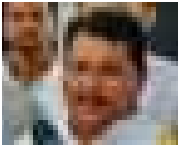




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Ayodhya seer, self-declared Paramhans Acharya, has promised to increase the bounty from the earlier announced Rs 10 crore reward 'for Udhayanidhi Stalin's head' after the DMK leader stirred a controversy by talking about the need to eradicate sanatana dharma and compared it with "malaria" and "dengue".

The seer's bounty came after Udhayanidhi Stalin, the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, remained firm on his comment, claiming he didn't target the

Hindu community. Earlier, Udhayanidhi Stalin hit back at the seer questioning if the seer was a fake saint. The seer earlier on Monday released a video that showed him holding a poster of Udhayanidhi in one hand and a sword in the other. Staging the symbolic beheading of the DMK minister, he was also seen setting the poster on fire.

The seer announced a reward of Rs 10 crore for anyone who beheads the DMK leader. Meanwhile, the DMK supporters in Vellore on Tuesday burnt the effigy of Paramhans Acharya for his death threat to Stalin.

Paramhans Acharya said "Whatever de-

velopment has taken place in the country is because of 'Sanatana Dharma'. He should apologise for his statement. He has hurt the sentiments of 100 crore people in the country". Acharya further stated that the "Sanatan Dharma neither has a beginning nor an end. It has never been destroyed and can never be destroyed," he said, warning that anyone trying to destroy Sanatan Dharma will be destroyed.

Security has been tightened outside the residence of Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin in Chennai after he was given a death threat regarding his 'Sanatana Dharma should be eradicated' remark.



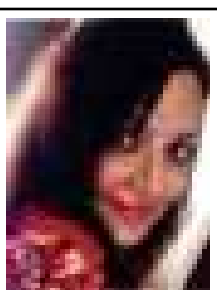
Republican Sena President Anandraj Ambedkar said, "We have a constitutional law in the country of article 14 which believes in equality and according

nobody should threaten or give any statements as such as it is against the law. Why there is sanatana dharma used every where everyone is Hindu and strict action should be taken against those people who are giving such threatening statements".

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Manoj Jarange Patil: The man who called for Maratha protests

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Dr. Vaidehi

In the recent past, this man Manoj Jarange Patil who works in a small hotel has hit the headlines for calling a Maratha protest. Patil started off as an activist of the Congress but subsequently broke off from the party to set up his own organisation called Shivba Sanghatna that was meant for empowerment of the Maratha community. Since 2014 Patil has gone on countless agitations seeking reservations for the Maratha community but those were not hyped or picked up by the media. Patil's fresh hunger strike has, however, set off chaos in the state sparking off violence in parts of Maharashtra and anger within the Maratha community after Patil's supporters and the Jalna Police clashed with each other. Patil hails from Beed, but now he has been shifted to Ambad in Jalna to make a living. Patil has since 2014 undertaken various hunger strikes and marches

to push for reservation for the Maratha community. Most of his protests, however, did not find resonance beyond Jalna district.

Opposition party leaders accused Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis of using "force" to lathi charge protestors, whereas Devendra unconditionally rendered an apology on behalf of his government and condemned the action that was not taken on his instructions. There have been numerous agitations from the Maratha community demanding reservation, but the police never had to use force. NCP and Congress hell bent on attacking Devendra in particular because their anger on Fadnavis for pulling them out of power is yet to subside.

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Finally in November 2018, the Maratha community was given reservation under the Maharashtra State Socially and Educationally Backward Act. The legislation proposed by the then BJP-Sena government got unanimous support from the Congress and NCP. However, the reservation was challenged in the Bombay High Court. The court, while upholding the reservation, said that instead of 16 per cent, it should be reduced to 12 per cent in education and 13 per cent in jobs. Accordingly, the Act was implemented with Maratha students availing the quota in educational institutions and jobs.

On September 9, 2020, the Maratha reservation was taken back as the Supreme Court stayed its implementation and referred the case to the Chief Justice of India for a larger bench. In result Marathas could not avail quota benefits either in education or jobs till the final verdict came out. But those who had been given the quota advantage till date remained the same, they are still enjoying those benefits. On May 5, 2021, the Supreme Court quashed the reservation. The Supreme Court struck down the provisions of a Maharashtra law providing reservation to the Maratha community, which took the total quota in the state above the 50 per cent ceiling set by the court in its 1992 Indra Sawhney (Mandal) judgment.

