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India vs Bharat Row



THINK TANKS DO NOT APPROVE NAME CHANGE OF COUNTRY

AV Team

Since the all-India opposition alliance named their grand alliance as INDIA, BJP is hell bent on making the changes in the name of the country. Majority of right-wing voters are in favor of renaming India as Bharat, and this would be their political gimmick for 2024. Bharat to give fight to India (Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A)). This ploy is going to set the nationalistic narrative for BJP. The attack on the name 'India' started when the Opposition faction got together and called itself the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A). That was the first instance when Prime Minister Narendra Modi compared it to East India Company, Indian Mujahideen

and Popular Front of India (PFI), saying they all have 'India' in their names. The latest attack was from Union Minister Rajnath Singh who said the name itself was "khatarnaak (dangerous)" and using this name will undoubtedly result in failure, while remembering the BJP's 'India Shining' slogan.

The use of 'President of Bharat'- instead of the traditional 'President of India' - on official G20 Summit invitations has sparked a buzz. The move, that comes days ahead of the special session of parliament, has sent political temperatures soaring. This controversy also reminds an old case where in the year 2020 a businessman had filed plea to make changes to name of the country India to Bharat later plea was dismissed by the Supreme court mentioning that India and Bharat both the names

are already mentioned in the constitution of the country.

We also tried to speak to some senior advocates and activist who believes name change won't impact much as both the terms for country can be used. When asked a senior lawyer Abbas Kazmi, he told Afternoon Voice, "According to me looking at the current scenario things have gone worst when 'India and Bharat' both names are mentioned as per constitution, then how is it possible of making something changed. Well, as there is present government of BJP and many followers of their parties have tagline of 'Modi hai toh mumkin hai' can make changes to anything. But this act seems to only put down the opposition party's 'INDIA' alliance".

'Because there was no issue in it so

they have created one', While another advocate Abha Singh has mentioned that "When constitution of the country has mentioned that there are no changes needed in the name as India and Bharat both can be used then why there is so much controversy on it?".

Congress leader Tushar Gandhi said, "This is not a sufficient reason to make any changes to the name of India as Bharat. According to me this is quite childish act which has sparked a controversy only to put down the opposition parties because their alliance is called India. The issue name change was also raised earlier but later plea was dismissed mentioning that India and Bharat both the names are mentioned in the constitution so again making changes to name is just a juvenile act".

Why Rashesh Shah is the target in Nitin Desai suicide case?

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

In 2020 Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami was arrested by the Maharashtra Police after it reopened a 2018 case in which he was alleged to have abetted the suicide of 53-year-old architect Anvay Naik, and his mother Kumud. The case came back into the spotlight in May 2020 when the Maharashtra Congress posted a video of Anvay Naik's widow Akshata reiterating the allegation that Goswami abetted the suicides. This case was already closed by the court of law, but then the ruling party reopened the case to harass Arnab because he waged war against Maha Vikas Aghadi government in those days. Arnab was humiliated, dragged and threatened but nothing was proven against him. He was purely a political victim.

Similarly in Sushant Singh Rajput suicide case Bollywood actress

Rhea Chakraborty was brutally harassed by Arnab's republic Bharat in the name of abetment of Sushant's suicide. The agencies were also merciless towards her. Then comes Disha Salian suicide, one minister of Maharashtra was accused of having links with this suicide case and there were nonstop media debates and political statements that created unrest in Bollywood. In all the above cases, the innocent people had to face a lot of viciousness, jail arrest and mental harassment but nothing could be established against them. People forgot all those headlines that rocked the prime-time debates on all the mainstream news channels and here comes another similar case of Edelweiss ARC and Edelweiss Group CEO Rashesh Shah.

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The order says that ND's Art World approached ECL Finance Limited (ECLFL) for a loan to the maximum extent of Rs 150 crore and the ECLFL granted a loan of Rs 150 crore in November 2016. It also states that along with the first loan agreement, various security documents securing the loan were also executed by debtors, Nitin Desai, his wife Naina Desai, and KND Investments and Finance Private Limited.

