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The Tiger Claws of Shivaji Maharaj will be brought to India from London's Victoria and Albert Museum

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Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's tiger Claws are kept in England's Victoria and Albert Museum. Maharashtra Cultural Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar has left for Britain to bring it to Maharashtra on contractual basis.

Mungantiwar said that we are hearing about the tiger Claws of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj since childhood, are going to be brought to Maharashtra. This

is a matter of pride for us. Government of Maharashtra will have MoU with Victoria and Albert Museum. Mungantiwar left for Britain to complete the process of that agreement.

I am happy that there is an agreement to bring tiger Claws to Maharashtra on the occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's 350th coronation year, but no one is giving any input, rather some opponents are working to sabotage it.

However, political accusations and counter-accusations have started to flow from it. Thackeray group leader Aditya Thackeray has raised the question whether these tigers really belong to Shivaji Maharaj.

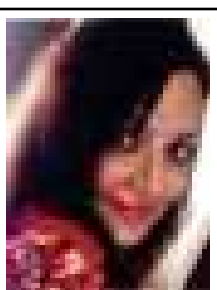
Meanwhile, history researcher Indrajit Sawant has claimed that these tigers were not used by Shivaji Maharaj. Sawant said that these tigers were not used in the killing of Afzal Khan. Because there is clarity about the tiger used at the time

of killing Afzal Khan. He said that if there are tiger claws here till 1919 and there are photographs and records of it, it cannot be the tiger cub that went to the museum before that too.

The Tiger Claws will be given to the Maharashtra government by London's Victoria and Albert Museum on a loan for three years and would be displayed at the museums in the state, the Government Resolution issued by the state government earlier this week had stated.

Maharashtra became emotional for Shivaji's Tiger claws

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

In a significant development, the UK authorities have agreed to return the iconic 'wagh nakh,' a dagger shaped like tiger claws used by Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to the Maharashtra government. This weapon holds historical significance as it was used by Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan, the general of the Bijapur sultanate in 1659. According to historical accounts, Shivaji Maharaj used a "wagh nakh" (also known as "bagh nakh" or "tiger claws") to kill Afzal Khan. Wagh nakh is a type of Indian weapon consisting of four or five curved blades affixed to a crossbar or glove, which is worn on the hand like a knuckle-duster. It is believed to have been inspired by the armament of big cats, and the term bagh nakh itself means tiger's

claw in Hindi. There are conflicting reports of the time period in which the bagh nakh first appeared. Poisoned bagh nakh had been used by the Rajput clans for assassinations. The most well-known usage of the weapon was by the first Maratha leader Shivaji who used a bichua and bagh nakh to kill the Bijapur general Afzal Khan.

1659, Shivaji needed to have a truce meeting with Afzal Khan, hence invited him over. There were negotiations about how many men both can have and of course no weapons to be carried. As both hugged, Afzal Khan grabbed Shivaji's neck in one arm and took out a dagger from the other and tried to stab Shivaji.

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I was sorted with my first guest that was surprisingly Mrs. Smita Thackeray. Mrs. Smita Thackeray is very well-known social activist and film producer.

My second awardee on the list was Pankaja Munde daughter of BJP's veteran leader Late Shree Gopinath Munde. Those days Pankaja made her official debut in active politics.

Overall, we were doing good and that's how we branched into a parallel module of business of Shipping Magazine and hard-core Cyber Security magazines.

But Shivaji surprisingly was already wearing armour underneath his clothes. Then Shivaji took out his tiger claws and disembowelled Afzal Khan.

Afzal Khan and most Mughal Emperors/Wazirs were treacherous and if Shivaji returned back the same treachery, it's a very valid reason, after all, while on pursue to capture Shivaji, Afzal Khan on purpose was desecrating temples, killing innocents to provoke Shivaji further. So, to bring an end to such evil, Shivaji Maharaj tore him apart. Then Shivaji somehow freed his right hand and left his arm, deep into Afzal Khan's back, and removed the saber from the waist and pushed it into his flank! With this sudden attack, Krukkarma was shocked and backed away by screaming!

His bodyguards rushed in and tried to take him away, but Shivaji's bodyguards were killed and then a Maratha cut Afzal Khan's head with Vijay Ghosh! Ransinghe rang and the Marathas hiding here and there broke out on the Bijapuri army. Unaware of this unexpected attack, the Bijapuri army did not even get a chance to handle it! How many were killed and then whoever got the chance escaped!

When the Bijapur news reached, mourning prevailed there and even in his dreams, that 'hill rat' came and started scaring him! 10 November 1659 was the day to kill Afzal Khan and acquaint all the heretics including Bijapur with the power of the Marathas. That day the idol of Goddess Tulja Bhavani smiled on the slaughter of that wicked one! That day, the courtyard of every temple smiled, which was defiled by that Kaliyugi Mahishasura!