The judgement had come on a batch of pleas challenging the Bombay High Court verdict which had upheld the grant of reservation to Marathas in admissions and government jobs in the state as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Act, 2018. Reservation implies a separate quota which is reserved for a special category of people. In India, reservation was introduced with the aim of progression and suitable illustration of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes or any other socially and educationally backward classes of citizens, or economically weaker sections.

The Indian Constitution contains provisions for Right to Equality in Articles 14 to 18. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution also provides for the right to equal status and opportunity to the citizens of India. The Right ensures equality before the law and equal protection of the law irrespective of race, religion, caste, place of birth or gender of the citizens. Article 14 forms the foundation of Articles 16, 17, 18 of the Indian Constitution.

In 1979, the Government set up the Mandal Commission's to identify the socially and academically backward classes of India and to acclaim reservation policy for them. Reservations under the Mandal Commission were challenged in Court, in Indra Sawhney v. Union of India, 1992 Supp (3) SCC 217, wherein a 9-judge bench of the Supreme Court upheld the 50% ceiling, denied reservations in promotions and laid down indicators to ascertain backwardness. Further, the Court overruled Akhil Bharatiya Soshit Karamchhari Sangh (Railway) v. Union of India, (1981) 1 SCC 246, wherein it was held that reservations in appointments or posts under Article 16(4) included promotions. However, the Parliament through Constitution (Seventy – Seventh Amendment) Act, 1995, and Constitution (Eighty-First Amendment) Act, 2000 inserted Articles 16(4-A) (Reservation in matters of promotion with consequential seniority) and 16 (4-B) (Carry forward rule) respectively.

In 2019, Parliament passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act which does not mandate but enables 10% of reservations for economically weaker sections, in addition to the existing reservations. Reservation to SCs, STs and OBCs in case of direct recruitment on an all India basis by open competition is given at the rate of 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively. Otherwise, open competition reservation for SCs, STs and OBC is 16.66%, 7.5%, and 25.84% respectively. Reservation in promotion by non-selection method is available to SCs and the STs in all groups of services.



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Letters to the Editor

Janmashtami, an Indian festival

This year, Krishna Janmashtami will be celebrated on September 6. From Vrindavan to Mumbai, Krishna Janmashtami is observed by the devotees of Lord Krishna. Dahi Handi which is celebrated the next day, i.e. September 7 is a major attraction of Krishna Janmashtami. Dahi means curd, and Handi means an earthen pot filled with curd, butter and other milk products.

In Mumbai, Dahi Handi celebrations get more and more competitive every year. A participant in this festival is called Govinda (another name of Krishna) or Govinda Pathak. The pyramid formation is often accompanied by crowds of people, music and dancing. Hundreds of teams participate in this event every year and famous celebrities are invited to promote the event. Some mandals even incorporate social messages like female foeticide or about keeping the environment clean.

The story Lord Krishna's birth is as fascinating as the events that took place during his life time. According to Hindu mythology, when evil and immoral forces took over the world, mother earth pleaded with Lord Brahma to bring an end to the prevailing conditions. Lord Brahma then asked Lord Vishnu for help, who proclaimed that he will soon take birth to banish all evil from the earth. This Janmashtami, let us hail Lord Krishna and absorb his teachings and his blessings in our life.

Jubel D'Cruz

Banning child labour can be cruel at times when govt does not have a programme to support teens who are dying of hunger!

Banning child labour can be cruel at times when govt does not have a programme or plan to support teens who are dying of hunger & malnutrition. I salute poor children who prefer to work than beg on streets to make both ends meet. Some are even supporting their disabled parents from their incomes & govt should have an plan in place to support poor families if children below a certain age are banned from working.

Govts concern may be valid at times if children are made to work in inhuman conditions for more than 12 hours which affects their health. Merely rescuing children from such employer's & transferring them to children's home is not the solution. Poor children should be enrolled in learning programme where they they imparted practical training as well as paid some money to support their families as well as themselves!

S.N.Kabra

China published a new map

Recently, the Chinese government published a map that shows Arunachal Pradesh, Aksai Chin, and Sakshgam Valley as part of China's territory. China has also been displaying an aggressive stance in the South China Sea, including Taiwan and the region within the nine-dash line in its map. Additionally, China has issued Staple Visas to some athletes from Arunachal Pradesh. China consistently refers to Arunachal Pradesh as south Tibet, and Aksai Chin, which came under Chinese control after the 1962 war, is also depicted as part of China in this map. The Sakshgam Valley, originally part of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, was gifted to China by Pakistan. By claiming Arunachal Pradesh, China intends to pressure India into ceding territory in the Ladakh region. Therefore, the Indian government should exercise caution regarding Arunachal, Pradesha and Ladakh.

