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## PM attacks Rahul Gandhi over 'Jitni Abadi Utna Haq' slogan

PM Narendra Modi, while addressing his rally at Jagdalpur, Bastar, said, "Congress leaders have been clamouring for "Jitni Abadi Utna Haq." He pointed out that this stands in contrast with former PM Manmohan Singh's stand who used to "advocate that the minority community should hold the primary claim to the nation's resources." "Does this imply that they (Congress) intend to diminish the rights of the minority? Consequently, should the Hindu population, being the largest, step forward to assert all their

rights?" the PM said, adding that for him the welfare of the poor is the ultimate goal. Rahul Gandhi's "jitni abadi utna haq" call raises controversy while his demand for a caste census is an attempt to find the answer. But the caste census is just cold data and only one part of the information puzzle of India's social inequality. Almost 70 per cent of Indian population are from the OBC/SC/ST castes, 15 per cent are Muslims, and 15 per cent are 'upper caste'.

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## NewsClick under ED scanner Delhi Police their journalists' homes



A fresh case has been registered by the Delhi Police Special Cell against NewsClick under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The Delhi Police are Tuesday conducting raids in at least 35 locations, including houses of seven journalists and places associated with the news portal NewsClick. The organisation is under the scanner of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police and the En-

forcement Directorate (ED) amid allegations it received funds from China.

On Tuesday morning, the Delhi Police sent their Special Cell teams to the residences of several journalists associated with the organisation. Sources said they seized devices, including laptops and mobile phones, belonging to the journalists.

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## We being a neutral media person, not endorsing any political party

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Newsmakers Achievers Awards on 1st May is everything for us. It's yearly celebration, networking, gratitude, appreciation and above all a sense of giving. In this era of commercial proceedings, sense of giving something is missing. This event has taught us so many things in return, such as how people can be inconsiderate and mean. They receive the award and flaunt it on social media but do not give due credit. This is not to criticize, but this experience is a learning process, it tells that do your bit and keep walking your path without expecting much. Some awardees gave us very tough time with their weight. They wanted to receive award but still never wanted to be modest. Some larger-than-life dignitaries were so easy and unconditional, I learned how to be

unpretentious in life.

Film Actor, writer Vikram Gokhale was supposed to get the Padmashri on 2nd May in Delhi, day after our 1st May award event. He was not keeping well. As usual I approached him to come and receive the award. Without any hesitation, or asking any questions, in spite of being unwell, he gladly attended the award event and later in the night proceeded to Delhi for receiving his Padmashri. Many media people questioned him, that Since he was already receiving Padmashri, why did he choose to come to our event to receive this award? He smiled and replied, it my blessing and contribution to Vaidehi's media journey.

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Sometimes it's not just the Award which makes people big, it's also the receiver who adds value to the award. It's not the giver who is greater and in my case this definitely has happened. The awardees have generously blessed us with absolute humility and goodwill. The awardees are selection of people who have shown exceptional excellence and commitment to their genre and thereby are accomplished individuals at the peak and dominate their own workspace. Reaching to them was a dream for commoners, but through this event they humbly accepted our invite and gracefully made their presence in person. Their acceptance to our humble effort gave us great inspiration and further encourages me to walk my path with this newspaper and award event. They continue to energies and inspire me in my journey.

They made me realize that it is this very society which applauds their accomplishments and brings them name and fame and due to these awards, we bring them closer to the people and continue to inspire the masses. Each luminary has a social responsibility. It is this very society which acknowledges their accomplishments and brings them recognition, fame and appreciation. Through awards they further inspire the youth to continue their efforts and giving award is sometimes free, as they wonder why they don't take money, fees, sponsorship, they question every gesture or stand or approach of ours as they are so used to the commercial and paid awards. We are a newspaper and a social representation of the people. There are many unsung and unfamiliar heroes in society who, without having the thirst to be publicized, are steadily contribute in silence. There are the privileged people who are doing their duties unconditionally without throwing weight around. This award acknowledges all those achievers in their respective fields, those known and unknown entities. The Newsmakers Achievers Awards, celebrating its 15th year of recognizing outstanding individuals from various fields who have made a significant impact on society. This prestigious award ceremony has become synonymous with excellence and is highly sought after by individuals from a variety of industries.