Later in 2018, the company again approached the ECLFL for a loan of Rs 35 crore and while the loan was sanctioned, the corporate debtor availed Rs 31 crore. The total loan, therefore, aggregated to Rs 181 crore. ND's Art World was classified as SMA-2 in the books of the ECLFL on March 30, 2020, because of irregular and delayed payments of principal instalments. On March 31, 2021, the account was declared NPA (non-performing asset) as the company defaulted on the entire outstanding amount. On March 31, 2022, the company defaulted on the payment of the second loan amounting to Rs 33.24 crore.

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Special Mention Accounts (SMAs) are categorized by duration.

While an account is categorized as SMA-1 when the overdue period is between 31 and 60 days, the account is classified as SMA-2 when the overdue is between 61 to 90 days. Several reports have stated it was the gargantuan amount of debt that caused him to take the drastic step. Nitin Desai was given enough time to settle the loan, but he was trying for political intervention. Edelweiss ARC and Edelweiss Group CEO Rashesh Shah never spoke to Desai in person or texted anything. His associates were dealing with the matter, and the inside source said they never sent any text or voice message or any sort of threat or pressure to Desai. They simply took legal root to recover the loan, following the guidelines of the reserve bank.

Soon after the suicide news went viral, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis assured in the Assembly that the role Edelweiss ARC and Edelweiss Group, from which Desai had taken loan, would be probed to know whether he was charged high interest and if he was under mental stress. The inquiry is underway. The announcement by Fadnavis came after Bandra West MLA Ashish Shelar demanded an inquiry into Desai's death. From here the owners and associates of Edelweiss ARC and Edelweiss Group started getting threatening phones, there was tremendous pressure mounted on them to come to the terms. Whereas the firm owners are already cooperating with the investigations. FIR is lodged against Rashesh Shah and the matter is in the court. I am sure the home department under able leadership of Devendra Fadnavis will carry out fair inquiry without making this case a scoop like Arnab, Riya or alleged accused in Disha Salian suicide case during Maha Vikas Aghadi rule.

60 years old Rashesh Shah is an Indian businessman and the chairman and CEO of the Edelweiss Group, one of India's leading diversified financial services conglomerates. He is also the co-founder of Edelweiss Financial Services Limited (EFSL). He also delivers many speeches, interviews, and lectures on topics related to financial markets, development, macroeconomic policies, and related matters. He is also deeply involved in EdelGive Foundation, Edelweiss's philanthropy arm, which was set up in 2008 by his wife Vidya, with an aim to provide expertise of financial sector to the not-for-profit sector.

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Letters to the Editor

Dahi Handi

Dahi Handi which is being celebrated today is a major attraction of Krishna Janmashtami. Dahi means curd, and Handi means an earthen pot filled with curd, butter and other dairy products.

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 human pyramid formation is accompanied by hundreds of people taking part, accompanied by 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 the evils from this world.

Jubel D'Cruz

Self Goal By Stalin Junior!

Stalin Jr has scored a self goal by comparing malaria, Covid, dengue to 'Sanatana Dharma' & calling for its eradication. DMK's alliance partners in I.N.D.I.A too are in a soup as such remarks on religious sensitive subject in a Hindu dominated population of the country is difficult to defend & will disintegrate I.N.D.I.A alliance even before they form a strategy before the Parliamentary elections next year.

Regional Party's may be strong in their states but the ruling govt at the Centre led by PM Modi has no competition when it comes to national politics which is an entirely different ball game. A player may be brilliant in Ranji Trophy but can fail badly when it comes to playing Test Match for the country & State politics similarly can be different from national politics. Too many cooks spoil the broth & the future of the alliance partners look bleak against Modi, moreso when our country's economy is doing so well under Modi's leadership & global recognition which is at an all time high!

S.N.Kabra

Everyone should be Considered equal

Hyderabad: In a shocking incident, a Dalit man and his friend were tied upside down and brutally tortured on suspicion of stealing a goat in the Mandamari town of Telangana's Mancherial district on Friday, reported news agency IANS.