Ashish of Jagadamba had given Lal of that Bhavani another Vijayashree! And the head of that Mahishasura-like Afzal was sent to the feet of Mata Jijabai and then Raje ordered her to bury her head at the Sinhgadwar in Rajgarh! The demon, who defiled Raje's Kuldevi Tulja Bhavani's idol, was killed by that son of Asura Bhavani! This battle in history is called the battle of Pratapgarh!

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji. The tiger claw weapon would be brought back from London's Victoria and Albert Museum for a three-year exhibition to commemorate the occasion. Some historians have also stated that whether the weapon that's with the London Museum is the same weapon used to kill Bijapur general Afzal



Khan is subject to verification. However, the Maharashtra government claimed that the tiger claws, which will be brought back to the country, were used by Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan. The wagh nakh is expected to be housed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum in south Mumbai.

The Maratha victory at the Battle of Pratapgad in 1659 was a turning point in Chhatrapati Shivaji's campaign to establish the Maratha Empire. Despite being outnumbered, the Marathas defeated the Adilshahi forces led by Afzal Khan, boosting Chhatrapati Shivaji's reputation as a brilliant military strategist.

Chhatrapati Shivaji killed Afzal Khan at the foot of Pratapgarh fort in present-day Satara district in Maharashtra. This episode has since become a part of folklore, symbolising Chhatrapati Shivaji's bravery and cunning in defeating a much larger and more powerful enemy. The authenticity of the 'wagh nakh' is under debate in Maharashtra. History expert Inderjit Sawant has pointed out that the Victoria and Albert Museum website states that Chhatrapati Shivaji did not use the weapon.



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Voices



There should be facilities for senior citizens



- Jubel D'Cruz

Smt. Jaya Bachchan, Bollywood actress and honorable Member of Parliament, recently raised a very important issue in the Parliament for which we salute her for her speech reproduced as under:

She said that the government should kill all senior citizens after the age of 65 because the government is not even ready to pay attention to these nation builders. "Is it a crime to be a senior citizen in India?" she said.

Senior citizens of India are not eligible for medical insurance after the age of 70. They do not get loan on EMI. Driving license is not issued to them. They are not given any work; hence they depend on others for their survival. They had paid all the taxes and insurance premiums upto the age of retirement. Now, even after becoming senior citizens, they have to still pay all the taxes. There is no scheme for senior citizens in India. 50% discount on railways and air travel have also been discontinued. The other side of the picture is that senior citizens in politics --- MLAs, MPs and Ministers, are given every possible benefit and they also get pensions around Rs 50,000 a month.

I fail to understand why senior citizens are denied the facilities which senior citizens who have worked for government organisations get. Imagine, if the children are not caring about them, where will they go? If the elders of the country go against the government in elections, it will affect

the election results and the government will have to face the consequences.

Our seniors have the power to change the government, hence, we should not ignore them. They have the life long experience to change the government. Hence, we must not consider them weak. The government spends a lot of money on welfare schemes, but never realises about senior citizens. On the contrary, the income of senior citizens is decreasing due to reduction in interest rates of banks. If some of them are getting a meagre pension to support the family and self, it is also subject to income tax. So senior citizens should be considered for some benefits like:

1. All citizens above the age of 60 must be given a good monthly pension.
2. Everybody must be given pension as per their status.
3. They should get a concession in railway, bus and air travel.
4. Insurance should be 'must' for all senior citizens upto their last breath and premium must be paid by the government.
5. Court cases of senior citizens must be given priority for early decision.
6. There should be homes for the aged in every city and towns with all facilities.

Let's hope that this government who talks of "Sab Ke Saath, Sab Ka Vikas" will do some betterment of those who have contributed in nation building and are now past their prime.

Letters to the Editor

"Annadata" of Indians

The progress in agriculture should be measured not on the basis of agricultural income or growth, but on the basis of the increase in the income of the farmers. Dr. Swami Nathan Commission maintained this opinion. In 1966, Nathan created a high-yielding wheat variety by hybridizing wheat seeds from Mexico with local wheat from Punjab.

Similarly, the cultivation of improved varieties of rice, the staple food of India, was always striving for the economic upliftment of poor farmers. Poverty disturbed by the failure of farmers agriculture due to inadequate credit and the vagaries of nature, the commission headed by Dr. Swami Nathan, concerned with the suicide of farmers in debt, said that the progress in agriculture should be measured on the basis of farmers' income and not on the basis of agricultural income or growth.

