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Janmashthami 2023: Celebration of 'Dahi Handi' has become 'Game of politics' says former state minister Bachchu Kadu



AV Team

On Thursday 'Dahi Handi' was celebrated on the occasion of Janmashthami where it was seen that many of the 'Govindas' were injured while forming the human pyramid. Despite of many rules and guidelines issued by the courts people were not seen taking the precautionary measures while performing the human pyramid.

While earlier looking at the cases of injuries at this occasion supreme court had banned minor to perform the sport who are below the age of 18 and height of the human was also restricted to 20 feet.

The Dahi Handi ceremony is held every year on the occasion of Janmashthami in which people form human pyramid to break the earthen pot filled with buttermilk tied at a huge height.

In the year 2014 HC had also ruled that children should not be allowed to perform the dangerous sport and human pyramid should not be formed more than four layers after which case had moved to supreme court.

As per rules court also mentioned that organisers should provide medical help, including ambulances, first aid kit, helmets, safety belts and cushion layers at the venue of the performance.

Despite rules set out by the court there many organisers or people performing the human pyramids are not following these precautionary or safety measures to ensure govinda's who are performing the human pyramid are safe.

We also spoke to minister, activists and advocates who were seen flouting the rules ordered by court.

"More than public festival this has become game of politics", Ex- Minister



of state **Bachchu Kadu** said, "Now festivals which are able to see days are divided by the religions of Hindu and Muslim as most of them are hijacked by the politicians. People should follow the guidelines as per the court but now-a-days more than festival it has become political gimmick".



Advocate **Ujjwal Nikam** said, "This is a complete breach of law even after court orders people are choosing to play with their lives is not correct and then another question and cases will be seen in regards to the compensation to the injured people. Court orders should be strictly followed failing to do so will considered as an illegal act".



Advocate **Rizwan Siddiquee** said, "Not following a court Order would clearly attract contempt proceedings. Besides, endangering anyone's

life would also attract provisions of Sections 336, 337, 338 read with Section 319 of IPC which could attract imprisonment upto 2 years.

I would like to further point out that any death caused in such activity could also attract provisions of Section 299 read with Sections 301 or 304 or 304A of IPC, as the case may be. Punishments under these Sections are more severe leading upto 10 years imprisonment. It is therefore important that all precautions are duly taken and documents are properly executed, well in advance."

Fake currency can never be controlled in India

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

During the announcement of demonetisation PM Modi boasted that the fake currency would be seized and stopped for ever in India. He also said the demonetisation would help controlling black currency circulation. Ironically neither fake currency stopped not the black money. Recently Gujarat police seized fake currency notes with the face value of Rs 317 crore from various locations in Gujarat and Mumbai and arrested six persons. The main accused, Vikas Jain, was picked up from Mumbai. He runs a courier firm with branches in different cities. The counterfeit currency notes were seized from various locations in Mumbai, Anand, Surat and Jamnagar.

The Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) in denominations of Rs 2,000 and Rs 500 as well as those of scrapped notes of Rs 500 and Rs

1,000 were seized after the recent arrest of one Hitesh Kotadiya, who was driving an ambulance with the fake currency having the face value of Rs 25.8 crore. More than 28 units of the seized FICN had "Reverse Bank of India" and "movie shooting purpose only" printed on them, which the police said was meant to mislead authorities.

A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against the six persons under sections 489 (A)(B)(C) (traffic or use as genuine counterfeit currency notes), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence), and 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). According to police, Jain supplied FICN to the accused persons. He runs the courier service with offices in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi.

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Jain used to get the fake banknotes printed in different cities in north India and transport them to Mumbai through his courier service. He hid the fake currency at a godown in the Maharashtra capital, the release said. Police seized fake notes with a face value of Rs 227 crore of the total seizure from Mumbai alone. The accused persons were passing off FICN as genuine banknotes and they had nothing to do with movie production. All the six accused conspired to cheat companies which donated money to a trust, police said.

In 2016, Shah, a resident of Kandivali was arrested under section 489-A (counterfeiting currency) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code. A 22-year-old man was arrested for printing counterfeit notes and Rs 7 lakh in fake currency was seized from his premises in the eastern suburb of Mankhurd Mumbai. Based on a tip-off, the police raided the premises belonging to Rohit Shah, a salesman and seized fake currency of various denominations from his possession. The police also recovered a printer, laptop and other materials, worth more than Rs 2 lakh, used for printing fake currency.