The video of the torture has surfaced on social media. Three accused- Komurajula Ramulu, his wife Swaroopa and son Srinivas- have been arrested in connection with the case. An India Today report said they have been charged with attempt to murder and committing atrocities against Dalits. Dalits and other backwards are being tortured, sometimes, because of entering temple and sometimes by another reasons as these are not hidden. Somewhere, they are humiliated by urinating on face, somewhere by hanging upside down. It sounds that they don't belong to human beings too. Such brutal and vicious behaviour should be halted. God has created everyone equally, so then, why His creations are differentiating? Therefore, all should be looked alike. no one discriminate anyone. These social discriminations should be rooted out and lived together with fraternity, equality and justice.

Mohammad Taukir

PM Xi Jinping refused to attend the G20

China seems to be struggling with the fact that India is hosting the G20 summit and taking center stage in world geopolitics. American President Joe Biden is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Modi a day before the G20 meeting. Chinese President Xi Jinping has refused to attend the G20 meeting, and instead, Chinese Premier Li Qiang will be participating on behalf of China. Furthermore, Xi Jinping will also not be attending the upcoming Asian and East Asian summits, which Indian PM Narendra Modi will be attending in person. Additionally, Vladimir Putin is not attending the G20 summit due to the Ukraine war and the ICC notice. It is evident that China's decision to not participate in the G20 summit is an attempt to diminish its relevance and prevent India from taking center stage in world politics.

Md Mofidul Ali

Cricket Bat Making is a Great Job

Cricket bat making is an art and we come across different makes of bat during the IPL cricket tournament now underway in our country. The sound of the timer and the way balls soared over the boundary is a treat to watch. But bat making is not an easy job and it undergoes many process before taking shape of a cricket bat. As a youngster, I had an opportunity to visit Pioneer Bat factory at Lethpora near Srinagar (J&K) and really enjoyed bat making process stage by stage. The factory owner was a friend of my father and he presented me with a miniature bat signed by all the great West Indies players of 1970s. It was a fascinating experience to go through stage by stage in bat making.

A cricket bat is a specialised piece of equipment used by batsmen in the sport of cricket to hit the ball, typically consisting of a cane handle attached to a flat-fronted willow-wood blade. The length of the bat may be no more than 38 inches (965 mm) and the width no more than 4.25 inches (108 mm). Its use is first mentioned in 1624. Since 1979, a rule change stipulated that bats can only be made from wood. Dennis Lillee used an aluminum bat and that was banned for use in cricket matches. Matthew Hayden used a Mongoose bat during an IPL match and that was not in use thereafter.

Cricket bat willow is a cultivated timber which predominantly grows in large plantations in wetland areas throughout England mainly in the South East. The trees are mature between the age of 12-15 years and at this stage have a circumference of over 4ft. The bulk of the Woodstock willow comes from willow specialists but each cleft is still selected by lead bat maker, John Newsome, individually. The cleft has already been split from the round using a wooden wedge, rough sawn and the ends waxed to stop splitting. The process of



seasoning in the open air takes place to reduce moisture content and this takes between nine months and a year. When ready to be turned into bats the ends are cut and they pass through a five cutter milling machine to give the cleft a uniform shape.

The seasoning of the willow at various seasons as the same are exposed to various conditions. As I saw in Srinagar, the bats are exposed to sun rays, rain and snow fall and the wear tear on these weather conditions makes the bat more seasoned and fit for use for making bats. The age of these willows are picked according to their age to make it a suitable one for the process of bat making. Both Kashmir willow and English willow are cut to size of bat and kept for exposure to weather and later the bat making process is undergone to make a balanced bat.

Each bat handle is spliced and fitted using a flexible wood glue making sure it is set slightly forward to ensure the perfect line of the bow. The handle is then gently tapped into place and left to dry in an upright position. Once the bat has been shaped and blended the sanding process begins. This is a time consuming process that uses several grades of paper working to a fine finish. Finally brush sanders are used to give a beautiful smooth finish. The stickers are then affixed to make it colourful and to provide bat name of the manufacturer's brand.

Indian made bats are exported to other countries. An exclusive bat made in India is not available for sale in India

but whereas you can get the same across the sea when you visit Sri Lanka. In Srinagar and surrounding areas cricket bats are available on the streets and you can pick up best piece at a cheaper price without stickers but you can buy from outside and stick on as per your own liking.

