Ajit Pawar informed me that he is unwell. He is down with fever, while Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis is in Ladakh to attend a military event." There was no misunderstanding among all three of them, he asserted. **PTI**

### Unemployment is soaring issue in India, youth are under stress

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Do you remember how Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised to create one crore jobs to eradicate youth unemployment in the country. More than seven years through his term, only a few lakh jobs have been added according to the official labour bureau data. Indian politics has squandered its narrative in recent times. Modi and BJP flipped their sides from development to blame the opposition by most of the time digging graves of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. People have voted for Modi expecting some change by believing his development promises. Unfortunately, since he came to power he is much focused on his PR activities with lavish photo shoots and media camera's hanging around hyping everything that he does. No news anchor or journalist ever spoke about unemployment, lack of educational budget, misuse of powers, sur-

vival struggles of youth, growing crime due to lack of job opportunities and those promised hundred smart cities. Furthermore the 'Make in India' project's utter failure. Make in India was supposed to promote new start-ups, but demonetisation and unplanned long lockdown forced many small businesses to pull-down their shutters.

Hundreds of unemployed youth committed suicides or got killed in brainwashed Hindutva riots or took to the self-declared Gow Raksha jobs (save cows) by venting out frustration beating people to death. In return they get a badge of honour from right wing supporters, and one day they perish. Even if there is no job they feel pride in indulging in such waste because that gives them undue attention.

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The pandemic has stormed for more than a year, reducing the government to a confused mess. It has taken a ghastly toll, caused the largest surge in joblessness, many companies dropped their employees. Other countries too have suffered and failed, but not as the Modi government botched citizens on vaccines, testing kits, oxygen, and hospital beds, jobs assurance and above all failed policies, securing jobs for people. This government withered people's survival.

Lack of skill is just a new tool to devalue young aspirants so that they could be hired in way lower salaries than standard one. It's a business. And all blame is put on the education system. Every organisation has their own way of systems and procedures to keep their organisation running. Education will provide you with basics and deep rooted knowledge upon which you can understand and build your skill when you work for organisations. Every organisation equips their employees and new entrants with requisite training to build workable skills. Employers are bosses because they know they are in demand and everyone will bow to them. They said educated youth have no skill, we accepted because they are bosses.

A large percentage of Indians view only Government Jobs as employment. We constantly keep seeing how thousands and lakhs of candidates keep applying for every available Government job — a lot of them are educationally over qualified for the requirement. This scenario is not going to improve, as we have the population growth, equivalent numbers of government jobs are not created. Creating an environment of prosperity and making everyone grow is what we expected from PM's speeches.

Prime Minister talked a lot about the type of these jobs in his concluding speech in the lok sabha no confidence motion held in July. There is no dearth of those kinds of jobs, he means making Pakora and Bhajiya or having tea stalls, but he ignored the fact that how can anyone afford to buy Pakoda and tea if the buyers have no job? Even to run those pakoda stalls they need purchasers. In Spite of having the attitude and open mindedness to take up such jobs, there is no clientele. Small and medium businesses going through tough times are the reason they fail to create jobs, the unorganised sector also limiting the jobs. Modi really needs to get this reality check.

Moreover the developed nations of the world, which are doing well, were earlier totally based on agriculture. India has this huge employment problem because it directly shifted from an agriculture-based economy to a service-based economy, skipping industrialization. With the advent of the industrial revolution, they showed tremen-

dous progress in the manufacturing field. After that, they are slowly switching to the service sector. We don't have an employment policy which is a requirement for all the International Labour Organisation member countries. The government has mainly relied on information technology and special economic zones to create jobs but the real potential lies somewhere else. The Modi government has not only failed to create new jobs but has also failed to keep existing jobs intact. Demonetization has undone every good thing that had happened to our country in the past.