Counterfeit notes detected for various denominations in the banking sector, the Reserve Bank of India ascertained a 101.93% rise in fake notes of Rs 500 denomination and 54% for fake notes of Rs 2,000. The increase rate of counterfeit notes for Rs 10, Rs 20 and Rs 200 were 16.45%, 16.48% and 11.7% respectively. RBI detected an increase of 10.7% in counterfeit notes of Indian denominations in FY22. Counterfeit notes detected for denominations of Rs 50 and Rs 100 declined by 28.65% and 16.71% respectively.

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After declining in 2020-21, the total number of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) of all denominations detected in the banking sector increased to 2,30,971 pieces from 2,08,625 pieces in the previous fiscal. During 2019-20, the FICNs detected stood at 2,96,695 pieces. "Compared to the previous year, there was an increase of 16.4 per cent, 16.5 per cent, 11.7 per cent, 101.9 per cent and 54.6 per cent in the counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of Rs 10, Rs 20, Rs 200, Rs 500 (new design) and Rs 2,000, respectively," said the RBI's annual report for 2021-22.

The counterfeit notes detected in the denominations of ₹50 and ₹100 declined by 28.7% and 16.7%, respectively. During 2021-22, out of the total FICNs detected in the banking sector, 6.9% were detected at the Reserve Bank and 93.1% at other banks, the report said. One of the major objectives of the 2016 demonetisation of the then prevailing ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes was to curb circulation of fake currency notes.

The report also said the total expenditure incurred on security printing during April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 was ₹4,984.8 crore as against ₹4,012.1 crore in the previous year (July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). Also, the disposal of soiled banknotes increased by 88.4% to 1,878.01 crore pieces during 2021-22 from 997.02 crore pieces in the previous year.

On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes would cease to be legal tender in India from midnight. Modi had said that the decision had been taken to "fight corruption, black money and terrorism". The Rs 2,000-notes and Rs 500-notes with a new design had been introduced after demonetisation. In the annual report released on Friday, the Reserve Bank of India stated that between April 2021 and March, 13,604 fake notes of Rs 2,000 were detected. In the previous one-year period, 8,798 fake notes of the denomination had been found. The number of Rs 500 fake notes jumped from 39,453 in 2020-2021 to 79,669 in 2021-2022, the report said. However, fake notes in the denominations of Rs 50 and Rs 100 declined by 28.7% and 16.7%, according to the RBI. While one of the major goals of demonetisation announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was to eliminate fake currency from the system, the maximum number of cases of counterfeit in India still relate to fake currency, followed by alcohol and FMCG. Most of such cases took place in Uttar Pradesh. The counterfeit cases in UP were more than three times that of the second in the list, Bihar. However, counterfeit crimes increased at a rate of 82 per cent on-year in Bihar, which was the highest.

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Voices



Letters to the Editor

World Literacy Day

World Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8 every year. As a community, we see the impact of illiteracy every day affecting children in our school system, or with adults seeking employment. Illiteracy is a hidden shame that many children and adults carry privately, unable to develop the skills to properly decode the world around them.

The theme for this year's World Literacy Day is: Literacy for a world in transition. Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies.

Being literate allows children and adults to develop the skills needed to become successful and contributing members of society.

Jubel D'Cruz

Catches win matches & each run saved is that much less to chase to win games!

Catches win matches but the team led by Rohit Sharma must be the weakest fielding side in the world. Lackluster attitude shown by some players including senior members like Virat Kohli on the field comes as a surprise, more so when the ODI World Cup is round the corner. Even the best of fielders around the world can fumble or drop a catch but the effort should not be missing as witnessed of late by our Team.

Fitness is key to winning games be it any sport & players should give 100 percent effort to excell at international level. Our cricket Board should urgently hire an fielding coach of the caliber of Jonty Rhodes & fitness expert with an extended coaching camp for fielding before the World Cup so that the flaws in our fielding can be ironed out before the WC. Teams like Australia & South Africa atleast save 25-30 runs on the field which means they need to score that much less to win games.

S.N. Kabra

Aditya L1 Mission

India has achieved another achievement in space. Now it has successfully launched Surya Yan i.e. Aditya-L1. The journey of about 1.5 million kilometres will take about four months and will revolve at L point in the orbit, where the gravitational force of the Sun and the Earth will be equal. There, it will research the heating occurring on the Sun, the speed of storms arising, temperature patterns, the effect of radiation from the Sun on the Earth's weather. After the success of ISRO's Chandrayaan 3, the launch of Aditya Surya Yan has made India proud across the world. Kudos to the scientists.