The art of making a cricket bat is lovely to watch and the youngsters should avail a chance to go through about quality of wood, a few craftsman with serious skills, computer assisted design, and large machines in factories, which provide all about a cricket bat. A firm grip with different colours and design decorate your bat very much and show a classic look. The curve given to the bat is of advantage and attract classy batsmen of modern era. Once the bats gets final shape then it is ready for labelling, gripping and knocking in. Every bat also receives a final check-over to ensure that it has been finished to a high standard and that there are no previously unspotted imperfections. The present day bats provide you the feather touch if the shot is played from the middle of the bat with perfect timing. There lies the real pleasure of playing with a perfect bat.

- C.K. Subramaniam

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Bombay HC dismisses the plea over dussehra rally fund usage as advocate failed to appear in the court



The Bombay High Court on Wednesday dismissed a PIL seeking a probe into the funds used by the Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena during a Dussehra rally held in Mumbai in October 2022.

A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Arif Doctor dismissed the

public interest litigation (PIL) after the petitioner's advocate failed to appear before the court when the matter was called out.

The advocate, Nitin Satpute, had not appeared before the court twice in the past too when the plea was taken up for hearing. In the previous hearings, the bench had asked petitioner Deepak Jagdev to place on record documents

or evidence that could substantiate his claims in the PIL.

The plea claimed that Shinde's rally at Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) attracted nearly 2 lakh people from across the state. It said 1,700 buses of the Maharashtra Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) were used to ferry people to the event.

Over Rs 10 crore was paid to MSRTC for the said service, apart from other facilities made available at the rally, the petitioner said. It was Shinde's first mega rally after he became the chief minister in June 2022. The PIL filed in 2022 sought a probe by central agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the Economic Offences Wing of the Mumbai police, into the matter. PTI

3 persons killed, 2 injured as car collides with truck on Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway



Three persons were killed and two others injured when their car jumped a road divider and collided with a truck on Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district on Wednesday morning, police said.

The car with five occupants was heading from Mumbai towards Ahmedabad in Gujarat when the accident took place near Sativali village at around 6.30 am, said senior police inspector Jairam Ranavare from Valiv police station.

The car jumped the road divider, went into a lane on the other side and collided head-on with a truck coming from the opposite direction, he said. Three car occupants died on the spot while two others were injured, the official said, adding the vehicle was completely damaged.

After being alerted, local police and firemen rushed to the spot. The two injured persons were admitted to a hospital for treatment. The bodies were sent to a government hospital for post-mortem, the police said. PTI

Jarange put on IV fluids as his hunger strike enters 9th day



Manoj Jarange, whose hunger strike for Maratha quota entered the 9th day on Wednesday, has dehydration and he is now being administered intravenous fluids,

said doctors monitoring the activist's health condition in Maharashtra's Jalna district. His blood pressure was also on the lower side in the morning, a health official told PTI.

The activist on Tuesday said he would stop drinking water and fluids after four days if a favourable decision on quota is not taken. A team of doctors is monitoring his health condition regularly.

"Jarange has dehydration and his creatinine level is a little high. We have started giving him intravenous fluids," Jalna's Additional Civil Surgeon Dr Pratap Ghodke said. "Though Jarange's vital parameters are fine, his blood pressure is on the lower side. His BP recorded this morning was 110 (systolic) and 70 (diastolic). The electrolytes are fine and his heart rate is also satisfactory," he added. (PTI)

Bombay HC grants Kishori Pednekar interim protection from arrest for four weeks



The Bombay High Court on Wednesday granted interim protection from arrest for four weeks to Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and former Mumbai mayor Kishori Pednekar in a case related to alleged irregularities in the purchase of body bags for Covid patients. The HC observed at the present stage, custodial interrogation of applicant does not seem to be warranted and the said issue can be considered during the final hearing of

the plea

The Maharashtra government had orally assured the Bombay High Court that no coercive action would be taken till Wednesday against Pednekar in connection with the case. She moved the court after a sessions court on August 29 rejected her pre-arrest bail plea, observing that the allegations prima facie showed a conspiracy involving misuse of power and public money.