We being a neutral media person, not endorsing any political party, entity or ideology proposes the biggest the challenge. Well, neutrality does come at a price! Many awardees are confused by our neutral stand and they abruptly avoid us as they wish to be seen in a very predominant pro-party environment to keep themselves safe. People change parties randomly in moment's notice, but gathering up on the same platform is an ego issue to most. Tolerance and fear have reached new heights and this development is something which proposes us new learnings every event.

As we believe in acknowledging everyone, it's impossible to handle everyone's egos and demands. People have to understand that we have our social responsibility as a Media house and believe in honoring the whole social spectrum and individuals from all walks of life. Rather people

should understand our plight and the challenges. We are clear in our vision and hold our ground strongly as we continue on our path, but people must understand that the young generation needs that wisdom and support to grow in life and have fair acceptance of all. Well, this was the purpose and the mixed experiences. Now its Storytime! These stories are some interesting and inspiring moments with our various awardees.

Year 2012, it was our 13th Newsmakers Achievers Award. By now, many TV stars, Bollywood celebrities, politicians, journalist, lawyers, doctors, spiritual leaders were given Newsmakers Achievers Awards. We were also known for what we were doing. Gradually the struggle of approaching people was narrowing. In 2012 we wanted to call Late Shree Balasaheb Thackeray who is hero of Maharashtra, rules the heart of Marathi mannos. Many politicians consider him as God of politics and the epitome of political power. A true man of the masses. Throughout his life, he never accepted any award or appreciation. Rather he appreciated people for their good work and social contribution. We knew he did not accept awards, but we wanted to try our luck by inviting him. We had immense regards for him and were dying to seek his blessings in our endeavors. One of our award jury member Mr. Naik and the youngest staff member Aditi, were assigned to invite him. I also made a couple of calls to peruse him. My team was also making constant efforts to reach him.

One fine day, he confirmed his presence and consent to accept the award. That whole night I could not sleep, I was walking on the moon. My heart was filled with emotions and mind was just blank. Balasaheb at his age and health issues agreed to come to the event along with his son Uddhav Thackeray the then President of Shivsena and was on the leading front of his party. It's like that proverb "andha mange ek Aankh" when a blind asks for one eye and he gets vision in two. Out of excitement, I started tom-tomming about his presence in our event. No one believed us. Reason being; Babasaheb was not keeping well those days and he never went to receive any awards. People discouraged us to the core and gave every possible reason citing why he shall not attend the event. As protocol, we had informed the local police about Babasaheb's arrival to the event. Even police gave us cold shoulder stating that they have no such information. In spite of the discouragement, we kept our hopes intact.

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## Scientists Uncover Brain Signals for Good Memory



- Vijay Garg

Researchers at the University of Basel found a direct link between activity in certain brain regions like the hippocampus and memory performance, using the world's largest functional imaging study on memory, involving nearly 1,500 participants. The findings, which revealed stronger brain activation in individuals with better memory, could impact future research linking biological characteristics to brain signals.

Individuals exhibit substantial variations in their memory capabilities. A study by the University of Basel has now identified a connection between specific brain signals and these differences in memory performance.

Although it is established that particular areas of the brain are essential for memory functions, it has remained unclear whether these regions demonstrate varying activity levels related to the storage of information in individuals with differing memory performance levels.

Having investigated this matter, a research team led by Professor Dominique de Quervain and Professor Andreas Papassotiropoulos has now published its results in the journal Nature Communications.

In the world's largest functional imaging study on memory, they asked nearly 1,500 participants between the ages of 18 and 35 to look at and memorize a total of 72 images. During this process, the researchers recorded the subjects' brain activity using MRI. The participants were then asked to recall as many of the images as possible – and as in the general population, there were considerable differences in memory performance among them.

### Signals in brain regions and networks

In certain brain regions including the hippocampus, the research-

ers found a direct association between brain activity during the memorization process and subsequent memory performance. Individuals with a better memory showed a stronger activation of these brain areas. No such association was found for other memory-relevant brain areas in the occipital cortex – they were equally active in individuals with all levels of memory performance.