Sulliya Muhammad

One Nation, One Election

In reality, India has gone into One Nation-One Election mode. A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind. Modi was in favor of One Nation-One Election from the very first. It has already been said in the Rajya Sabha also that one election will be held in the country, and everyone should get busy in their respective works for 5 years. Have also advocated single voter list. Holding simultaneous elections will not be a joke with the basic structure of democracy and the constitution or the federal structure of the country? As the name suggests, in One Nation-One election, will the voters vote separately for the Centre, State and local bodies? The matter will also be related to emotions while voting. In the 21st century, the special session of Parliament starting from 18th September will certainly be historic for India. Will the opinion and consent of all the states be taken? At present, the truth of One Nation-One Election is still in Narendra Modi's box, which will have to wait for some time to come out.

Osama Azmi

MIND SPACE



Lying on a couch and talking about one's childhood problems is probably the most iconic image people have of psychologists. This form of psychoanalysis was developed by Sigmund Freud and even though a lot has changed in the last century, psychology primarily still remains the study of the mind and behaviour of humans and non-humans. A bachelor's degree in psychology can open doors to study how we learn, memorise, manage emotions, get motivated, how social conditioning impacts our fears, or how we develop different types of personality, etc. A majority students, after completing a bachelor's in psychology, choose to specialise further within the field. Owing to the dynamic changes in the world, careers in psychology are not only manifold but also diverse. Let's take a closer look at different specialisations.

Mental health professionals

Clinical and counselling psychologists are trained to diagnose mental illness and emotional problems which lead to dysfunction in an individual. Using psychological views logical tests, interviews and observing non-verbal bal

behaviour, they can assess they can severity of the mental health problem in an individual. Both clinical and counselling psychologists use different therapy models of "talk therapy" to develop therapeutic treatment plans to help individuals and or groups through their journey to overcome personal challenges. Typically, these specialists do a master's and or a Ph.D and work in settings such as hospitals, educational institutions, corporate organisations and clinics. Several do private practice as well. Psychologists interested in mental health may also specialise in creative expressive modes of therapy as well such as psychodrama, expressive movement, arts based therapy. Music therapy, etc. All psychologists working as mental health professionals may opt to work, after additional training, with specific sections such as children, adolescents, couples, LGBTQ+, substance addicts or even individuals with maladaptive use of technology.

Rehabilitation psychologist

Psychologists can undertake to study the impact of injury or disability on an individual and the family. The interventions they develop could be then

applied in school or at home. **Psychologists in research**

Psychologists, preferably with a biology background, can choose to study further- how the brain functions in order to learn, remember information, speak, sensory perception issues, intelligence and so forth. Cognitive psychologists work in university settings and have a PhD in the subject. Some cognitive psychologists may collaborate with other scientists to work on challenges like Alzheimer's, dementia, learning disabilities, etc. While others may collaborate in the area of artificial intelligence and machine learning as well to help develop better models learning for machines. So by understanding how human children learn with curiosity, machines could potentially be taught to be curious to learn new things.

- Vijay Garg

Columnist

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Mira-road murder case: Police files Chargesheet in the case of woman's body chopped and boiled



The police have filed the chargesheet in the murder of a woman whose body parts were boiled in a pressure cooker and roasted by her live-in partner in their rented apartment on the outskirts of Mumbai, sources have said.

The Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar police submitted the chargesheet in a magistrate's court in Thane on September 5, said advocate Atul Saroj, counsel

for accused Manoj Sane (56).

Explaining the next process, he said the court will frame charges against the accused in due course after which the hearing in the case will commence.

The contents of the chargesheet were immediately not known.

The case came to light in the first week of June after neighbours alerted the police about a foul odour coming from a flat

where Sane and his live-in partner Saraswati Vaidya (34) lived in Naya Nagar area of Mira Road township in Thane district.

After breaking the door open, the police were stunned to discover Vaidya's body parts, some cooked in a pressure cooker and even roasted, inside the flat.

As per the FIR, Sane killed the woman on June 4, chopped her body with a chainsaw and pressure-cooked and roasted a few pieces in his attempt to get rid of them.

The gory details of the crime evoked the memories of the Shraddha Walkar murder case.

In police custody, Sane claimed that Vaidya died of poisoning and he panicked and tried to dispose of the body.

Sane has been booked under Indian Penal Code sections 302 (murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence). PTI

Navi Mumbai police arrests a man with worth Rs 15 lakh



The Navi Mumbai police in Maharashtra's Thane district on Thursday arrested a 37-year-old man after recovering MD worth Rs 15 lakh from him, an official said.