Money flow in the market has decreased since Demonetization and other various factors and its effects are seen slowly now. Therefore Purchasing power of people is reduced, resulting in lower demand for supplies and services. The companies need to produce x amount of goods (food, cars etc.) in a day and should have demand for it. If there is no demand, they tend to produce less than x amount of goods in a day - thereby increasing the production cost, increasing the price and not making profits. To keep the prices and profits balanced, the production is reduced. So eventually companies end up requiring fewer people to produce a decreased amount of goods to keep the balance. This is one of the possible reasons employment in the market has decreased. Other factors that affect this - taxes, subsidies, export! We all have seen how income tax offices are behaving. The Government has not provided the job as required but also decreased jobs in various sectors like Telecom, IT, Construction, Labour, Pharma list is long. Government Sector jobs are on hold due to disputes in courts or due to scams.

Modi just made promises after promises but hardly fulfilled any of them. Whenever youth questioned about the jobs, the government and their machineries diverted the topic showing them danger from Pakistan, how Nehru damaged India, how Ram Mandir was built and most importantly how Hindu is in danger. What can we expect from these brainwashed youth? There is no point in talking about spineless sold out media houses, because they have become the mouthpiece of Modi.

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# Voices



## Letters to the Editor

### Wide Disparity Between Currency and Rupee

Undoubtedly we Indians have a bigger economy but today on 30th of August 2023 Afghan currency has over taken Indian Rupee. Now Afghani is the stronger currency against Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Sri Lankan Indian, Irani, et al currencies of the region. It is obviously surprising how Afghans have been managing their economy with all foreign aids stopped, all bans imposed and even their 8 billion USD got frozen by the West and that too happened following a 20-year of devastating war forced on them by the NATO. They did this just exactly within two years when the last USA army person left Afghanistan on 31st of August 2021! Many things here for the rest of the word to learn. Regardless of political fights, communal riots etc. it is point to ponder on the wide disparity between our country's things and other's things.

**Tauqueer Rahmani**

### Crossing the White Lines - drivers & riders beware!

I like the advisory put out by the Delhi Police, to drivers & riders which says, "Be like #NeerajChopra. Win hearts, not Challans." And the other one: "To drivers & riders, You are not Neeraj's javelin, and crossing the white lines will not get you points out medals."

One only hopes drivers & riders would adhere and take heed. They need to understand that it is not just their lives at risk but others as well. And, it is not just crossing the white lines, wrong side driving is proving to be a dangerous trend in Mumbai. We need to draw the line somewhere.

**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 provoca- 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**

### Control over inflation

The prices of Fuel, Diesel etc. are arising very high even the prices of edible too but the onion is somehow better than before.

Rising crude oil price is a concern but they are still within a tolerable zone from the point of view of oil marketing companies. "Flexible trade policy has been adopted to keep prices down. We must remember that global food prices are very high due to the Ukraine war and the supply of food grains has been affected and that is a global factor from which Indian cannot remain isolated. But the question is that why India is affected in domestic items, it precisely shows that trade policy makers are responsible. They should consider about it to resolve for humanity welfare".

**Mohammad Taukir**

# Nada Yoga - Vibes and Vibrations



The Sanskrit word Nada translates as sound, tone, or vibration, so Nada Yoga usually means "union through sound," or the "yoga of sound. The ancient Vedic texts say the universe was created as pure vibration. The discussion about different sounds used in Nada Yoga including internal, external and celestial sounds, really interesting. Sound and its influence on consciousness have been a matter of great mystery since the early humans walked on the face of the earth. Experienced, examined, studied and researched by many cultures and civilizations for thousands of years, sound is still a mystery to a great many. The mystics of India have given some of the answers to the questions humanity faces today.

The system is called Nada Yoga (The Yoga of Sound). It is a path of exploration of consciousness through sounds. The aim of the advanced state of Nada Yoga is to purify and harmonize the gross and subtle fields of body energy and bring them in alignment with their natural vibration. It is the opening of a door on the level of highest awareness when consciousness becomes conscious of itself. It is from that state that the transformation and healing begin in a most natural way. All our experiences of love, joy, peace, health and happiness are orchestrated by

consciousness from that field of unified state, the state of Yoga, and are our birthright to enjoy. This healing modality when combined with other methods of natural healing can have profound effects on healing the mind and body.