Functional networks associated with individual differences in memory performance.

The researchers were also able to identify functional networks in the brain that were linked to memory performance. These networks comprise different brain regions that communicate with each other to enable complex processes such as the storage of information.

"The findings help us to better understand how differences in memory performance occur between one individual and another," said Dr. Léonie Geissmann, the study's first author, adding that the brain signals of a single individual do not allow for any conclusions to be drawn about their memory performance, however.

According to the researchers, the results are of great importance for future research aimed at linking biological characteristics such as genetic markers to brain signals.

### Basel-based research on memory

The current study forms part of a large-scale research project conducted by the Research Cluster Molecular and Cognitive Neurosciences (MCN) at the University of Basel's Department of Biomedicine and the University Psychiatric Clinics (UPK) Basel. The aim of this project is to gain a better understanding of memory processes and to transfer the findings from basic research into clinical applications.

## Letters to the Editor

### Black Money is Big Issue

Every year, five percent GDP is going abroad due to money laundering. If GDP increases or decreases by 0.2 to 0.4 percent, it becomes a topic of discussion in the country and abroad. It is also claimed that black money has been curbed after demonetization and digitization. But according to the UN Drugs and Crime Office, in the year 2021-22, when India's GDP was more than 3 trillion dollars, in the same year USD 159 billion (about Rs 10 lakh crore) i.e., five percent of it was 'converted black money into white' abroad. This figure which eats the economy of any country like termites is scary. Another FICCI-run organization states that illegal trade, drugs, arms, terrorism and organized crime are higher in India than the average of 122 countries. According to the study, after reaching the peak in 2009, it decreased till 2014 but it continued to increase in the next four years i.e., till 2018. During the same period, tax worth Rs 1 lakh crore was evaded through import and export through fake

invoices. Black money was a big issue in the 2014 general elections. It was also promised that if BJP government is formed then this black money will be brought back. But perhaps the web of black money is so strong that it is difficult to break it, let alone reduce it. Even an organization like SEBI, after investigating a similar money laundering case on the orders of the Supreme Court, said that it had reached a dead end.

A Nawas

### 'Swachhata' campaign has no meaning if it is restricted to a single day & forgotten thereafter

Nationwide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign is adorable but has no meaning if it is merely a political stunt restricted on eve of Gandhi Jayanti & forgotten thereafter. Cleanliness is next to Godliness and it should be a part of every citizen life on each day of the year. Politicians holding brooms for the cameras & photo opportunity makes little sense if they litter every wall of the city with political posters to promote their popularity.

'Swachhata' should be a part of every curriculum that must be taught to every citizen from a very young age so that it is followed religiously without being told as a clean environment is the secret of an healthy life.

S N Kabra

### Slumping IQ levels

We are becoming dumber, says a study report published in 2018 where a drop in cumulative IQs was seen in people born in the late 90s than the ones born in the 1960s and 1970s. As our IQs are on a slumping journey, more and more commercially viable but less innovative shows and films are getting all the accolades and monetary perks, whereas TV shows and films that are wonderfully scripted with thought-provoking storylines bombs at the box office. We can take for example an Indian sitcom Sarabhai vs Sarabhai which tried to give a new taste to viewers who were accustomed to slapstick comedies but the show did not enjoy a long run as its TRP ratings dropped rather drastically. We have to crank up that old engine, develop a reading habit of at least 1 hour daily, and stay away from reels that are biting away our deep-thinking abilities.

Noopur Baruah

### World Animal Day

Today is World Animal Day. The day is a reminder for us to treat our pets and stray animals with respect.

If we look around our neighbourhood and our streets, we will find plenty of stray animals, especially dogs, cats and cows roaming about. That's no way to show respect to these animals. It's like we have dis-

owned them. Animals enrich us in ways we don't even know.

October 4 is also the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi who loved animals. It is a day to celebrate animal life in all its forms. It is a day to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives. It is a day to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives.

World Animal Day is a wonderful reminder of different ways in which animals enhance our lives.

World Animal Day helps bring people together to increase awareness and improve education worldwide so that animals can live the lives they deserve. Together we can change the way the world works and end animal cruelty and suffering forever.