Md Mofidul Ali

Global Obesity: A Growing Health Challenge Impacting Millions



Obesity, often called the 'main cause of many diseases', is a big problem worldwide. Around 800 million people have it now, and it might affect 1 out of 4 people by 2035. It's not just in one place – it's everywhere and affects all ages, in rich and poor countries alike. Some places like North America, Europe, and parts of the Middle East and North Africa have more obesity. But now, even in poorer countries and cities, more people are becoming obese. Experts think that by 2035, almost 1.9 billion people could be dealing with obesity, which could cause big money problems. Obesity isn't just about being big; it's linked to serious health issues.

As per the World Health Organization (WHO), a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 25 indicates overweight, while a BMI surpassing 30 defines obesity. Childhood obesity rates are set to rise, and a considerable proportion of the global populace will likely exceed a body mass index of 25. Furthermore, the interconnection between obesity and various non-communicable diseases, especially type 2 diabetes, places

additional strain on healthcare systems and intensifies both societal disparities and stigma. The root cause of obesity remains an imbalance between calorie intake and expenditure. Genetic factors, inadequate sleep, and specific health conditions also contribute to its development. These factors collectively underscore the urgency of addressing this issue on multiple fronts.

As per Harvard's Obesity Prevention Strategies, the obesity epidemic didn't spread suddenly like a wildfire. Instead, it quietly developed over time, making it harder to address due to its deep links with society, environment, and government policies. If we had to boil down the primary cause of obesity in just two words, it would be 'sedentary lifestyle'. There's no complex explanation; it's mostly because of eating too much junk food and not being active enough, leading to increasing obesity rates.

Moreover, individuals with obesity frequently face continuous criticism and judgment due to limited understanding of the condition. This emphasizes the urgent

requirement to increase awareness about obesity, which is steadily evolving into a significant global health concern. Furthermore, numerous people might lack access to information about healthy eating and exercise, resulting in inadequate awareness about obesity's dangers and preventive measures.

Obesity is a persistent health issue that impacts both employed and unemployed individuals. Therefore, a thorough and interdisciplinary strategy encompassing lifestyle changes, medical care, and wellness initiatives promoting physical activity, balanced eating, and weight control can effectively lower obesity rates. This approach can result in better health outcomes and increased productivity.

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Congress leader Wadettiwar stresses on creation of separate quota for Maratha community



Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra assembly Vijay Wadettiwar on Tuesday said a separate quota can be created for Marathas and maintained that he is against sharing of the existing quota for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) with the Maratha community.

Speaking to reporters in Nagpur, Wadettiwar said he was not

opposed to the idea of increasing the quota limit to accommodate the Maratha community in it.

'A separate quote for the Maratha community can be created. However, I am against sharing the existing quota for OBCs with the Maratha community,' the Congress leader said.

The Maharashtra government can increase the quota limit to ad-

dress the demand of the Maratha community for reservation in education and jobs, he said.

'Instead of wasting time in procedures to issue certificates of Kunbi caste to the Maratha community, the Maharashtra government should increase the quota limit and accommodate the Maratha community in it,' he said.

On Maharashtra Deputy chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's claim that the previous MVA government did not take any steps to provide reservation to the Maratha community, Wadettiwar said, "Fadnavis and BJP state president Chandrashekhar Bawankule are taking contradictory stance on (the issue of) Maratha reservation. It is a clear attempt of eyewash and misleading people." (PTI)

Airhostess murder case: Family members claimed for deceased person's body

Family members of a flight attendant, who was brutally killed allegedly by a housekeeping staffer of her building here, have taken the possession of her body and left for their native place in Chhattisgarh, while the accused was remanded to police custody till September 8 by a court on Tuesday, an official said. The deceased, identified as Rupal Ogrey (24), came to Mumbai in April from her home state for training with a leading private airline. She was found dead late Sunday night in a rented flat at N G Complex in the Marol area of suburban Andheri.