Acting on a tip-off, the Anti-Narcotics Cell (ANC) carried out a raid at village Pisarve and seized 150 grams of the banned drug in powdered form from one

Gulam Ali Nadir Khanbaj, said the station house officer at Taloja police station. Apart from the drug worth nearly Rs 15 lakh, the police also seized a high-end car valued at about Rs 50 lakh and Rs 50,000 cash from Khanbaj.

A case has been registered against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he said. PTI

BJP leader organises 400 'Dahi Handi', Ashish Shelar says, "festival will usher in change in metropolis"

The Mumbai unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party has organised 400 'Dahi Handi' celebrations in the metropolis this year, including at Jambori Maidan in Worli, the constituency of Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray.

The 'Dahi Handi' celebrations of Thursday are the last before next year's Lok Sabha polls, likely to be held in April-May, and the polls to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Cor-

poration, which have been pending since early 2022.

The BMC was controlled by the Uddhav Thackeray-controlled Shiv Sena for 25 years between 1997 and 2022 and the BJP has been making all-out efforts to capture the country's richest civic body.

"This year's Dahi Handi will usher in change in Mumbai," asserted BJP Mumbai president Ashish Shelar. PTI

A minor was killed while practicing 'Javelin throw' at school in Raigad

A 15-year-old boy died after a javelin thrown by another student during a practice session pierced his head at a school in Maharashtra's Raigad district, the police said on Thursday. Hujefa Daware had bent down to tie his shoelace and didn't realise the pointed object was moving towards him, an official said. The freak incident took place at INT English School at Purar, Goregaon, in the Mangaon taluka of the district on Wednesday afternoon when students were practising javelin

throwing at the school's ground, he said. Daware was also a part of the javelin team that was preparing for a taluka level meet, the official said. As the practice session was underway, a fellow student hurled a javelin, the official said. However, Daware apparently failed to notice that the long stick with a pointed end was flying in his direction. The teen was hit in the head when he bent down to tie his shoelace, the official said. Daware collapsed on the spot after the javelin pierced his head. PTI

Dahi Handi celebrations: Two people were injured forming the 'Human Pyramid'

At least two 'Govindas' sustained injuries in as many incidents during Dahi Handi celebrations as part of the Krishna Janmashtami festival in Mumbai on Thursday, an official said. The two are being treated at civic hospitals and are stable, he said. During the festival, Govindas or Dahi Handi participants form multi-tiered human pyramids to break 'dahi handis' (earthen pots filled with curd) suspended in the air. The festival is being celebrated across the city, he said. While one Govinda was injured in central Mumbai, another was hurt in an eastern suburb as teams were trying to form human pyramids. One of the injured Dahi Handi



participants is being treated at the civic-run KEM hospital in Parel. The second Govinda was taken to another civic-run facility, Rajawadi Hospital in Ghatkopar, he said. Their condition is stable, the

official said. As part of its proactive measures, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has kept 125 beds ready at civic-run hospitals to treat injured Govindas, he said. PTI

Navi Mumbai: CISF officer held for stalking teen girls

A 25-year-old Central Industrial Security Force jawan was arrested in Navi Mumbai for allegedly stalking teen girls, a police official said on Thursday. The jawan, who was identified as Surajkumar Jagat Ram, was held on Wednes-



day night on the complaint of five girls in the 13-16 age group, the Vashi police station official said. As per their complaint, the jawan, a resident of CISF Colony in Vashi, stalked them in a market in Vashi on September 4, the official added. PTI

Nation

20th ASEAN Summit: PM Modi mentions "History, geography unite India and ASEAN"



is the central pillar of India's Act East Policy. India supports ASEAN's outlook on ASEAN-India centrality and Indo-Pacific," PM Modi said in his address in Hindi.

In his opening remarks at the 20th ASEAN Summit, PM Modi said "This year's theme is ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth. ASEAN matters because here everyone's voice is heard and ASEAN is epicentrum of growth because ASEAN plays an important role in global growth." He referred to 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam -One Earth, One Family, One Future that is the theme of the G20 under Indian presidency. PM Modi also called for amplifying the voice of the global south. The Prime Minister said in 2022 the India-ASEAN Friendship Day was celebrated and elevated the ties to comprehensive strategic partnership. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday attended the 20th ASEAN Summit in Indonesia's capital Jakarta and said that ASEAN is the central pillar of India's Act East policy and it has an important place in India's Indo-Pacific initiative. In his address to the Summit, PM Modi stated that the India-ASEAN partnership has reached its fourth decade and it is an honour for him to co-chair the Summit.