Amid protests over Maratha quota, Devendra Fadnavis, Ajit Pawar meet CM Shinde

Deputy Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday met with Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Pawar and Fadnavis were spotted leaving Chief Minister Shinde's residence early this morning.

The meeting was held amid



the current protests in the state over the demand of reservation

for the Maratha community in education and jobs. Although the Maharashtra government issued an apology on Monday for the lathi charge on protestors in Jalna, the opposition has been pressurizing the government on the issue demanding Shinde's resignation. (ANI)

Nation

Manipur violence: SC grants interim protection from arrest to members of Editors Guild of India



over a report on the violence in the State.

The Guild's 24-page report was released on Saturday evening. The fact-finding team was sent to Manipur to examine the media reportage in the state from August 7 to 10.

The Manipur Police registered an FIR against Guild's President Seema Mustafa, and three of its members – Seema Guha, Bharat Bhushan and Sanjay Kapoor – who were part of the fact-finding team that visited Manipur to examine how media in the state was reporting the violence. They had concluded that local news reports about the riots were biased.

The first FIR is based on a complaint filed by one Ngangom Sarat Singh who has described the report as "false, fabricated and sponsored".ANI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim protection from arrest to the president and fact-finding team members of the Editors Guild of India (EGI) in relation to the FIR registered against them by the Manipur police. A bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra ordered that no coercive steps be

taken against them till September 11, the next date of hearing.

In its order, the Bench said, "Issue notice. Keep this on Monday. No coercive steps to be taken against petitioners till the next date of hearing." Editors Guild of India approached the Supreme Court seeking quashing of two FIRs registered by Manipur police against its president and a fact-finding team of the Guild

REC enterprise signs foreign currency term loan agreement for USD 100 million with EXIM Bank



REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has signed a foreign currency term loan agreement for USD 100 million with the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). "The proceeds of the loan will be used towards refinancing for on-lending to REC's borrowers in power, infrastructure and logistics sectors for importing capital equipment. The funds will be raised as part of REC's Market Borrowing Programme of Rs. 1.20 lakh crore for the year 2023-24," Ministry of Power said.

The ministry further said that this is the first term loan being extended by EXIM Bank to REC. The loan has been tied up for a five-year tenor and is benchmarked to SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate), which is the benchmark rate for loans denominated in USD.

Commenting on the occasion, Chairman and Managing Director, REC Limited, Vivek Kumar Dewangan said, "We are delighted to partner with EXIM Bank of India to bridge the financing needs of power, infrastructure and logistics sectors and sign the loan agreement for USD 100 Million." ANI

Former MP K Kavitha showcases disappointment towards congress leader Sonia Gandhi over Women's reservation bill letter to PM

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC and former MP K Kavitha strongly expressed her disappointment towards Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi for failing to address the Women's Reservation Bill in her recent letter to the Prime Minister. Ahead of the special Parliament Session beginning September 18, Sonia Gandhi wrote a letter to PM Modi demanding a discussion and debate on several issues including

the current economic situation of the country.

In a post shared on social media platform X, MLC Kavitha expressed her disappointment and said, "Saddened to see that the urgency for discussing the Women's Reservation Bill was completely ignored in Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson and MP Sonia Gandhi Ji's letter to the Prime Minister."

In her letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sonia Gandhi

outlined nine crucial issues, but notably, there wasn't any mention of the Women's Reservation Bill. Kavitha questioned this omission, stating, "Isn't women's representation a national imperative? Mrs Gandhi, the nation awaits your powerful advocacy for gender equality." MLC Kavitha's appeal for the Women's Reservation Bill, yet again gained nationwide attention yesterday when she urged all political parties to unite and support a more inclusive democracy. ANI

UP: SC seeks investigation report from police, issues notice to state govt in child slap case

The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought a status report from the Muzaffarnagar Superintendent of Police on the investigation in connection with the case lodged against a teacher who allegedly encouraged her students to slap a classmate. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Pankaj Mithal asked UP police to file the report stating measures taken to protect the student and his family and the steps taken in the investigation of the case.