The man arrested for her murder, Vikram Athwal (40), had been doing housekeeping work over the last one year in the residential society. The flight atten-

dant's family members claimed her body late on Monday night and left for their native place in Chhattisgarh for last rites, said a police official. According to the official, Ogrey's brother and sister claimed the body after completing formalities as her parents could not travel to Mumbai due to health issues. On Tuesday, accused Athwal was produced before a local court which sent him to police custody till September 8, he said. Initial probe revealed that after killing the airline employee with a sharp weapon, the accused went to his home in Tunga village in suburban Powai and changed his clothes. Athwal then visited a health clinic to get first aid as he had received injuries on his hand when the victim put up a resistance during the fatal attack. (PTI)

Police control room receives 38 hoax bomb calls from women suffering mental disorder in Malabar area

A 41-year-old woman suffering from a mental disorder allegedly made 38 hoax calls about bombs to Mumbai police's control room in the last two months, an official said on Tuesday.

The police control room received the latest call on Monday during which the woman, a resident of the Nepean Sea Road area of south Mumbai, claimed that a

bomb had been planted and she was scared and needed the police's help, the official said.

A probe into the matter revealed that the woman had made at least 38 calls on the '100' emergency police helpline to the control room in the last two months, he said. The woman lives with her 88-year-old uncle in the jurisdiction of Malabar Hill police station, he said. (PTI)

Zika Virus: Second case reported in kurla as per BMC

A second case of Zika virus has been found in Mumbai, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said on Tuesday. The first case was reported on August 23.

The second patient is a 15-year-old girl from suburban Kurla in eastern Mumbai which is under the jurisdiction of the civic body's L-ward, a BMC release said.

The girl, who had other co-

morbidities, complained of fever and headache since August 20 and received treatment from a private hospital, the release said. She was on Tuesday shifted to a government hospital where her condition is stable, the corporation said. Zika virus is transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes. Infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects in the child. There is no vaccine or medicine for Zika, which has

symptoms like fever, rash, headache, joint pain, red eyes, and muscle pain.

The BMC on August 23 declared that the first Zika case had been reported in the city after a 79-year-old man from Chembur contracted the viral infection. He completely recovered from it, BMC said. People should not panic as Zika infection is a "self-limiting disease", the civic body said then. (PTI)

A man and his parents held for harrasing daughter-in-law over Rs 20 lakh dowry in Navi Mumbai

A criminal offence has been registered against a 36-year-old man and his parents for allegedly harassing the daughter-in-law over the unfulfilled dowry demand of Rs 20 lakh in Navi Mumbai, police said on Tuesday.

As per the FIR, before finalising the marriage, the family of the accused had demanded Rs 20 lakh towards the "cost of the groom" from the victim's father.

The accused trio and the victim woman hail from Bihar but are currently living in CBD Belapur node of Mumbai's satellite city. No arrest is made so far. "The victim woman (34) was beaten up frequently by her husband and sub-

jected to cruelty during November 2017-August 2023 after she failed to pay Rs 20 lakh promised by her father while finalising the marriage," a police official said.

The FIR stated that the woman's father had given gold ornaments and various electronic gadgets to the groom. Police have booked the husband, identified as Anand Ranjan, and his parents under sections 498A (Whoever, being the husband or the relative of the husband of a woman, subjects such woman to cruelty), 323 (Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), and 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code, the official added. (PTI)

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Brigadier Sudhir Sawant (Ex-MP) said, "Our country is heading towards development and we are living happily with diver culture and in this statement there shouldn't be any religious statements given and strict action should be taken against those who are giving such threatening statements to people".

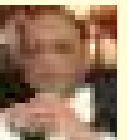
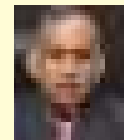
"I strongly condemn threatening statements and appeal to the state government for strict action against them", said Former MP Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam "According to me it is not correct that someone is comparing sanatan Dharma with denue, malaria and other disease. I understand that there are some rigid rules in which needs to be changed like un-touchability and other tradition but that does not mean entire sanatan dharma should be abolished".

Advocate Majeed Memon said, "According to constitutional law people can express their opinion

but people who are giving out threatening statements should be punished according to law as people are giving out such illegal statements in the country is not correct and this is happening from a very long time".

Retired Judge of Bombay HC B. G. Kolse Patil said, "Law and order situation can't be seen these days as most of the people are giving statements which are not according to the constitutional law and action should be taken against it".

Ex- IAS officer Uttam Khobragade said, "If sant's are giving out such statements then they are dividing people of the country which is not correct and proper action should be taken against those people who spreading such statements as this is not correct. Many people spreading lot of wrong messages in the name of Hindutva".