He also congratulated Indonesian President Joko Widodo for organising the Summit.

PM Modi highlighted the shared values, regional integration and shared beliefs in peace that unite India and the ASEAN. "Our history and geography unite India and ASEAN. Along with it, our shared values, regional integration, and our shared belief in peace, prosperity and a multipolar world also unite us. ASEAN

Kerala: Police identifies suspect in brutal minor rape case at Ernakulum



investigation...Search is going on...The accused is from the state (Kerala)...Currently, she (victim) is stable..."

The daughter of a migrant worker who was sleeping with her parents at Chathampuram in Ward 19 of Keezhmad Panchayat, Aluva, went missing at 12.30 Wednesday midnight. Those who went to investigate found her in a bleeding state in a nearby field. The locals immediately informed the police.

The seriously injured child was shifted to Kalamassery Medical College. The child is now out of danger. The girl is studying in 4th standard at a private school in Aluva. CCTV Visuals of the accused have been obtained, Aluva police stated. ANI

On the brutal rape of the minor girl who was kidnapped from her home on Thursday morning and raped in Aluva municipality, SP Vivek Kumar said that the victim was stable. The accused was identified and was a local person, he said. SP Vivek Kumar said, "Yesterday at around 2 AM, one wit-

ness saw the victim coming along with one suspect. He alerted the police and the police came to the spot. Before that, the local residents had taken the victims to the hospital...The suspect has been identified by the victim. We are looking for the suspect and as soon as possible we will arrest the accused and carry on the

Marine scientists have revealed secrets of Indian oil sardine

In a major breakthrough in marine fisheries research, a team of scientists at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has decoded the whole genome of the Indian oil sardine, a popu-

lar food fish. This is the first time that the genome of a marine fish species from the Indian subcontinent has been decoded, a CMFRI statement said here. CMFRI Director Dr A Gopalakrishnan described this de-

velopment as a 'milestone' in Indian marine fisheries, saying that the decoded genome will be a valuable resource for understanding the biology, ecology and evolution of the oil sardine (Sardinella longiceps). PTI

Bihar: Govt directs DMs not to engage school teachers in document verification into teachers recruitment scam



The Bihar government has directed District Magistrates not to engage school teachers and employees of the state Education department for document verification work of candidates who appeared for the 'School teacher recruitment (2023) examination', recently conducted by the BPS. This was stated by Chief Secretary Amir Subhani in a letter dated September 6 to all DMs in the state. "It has come to notice that employees of the Education department and gov-

ernment school teachers are being engaged in document verification work of candidates who appeared for the 'school teacher recruitment (2023) examination'. They (education department employees) are also being engaged in the scanning of the OMR sheets by the district administration at different centres. This practice needs to be immediately stopped by the district administration and employees of the education department should not be engaged in these works," Subhani said in the letter. PTI

Coal scam: Special Court discharges 3 accused in money laundering case



A Special Court has discharged three accused namely Manoj Jayaswal, Ramesh Jayaswal and Abhijeet Infrastructure Ltd in a case of alleged wrongful obtainment of the letter of allocation of coal block, and laundering of about 650 Crore rupees. The money was received by the Abhijeet Group as share application money and term loan from banks after having secured allocation of the Brinda, Sisai and Meral Coal blocks from the Ministry of Coal.

Manoj Jayaswal and Abhijeet Infrastructure Ltd. were both represented by Advocate Vijay Agarwal before Special Judge

Arun Bhardwaj. This is the first case of discharge granted in any case filed by the Directorate of Enforcement in coal block allocation related matters. The ED had alleged that the company allotted shares at a premium of multiple times the value of the shares and thus inflated its net worth from 30 Crores at the pre-allocation stage to about 750 crores after getting the coal block allocated and on the basis of the inflated net worth, obtained huge loans from banks. It was alleged that after de-allocation of the block, the net worth of Abhijeet Group came down to minus 69 crores in the year 2018. ANI

World

G20 Summit: UN Chief Guterres said, 'Would be happy to see it as member' over including African Union as a member

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday said that he would be very happy to see the inclusion of the African Union as a member in the G20. On India pitching to bring the African Union into G20, Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres said, "The UN has a very solid partnership with the African Union. Africa has a serious problem of representation in today's international institutions. When they were created, the African continent had few independent countries. Most of



the countries were still under colonial regimes..."