The bench also issued notice to the Uttar Pradesh government and posted the matter for hearing on September 25. The direction of the top court came while hearing a PIL filed by Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, seeking speedy investigation in the student slapping case.

The Muzaffarnagar Police had lodged an FIR on August 26, a day after a purported video of the incident created an outrage on social media. The teacher, Tripta Tyagi, was booked a day after a video showed her asking her students to slap the Class 2 boy in Khubbapur village and also making a communal remark. The teacher was accused of making communal comments and ordering her students to slap a Muslim classmate for not doing his homework. The state education department had also served notice to the private school.

The FIR was registered against the school teacher under Section 323 (punishment for causing voluntarily hurt), and Section 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC).ANI

Delhi warmer, drier than usual so far this September

With no rainfall so far this month, the first few days of September have been warmer than usual in Delhi, with the maximum temperature remaining above normal.

On Tuesday, the maximum

temperature at the Safdarjung weather station, the city's base observatory, was 38.6 degrees Celsius, five degrees above the normal for this time of the year.

With no rainy day so far this month, the rainfall deficit for the

month stands at 100%, against a normal of 45.7 mm till September 6. The normal amount of rainfall for the month of September is 123.4 mm. The monsoon usually makes a retreat from Delhi around September 25.

World

If China wants to play the role of 'spoiler' at G20 Summit, that option is available: White House

It is for China to decide what role it plays at the G20 Summit in New Delhi, a top US official said, asserting that if Beijing wants to come in and be a "spoiler", that option is available to it, news agency PTI reported.

US National Security Advisor Sullivan said this in response to a question at a White House news conference on Tuesday on the impact of India-China border tensions on the G20 Summit.

"As far as the question of tensions between India and China affecting the (G20) sum-



mit - really that's up to China. If China wants to come in and play the role of spoiler, of

course, that option is available to them," he said.

"What I think the Chair,

India, will encourage them to do what we, the United States and every other member, virtu-

ally every other member of the G20 will do, is encourage them to come in, in a constructive way on climate, on multilateral development, bank reform, on debt relief, on technology and set aside the geopolitical questions and really focus on problem-solving and delivering for the developing countries," Sullivan said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping will not be attending the G20 Summit in New Delhi this week and the delegation will be led by Premier Li Qiang. (PTI)

Afghanistan: Taliban resurgence to power impacts role of women in the society



The impact of the resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan has been a subject of debate globally as the de-facto authorities, after seizing power have suppressed the role of women in Afghan society,

with the prohibition of women's work and education being the most major blow, Khaama Press reported. Over 50 decrees have been published against Afghan women since the Taliban's takeover on August 15, 2021, with

the banning of women's jobs and education being the most notable.

As a result of these orders, many women lost their careers in government and international organisations, resulting in financial dependency. There are no specific figures on women's job losses following the Taliban's comeback to power. Aside from the health and education sectors, women are barred from practically all occupations. Following the restriction on women working in beauty salons, approximately 60,000 Afghan women lost their jobs, Khaama Press reported. Due to Taliban restrictions, Rana Sharifi, a Kabul woman's life also changed completely due to the work ban. She used to work at a Kabul beauty salon, but now she has to rely on her family for financial support, and she is frequently turned down. ANI

Amid FTA talks, UK PM Rishi Sunak said, "Britain will agree to a pact that works for the whole of the United Kingdom"

The free trade agreement (FTA) talks with India are "progressing" and Britain will only agree to a pact that works for the whole of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told his ministers. Ahead of his first visit to India as UK Prime Minister to attend the G20 World Leaders' Summit in New Delhi later this week, Sunak updated his top team on the ongoing trade talks, which have



completed 12 rounds of negotiations, during a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday. The British Indian leader described India as an "in-

dispensable partner" of the UK across all spheres of bilateral cooperation, which he is keen to strengthen further. PTI

Brazil: Cyclone devastates southern area, leaves over 20 dead



As a cyclone has slammed southern Brazil, at least 21 people have died and hundreds more have been displaced due to floods in numerous cities, Al Jazeera reported. As the floodwaters recede, additional bodies are being discovered, according to authorities in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. According to Governor Eduardo Leite, the storm had an impact on 60 cities.