Nada Yoga is the classical term for the Yoga of Sound in the Hindu tradition. It is a stream of sacred sound that embraces Hatha Yoga, the occult linguistics of Tantra, and the spirituality of classical Indian music. By including the non-linguistic element of music, Nada Brahman augments the Shabda Brahman of the Vedic tradition, as well as the differentiation of energy in the chakras discovered by the Tantrics. While Bhava Yoga chooses only those frequencies that we classify as music in our earthly appreciation of sound, Nada yogis incorporate the full spectrum of frequencies — both those that are audible to the human ear and those that are inaudible — within the field of their yoga practice. This means that all forms of earthly music, the sounds of space, and even the entire electromagnetic spectrum of frequencies are included within this range of perception.

The practice of Nada Yoga can therefore help broaden the consciousness of an audience. Western music, since the time of Bach, moved to a tempered

set of intervals that divided the octave into twelve equal subdivisions. Prior to this, European musicians used an uneven set of intervals, as did other cultures around the world, which have their own irregular, organic divisions of the octave. The Western ear, trained and conditioned by tempered intervals, came to perceive other music as inferior or out of tune. Only in recent years, with the rapid surge of world music, have ethnic sounds, non-Western musical intervals, variable instrument tunings, and diverse musical scales "enlarged" the Western ear. The power of cultivating a larger ear has never been more necessary than it is now; it will result in a proportionately larger heart, facilitating an authentic acceptance of other cultures and their vibrations.

And someone who has always struggled with traditional meditation, the idea of using sound as a meditation tool is refreshing. The idea of focussing on the subtle sounds is so intriguing and I can't wait to try it out in my own practice.

**- C.K. Subramaniam**

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# Yes Bank scam: Special court allows accused Kapil Wadhawan to be shifted to Nashik jail

A special court here has allowed the authorities to shift Kapil Wadhawan, an accused in a case related to an alleged scam at Yes Bank, to a prison in Maharashtra's Nashik district after his "misconduct" during multiple hospital visits was reported by some news channels. Wadhawan, one of the promoters of Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL), is an accused in multiple fraud cases probed by the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He was lodged in the Taloja jail prison in neighbouring Navi Mumbai. Special judge for the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and CBI cases M G Deshpande on Friday passed the order allowing authorities to shift Wad-



hawan. He was shifted to Nashik immediately, sources said. Recently, some news channels reported that whenever Wadhawan brothers -- Kapil and co-accused Dheeraj -- were admitted

to state-run hospitals, they met their relatives and used mobile phones and laptops.

The higher prison authorities then moved an application before the special court, seeking

to transfer Kapil Wadhawan to another prison. Kapil Wadhawan was admitted to state-run hospitals for different medical issues, but he did not actually undergo treatment during his stay there or

even get checked up by doctors, the application said.

"It is a settled norm that a court should not get influenced by media publication and media trials, but at the same time, if some real picture, regarding conduct of the accused persons involved in serious offences, is reported by the Higher Prison Authority and upon examining the record if any substance is found in the report, certainly court cannot overlook and ignore it," the judge said. Wadhawan did not report any serious illness in his court applications, but the jail superintendent (Taloja prison) referred him to hospitals on 15 occasions between June and August 2023, the order noted, allowing him to be shifted to the Nashik Road Jail. PTI

## Congress stops its 'Jan Samvad Yatra' in Marathwada after police lathi-charge in Jalna district



The Maharashtra Congress has temporarily suspended its 'Jan Samvad Yatra' in all districts of Marathwada scheduled from Sunday following tension in the region after police lathi-charge on Maratha quota agitators in Jalna district. "New dates will be announced soon," senior Congress leader and former Maharashtra chief minister Ashok Chavan said in

a post on X. Chavan, who was to lead the yatra in Marathwada, said it has been temporarily suspended due to the prevailing situation after the police lathi-charge.

On Friday, police baton-charged and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob in Antarwali Sarathi on Dhule-Solapur road in Jalna after the protesters refused to let authorities shift a man on hunger strike to hospi-

tal during an agitation seeking reservation for the Maratha community.