"I'm strongly supportive of the presence of an African country, at least as a permanent member of the Security Council, that I consider it is essential to reform

Africa to have a stronger participation. I would be very happy to see the African Union as a member of the G20," he said.

The UN Chief further spoke on India's G20 Presidency and said that he is confident that In-

dia will do everything possible to make sure that the geopolitical divide that exists is overcome and that the G20 can conclude with possible results. "I am confident that India will do everything possible to make sure that

the geopolitical divide that exists, overcome and that the G20 can conclude with possible results...I will be very interested in seeing the emerging economies and developed countries that are gathering in the G20 to be able to come to a united approach, to an increased ambition. Ambition in mitigation to reduce emissions as we are facing a catastrophic climate situation and ambition in justice to provide developing countries with the resources they need for climate action in adaptation and in mitigation..." Guterres said. ANI

After India, Japan has also joined the protest against 2023 edition of China's 'standard map'

Since the release of its so-called "standard map," China has been questioned by various countries with many of them lodging protests against the nation. Japan is the latest country to join the others in rejecting Beijing's map. According to Matsuno Hirokazu, chief cabinet secretary of Japan, the map's description of the Senkaku Islands is based on Beijing's claims.

Hirokazu said the islands are unquestionably an "inher-

ent part" of Japan's territory, in terms of both history and international law, according to Japanese public broadcaster, NHK World. He said that Japan has lodged a strong protest with Beijing via diplomatic channels and has demanded an immediate retraction of the description on the map. However, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson dismissed the Japanese government's protest over a description of Japan's Senkaku Islands in a new map released by Bei-

jing, according to NHK. Notably, Japan controls the islands. They are disputed by China and Taiwan. Apart from India, it is the United States, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Taiwan that have lodged strong protests against China so far.

Indonesia said "Comply with UNCLOS", whereas Taiwan said the map "can't change our country's existence". Nepal too reacted to it and asked Beijing to "respect" its 2020 Map. ANI

Pakistan: Hindu protestors were badly beaten by police while protesting against abduction

Many protestors sustained serious injuries after they were badly beaten by police in the Kashmir district of Pakistan's Sindh province. The police action on the locals, majority of whom are Hindus took place when they were staging a protest on Wednesday against the failure of law enforcement agencies to recover hostages taken by bandits of Katcha areas in Kandhkot.

Purported videos and pictures of the incident shared on social media show protestors bleeding from injuries sustained on their heads and necks. Huge sit-in protests are ongoing in the Kandhkot-Kashmore district against abductions. Reportedly, over one hundred people have been



abducted from the area in the past five months. Local reporter Balach Dashti Gudu in a video interview with The Centrum Media said, "Some one hundred people have been abducted in the past five months. Those taken hostage include both Hindus and Muslims. They are Pathans, Sindhis, Punjabi and Baloch also. They

are abducting them for ransom".

"People have stopped sending their children to school due to fear," says Gudu. According to ARY News, protestors have refused to end their sit-in despite baton-charge by police. They said they will continue their protest until the recovery of the last hostage. ANI

UK: Hunt is taking place after a terrorist suspect escaping from a prison that lodges Nirav Modi

A manhunt is on across airports and ports of the UK on Thursday after a terrorist suspect escaped from a London prison where diamond merchant Nirav Modi, who is wanted in India on fraud and money charges, has also been lodged for over three years.

Former British Army soldier Daniel Abed Khalife, 21, who was awaiting trial on charges of breaching the UK's Official Secrets Act at Wandsworth Prison in south-west London, escaped allegedly by clinging to the under-carriage of a delivery van.

The Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Command issued an urgent public appeal on Wednesday to help trace the suspect following his escape

from one of the UK's largest and overcrowded prisons. "We have a team of officers who are making extensive and urgent enquiries in order to locate and detain Khalife as quickly as possible," said Commander Dominic Murphy, Head of the Met's Counter Terrorism Command.