The hurricane that hit Brazil on Tuesday is the most recent in

a run of extreme weather incidents, highlighting the dangers posed by storms that are becoming more frequent and intense as a result of climate change. A cyclone in southern Brazil in June forced thousands of residents to be displaced and killed 13 people. In the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo, severe rainfall in February caused landslides and flooding that resulted in at least 65 fatalities, as reported by Al Jazeera. ANI

Nepal is all set to collaborate with India to promote 'Millet' consumption

Nepal is ready to collaborate with India to promote the cultivation and consumption of millets, which have high nutritional value, as a staple food, agriculture and livestock minister Beduram Bhushal has said. Speaking at an event here on Tuesday, Bhushal

congratulated India for taking the lead in the millet campaign, aptly renaming the grains as "Shree Anna" or auspicious grains. Bhushal emphasised the potential health benefits of promoting millet as a staple food, highlighting its high nutritional value. PTI

Expression

Shri Krishna is our true National Hero -II



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There was such a beautiful coordination of different types of qualities in the life of Shri Krishna that on one hand, he could enjoy the common people; on the other hand, he could uproot and throw away the teeth of an intoxicated elephant like Kunalaya Peed with his own hands. This coordination of amazing abilities puts Shri Krishna in a completely different league from other heroes. The significance of Shri Krishna encompassing ideological and practical ground, which flowed uninterrupted in the Indian society, was implemented by Chanakya through diplomacy, Tulsidas through devotion, Gandhi through service, Jayaprakash Narayan through the public awareness, Mohan Bhagwat through organizational skills proved the practical usefulness of thinking. Shri Ram, despite being in power, always remained unattached to it in the same way as a lotus leaf remains unattached to it even though it lives in the intoxicating water. Shri Krishna took this tradition of Shri Ram even further. Shri Ram was in power for some time in his life, but Shri Krishna always remained away from political power. He placed other people in power, but continued worshipping himself. His humility was to such an extent that when everyone was assigned work in Rajsuya Yagya, Shri Krishna himself took the responsibility of making people pick up used utensils! Such was his humility! The result of this humility was that the crown jewels of all the kings kept falling at his feet. Because of these qualities, even today we consider him the master-practitioner of sixteen arts. No other person in the whole of India from ancient times to the modern times could receive this honour!

The person who stays away from power, and gives direction to the entire nation, despite being away, is a true national leader. The life of a national leader is one of sacrifice. There is no desire for



wealth in his life. Lord Shri Ram was handed over the throne by his father Dasharatha. He could have remained on that throne. But he was detached from power. Shri Krishna also joins the same tradition. Three qualities were especially present in Him - sacrifice, detachment from power and amazing ability to organize people's power. Due to these three qualities, Shri Krishna succeeded in bringing about the change in the era as per his wish. The ideological level of Shri Krishna was much higher than the practical level. However, he coordinated his ideological and practical plans in such a way that it was not even known where the two streams merged into each other.

The character of Shri Krishna as

a national leader is also very divine. Everyone gets drawn towards them. The one who attracts everyone towards himself, paves the path of devotion, removes the sins of the devotees, he is Shri Krishna. He is an ideal character who is a psychologist while diagnosing Arjun's mental distress, an incarnation of Dharma, while killing demons like Kansa, an ideal politician while countering self-interested politics, the best musician in the form of Vishwa Mohini Bansi Bajaiya, the Brijvasi. In front of Sudama, He is Premavatar, an ideal friend; in the form of Sudarshan Chakradhari, there is a warrior and pioneer of social revolution. Even the smallest incidents of His life prove that he was blessed

with omniscience. He was the embodiment of religion and a skilled politician.