Around 40 policemen and several protesters were injured and many buses were set on fire during the violence that erupted there. More than 350 people have been booked for alleged involvement in the untoward incidents. The Maharashtra Congress last month announced its plans to hold the 'Jan Samvad Yatra' from September 3 to 12 to reach out to the people and galvanise the cadre as well as to highlight "failures" of the BJP government at the Centre. State Congress chief Nana Patole had said their party leaders will travel at taluka, village and city levels in all regions during the period to "highlight the failures of the (BJP) government and spread the message of the opposition alliance". PTI

## Maratha Quota Violence: District's top cop sent on mandatory leave, say's sources

The Maharashtra government on Sunday sent Jalna district superintendent of police Tushar Doshi on compulsory leave, two days after protesters demanding Maratha quota were baton-charged, triggering violence, sources said.

Police have arrested 40 persons in connection with the violence that erupted in Jalna district on Friday, sources said. Police had baton charged and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob in Antarwali Sarathi village after protesters allegedly refused to let authorities shift a man on hunger strike for Maratha quota to hospital. Several per-



sons, including 40 police personnel, were injured and more than 15 ST buses were set ablaze in violence. Some 360 persons have been booked in connection with the violence.

Many opposition leaders condemned police action while a demand was raised for state Home Minister Devendra Fadnis' resignation. PTI

## Maratha reservation violence: BJP's Bawankule refutes Oppn allegations, sets for high level probe

Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule refuted allegations by opposition parties that the police action on Maratha quota protestors in Jalna on Friday was ordered by the

authorities or that it was a diversionary tactic. On Friday, police had resorted to baton charge and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse a violent mob in Antarwali Sarathi on Dhule-Solapur road that allegedly refused to let authorities shift

a man on hunger strike as part of the quota stir to the hospital. Several persons, including 40 police personnel, were injured and more than 15 ST buses were set ablaze. Some 360 persons have been booked in connection with the violence. PTI

## Police seized drugs worth Rs 19.05 cr in Navi Mumbai, 7 held

Seven Nigerian nationals have been arrested and drugs worth Rs 19.05 crore seized from them after a major crackdown against drug peddlers in Maharashtra's Navi Mumbai township, a senior police official said on Sunday. The contraband seizure

and arrests were made following raids on Friday in residential localities in Kharghar area, Navi Mumbai Police Commissioner Milind Bharambe said. The police had received a tip-off that some Nigerians had stocked drugs and were selling them, he said. PTI



# Nation

## Congress leader Rahul Gandhi slams central government, says 'one nation, one election' is an attack on Union and its states



Nath Kovind on the possibility of holding simultaneous elections. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has already declined to be part of the committee. He has also lamented the exclusion of Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge from the committee.

The government has included in the committee Ghulam Nabi Azad, the former leader of the opposition, instead of Kharge. The government on Saturday notified the eight-member committee to examine and make recommendations at the earliest on the issue of holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha, state assemblies, municipalities and panchayats. **PTI**

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday alleged that the idea of "one nation, one election" is an attack on the Indian Union and all its states. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "INDIA, that is Bharat, is a Union of States." "The idea of 'one nation, one election' is an attack on the Union and all its States," Gandhi said. Gandhi's attack comes after the government set up a high-level committee headed by former president Ram

## Aditya-L1 Solar mission: ISRO said, "satellite is 'healthy and operating nominally'"



measure in-situ parameters of the plasma and magnetic fields.

Aditya-L1 will be placed in a halo orbit around Lagrangian Point 1 (or L1), which is 1.5 million km away from the Earth in the direction of the sun. It is expected to cover the distance in four months' time. Aditya-L1 will stay approximately 1.5 million km away from Earth, directed towards the Sun, which is about 1 per cent of the Earth-Sun distance. The Sun is a giant sphere of gas and Aditya-L1 would study the outer atmosphere of the Sun. ISRO said Aditya-L1 will neither land on the sun nor approach the sun any closer. **ANI.**

Aditya-L1 spacecraft which was lifted successfully to study the Sun made its first earth-bound manoeuvre on Sunday. ISRO in its latest update said the satellite is "healthy and operating nominally" and the next manoeuvre is scheduled for Tuesday 0300 hrs IST.