"However, the public can help us as well and should anyone see Khalife, or have any information as to where he might be, then please call 999 immediately. I also want to reassure the public that we have no information which indicates, nor any reason to believe that Khalife poses a threat to the wider public, but our advice if you do see him is not to approach him and call 999 straight away," he said. PTI

Singapore: Indian-origin man jailed for fatal accident at workplace

An Indian-origin certified forklift operator in Singapore was sentenced to 18 weeks' imprisonment for having caused death by accident at the workplace, the Manpower Ministry said here on Thursday. Alagappan Ganesan, employed by Asiabuild Construction, was sentenced on August 15 for a July 7, 2022 accident following prosecution under the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Act, the Ministry said in an August report on prosecution cases released on Thursday. On July 7, 2022, Ganesan was operating a forklift in

a multi-story car park, where his compatriot Kunjappa Makesh and a co-worker were laying cables. To prevent the cable from being run over by the forklift, Kunjappa and the co-worker attempted to throw the cable over the forklift, which, instead, landed on its rear. Kunjappa then climbed onto the rear of the forklift. But Ganesan started to reverse the machine resulting in Kunjappa getting caught between the forklift's overhead guard and a beam. He was taken to the hospital but died from his injuries, according to a Channel News Asia report. PTI

Expression

Whispers of Diligence : Bee's Unity, Scorpion's Strength



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Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, 'The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn. Similarly, in the delicate dance of honeybees and the determined stride of scorpions, we find a profound lessons on unity and diligence that resonates through the tapestry of nature'

In the vast world of insects, honeybees stand out for their remarkable unity and unwavering diligence. These tiny creatures work together in perfect harmony, displaying a level of cooperation that offers valuable lessons for human societies.

Honeybees are known for their complex social structure, with each member of the colony having a specific role to play. The queen bee, as the matriarch, lays eggs and ensures the continuity of the hive. The male drones serve to fertilize the queen's eggs, while the female worker bees are responsible for various tasks, such as foraging for nectar, producing honey, and protecting the hive.

The work ethic of honeybees is truly awe-inspiring. Day after day, they venture out in search of nectar from flowers, tirelessly flying long distances to collect the precious resource. Back at the hive, they convert the nectar into honey, a vital food source for the entire colony, especially during times of scarcity.

What makes honeybees even more remarkable is their cooperative spirit. They communicate through intricate dances, sharing vital information about the location of food sources. The unity of purpose within the hive is evident as they all work towards a common goal – the survival and prosperity of the colony.

As humans, we can learn valuable lessons from the honeybee's way of life. The strength of their colony lies in unity, collaboration, and a deep sense of responsibility towards each other.

Similarly, in our societies, when individuals come together, pooling their diverse talents and skills for the greater good, remarkable progress can be achieved.

Just like the honeybees, we should recognize the significance of teamwork and shared responsibilities. When we work in unison, supporting one another through challenges and celebrating collective achievements, we create a harmonious environment that fosters growth and mutual benefit.

Furthermore, the diligent nature of honeybees teaches us the value of hard work and perseverance. Success often comes through consistent effort and dedication to our goals. Just as honeybees diligently gather nectar day after day, we must stay focused on our aspirations, knowing that our efforts will eventually bear sweet fruits of success.

"Cherishing Parents: A Lesson from the Scorpion"

In the vast tapestry of nature, there are remarkable lessons to be learned from even the tiniest creatures. The scorpion, a creature often misunderstood, reveals a powerful message about the value of parents and the reciprocity of love and care.

In the scorpion kingdom, a unique phenomenon unfolds. After giving birth, the mother places her offspring on her back, carrying them with utmost devotion. Astonishingly, these young scorpions feed on their mother's flesh, a symbiotic sacrifice she silently endures. This striking tale of selflessness and endurance bears an uncanny resemblance to certain aspects of today's human society.

In our modern world, parents toil tirelessly, working day and night, regardless of challenges, to provide for their children's needs and dreams. Just like the scorpion mother, they silently endure the trials of life, expecting nothing in return but their children's happiness. However, as children grow, some might unknowingly detach themselves, focusing on their own aspirations without considering the sacrifices made on their behalf.



It is essential to realize that filial responsibility is not merely a cultural norm; it holds deep significance in various religious and ethical traditions. Islam, for instance, places great emphasis on honoring parents, recognizing the profound bond and respect owed to them. In Islamic belief, paradise lies beneath a mother's feet, highlighting the divine importance of caring for parents.

Gratitude and reciprocity towards parents are key tenets not only in Islam but in various other belief systems too. The tale of the scorpion teaches us that by valuing and caring for our parents, we can earn blessings from a higher power, fostering a sense of contentment and harmony in both this life and the hereafter.

It is crucial to remember that the scorpion's tale is not a call for parents to demand obedience or repayments from their children. Instead, it urges children to recognize the love and sacrifices of their parents and repay them with love, respect, and appreciation. By sharing our goals and achievements with our parents, we invite them into our lives, and in return, they offer guidance, support, and blessings for our endeavors.