The theme for World Animal Day 2023 is "Great or small, love them all". The mission of this year's World Animal Day is to raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.

Jubel D'Cruz

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City

# 24 patients, including 12 infants, died within the span of 24 hours in Maharashtra



After 24 patients, including 12 infants, died within the span of 24 hours at Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Maharashtra's Nanded city, the state government came under fire from the Opposition for 'negligence'.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "The BJP government

spends thousands of crores of rupees on its publicity, but there is no money for medicines for children? In the eyes of BJP, the lives of the poor have no value". Meanwhile, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Supriya Sule has demanded the resignation of the health minister.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) along with Eknath Shinde-

led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP is in power in the state. Seven more deaths, including four children, were reported from the state-run hospital, Congress leader Ashok Chavan claimed over the social media platform on Tuesday.

The Maharashtra government has formed a committee to probe these deaths, Minister of Medical Education of Maharashtra, Hasan Mushrif said. About 24 patients, including 12 infants, died in 24 hours between September 30 and October 1 at the state-run Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded city.

According to information from the hospital, six infant boys and six infant girls were among those died in 24 hours, notably higher than the average daily death toll of approximately 10 reported each day at the hospital.

## Commuters in confusion as platform numberings have been changed in Panvel

The Central Railway on Tuesday changed the numbering of suburban train platforms at Panvel station in neighbouring Raigad district which led to confusion among commuters for some time.

The old platform number one will be renumbered as three, and the old platform number three renumbered as one, the CR said in a release here.

The number two platform will remain unchanged, whereas the old platform number four will be dismantled, it said.

The platform numbers were changed in view of the Panvel suburban yard remodelling work, the release said.

Panvel is one of the major railway stations in the Mumbai region with a daily footfall of around 2.5 lakh passengers. PTI

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### PM attacks Rahul Gandhi over 'Jitni Abadi ....

This does not automatically mean that every occupation should or will also reflect these numbers proportionally. That is, we cannot expect the proportion of people in, say, banking and sports to be 70 per cent OBC/SC/ST, 15 per cent Muslims, and 15 per cent upper caste. Why is it that 94 per cent of senior officers in the government are upper caste while 80 per cent of the MGNREGA labourers are OBC/SC/ST? These are legitimate questions that any society should challenge and answer.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of multiple development projects worth Rs 26,000 crore in Chhatisgarh's Jagdalpur, including a Rs 23,800-crore steel plant and several rail and road projects. This is the PM's fourth visit to the Congress-ruled state since August. Meanwhile, the ruling Congress party in the poll-bound state said Sunday that it was calling for a bandh in Bastar on Tuesday as a mark of protest against the privatisation of the Nagarnar steel plant.

### NewsClick under ED scanner Delhi Police ....

Several journalists have been detained for questioning. The police are also conducting raids at residences and buildings attached to the news portal and its founders/editors. Raids were also conducted in Mumbai, including Teesta Setalvad's house. Meanwhile, comedian Sanjay Rajaura was taken to the Special Cell's office in Lodhi Colony for questioning.

Replying to the report, NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha had said, "These are not new allegations. They have been made in the past. We will respond to them in the appropriate forum".

In August this year, The New York Times published an investigation alleging NewsClick is among organisations funded by a network tied to US millionaire Neville Roy Singham for pushing Chinese propaganda.

Sources said the funds were received illegally and documents were not provided

to the authorities. One of the journalists, Abhisar Sharma, posted on X, "Delhi police landed at my home. Taking away my laptop and Phone..."

This claim against the portal was first made by the ED in 2021 when it searched NewsClick's premises as part of a probe into alleged foreign remittances. The raids are being conducted in connection with the ED investigation.

Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said, "The probe agencies are independent and they are doing their jobs by following rules." "I don't need to justify the raids. If someone has done something wrong, the probe agencies do their job. It's nowhere written that probe agencies can't take action if money has come to you from wrong sources or something objectionable has been done," he added, while responding to a question over the raids against NewsClick by reporters in Bhubaneswar.

## Cultural Affairs minister Sudhir Mungantiwar signs MoU with Victoria and Albert museum for 'Tiger Claws'

Maharashtra Minister for Cultural Affairs Sudhir Munganitwar on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum in London for a 17th century 'Tiger Claws' weapon believed to have belonged to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj make a journey back to India for a historic exhibition.