Nation

Telangana: Met dept issues Orange alert in 'low-lying areas due to heavy rainfall



slight reduction in rainfall activity, Nagaratna further said. "Very heavy rainfall is going to be witnessed in some parts of North East and East districts of Telangana. Tomorrow heavy rainfall is expected in the North district of Telangana and thereafter slight decrease and light rains are likely in northern parts of Telangana," she added.

After the heavy rains in the city the Deputy mayor, GHMC officials and DRF staff visited the low-lying areas for inspection. Deputy Mayor of GHMC, Mothe Srilatha Shoban Reddy visited Satya Nagar and Lalapet in Tarnaka Division. Deputy mayor Mote Srilata Shobhan Reddy said, "Measures were being taken to clear waterlogging and remove broken trees and bent poles without any problems for traffic. People should always be vigilant over heavy rain." ANI

The Met Department has issued an Orange for Tuesday in Telangana. The southern state is likely to receive heavy rainfall in central districts, North and East districts. Meanwhile, a yellow alert has been issued for tomorrow.

Director of Meteorological Centre Hyderabad Nagaratna said, "At present, the weather situation indicates that the low pressure lies over North West

and adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal off the coast of North AP and South Odisha and its associated upper air circulation extends up to 7.6 km above mean sea level tilting southwestwards in height. There is a trough extending from the North-East Bay of Bengal to Andhra Pradesh." Under its influence, Telangana is likely to have light to moderate rains in most places for today and tomorrow and thereafter

G20 summit dinner invitation: DMK MP Kanimozhi said, "Is RSS setting agenda for nation?"

Reacting to the G20 summit dinner invitation being sent in the name of 'President of Bharat', DMK MP Kanimozhi on Tuesday asked whether the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is setting the agenda for the entire nation. "Reading this (G20 summit dinner invitation) brings up a lot of questions. Is RSS setting the agenda for the entire nation?" Kanimozhi asked while talking to ANI.

Saying that using 'President of Bharat' instead of 'President of India' is unprecedented, she questioned the politics behind the move. "We've never seen invitations going out in the name of 'President of Bharat', it is always been 'President of India' or Prime Minister of India'. Why have they done this now? What is the intention behind it? What is the politics behind it?" the DMK MP questioned. "It (Bharat) has been

in the Constitution all these years but nobody used it. Recently, the RSS chief said that the name of India has to be changed," Kanimozhi added.

Regarding the Centre having been called a special session of Parliament, she said that the Opposition did not know the agenda. "We don't know why the special session of Parliament has been called. We don't know what the agenda is," Kanimozhi said. ANI

Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha disqualification: Petition has been filed in SC for restoration of membership

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the restoration of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha Membership, who was disqualified after the court sentenced him to two years' imprisonment in the criminal defamation case over 'Modi surname' remark. Gandhi was sentenced to two years imprisonment which disqualified him as an MP from Kerala's Wayanad under the rigours of the Representation of



People Act. Supreme Court later stayed his conviction and thereafter his Lok Sabha membership

was restored.

Lucknow-based advocate Ashok Pandey moved the top court seeking quashing of the notification of Lok Sabha by which Gandhi's membership was restored. Pandey said that once Gandhi lost his Lok Sabha membership, after being convicted in a criminal defamation case and was awarded two years of imprisonment, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha was not right in restoring back his lost membership. ANI

Abrogation of Article 370: SC reserves its verdict over petitions challenging the article

The Constitution bench of the Supreme Court has reserved its verdict on a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories. Five-judge Constitution bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, and Surya Kant reserves the judgement after hearing the arguments for 16 days.

The bench granted three days time to parties to file written notes on their submissions in the case. The Central government has defended its decision of abrogation of Article 370 saying there was no "constitutional fraud" in repealing the provision that accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. Attorney General

R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appeared for Centre. Centre told the bench that Jammu and Kashmir was not the only State whose accession to India was through instruments of accession but many other princely States that too had joined India, post-independence in 1947, with conditionalities and after their merger their sovereignty was subsumed in the sovereignty of India.

Of the 565 princely States at the time of independence in 1947, the majority of them were in Gujarat and many had conditions relating to taxes, land acquisition and other issues, the Central government told the bench.