The administrative and political character of Shri Krishna is very super-natural; in short his overall thought philosophy has only one message - Karma. It is only through karma that it is possible to suppress the harmful tendencies of the society, and replace them with noble tendencies. Shri Krishna's personality is full of infinite compassion. But it is rare to find somebody else tougher than Him who opposes injustice and oppression. The same Shri Krishna who used to run barefoot for the sake of the one who loved him, the same Shri Krishna also became extremely harsh and ruthless in punishing the wicked. While preaching Geeta, Shri Krishna had told Arjun that there is no benefit in living under the influence of attachment. All these relatives are worth saying, but you have to emphasize on the delivery of knowledge, action and devotion to achieve your objective. Many legends and myths are prevalent about Shri Krishna. But there is a need to make a proper and rational historical evaluation of them in the contemporary context.

Shri Krishna has become the nurturer of rural culture. He gave unprecedented respect to cows in his time. He was conscious about the health and eating habits of cows and cowherds. While he revered the butter, milk and curd extracted from the hard work of cowherds as health protectors, he also prevented these priceless things from being given to Kansa as 'tax'. They wanted these things to be consumed in villages only. The form of Shri Krishna as a butter thief was not only a direct challenge to the autocratic power, but at the same time, it was also an encouragement to rural culture. Today, on the birth anniversary of Shri Krishna - Janmashtami, India is expected to be built on his teachings, life ideals and principles, only then Hindus will be strong, only then India will be able to become a Hindu nation in the true sense.

Entertainment



Miss Diva Universe 2023 Shweta Sharda said, "I am looking to forward to make my nation and family proud by bringing the crown"

Miss Diva Universe 2023 Shweta Sharda is doing her best to bring back the Miss Universe Crown to India. Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu was crowned Miss Universe 2021, and now Shweta wants to emulate this success.

As she returned to her hometown Chandigarh, she spoke to the media and said, "A tremendous sense of satisfaction and excitement comes from winning the Miss Diva India pageant. I've been dreaming about this moment for so long, and seeing it come true is simply beyond words. I am incredibly grateful and eager for the journey that lies ahead, and I'm looking forward to making my nation and my family proud by bringing the Miss Universe Crown back to India." She gave the entire credit to her mother for her achievement and said, "She is the strongest woman I know. Is khitaan ki asli hakdar vo hai. I am here because of my mother. She sacrificed a lot for our comfort. My parents got separated when I was 12, and since then, she has done everything for me and my brother. She worked so hard so that we get all the comforts of life. Whenever I get tired, she becomes my motivation."

Dance is her passion and she is a self-taught dancer. At the age of 16, she moved to Mumbai to fulfil her dreams. "I came to Mumbai to fulfil my dreams, though it was not easy but I knew there were a lot of opportunities in this city and I utilized them and worked hard, this is the reason I am sitting here now." Sharing her love for dance, she said, "Dancing gives me happiness. I feel like with dance I get solutions to most of the problems in life. I am a self-taught dancer but if you ask me to perform in any style I will do it. I am thankful to God for this talent. It helped me a lot." **ANI**

Actor Mahesh Babu hails for the movie 'Jawan' of SRK on social media



Ahead of Jawan's, actor Mahesh Babu wished Shah Rukh Khan luck for the film's massive success. Mahesh Babu took to X and wrote, "It's time for #Jawan!!! The frenzy and power of @iamsrk are on full display!! Wishing the team an all-time blockbuster success across all markets! So looking forward to watching it with the entire family!!"

In response to his generous post, Shah Rukh Khan said that he would like to join them as well. SRK replied on X, "Thank you so much, my friend. Hope you enjoy the film. Let me know when you are watching I will come over and watch it with you. Love to you and the family. Big hug."

'Jawan' craze has already started and after 'Pathaan', SRK fans are now eagerly waiting for the movie. Its dialogue and SRK's look have already made movie buffs eager to watch it in theatres. Recently, the fans expressed their love for SRK by gathering outside his house 'Mannat' in Mumbai and dancing to the tune of his songs. **ANI**

Singer Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner about to split after four years if marriage

American singer Joe Jonas and actor Sophie Turner have called it quits on their marriage of four years. According to People magazine, Jonas, 34, filed for dissolution of his marriage with the "Game of Thrones" star in Florida's Miami-Dade County Court. In the filing, Jonas has stated that "the marriage between the parties is irretrievably broken". They have a prenuptial agreement in place. **PTI**