Munganitwar signed the pact with Dr Tristram Hunt, Director of the V&A, at a meeting at the museum.

"It's a day of great happiness and celebration for all of us Indians," said Munganitwar.

"The MoU is in place for the historic wagh nakh of Shivaji Maharaj to be part of our 350th anniversary celebrations. We now hope after the required processes, it will be avail-



able for our darshan in a few months' time," he said, speaking in Hindi on the sidelines of a diaspora event organised by the Maharashtra Mandal in London in celebration of the MoU signing.

Hunt hailed the "historic partnership" between the V&A, the government of Maharashtra and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya

(CSMVS) museum in Mumbai, which will enable the unique object to form part of celebrations in India next year.

"Given their fascinating heritage, I hope that the displays across Maharashtra and the accompanying events will help support new research into the Tiger Claws' history and provenance," said Dr Tristram Hunt, Director of the V&A.

We look forward to working with colleagues to finalise plans in the months ahead," he said.

According to the V&A, the MoU sets out the details of a three-year loan agreement for the unique pair of Tiger Claws or wagh nakh in the V&A collection. They are described as an example of a weapon that was popular in the 17th century.

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## Nation

# 'Indefinite shutdown' brings normal life to a standstill



An "indefinite shutdown" came into effect in Churachandpur district, Manipur from Monday in protest against the arrests of five Kuki-Zomi persons in connection to two cases in the last few days. The shutdown had been initiated by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum referring to their arrests as "selective haste of central investigating agencies."

Whereas, another Kuki-Zomi organisation, Committee on Tribal Unity, based in Kangpokpi district, imposed an "emergency shutdown" on National Highway 37 connecting Silchar and Imphal, to demand the release of those arrested. The body has threatened that if they are not released within 48 hours, it will impose an indefinite shutdown in Kangpokpi district as well.

In the meantime, the closure of schools and colleges in the state, which had been announced last week after tensions escalated in the state's valley areas, has now been extended till October 5. Four of the people had been arrested by the CBI on Sunday in connection with the killing of two Meitei youths who had been missing from their homes in Imphal since July 6. These arrests came after widespread and fierce protests in Meitei-dominated valley areas after the photos which appeared to show the dead bodies of the missing two students surfaced last week. Another person Seiminlun Gangte (51) had been arrested by the NIA on September 30 from Kwakta, Bishnupur in connection to an IED car blast on June 21 and a case of transnational conspiracy by Myanmar-Bangladesh-based militant groups was found during preliminary investigation.

# Metro services between Yeshwanthpur and Sampige Road on Green line to resume after 3 pm



The Bengaluru Metro's Green Line between Yeswanthpur and Mantri Square Sampige Road stations was disrupted, causing passengers a huge inconvenience at the metro stations. Speaking to The Indian Express, Anjum Parvez, MD of BMRCL said, "Normalcy of train services on the green line between Yeshwanthpur and Sampige Road will resume after 3 pm BMRCL will use a crane to lift the road rail vehicle between 2 to

3 pm, which broke down due to technical snag near Rajajinagar metro station."

Meanwhile, a day after BJP leader and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya requested the removal of a 'ban' on carpooling, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Monday said that the government has not issued any fresh order on 'carpooling ban' but stakeholders will need to take permission to operate such services in the city.

## Bengal at top in terms of demand for two schemes over which Centre funds stopped

AS THE Trinamool Congress holds a protest in Delhi over the Centre stopping release of funds under Union government schemes to West Bengal, ferrying hundreds of leaders and workers from the state for the purpose, official data shows that for two of the schemes in question, Bengal was at the top in demand.

As per the data, 51-80 lakh

families availed the MNREGS, which guarantees 100 days of work in rural areas per family, annually between 2014-15 and 2021-22. In terms of number of families, this meant that West Bengal stood first among all states and Union Territories in 2015-16; second on five occasions – 2014-15, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2020-21 and 2021-22 – third in 2019-20; and fourth in 2018-19.