Centre also submitted that the status of Jammu and Kashmir as a Union Territory is only temporary and it will be restored to Statehood, however, Ladakh would remain a Union Territory. ANI

G20 Summit: Paramilitary force and senior police officer has been deployed at Delhi



A paramilitary force along with a senior officer of Delhi Police has been deployed at Tilak Bridge in the national capital ahead of the upcoming G20 summit on September 9 and 10 here.

According to the officials, the security has been deployed as a precautionary move as Khalistani elements had threatened to deface properties in the area. The Delhi Police have also started conducting vehicle checking at various locations across the national capital in view of the up-

coming G20 summit. Surprise checks were conducted at India Gate and other parts of the city between Monday night and early hours on Tuesday.

Police personnel were seen conducting thorough inspections by halting vehicles. Earlier, in the previous week, 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. ANI

World

Afghanistan: Taliban denies claims against intervention of relief aid distribution



Refuting the claims, the Taliban has denied any intervention in the distribution of humanitarian supplies in Afghanistan and has argued that relief organisations have curtailed their contributions owing to a shortage of funding, reported TOLOnews. In a reaction

to the Security Council report, Zabiullah Mujahid has said, "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan does not interfere in the affairs of any institution to disrupt their work. We and our military are obliged to ensure their security."

Notably, the Security Council report has stated the "Taliban's"

policies and practises have further hindered attempts to react to Afghanistan's humanitarian catastrophe, TOLOnews reported. Meanwhile, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan stated that the reason for the cut in aid to Afghanistan was a shortage of cash, emphasising that they only got 25 per cent of the money sought this year.

However, in a separate statement, the Taliban's deputy of the Ministry of Economy, Abdul Latif Nazari said, "Our demand of aid agencies within the international community, especially to the United Nations, is to not consider political issues in humanitarian and development aid." Lamenting his plight, Jawed, a Kabul resident, amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan has said, "It is true that the aid of the international community comes to Afghanistan, but it does not reach needy people." ANI

China: Two people were detained for allegedly damaging section of Great Wall



Two people have been detained in China for reportedly damaging a section of the Great Wall using an excavator in the northern Shanxi province, CNN reported. Citing the state broadcaster CCTV, CNN stated that a gap in the wall was created in Yangqianhe Township.

The authorities in Youyu County said that a report regarding the same was received on August 24. Following an investigation, authorities discovered that a 38-year-old male and a 55-year-old woman had

breached the wall with an excavator in order to establish a shortcut to pass through, inflicting "irreversible" damage to the integrity and safety of that piece of the wall, reported CNN citing the state broadcaster.

The 32nd Great Wall section is one of the few remaining complete walls and watch towers from the Ming period (1368-1644) and is designated as a provincial cultural relic monument. In 1987, the Great Wall of China was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. ANI

Pakistan: People are protesting in Sindh against rising case of kidnappings of Hindu businessmen



A complete shutdown of business was observed in Sindh Province's Shikarpur and Kashmore districts to protest against rising cases of abductions of Hindu businessmen and their family members. The shutdown was also observed by Muslim businessmen as a mark of solidarity with their Hindu counterparts.

A large protest rally was also carried out by Hindu and Muslim businessmen in Kash-

more to condemn the kidnappings and failure of law enforcement agencies to arrest the culprits.

Recently, videos of 65-year-old Jagdish Kumar Kukhi and 25-year-old Sagar Kumar, s/o Inder Lal were received by their family members. In both videos, the victims were being beaten with assault weapons aimed at their heads. The Bandits had demanded Pakistani Rs 10 crores for their release. ANI

South Korea: More than thousand teachers were protesting against pressure on education system

Hundreds of thousands of teachers are demonstrating in South Korea following the suspected suicide of a teacher, which has been widely blamed on the load placed on educators in the country, CNN reported. Angry teachers claim they are subjected to unreasonable requests and even harassment from angry parents, and they are seeking legislative reform and more protections.

According to CNN, up to 200,000 demonstrators took part in a rally on Saturday. According to organisers, an estimated 50,000 teachers halted work and assembled in the capital on Monday to remember the death of the teacher, despite officials' early warnings that striking would be considered "illegal."

According to an August release from the country's Edu-



cation Ministry and the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education, who conducted an inquiry into the incident, the teacher had taught first grade homeroom at the Seo-i primary school in Seoul and died on campus on July 18. They did not identify the teacher. Cho Hee-yeon, the head of the metropolitan education office, announced two days after her death that the teacher had taken

"the unfortunate decision to take an extreme choice," a typical euphemism in South Korea for suicide, CNN reported.