Shifting the focus to its next space odyssey after successfully

placing a lander on the moon's uncharted South Pole region, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched from Sriharikota on Saturday the country's maiden solar mission -- Aditya-L1. It carried seven different payloads to have a detailed study of the sun, four of which will observe the light from the sun and the other three will

## Uttarakhand: Avalanche hits at Sumeru mountain around Kedarnath temple

An avalanche on Sunday hit the Sumeru mountain behind the Kedarnath Temple in Uttarakhand's Rudrapur district, according to an official. However, no damage was reported due to the avalanche, the official added.

Avalanche hits Sumeru mountain in Uttarakhand. "This avalanche has not caused any damage nor has the water level of Saraswati river increased", Uttarakhand DGP Ashok Kumar told ANI. "The situation in Kedarnath



is normal", DGP Kumar added. **ANI**

## Chilkur Balaji temple priest slams Udhayanidhi over his remark, says "Ask your father..."



The head priest of Chilkur Balaji temple, Rangarajan, on Sunday called on the people of Tamil Nadu to remove the Dravidian party from power and elect someone who believes in the temple system and Sanata Dharma. The statement of Chilkur Balaji temple's priest came in response to Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin's latest remark on Santan Dharma at the 'Sanatan Abolition Conference'.

Rangarajan expressed strong disappointment over Udhayanidhi's remark and suggested him to ask his father (MK Stalin) about the history of Sanatan Dharma. In a video message, Rangarajan, along with other

priests of the temple, said, "We have seen the statement of Udhayanidhi Stalin, who is the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and the cabinet minister in the MK Stalin government. He is comparing Sanatan Dharma to malaria, coronavirus, and dengue. First of all, he is in a constitutional post. He is not supposed to speak nonsense or things like this, and he is also challenging that you people can go to any court. I am ready to face it. We'll not go to any court; why should we go to the court? We ask the people of Tamil Nadu and also Udhayanidhi Stalin to please read history and ask your father, under whom you have been trained." **PTI**

## G20 Summit: Ahead of the meet Delhi traffic police conducts its rehearsal



As Delhi gears up to host world leaders at the G20 Summit under India's Presidency, Delhi Traffic Police conducted a full carcade rehearsal on Sunday. India will host the G20 Summit on September 9 and 10 in the national capital.

The two-day summit will draw leaders and delegates from 40 countries, including the 20 member states. The carcade rehearsals were carried out in the Shanti Van Chowk area of the

national capital.

Speaking to ANI about the G20 Summit carcade rehearsals, DCP Traffic Aalap Patel says, "Rehearsals are going on for the programmes that are scheduled on September 10. Full deployment is on the venues where delegations have to come on the same day. There was no congestion and traffic management was also fine. I would appeal Delhi public to also read the directories for September 8, 9 and 10 and contribute." **ANI**

World

## North Korea to conduct "tactical nuclear attack" drill: Reports



North Korea on Sunday announced that it carried out a simulated "tactical nuclear attack" drill on Saturday, Al Jazeera reported citing the state news agency KCNA. The drill was carried out with two long-range missiles equipped with mock atomic warheads.

According to the KCNA news agency, the practice was

conducted early Saturday to "warn enemies" that the country would be prepared in the event of nuclear war. With the tactical drill, North Korea laid emphasis on strengthening military deterrence against South Korea and the United States. Pyongyang has conducted a succession of missile tests and military manoeuvres in recent weeks, including a

botched spy satellite launch late last month.

This time for the tactical drill, the two cruise missiles carrying mock nuclear warheads were fired towards the West Sea off the peninsula, Al Jazeera reported. It flew 1,500km (930 miles) at a preset altitude of 150 metres, the state news agency said. It happened only days after the Uchi Freedom Shield joint annual summertime exercises between South Korea and the United States ended on Thursday following an 11-day run that included air drills with B-1B bombers. North Korea, which has long criticised the drills as a dress rehearsal for war, fired two ballistic missiles on Thursday in response to the deployment of US strategic bombers, reported Al Jazeera. ANI

## Russian President Vladimir Putin will be meeting Turkish counterpart on September 4

President Vladimir Putin will meet his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday in Sochi, Al Jazeera reported, quoting Russian Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov. Their talks come a week before Turkey and the United Nations seek to revive a Ukraine grain export deal that aided ease a global food crisis.