## Lovlina Borgohain qualifies for gold medal match, Abhishek-Ojas set up all-Indian archery final



Jyothi Surekha Vennam entered the women's compound individual final, assured India of a silver medal in archery at Asian Games. Elsewhere, India's Arjun Singh and Sunil Singh Salam clinched a bronze medal in men's canoe double 1000m event. The Indian duo finished with a timing

of 3:53.329 seconds to bag the third place. In men's cricket, India overcame the Nepalese challenge. With 60 medals -13 of which are gold – already in their corner, Team India will begin journey in another gold contention event.

In Athletics, India will have an opportunity to increase their tally with Tejaswin Shankar leading in the men's decathlon and Vithya Ramraj in women's 400m hurdles.

# In a massive crackdown against child marriage, Assam Police arrested 800 people

More than 800 people have been arrested since early Tuesday morning after the Assam police began a second round of crackdown against child marriage in the state, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, adding that the number of arrests is likely to increase.

"In a massive crackdown against child marriage, Assam Police has arrested over 800 accused persons in a special operation which began in the early hours of dawn," he announced on X, formerly Twitter.

This is the second such sweeping crackdown by the state government this year. In February, the Assam government had launched an unprecedented punitive crackdown against child marriage in the state in which



3,141 people had been arrested within a span of a month, which included men who had married underage girls as well as family members and religious leaders who allegedly facilitated these.

Sarma has earlier stated that this second round of arrests will be specifically targeted at those who have participated in child marriage in the period after the last crackdown earlier this year.



World

# US presidential hopeful Vivek Ramaswamy is reportedly looking for a nanny



US presidential hopeful Vivek Ramaswamy is reportedly looking for a nanny to take care of his kids. The Indian-origin billionaire is married to Apoorva T Ramaswamy, and the couple have two sons.

As per the job listing on a recruitment staffing website, Mr Ramaswamy is offering a salary of \$100,000 (over ₹80 Lakh) or more.

"Curiosity, adventure, and constant motion define the fam-

ily's lifestyle. This is an exceptional opportunity to join a high-profile family, contributing to the growth and development of their children while participating in unique family adventures," read the job advertisement on EstateJobs.com.

The job requires 84 to 96 hours of work a week, followed by a whole week off. The nanny is supposed to coordinate with "a dedicated team including a Chef, Nannies, a Housekeeper, and Private Security" in order

to provide "a seamless daily routine for the children." The person will also be responsible to "curate" the boys' "play areas, toys, and clothing to foster a stimulating and organised environment."

Though the client's name is not listed in the advertisement, multiple details point strongly to the Ramaswamy family, as per Business Insider. Tricia McLaughlin, a spokesperson for Mr Ramaswamy's campaign, had earlier told the news portal that the family is not okay with the idea of live-in nannies. Mr Ramaswamy is a frontrunner along with former US President Donald Trump to face Joe Biden in 2024 polls.

The Indian-origin Republican candidate was once addressed as "Trump's heir apparent" by Time Magazine. He has garnered quite an attention after his maiden Republican presidential primary debate held on August 23.

# In the battle against Covid-19, one of the gamechangers has been the mRNA vaccine



Scientists Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman, who won the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discoveries enabling the development of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, speak during a news conference hosted by the University of Pennsylvania and Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia. In the battle against Covid-19, one of the gamechangers has been the mRNA vaccine, which was rolled out and administered in quick time. The road

to the development of mRNA vaccines, however, was fraught with challenges. Messenger RNA (mRNA) produced in the lab could not be directly administered; part of its composition needed to be modified to make the vaccine safe and effective. Two researchers who found the way to overcome those challenges, Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman of University of Pennsylvania, were awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology on Monday.

# Indian Billionaire Harpal Randhawa, 22-Year-Old Son Killed In Zimbabwe Plane Crash



Indian billionaire and mining tycoon Harpal Randhawa and his 22-year-old son Amer were among six people who died in a plane crash in Zimbabwe on September 29, as per a PTI report. The tragic incident occurred when their private plane crashed near a diamond mine in southwestern Zimbabwe after experiencing a technical fault

Notably, Harpal Randhawa is

the owner of RioZim, a diversified mining company producing gold and coal as well as refining nickel and copper. Mr Randhawa also founded the \$4-billion private equity business GEM Holdings.