Cho said police were still investigating, but he recognised "the reality that teachers' legitimate educational activities are not protected," and he advocated "special measures" to give instructors with stronger legal and institutional protections. ANI

Expression

Shri Krishna is our true National Hero - I



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Shri Krishna is a wonderful and unique national hero of our culture. The character of Shri Krishna is the popular character of a folk hero. He is also the ruler of Dwarka estate, but never addressed as 'King Sri Krishna,' instead, he is Brajnandan. Symmetry in society and the national system was his duty, that's why he never shirked away from his duty, and then religion became his self-discipline, that's why he never rejected it. He remained conscious in the combination of both Pravritti and Nivritti. Only the ideals of Shri Krishna will pave the way for establishing peace in our nation and the world. This mystery has to be understood as to how Shri Krishna implemented the ideal politics, practical democracy, social harmony, integral humanism and disciplined military and war operations. What kind of policy and intentions are required for the all-round development of any nation? The answers to all these questions are found in the life-story of Shri Krishna.

The entire life of Shri Krishna is synonymous with the cultural nationalism of India. The world has come to know India only through his ideals. With the re-establishment of his ideals the world will know and respect India again. Politically astute vision, suppression of evil people, traitors, criminals and corrupt people, determination to keep promises, vow of surrender for the national interest, liberation of innocent people, elimination of disparities, harmony among differences, prevention of mutual enmity, self-accepted self-restraint, everyone's involvement in the national work. Cooperation, control of religious power on royal power and renunciation of power to fulfill all these etc. qualities of Shri Krishna are the national life and cultural values of India. In fact, Shri Krishna was a thinker of that order, which



transcends the limits of time, and reaches the eternal and infinite. Whenever injustice increases, a national leader like Shri Krishna has to incarnate, as Shri Krishna Himself has said in the Geeta – Yada-yada hi dharmasya glanirbhavati bhāratah, abhyutthanamdharma-sya tadatmanam srijamyham.

That is, a national leader needs to be born only to counter injustice.

One who arouses the consciousness of the entire public in such a way that the entire society moves like a flood in the desired direction in which he wants to take the entire society and not even the highest mountain peak can stop its strong flow. Shri Krishna was also such a national leader, on whose instructions all the Gop-Gopis left Braj and united against the Demon King Kansa. Even though Goshwami Tulsidas was far away from power

in the medieval period, his great work Ramcharitmanas still remains a favourite among the masses and even today Tulsī's name is resonating in most parts of India; more than that of any ruling king, king or emperor.

Similarly, recently Mahatma Gandhi was completely away from power. He did not hold the post of Congress President even once. But during his lifetime, he had given direction to the Congress and to the then society and to the entire nation. Jayaprakash Narayan had changed the government by calling for a complete revolution in the country; not because he was in power, but he had public power and that is why he was called 'Loknayak'. He had won immense trust of the people. Today world's largest organization Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh and its Sangh- Director Shri Mohan

Bhagwat are also such folk heroes. Loknayak or Jannayak is actually a national leader. Shri Krishna was such a hero during his era. At that time, the rulers of the world used to hover around him in such a way, as if there was a ring of his quadrilateral cycle. Shri Krishna handed over the power to other people, and remained detached from the power. In fact, Shri Krishna could become our national hero only because he played an important role in mobilizing the people's power.

Shri Krishna's personality and his works are multi-faceted and multi-coloured, covering all the characteristics of leadership, i.e. political skill, intelligence, tact, war strategy, personal charm, political charisma, love, gravity, happiness, sorrow and whatnot? For a patriot, Lord Krishna is not only God, but also a teacher who teaches the art of living life as a successful citizen. Due to various characteristics of his personality, he attained the status of a superhero in Indian culture. On one hand, he was a knower of politics, and on the other hand, he was a great scholar of philosophy. Taking leadership in the religious, political and social spheres, he promoted the syncretic religion of knowledge-action-devotion. On the basis of his qualifications, he was a Yugapurush, who later on was accepted as Yuvavata. We remember Him as a great revolutionary hero. He was a philosopher, a thinker, a messenger of Karma and Sankhya Yoga through Geeta and a policy director of the Mahabharata war, but for the simple Brajvasis, he was a music maker, a butter thief, the mischievous Kanhaiya who broke the pots of the Gopis and befooled Gopis. This is the expression in the Gita – "O Arjuna! The devotee who worships me with the same feelings, I also worship him in the same way. We see the same characteristics in our Prime Minister Narendra Modi also, because by assimilating the life ideals of Shri Krishna, he is creating a strong India - a new vibrant India!