Dr. Swami Nathan to achieve the objectives of food security, easy supply to agriculture, development of dryland farming, increase in profit by increasing agricultural productivity, reduction of imports, adjustment of prices of agricultural products to global market and preservation of environment and ecosystem etc. His efforts were valuable.

Dr. Swami Nathan was truly the "Annadata" of Indians.

Dattaprasad Shirodkar

Still burning

Multiple protests have rocked Imphal over the murder of two students who had been missing since July 6 in Manipur. At least 50 students were injured in a standoff with security forces. Why did the police fire tear gas shells at the students? They were simply demanding justice. The right to protest peacefully is a fundamental one and has been an integral part of India's history.

Jahangir Ali

Heart-wrenching Incident

The heart-wrenching rape incident of a minor girl in Ujjain is a heinous crime. But shockingly when she wandered through

the streets from one door to another for help, she was shoved away and rejected as if she were a nuisance. Even the women of those houses didn't pity her. If our sensitivity continues to decline to zero in the same way, then there will be no difference between us and machines. If one could not do anything, one could at least dial 100 to call the police.

Jahangir Shaikh

Garbage cleanup is the collective responsibility of all

Rise in dengue cases in the city is on account of massive garbage pile-up in most wards and mosquitoes thrive on filth as well as potholes filled with water. Garbage is the collective responsibility of leaders from each ward and Aaditya Thackeray should take the lead and ask elected members of his Party from wards they represent to clean up the mess rather than just blame the BMC for every problem to gain brawny points.

Garbage pile-up could be because of the ganpatti festival where many workers are on leave and all corporators, MLA's and MP's irrespective of the party they belong should take the initiative to clean the garbage with the help of BMC so that city

is safe from diseases!

S N Kabra

Marathi language is required

In Mumbai, we have to fight for Marathi boards on the shops. Are business people ashamed to put up shop signs in the language of the city and state where they do business? Or is there any other reason behind this? This is sending a wrong message in the society. Even if the Supreme Court has ordered to put Marathi boards on the shops in Mumbai, what should be done if this order is not followed? This order should be respected by the government, police administration, municipal corporation. According to the order of the Supreme Court, Marathi boards should be put up on the shops in Mumbai in the next two months. Strict action should be taken against the traders who do not obey this order.

Uday Waghvankar

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BJP engineered splits in parties started by 'Marathi people': Supriya Sule



Nationalist Congress Party leader Supriya Sule claimed the Bharatiya Janata Party engineered splits in two political parties started by "Marathi people". "Balasaheb Thackeray and Sharad Pawar started their own political parties, and they received the love and support of the Marathi people. They both have roots here in Maharashtra, and their umbilical cord is with the state's people. The BJP engineered split in both the parties," Sule said.

The "same invisible hand in Delhi", an apparent reference

to the BJP central leadership, caused losses to these two political parties, said Sule, who is Lok Sabha MP from Baramati and also working president of the faction headed by Sharad Pawar.

She said the party demoted the person who was chief minister of the state for five years. Devendra Fadnavis, who headed the government in Maharashtra between 2014 and 2019, was made deputy CM under Shinde by the BJP.

Without naming Fadnavis, the NCP leader said the former was further "demoted" after he

was made to share the post of deputy CM, in a reference to her cousin and NCP leader Ajit Pawar being given the deputy CM post after he and eight other MLAs left Sharad Pawar's wing and joined the ruling coalition.

Sharad Pawar to attend ECI hearing on NCP split, says everyone knows who is the party founder

NCP president Sharad Pawar said he will be in New Delhi on October 6 to present his side to the Election Commission of India (ECI) during a hearing in connection with the split of the party.

Everyone knows who is the party founder, Pawar told reporters at Junnar in Maharashtra's Pune district, adding that he has got summons and he will remain present for the hearing. "What the common man thinks is important. Some people have taken a different political stand and I don't want to comment on it as it is their right in a democracy. But, Maharashtra and the rest of the country know who is the founder of NCP. There is truth in what my people say that the situation is favourable to us," Sharad Pawar said.

Vivek Oberoi's business partner arrested for duping him of Rs 1.55 crore



The MIDC police in Mumbai have arrested Sanjay Saha, the owner of an event management firm and former business partner of actor Vivek Oberoi, for allegedly defrauding the actor of Rs 1.55 crore. Two more accused are wanted in the case.

The actor's firm, Oberoi Mega Entertainment LLP, authorised CA Deven Bafna to file a police complaint in July on his behalf against the partners of Anandita Entertainment LLP – Sanjay Saha, Nandita Saha, Radhika Nanda, and others. Saha was arrested on Sunday and will be produced in court on Monday.

The actor had alleged in his complaint that the accused made him invest in an event management and film production firm, promising lucrative profits. But later, the accused allegedly used this money for wrongful self-gain.