The mining tycoon and his son were traveling in a Cessna 206 aircraft, privately owned by RioZim. They were en route from Harare to the Murowa diamond mine when the accident happened. The single-engined aircraft crashed near the Murowa Diamonds mine, which is partly owned by RioZim. All passengers and crew onboard died in the accident. Meanwhile, the local community and law enforcement agencies are working together to manage the aftermath of the plane crash.

# Nobel Prize 2023 in Physics has been awarded to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and Anne L'Huillier

The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was jointly awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for their contributions "to the development of highly effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19". The recognition highlights the crucial significance of their research on nucleoside base modifications, which played a vital role in the swift creation of these vaccines during the pandemic.

The Nobel Laureates' discoveries have had a transformative impact on our understanding of how mRNA interacts with the immune system, enabling the unprecedented speed of vaccine development during one of the most significant health crises in recent history.

Vaccination, as a result of



their work, now triggers the formation of an immune response against specific pathogens, providing the body with a crucial defense mechanism for future encounters with these threats. These annual Nobel Prizes, which encompass physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace, are rooted in the will of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor

known for dynamite, who passed away in 1896. In 1968, the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was established by Sweden's central bank. The Nobel laureates for these prestigious awards are traditionally unveiled in Stockholm during October, except for the Peace Prize, which is determined by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo.'

# Monsoon Rains and Mountain Ranges



God has given a gift to the people of Mumbai and Pune to live near two hill towns Lonawalla and Khandala. These places are lying in the Mumbai-Pune belt and people passing through Expressway or the old route thoroughly enjoy the nature's beauty in the best way possible. Expressway is a boon to passengers to go to these places and enjoy the wee-end in the best way possible. Apart from this there is rail route which passes through the green mountains and give the passengers a pleasant sight to watch. It is just Heaven on Earth. The landscape and the valleys give a green look and very pleasant to the eyes. During cloudy rainy season one can enjoy the scenic beauty with smoke surrounding these mountains from three sides.

The areas most prone to heavy and extremely heavy rainfall are close to Mumbai in Maharashtra. It was observed that rain on the "windward" side of cascaded mountains, the side of mountain ranges that are exposed to monsoon winds, is greater than that compared to isolated mountains. This is because, the barrier created by a cascaded mountain range restricts the flow of clouds for a longer time, thus giving more time for rain formation. If the barrier is small, like an isolated mountain, the water droplets are carried away to the other side of the mountain and rain on windward side is less. Since Karnataka has a cascade mountain range in the Western Ghats.

Monsoon rains and Mountain ranges add colour to this enchanting route. Rain season is the best to enjoy the scenic beauty. The atmosphere is very clear and you can see the mountain ranges from a long distance very clearly. The green vegetation and the birds flying near the mountains is a scene to cherish. The fog/smog

hit the mountains near Khandala and gives you the feeling that the cloud is at your grasp. Monsoon rains hit Lonawalla/Khandala very heavily and the water flows through the bus and wiper doing its duty systematically. During heavy rains water flows from all parts of the mountains and it gather as one stream and we can see silver stream passing through at a distance from all the sides. The birds screaming gives a musical sound. The journey of 90 minutes through Monsoon rains and Mountain ranges is really a thrill. One can visualize the magic moments and get a closer look of the nature.

In the rain shadow region, more rain is seen in Maharashtra than Karnataka. In addition to the length of the mountain, the width of the mountain also affected the rainfall. The mountains in Maharashtra are narrower as compared to mountains in Karnataka.

At times we can see the cloud hovering low around the mountains and the rain drops fall in a tickle and fall on you when you are seated near

the window of your car or bus. The waterfalls on the way is a treat to watch. Birds fly hither and thither from dawn to dusk. Climate in the valley and on the way is rather cool and road users should drive with caution in slippery roads during monsoon season. Big stones fall from the hill side and there is protection available to ensure safe driving. While going up, the route curves round like a snake and you can see the scenic beauty and the ongoing traffic from the top. But the best part is the valley and tiny houses seen from the top of the road give a clean look. People travelling through Mumbai-Pune Expressway can really enjoy the beauty of nature. And if you through the old Mumbai-Pune route, then you can be at close quarters with mountain ranges and likely to enjoy the waterfalls on the way. It is a dream come true sight to watch the mountain ranges during monsoon rains and it is a spot for photography.