Bottom line:

The remarkable behavior of honeybees offers profound insights into unity, diligence, and

cooperation. By emulating their sense of community and dedicated work ethic, we can create more harmonious societies and achieve extraordinary outcomes together. Let us be inspired by the humble honeybee and strive to build a world where unity and diligence become the pillars of progress and prosperity and similarly the scorpion's unique story carries a profound lesson for all of us. Let us emulate the mother scorpion's resilience and selflessness in our relationships with our parents. By cherishing and caring for them, we not only gain the favor of a higher power but also create a nurturing and loving environment for ourselves and future generations. May we all strive to be like the scorpion in the best possible way - selfless, caring, and grateful to those who brought us into this world.

"As we reflect upon the intricate collaboration of honeybees and the steadfast resolve of scorpions, let us remember that unity and diligence are not mere chance occurrences in nature, but deliberate choices that shape the world around us. Their story urges us to embrace the strength of togetherness and the unwavering commitment to our goals, for it is in these virtues that we too can find our place in the grand symphony of existence."

Entertainment

Actress Nayanthara shares adorable pictures of her “two Krishanas” on Janmashtami



On the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan shared a glimpse of celebration by posting pictures of their two “Krishananssssss” Uyir and Ulag. Vignesh Shivan on Thursday took to Instagram and wished her fans and followers Krishna Jayanthi.

In the image, Nayanthara’s twins can be seen offering their prayers in their traditional outfits. Sharing the picture, she wrote, “With our two Krishananssssss ! Such a blessed #KrishnaJayanthi with sooo many beautiful, blessed moments! All the Love to our #Uyir & #Ulag. Happy KrishnaJayanthi hope everyone had a wonderful one with family and friends.”

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'Jawan' Movie: Fans reacts on social media over actress Deepika Padukone cameo

Moviegoers can't keep calm as Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Jawan' has finally released. They were left awestruck not only by King Khan's different avatars in the movie but they also could not get enough of Deepika Padukone's cameo. The Internet has gone crazy over Deepika's cameo, and is immensely lauding her superlative screen presence and the evergreen sizzling chemistry between Deepika-SRK.

While Shah Rukh and his seven avatars are the centre of attention for sure, fans also can't help but laud Deepika's character who appears in an extended cameo. Check out

fans reactions: One of the users wrote, “The unreleased song of Jawan and their chemistry. The 20 mins of #DeepikaPadukone in #Jawan is my favourite part and there is no doubt she nailed it.”

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde attends 'Janmashtami Utsav' with Rakul Preet Singh, Jacky Bhagnani



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde along with actor Rakul Preet Singh and Jacky Bhagnani attended the Janmashtami Utsav in Thane, Mumbai. He boosted the energy of all the people who were participating in the dahi handi event and welcomed the actors. CM Shinde took to his Twitter handle to inform about the event and wrote, “Attended the Dahihandi festival organized by the Dahihandi Mitra Mandal of Tembhinaka Mitra Mandal founded on the inspiration of Venerable Guruvarya #dharamveer #anand dighe Saheb and interacted with Govinda. Bollywood actress Rakul Preet Singh and actor Vashu Bhagnani were also present as special guests on this occasion. “While Rakul opted for Pista green colour Anarkali, Jacky was seen wearing the kurta pyjama. ANI

Star Arnold Schwarzenegger recalls a frightening moment that left him “freaking out” while recovering from surgery



Hollywood icon Arnold Schwarzenegger recently recalled a frightening moment that left him “freaking out” while recovering from open-heart surgery. In a YouTube video, Arnold revealed that his third open-heart surgery nearly killed him, as per CNN.

“We made a mistake,” Schwarzenegger recalled the doctors saying to him in the YouTube video. This caused internal bleeding, he said, so his doctors had to “open me up very quickly to save my life.” Schwarzenegger said he was set to begin filming 2019’s “Terminator: Dark Fate,” the sixth installment of the “Terminator” franchise, in a few short months after the surgery, so his goal was to “shift gears” and figure out how to get out of the hospital and back on his feet. “I was in the middle of a disaster,” he said.

Getting out of the hospital meant that he had to get out of his bed and start walking, Schwarzenegger reasoned. It was a task that he enlisted his friends for, saying he called them asking to come help “fire me up” and count his steps. “This is what we did every day,” he said, adding that despite “wobbling around the hallways,” the doctors told him he had to exercise his lungs because if he caught pneumonia, he could die. Schwarzenegger made a full recovery, and gave credit to his “positive attitude” and “whole support system” for helping him get there. ANI