On Oberoi's representative's complaint, the MIDC police in July booked Saha, his mother

Nandita and Radhika under sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant, banker, merchant or agent), 420 (cheating) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code.

According to the police complaint, as per their mutual understanding and agreements, Oberoi Organic LLP's name was changed to Anandita Entertainment LLP, which would organise events in the film industry and produce films.

The names of Saha and Nandita were also added as partners in Anandita Entertainment LLP. The name of one Radhika, who is known to Saha, was added as a partner in the firm, and the actor's wife Priyanka was made to resign. After six months, the actor exited as one of the partners of Anandita Entertainment LLP and replaced his share (33.33 per cent) and position with his firm, Oberoi Mega Entertainment LLP, the police said.

Central Railway announces midnight traffic block starting today

The Central Railway will take up midnight traffic block starting Monday night for a period of five days that will affect rail services between Belapur and Panvel stations. The last train from CSMT station heading towards Panvel will now depart from CSMT at 10:58 pm, and arrive at Panvel at 12:18 am. Earlier, the last train for Panvel used to depart at 12.40 am.

The block will commence from the night of October 2 and will be on till the early morning of October 7th, 2023. It is being undertaken to facilitate the remodelling of the suburban railway yard at Panvel station. The last local train departing Panvel on the Up Trans-Harbour line will leave Panvel at 10:15 pm and reach Thane at 11:07 pm.

The first local train after the

block from Thane to Panvel will depart at 06:20 am, arriving at Panvel at 07:12 am. The first local train after the block from Panvel on the Up Harbour line toward CSMT will depart at 05:40 am and reach CSMT at 06:59 am. The first local train after the block from Panvel on the Up Trans-Harbour line toward Thane will depart at 06:13 am, reaching Thane at 07:05 am.

UK woman arrested at Mumbai airport for smuggling gold worth Rs 1.63 crores

The Mumbai Customs department has arrested a United Kingdom national for allegedly smuggling 3.4 kilograms of gold worth Rs 1.63 crore from Kenya to India. The woman had concealed the gold in her undergarments to hoodwink the authorities, the customs source said. Customs officials on Saturday detained UK national Sahra Mohammed Omar (40), who had arrived

at the Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International airport via Kenya Airways flight KQ 202.

When she was examined, 22 karat, 17 melted gold bars, and 21 karat gold assorted jewellery were found in her possession. During interrogation, she admitted to having smuggled the gold, customs sources claimed. Customs officers are trying to extract more information about her han-

dler in the racket. She was placed under arrest under relevant sections of the Customs Act, and was produced before a holiday court on Sunday. Advocate Prabhakar Tripathi, who appeared for the woman, said, "The accused person is a UK national and was not aware of the customs laws of India". After listening to both sides, the court remanded her in judicial custody.

Main Bhi Gandhi' march against BJP's 'divisive politics'

The Opposition INDIA bloc is set to hold the 'Main Bhi Gandhi' march in Mumbai on Monday, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti as well as Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti, to protest against the BJP's "divide and rule policy" and "divisive politics". The silent march will begin at 2 pm from Metro Cinema and culminate at the Mahatma Gandhi statue. Mumbai Congress president Varsha Gaiwad, addressing a press conference on Saturday, appealed to the

people to join in large numbers.

Meanwhile, a day earlier, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and senior civic officials joined hundreds of citizens, artists and volunteers at Girgaum Chowpatty to participate in a massive 'Swachhata Hi Seva' cleanliness campaign which the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) carried out in as many as 178 locations in Mumbai on Sunday. Local residents also cleaned 178 spots including various beaches, markets, religious sites, railway stations and bus stops.

Nation

PM Modi says opposition parties have 'anti-development' attitude, can't digest country's praise



The BJP government has pulled Madhya Pradesh out of the 'BIMARU' (laggard) category and put it in among the top 10 states in the country in terms of development, said Modi.

The PM said in the opposition-ruled states, crime and corruption are rampant, while infrastructure development and growth in different fields are key features of BJP rule.

"They (opposition) have no vision or road map for development. They hate the country's progress and development schemes. Due to their hatred, they forget the country's achievements," he said.

"Our aim is to ensure Madhya Pradesh features among the top three states in the country," Modi stated and added "Your one vote will take MP to the number three position in the country." The PM said he will ensure India is counted among the top three economies in the world in the next few years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday slammed the opposition parties for their "anti-development" politics and said they have no vision or road map and hate to see the country's progress in different fields under his government.

He asserted that anti-BJP parties do not like the fact that the country is now a days praised at global forums.

"When the entire world is praising the country and sees their future in India, there are those who indulge in politics and are unable to see anything except their chair...they do not like In-

dia being praised the world over. These anti-development people are trying to prove that nothing has happened in the nation and they have pain in their stomach (over India's praise)," he said.