# Entertainment



**S**peculation over Anushka Sharma's rumoured pregnancy assumed feverish proportions as news spread that her husband and ace cricketer Virat Kohli on Monday flew from Guwahati to Mumbai while the other members of the India team reached Thiruvananthapuram for the ODI World Cup warm-up game against the Netherlands scheduled on Tuesday.

The star batsman reportedly flew to Mumbai after requesting the team management for a leave owing to a 'personal emergency'.

The nature of the 'emergency' is yet to be ascertained.

The news of Virat flying to Mumbai has added more fuel to the rumours around Anushka's pregnancy, which are doing the rounds since the weekend.

So far, neither Anushka nor her cricketer husband has responded to the rumours.

Anushka, who started her Bollywood career with the Aditya Chopra directorial 'Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi' (2008) opposite Shah Rukh Khan, got married to Virat in December 2017.

**A**merican actor Zendaya stunned Paris Fashion Week in a white gown for the Louis Vuitton show, People reported.

For the show on Monday, Zendaya donned a floor-length white dress with a double-zipper feature down the front that zipped from top to bottom to sit front row at the fashion house's presentation.

The zip pulls were enlarged for added flair, like with Louis Vuitton's current styles.

In addition to the gold zipper, the dress had an exaggerated buckle design on the strap and a short train.

Zendaya, who was named an ambassador for Louis Vuitton earlier this year, completed the ensemble with white heels and Bulgari diamonds.

Jaden Smith, Paul Bettany, Jennifer Connelly, Gemma Chan, Cate Blanchett, and Pharrell Williams, the creative director of menswear for Louis Vuitton, were also in attendance.



**Zendaya dazzles in white dress at Louis Vuitton fashion show**

**Is Anushka pregnant? Virat's unexpected return to Mumbai fuels buzz**



**Vijay Deverakonda has this to say about 'Kushi' success**

**A**ctor Vijay Deverakonda's latest release 'Kushi' with Samantha Ruth Prabhu successfully managed to strike a chord with people. The film, which performed well at the box office, is now streaming on OTT platform Netflix.

On receiving audiences' love for his role in 'Kushi', Vijay said, "We made 'Kushi' with the belief that love knows no language and emotions have no boundaries. Seeing the overwhelming love pour in again with its OTT release is incredibly gratifying. Whether you're watching it in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, or Hindi, I hope the film brings as much 'Kushi' to your hearts as it has to ours." Written and directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, 'Kushi' hit the theatres on September 1 in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. The film marked Vijay and Samantha's second collaboration after 'Mahanati'.

**H**ollywood star Jennifer Aniston thinks that getting a good amount of "rest" has helped her to stay healthy and vibrant.

"I drink a lot of water, move my body daily, try to eat whole, fresh foods, and get as much sleep as I can. That last part is challenging for me, but it's so important. I feel it when I don't get enough rest," the Hollywood star told CR Fashion Book, reports aceshowbiz.com. "In addition to all of that, I try to be really mindful about what I let into my head-space. Our world is really going through some challenges, and I know we all care a lot, but sometimes I think it's imperative that we turn off the noise."

Earlier this year, Aniston described sleep as "beautiful". The actress has struggled with insomnia for years, and she's now grown to appreciate the value of sleeping well.

She told InStyle: "Sleep is extraordinary. It's beautiful. But, boy, did I take it for granted when we were young." "When you're younger, you kind of take it for granted. You think, 'I can survive on three to five hours of sleep and I feel great,' and then, all of a sudden, it just starts not to feel great and your performance isn't as up to par as it should be," she added.

Aniston also acknowledged that a lack of sleep can lead to other health problems.

The actress, who is best known for playing Rachel Green in the TV sitcom 'Friends', said: "All of your body is getting all the work done that it put itself through during the day. You realise a lack of sleep leads to all sorts of health issues."



**Jennifer Aniston believes sleeping well is key to her good health**