Peskov told the media persons on Friday, "It is true that the talks will be held on Monday. They will be in Sochi in the middle of the day."

As international attempts to patch up the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which sent grain and other supplies to regions of Africa, the Middle East, and Asia where famine is a growing threat, continue, the declaration put an end to weeks of speculation about when and where the two presidents may meet next. It came to an end in July when Russia abruptly withdrew from the agreement, as reported by Al Jazeera. Russia and Ukraine are important global providers of wheat, barley, sunflower oil,

and other agricultural products that are essential to developing countries.

The deal was mediated by Turkey and the UN in July 2022. During the war with Russia, it permitted Ukraine to resume exporting food from three of its Black Sea ports. Under the initiative, vessels sailed to and from Ukraine while ship and cargo inspections were managed from Turkey. While the deal was in force, around 33,000 tonnes of grain left Ukraine, according to Al Jazeera. ANI

## Sweden backs Ukraine: Swedish MP said, "Russia and Belarus are not welcomed to Nobel Prize award ceremony"

Stating that Sweden stands behind Ukraine, Swedish MP Margareta Elisabeth Cederfel said that Russia and Belarus, who were earlier invited to the Nobel Prize award ceremony, are not welcomed in their country. The Nobel Foundation has U-turned on a controversial decision to invite the ambassadors of Russia, Belarus and Iran to the Nobel Prize award ceremony af-

ter facing widespread criticism, CNN reported.

While talking with ANI in Dharamshala on Saturday, Cederfel said, "For me, it's important that we as a country stand behind Ukraine and Ukraine's fight for their territory and integrity. It's not only about Ukraine, it's about the free world. It's about Sweden as well and we are a part of the Eu-

ropean Union. We support the sanctions on those people from Russia from Belarus who are on the sanctions list. They are not welcome to Sweden, not to the European Union," A group of Swedish Parliamentary Delegations led by Moderate Party's Margareta Elisabeth Cederfelt came to Dharamshala to attend the 63rd Tibetan Democracy Day on Saturday. ANI

## Pakistan lawyers to observe a day strike against inflated electricity bills



The Pakistani lawyers have announced to observe one one-day strike on Monday against the inflated electricity bills and escalating prices of essential commodities, including petroleum products, Dawn News reported on Sunday. In decision was taken in the general body meeting of the Peshawar Bar Association with its president, Ishfaq Ahmad Khalil, in the chair.

According to Pakistan-based newspaper, the participants included members of the association, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council (KPBC) and Peshawar High Court Bar Association (PHBCA). The news daily reported that the PHBCA, with the approval of the KPBC, announced the boycott of all courts in the province on Sept 4 and took out a rally from district courts to the Rehman Baba Chowk near the

provincial assembly's building via the Khyber Road.

The meeting was addressed by the PBA office-bearers and members, who warned the government that if inflated electricity and natural gas bills weren't withdrawn and petroleum prices weren't reduced, lawyers would begin a protest movement across the province that would later be extended to other parts of the country. The speakers said lawyers won't tolerate "oppressive" policies of the government and would begin a protest movement on the pattern of their 2007 agitation against a military ruler for the supremacy of the Constitution and upholding the rule of law. Pakistan also observed a shutdown strike on Saturday against the inflated electricity bills and inflation. ANI

## US and Vietnam are boost their economic ties as China's increasing assertiveness in the region

The United States and Vietnam are boosting their economic and tech ties as China is increasing its assertiveness in the region, The Washington Post reported. In a bid to make stronger relations with Vietnam, US President Joe Biden will make a state visit to the country and is also expected to announce a deal to strengthen the economic ties between the two countries.

Vietnam is also trying to make the ties between the two countries stronger. The establishment of a "comprehensive strategic partnership" will give the United States a diplomatic status that Vietnam has so far reserved for only a handful of other coun-

tries: China, Russia, India and South Korea.