The PM was addressing a public gathering in Gwalior after inaugurating or laying foundation stones for projects worth Rs 19,260 crore in Madhya Pradesh, where assembly polls are due by the year-end.

He said people have faith in the "double-engine" government (BJP in power in the state and also at the Centre) as it ensured Madhya Pradesh's "double-development".

Our fight is against drugs, not any party or leader: Kejriwal on Congress MLA's arrest



Under attack from the Congress over the arrest of its MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira in a 2015 drugs case, AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal Monday said they are fighting against drugs and not against any party or a leader.

Kejriwal, who was on a day-long Patiala visit, also appealed to all political parties to support

AAP in a war against drugs. "Three-four days back, a very big person was caught who was facing an accusation of drug trafficking. All the parties are targeting Bhagwant Mann, asking him why he did it. I want to ask whether drug traffickers should be arrested or not. Whether drug traffickers should be put behind bars or not?" Kejriwal said.

Delhi Police nab sharpshooter of Gogi-Karala gang from Dehradun



The Delhi Police Crime Branch has arrested an alleged sharpshooter of the infamous Gogi-Karala gang, officials said on Monday.

According to police, the accused identified as Ashru (23), a resident of Mange Ram Park, was evading police arrest in two attempt-to-murder cases and non-bailable warrants were issued against him.

Based on a tip-off about Ashru

hiding in Uttarakhand's Dehradun, a trap was laid and he was arrested on Sunday evening, Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav said.

"On his instance, one pistol and two live cartridges were recovered from his possession," Yadav said.

Arshu along with his associates on June 10, had entered the house of a person in Budh Vihar and fired at him, the police said.

Karnataka CM mulls raising pension for senior citizens to Rs 2,000

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said his government will take necessary steps to increase the pension for senior citizens in the next state budget.

Speaking in this regard, he said that his cabinet colleague Lakshmi Hebbalkar's request to give a Rs 2,000 pension to the elderly will be "seriously considered".

"A decision on this will be

taken in the next budget," he said on Sunday while honouring the seniors who received state awards in various fields.

Currently, eligible elderly people in the state are getting Rs 1,000 on a monthly basis.

"Treating elders with respect and adopting their life values is the respect we give to elders he said, adding it was better to live a meaningful life as long as we

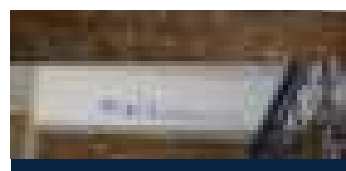
have it.

In July, Siddaramaiah, who also holds the finance portfolio, presented the state Budget for 2023-24. The Congress government which recently came to power in the southern state had increased the budget size from Rs 265,720 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 327,747 crore in 2023-24, a Rs 62,027 crore increase with a growth rate of 23 per cent.

JNU to set up committee to look into repeated incidents of 'anti-national' slogans on campus

The Jawaharlal Nehru University administration will constitute a committee soon to look into the repeated incidents of 'anti-national' slogans raised on campus, an official said here on Monday.

It comes a day after pictures of slogans like "Indian-Occupied



Kashmir", "Free Kashmir", and "Bhagwa Jalega" scribbled on the School of Languages building

wall went viral on social media.

The walls have now been repainted by the administration.

"We are waiting for a report from our chief security officer and based on its suggestions, steps will be taken to deal with the issue," JNU Rector Satish Chandra Garkoti told PTI.

World

Pakistan People's Party 'only party' that wants timely elections: PPP chief



Amid tensions related to Pakistan general elections, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) claimed that it is the "only" political party in the country that wanted timely elections, Dawn reported. Addressing a press conference in Karachi, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said, "PPP is the country's only party that wants elections to take place."

He further said how "so-called" political leaders were giving excuses to delay polls. "You must have seen that sometimes a so-called leader comes on screen

and says, delimitation has to happen and until then (elections can be delayed). Okay let's accept delimitation (needs to be done) but that process has been completed so now there should be no issue in giving the date (for polls), Bilawal said.

He also criticised Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's concerns over not holding elections in February due to intense winter. "If not delimitation, then sometimes someone begins talking about the weather that 'it is very cold in February and January so how

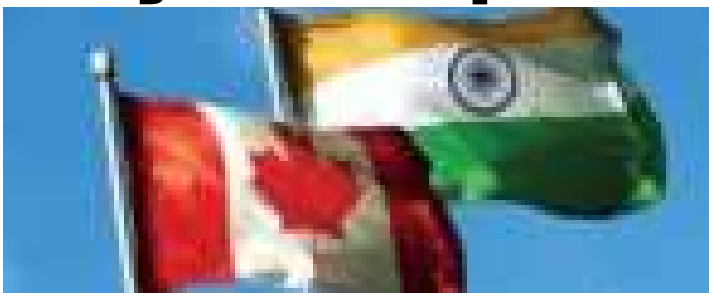
will we contest elections,' while others talk about the law-and-order situation," Bilawal added.