Entertainment

'India vs Bharat' controversy: Actor Amitabh Bachchan drops a tweet on social media stating "Bharat Mata Ki Jai"



Amid the ongoing controversy over using 'Bharat' instead of 'India', legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan's latest tweet has caught the eyeballs of all the fans. On Tuesday, taking to X (formerly known as Twitter), Amitabh wrote in Hindi, "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."

As his tweet came during the India-Bharat row, it seems like Big B has just showcased his support in favour of India's name change. Soon after Amitabh shared the tweet, several fans lauded the actor for his support. **ANI**

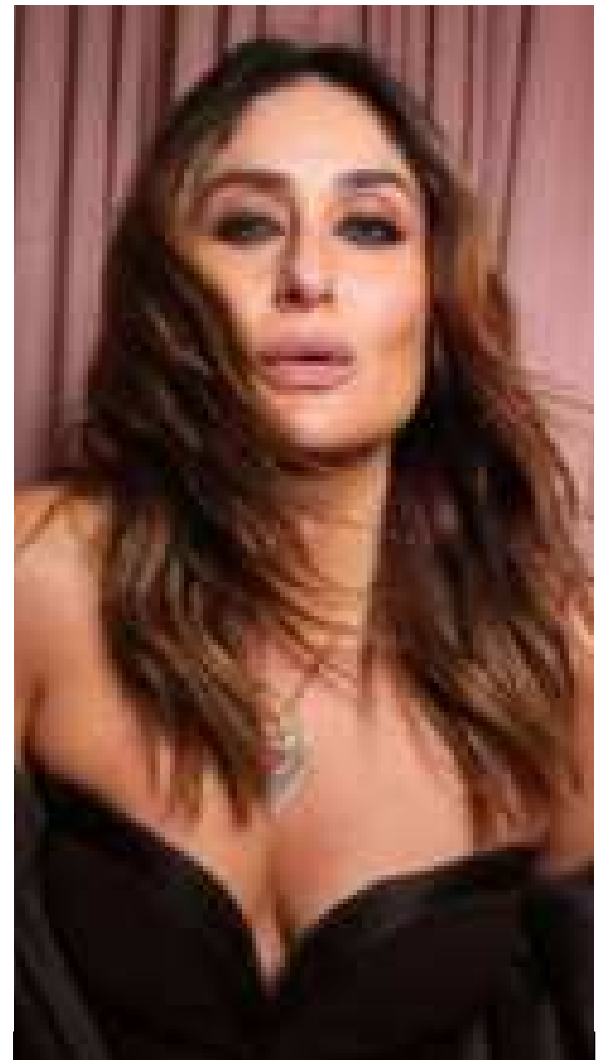
Actor Vicky Kaushal opens about family entertainer films, says, "Hoped I could do a film that families would love to see!"



Actor Vicky Kaushal is currently busy promoting his upcoming family entertainer film 'The Great Indian Family' which also stars Manushi Chhillar in the lead role. Helmed by Vijay Krishna Acharya, the film is all set to hit the theatres on September 22.

While talking about doing a family entertainer film, Vicky said, "I remember when I was growing up, some of my favourite memories were about us as a family going to a theatre and watching a film that we all could enjoy together. I used to look forward to such films because it became an event for my family. It was just a lovely experience, an unforgettable one."

The film is set in the heartland of India and will revolve around the madness that ensues within Vicky's family due to some sudden developments that are beyond anyone's control! Vicky added, "So, when I decided to become an actor, I hoped I could do a film that families would love to come out and see. I wanted to deliver the same experience that I got. I'm really proud to be a part of a family entertainer like TGIF because of the beautiful message that it will deliver to audiences." **ANI**



Actress Kareena Kapoor Khan reveals plans of her upcoming projects says, "Will continue to bring something new with every character"

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan on Tuesday said she will continue to bring something new with every character, despite being remembered for her popular roles like Poo from "Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham" and Geet from "Jab We Met". The two characters from the blockbuster movies -- released in 2001 and 2007 -- form a pivotal part of her filmography and the actor said she still finds it difficult to step outside the box. "As an actor, you want to try and do something different every time. For me, it is difficult because I've been known for playing Poo and Geet... This thing has been fixed in people's minds. So, that has been a conscious effort that now I want to do different things..." **PTI**