This move showed that Vietnam is willing to risk angering China but sees the move toward the US as necessary given how aggressively China is flexing its military muscle in the region. The Washington Post reported citing analysts. "If you have the United States on the same pedestal as China, that is saying a lot to Beijing, but also to the rest of the region and the world," said Derek Grossman, a senior defence analyst at Rand Corp and former US intelligence officer. "That's saying the US-Vietnam relationship has come a long way since 1995," when the two countries normalized relations. ANI



# Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education for All Students



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Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming an integral part of our everyday lives, transforming industries and reshaping the way we work, learn and communicate. This rapid technological advancement highlights the importance of incorporating AI education into the curriculum not only to ensure that all students are well-equipped for their academic futures but also for workforce development.

With that in mind, it is crucial to consider underrepresented populations as these students are typically left out of the newest technological advancements.

AI Support for Teaching

AI has the potential to revolutionize the education sector by enhancing learning experiences, supporting teachers and offering more personalized learning opportunities for students. We must equip teachers with the knowledge and strategies they will need to use this new technology to improve and streamline everyday processes as well as classroom implementation.

Some areas in which AI can transform the classroom include personalized learning, ideation, adaptive learning, special needs education, bilingual education, gamification and immersive learning.

Personalized learning involves AI-powered systems that analyze students' learning styles, strengths and weaknesses to create tailored lesson plans and suggest resources to serve their individual needs.

Adaptive learning platforms can adjust to each student's progress in real-time, identifying gaps in knowledge, providing immediate feedback, and suggesting targeted interventions to help students master the material. AI can also help

teachers automate administrative tasks, enabling them to focus more on instruction and student interaction.

Furthermore, AI-powered virtual tutors can provide round-the-clock support to students, while customized learning solutions can empower students with special needs to reach their full potential. Gamification and immersive learning experiences can make education more engaging, fun and memorable.

AI-driven language translation tools can break down communication barriers, enabling students and educators from different countries or with different languages to collaborate on projects and learn from one another.

All means all. Teaching students about AI is essential for developing digital literacy, critical thinking skills, and preparing students for future academic and career success. A basic understanding of AI systems enables students to engage and ideate with AI technologies safely, responsibly and ethically. Learning about AI also encourages students to analyze and evaluate question structure, complex information, question assumptions and consider the ethical implications of AI technology usage.

Moreover, AI is transforming the job market, with increasing demand for professionals skilled in AI and related fields. Teaching students about AI can help them develop the knowledge and skills needed to pursue careers in technology, data science and other in-demand industries. AI learning can inspire students to generate ideas and solutions, fostering creativity and innovation – essential skills in today's competitive and evolving job market.

It is particularly important to not exclude AI education from underrepresented student populations. In fact, it is vital to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion within this domain to ensure that a broad perspective of values are embraced to combat digital bias and discrimination.

Providing students with access to AI education can help close opportunity gaps, ensure they have the skills and knowledge to compete in the global workforce, and create a more diverse pool of talent in AI and related fields. This diversity can lead to better problem-solving, creativity and innovation in the development of AI technologies and solutions.

AI education can empower underrepresented communities to leverage technologies for social good and drive positive change in their local and global contexts. Lastly, ensuring underrepresented populations are well-versed in AI positions them to contribute to policymaking and decision-making processes, shaping the rules and regulations governing AI applications.

## Risks of Excluding Students from AI Education

**Excluding any student group** – either deliberately or by neglect – from learning how to leverage artificial intelligence can lead to several negative consequences, both for individuals and society at large. Following are some of the dangers associated with excluding students from AI education.

**Digital divide** – Excluding students from learning about AI can contribute to the digital divide, as they may not have the knowledge and skills needed to navigate AI-driven technologies in their daily lives. This can hinder their ability to access information, participate in the digital economy and engage with online communities effectively.

**Biased AI systems** – AI systems often are trained on data collected from human behavior, which can contain biases. For example, facial recognition originally was designed exclusively with white faces because the developers were not diverse. Excluding diverse perspectives from the development and design of AI systems can perpetuate or amplify existing biases, leading to unfair or discriminatory outcomes for certain groups of people.