Earlier on Sunday, the JUI-F chief said that it was not possible to hold general elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan in January, reported Dawn. "In January, weather would be harsh in Chitral, Khuzdar, and other parts of KP and Balochistan," he said.

Moreover, earlier this month, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced that general elections would be conducted in January 2024, however, they did not provide a date. However, the ECP issued a report last week on the preliminary delimitation of constituencies in the wake of the 2023 digital census, according to Dawn.

Bilawal further emphasized that the public should realize who was running away from being held accountable in polls and who was ready to present themselves to answer the voters. "The PPP will continue its politics and would not rest before securing the notification for an election date," he asserted.

India asks Canada to withdraw 40 diplomats by Oct 10: Reports



India is learnt to have told Canada to withdraw around 40 diplomats from the country by October 10 amid worsening ties between the two nations, according to reports.

The reports have said that New Delhi has conveyed to Canada that if the diplomats are not withdrawn by the deadline, they will lose their diplomatic immunity. There are more than 60 Canadian diplomats posted in India.

Last month, after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had alleged in Parliament that Indian intelligence agents may have been involved in the murder of Sikh pro-Khalistan hardliner Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the diplomatic relations have hit an all time low between the two nations. Following Trudeau's allegations, both the countries had expelled a diplomat each. India had also termed Canada's allegations as "politically driven".

Turkiye strikes suspected Kurdish militant targets in northern Iraq after suicide attack in Ankara



Turkish warplanes carried out airstrikes on suspected Kurdish militant targets in northern Iraq on Sunday following a suicide attack on a government building in the Turkish capital, Turkiye's defense ministry announced.

Some 20 targets of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, were "destroyed" in the latest aerial operation, including caves, shelters and depots, the ministry said, adding that a large number of PKK operatives were "neutralized" in the strikes.

Earlier on Sunday, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device near an entrance of the

Interior Ministry, wounding two police officers. A second assailant was killed in a shootout with police.

The PKK, which maintains bases in northern Iraq, claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing, according to a news agency close to the rebel group. Turkiye's Interior Ministry also identified one of the assailants as a member of the outlawed group. It said efforts were still underway to identify the second attacker.

The attack happened hours before Turkiye's Parliament reopened after its three-month summer recess with an address by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Imran Khan, his aide Qureshi named 'principal accused' in cipher case

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan and his close aide Shah Mahmood Qureshi have been named "principal accused" in a case related to the alleged disclosure of state secrets, a media report said on Sunday.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Saturday filed a charge sheet in the Special Court established under the Official Secrets Act, declaring Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Khan and Vice Chairman Qureshi "principal accused" in the case, Dawn newspaper reported.

Both Khan and Qureshi are currently detained in jail on judicial remand.

Khan, 70, was arrested in August after the case was filed against him for allegedly violating the Official Secrets Act by



disclosing a secret diplomatic cable (cipher) sent by the country's embassy in Washington last year in March.

Qureshi, 67-year-old former foreign minister, was arrested under the Official Secrets Act for violating the secrecy of the of-

ficial cable sent by the Pakistani embassy in the US to the foreign office when he was the foreign minister. Khan and Qureshi have been placed in column 3 which describes the names and addresses of the accused sent for trial, the paper said.

Expression

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Dr. M.S. Swaminathan was the Father of the Agricultural Revolution in India, who is the first person to receive the World Food Award. He made India the powerhouse of innovation in agriculture and agronomy. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan's demise has brought to end the golden era that is an irreparable loss to India. The contribution of this agriculturist is immense, who freed India from food famine, and also made India a storehouse of food grains. His contribution to the agronomy is so versatile and long-lived that he will remain alive in the memories of a grateful nation for many centuries to come.

He has left behind such a legacy that the crisis of Indian agriculture and global food will never come again. His contributions as a scientific leader of the 'Agricultural Revolution Movement' began during the severe famine of 1943, when lakhs of people died for every single grain of rice. This grave human tragedy and crisis awakened the commitment and determination of this eighteen-year-old Swaminathan from Kerala University to eradicate hunger in the country with his passion and zeal for agricultural research. He carved a new Swastika in Indian agriculture by embarking on a mission to develop high yielding varieties of wheat and rice. His agricultural revolution had freed India from the stigma of being the country with the greatest food shortage in the world, and made it self-reliant in less than 25 years. Since that time, India's agricultural renaissance and advocacy of sustainable agriculture geared towards the Evergreen Agricultural Revolution that earned them the status of world leader in the field of sustainable food security.

Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan was born on 7 August 1925. He developed high productivity wheat hybrid seeds in 1966 by mixing seeds from Mexico with the domestic varieties from Punjab. M / s. Swaminathan was awarded 'Padma Shri' in 1967, 'Padma Bhushan' in 1972 and 'Padma Vibhushan' in 1989

by the Government of India in the field of 'Science and Engineering'. He was also honoured with the Magsaysay Award in 1971 and the Albert Einstein World Award in 1986. With the funds received along with various awards and honours, M.S. Swaminathan established a research center in Chennai for 'sustainable agriculture and rural development' in the early 1990s.

The main objective of Swaminathan Research Foundation is to promote employment through generating economic development strategies based on the development and dissemination of nature and women- friendly technologies in Indian villages. The work being done by Swaminathan and his colleagues in the fields of environment, agriculture and food technology has received international recognition. Swaminathan has also held positions in UNESCO in the field of environmental technology with responsibility for South Asia. In recognition of his great scholarship, he has been included in the Royal Society of England and the National Science Academies of Bangladesh, China, Italy, Sweden, USA and Soviet Union. He is one of the founding members of the 'World Academy of Sciences'. In 1999, Time magazine named Swaminathan one of the 20 most influential Asian persons of the 20th century.

Swaminathan was one of the greatest people who did something unique and extraordinary on the spear of India. Swaminathan was a true Indian and a personality full of nationalism. When the country was struggling for political independence, young Swaminathan fought hard to free the country from hunger, and created a new history of success. He shaped a unique and effective technique to increase grain production in independent India. It was his dream that in a country like India, food grains should be produced in such large quantities that no one here would have to sleep hungry, but it would also be a step forward in eradicating the hunger of other countries. Today, during the golden period of independence, India exports grains to many countries, kudos to his contributions. He did many experiments bringing innovation in agriculture, and developed a cold-resistant variety of potato. He brought a revolution in rice and wheat production. The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi emphasized his suggestions and



experiments, and started filling the grain reserves of her country. Today, if our country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in a position to say that India can feed the entire world, then undoubtedly, most of the credit for this goes to Swaminathan.

India is a country of millions of villages and most of the people here are associated with agriculture. Despite this, for many years the people related to agriculture continued to spend their lives on the verge of starvation. Whatever may be the reason behind this, it is also true that even during British rule, many people involved in farming or labour face great difficulties in getting food when the country was in the grip of famine for a long period. Regarding India, there was a feeling that despite being associated with agriculture, it is difficult for India to get rid of hunger. The reason behind this crisis was that ancient agricultural equipment and seeds were being used in India for centuries. No one had paid attention to the improvement of seeds for better crops. There was an expectation of a new revolution in Indian agriculture, which Swaminathan carried out. Swaminathan, who is committed to changing the condition and direction of villages, welfare of farmers and upliftment of the poorest people of the society, cannot be praised enough. He devoted a long time of his life to increase agricultural production. During the famine of the 1960s, he, along with American scientist Norman Borlaug and other scientists, developed seeds of high and improved yielding varieties of wheat.

It is the result of Swaminathan's efforts that India has become self-sufficient in food grains production. While holding many important positions, he gave new dimensions to India's agriculture, and opened new doors of advanced agriculture. He was a guide and source of inspiration for various governments in making agricultural policies. The recommendations of his committee, ranging from determining the minimum price for the produce to recovering agriculture from losses, will remain a guide and base vision in the future. He was the first experimenter in empowering women labourers by removing gender discrimination in agriculture. How pleasant it is that the agricultural scientist who became a ray of hope for crores of people of the country and was helpful in procuring food, was blessed with a long life of 98 years and his daughter and former Chief Scientist at WHO, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, congratulated the country with great pride. Swaminathan has left this world very peacefully. Swaminathan, who is committed to the welfare of farmers and upliftment of the poorest of the poor in the society, cannot be praised enough. The heights and achievements that Swaminathan has achieved by living a purposeful life are beyond any flight of imagination. This country will always be indebted to this greatest ever agricultural scientist. His unique contribution in building a self-reliant India is an indelible article in our history.

Entertainment



Aishwarya Rai dazzles in golden gown at Paris Fashion Week, poses with Kendall Jenner

Aishwarya Rai left everyone awestruck at the Paris Fashion Week recently. Several videos and pictures of the gorgeous actress are going around on social media.

For the special event, she chose to wear a golden shimmering cape gown. Her blonde highlights were not to be missed out. It had a see-through cape fastened to the rear. In addition, Rai sported diamond rings, earrings, and golden high heels.

She was among the famous celebrities who walked the runway for the L'Oreal Paris Fashion Show at the Eiffel Tower during Paris Fashion Week, joining Kendall Jenner, Eva Longoria, Andie MacDowell, Helen Mirren, Aja Naomi King, Viola Davis, and others.

Another viral video featured Aishwarya Rai posing with Kendall Jenner. The two were seen chatting and giggling.

Aishwarya Rai was spotted on stage with Kendall Jenner, Eva Longoria, Camila Cabello, and Elle Fanning, among others.

Kiara Advani enjoys Sindhi food made by 'mama'

Actress Kiara Advani enjoyed some homemade Sindhi food prepared by her mother.

On Sunday night, Kiara took to her Instagram stories, where she posted a plate full of food made by her mother.

In the image, she wrote: "Sindhi curry aloo took bhindi fry. Sometimes all you really need is mamas home food."

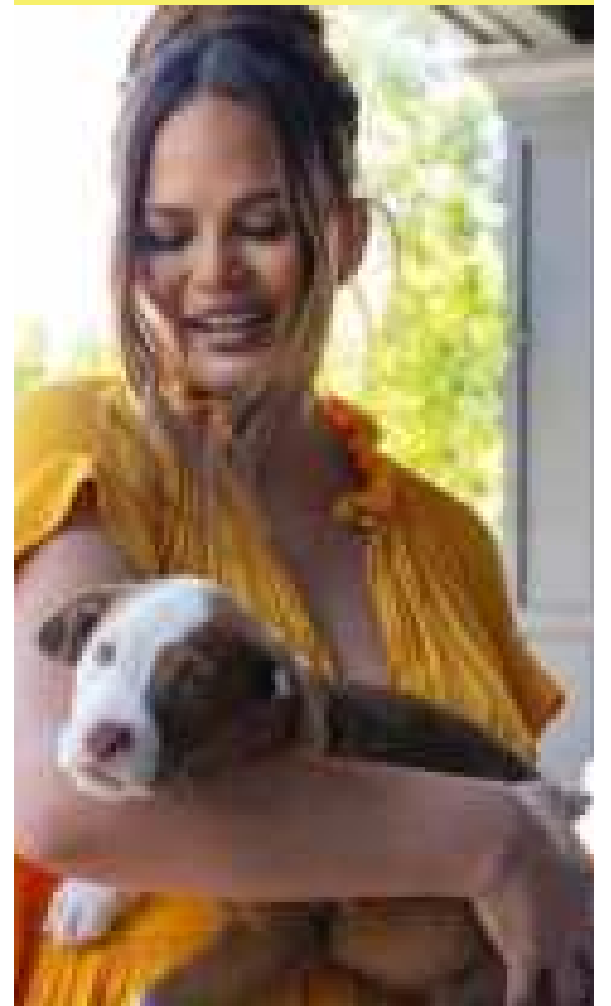
Talking about her work, Kiara, who is married to actor Sidharth Malhotra, is currently basking in the success of her latest release 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', where she was seen sharing screen space with actor Kartik Aaryan.

The actress will next be seen in 'Game Changer' with Ram Charan, a political action thriller film directed by S. Shankar in his Telugu directorial debut and written by Karthik Subbaraj.

The film also stars Anjali, S. J. Suryah, Jayaram, Sunil, Srikanth, Samuthirakani, and Nassar.

The film was announced in February 2021 with the tentative title 'RC15' and began its production in October 2021; filming took place in Hyderabad, New Zealand, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Visakhapatnam and Punjab.

The official title was unveiled on March 27, 2023, during Charan's birthday. The film score and soundtrack album are composed by Thaman S with cinematography by Tirru.



Chrissy Teigen wishes she had penned her own wedding vows

Model Chrissy Teigen wishes she had written her own wedding vows.

The 37-year-old model and her husband John Legend, 44, marked their 10th wedding anniversary last month by returning to their wedding destination of Lake Como, Italy and renewing their vows, which they re-wrote for the occasion, alongside their children Luna, seven, Miles, five, Esti, eight months and three-month-old Wren.

"We were like, well, we're gonna rewrite them and say them because I have a big hang-up that I didn't write my own vows (at our wedding), because I was so nervous and just insecure and stuff so I didn't."

"So that's been like a big regret of mine. So if anything it was a chance to redo it and be with people we love, and it worked," Teigen said to E! News, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The couple arrived to their hotel in a boat, with Luna and Miles running down the dock. Both Chrissy and John struggled to fight back tears during the renewal ceremony, and she has described the emotional moment as "so beautiful."

She recalled, "I looked over at him, and he was like, his eyes were like, filled with water. It was amazing. It was so beautiful."