**Wider skills gap** – As AI becomes increasingly important in various industries, the demand for professional skills in using AI will grow dramatically. Excluding students from AI education can exacerbate the skills gap, making it more difficult for businesses and organizations to find the diverse talent they need to thrive in the AI-driven economy.

**Economic inequality** – Students who lack AI education may find it more challenging to secure well-paying jobs as many traditional roles may be automated or significantly transformed by AI. This can lead to increased economic inequality and limit social mobility for those who are not adequately prepared for the AI-driven job market.

**Loss of creativity and innovation** – A diverse workforce in AI and related fields leads to more creative problem-solving and innovative solutions. By excluding certain students from AI education, we risk losing the valuable insights and ideas that they could bring to the development of AI technologies.

**Ethical concerns** – As AI becomes more integrated into our lives, it is essential to have a diverse group of professionals involved in the development and regulation of AI systems to ensure ethical considerations are taken into account. Excluding students from learning about AI may result in a lack of diverse perspectives, leading to potential ethical issues and unintended consequences. It also leaves students unprepared to navigate ethical dilemmas.

To mitigate these dangers, it is essential to promote equitable access to AI education for all students, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status. This will help to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the advancements in AI and contribute to a more inclusive and just society.

# Entertainment

## Pop singer Britney Spears reveals images of her new tattoo on social media ahead of divorce from Sam Asghari



Pop icon Britney Spears got a fresh snake tattoo on her lower back, People reported. She took to Instagram to share a reel. "My new snake tattoo, guys. I'm so excited!" she exclaimed in the clip as she danced and flashed a big smile facing the camera. Spears used a single snake emoji as the caption for her social media image. She was seen in the clip clad in a yellow crop top and cropped white denim shorts. The 'Toxic' singer revealed her separation from spouse Sam Asghari a few weeks prior to getting new tattoos. In an Instagram post on August 18, she spoke about their imminent divorce, stating, "As everyone knows, Hesam and I are no longer together ... 6 years is a long time to be with someone so, I'm a little shocked but ... I'm not here to explain why because it's honestly nobody's business !!!" "But, I couldn't take the pain anymore honestly !!! In some sort of telepathic way I have been receiving so many messages that melt my heart from friends and I thank you !!!," Spears continued. "I've been playing it strong for way too long and my Instagram may seem perfect but it's far from reality and I think we all know that !!! I would love to show my emotions and tears on how I really feel but (for) some reason I've always had to hide my weaknesses !!!" She added, "If I wasn't my dad's strong soldier, I would be sent away to places to get fixed by doctors !!! But that's when I needed family the most !!! You're supposed to be loved unconditionally ... not under conditions !!!" **ANI**

## Actress Shraddha Kapoor pens emotional note for her father on his birthday

Actress Shraddha Kapoor on Sunday penned down an adorable birthday wish for her "Baapu" Shakti Kapoor. Taking to Instagram, Shraddha shared a video which she captioned, "Happy Birthday to my one and only, my ultimate rockstar, my Baapu @shaktikapoor." In the video, the father-daughter duo could be seen twinning in white outfits and making funny faces. Soon after the 'Aashiqui 2' actor shared the video, her fans and followers swamped down the comment section and dropped red heart emoticons and sweet birthday messages for Shakti Kapoor. PTI



## Gadar 2 film director reveals about challenges of the film calls it as "Not easy to make mass entertainers"

Creating a mass entertainer that is an amalgamation of real and fiction is a daunting task, says "Gadar 2" director Anil Sharma as the film inches closer to Rs 500 crore mark at the box office. Directed by Sharma, the film is a sequel to his 2001 blockbuster "Gadar: Ek Prem Katha". It features Sunny Deol as his iconic character Tara Singh along with Ameesha Patel as Sakeena and Utkarsh Sharma as their son Charanjeet Singh. The movie, which released on August 11, is still running in the theatres and has earned Rs 493.37 crore till now, emerging as one of the biggest box office success after the COVID-19 pandemic. PTI