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The Social Justice and Special Assistance Department headed by the Chief Minister has been outstanding Grand of Rs 1.12 crore to the Anti-Drug Abuse Substance Board

Nashabandi Mandal is the only grant-aided organization functioning through the state government to implement the government's de-addiction policy. RTI activist Anil Galgali has been informed by the Social Welfare Department that the Grant amounting to Rs.1.12 crore is outstanding for this organization.

RTI activist Anil Galgali had applied to the Maharashtra government on 17 May 2023 to the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance asking for information on the grant given to the Nashabandi Board. The Social Welfare Department has provided information for 9 years from the year 2014-2015 to the year 2022 2023



to Anil Galgali. 30 lakh rupees per annum grant has been approved by the Government of the State of Maharashtra. 2.70 crore as a subsidy of 30 lakhs was required to be received in the last 9 years. But only Rs 1 Crore 57 Lakh 42 thousand received from the Commissionerate has been given to the Board. 1 crore 12 lakh 58 thousand rupees is due to be paid as of today.

This organization works so that the future generation of the state does not become addicted. Anil Galgali has alleged that even though the state of Maharashtra ranks second in terms of addiction, the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department headed by the Chief Minister is neglecting it.

Ex-Muslim population on rise in India?

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

The modern Muslims of 21st century are waking up to the fact that they have been misled for centuries, not allowed to think freely, not allowed to talk freely, not allowed to do anything in utmost freedom. There are many Muslims who disown their religion and living as Ex-Muslims in India, especially there is constant rise in such population in South India and north India. This community is vocal on social media; they are openly discussing their disagreements with their religion. Ex-Muslims are those people who were raised as Muslims or converted to Islam and

later renounced the Islamic religion.

Leaving Islam is an absolute individual choice. These people who denounced Islam are now creating awareness about the history of Islam, Islamic culture and jurisprudence, and—depending upon the context—the local culture, which leads to ex-Muslims. This is the first time in India; the organisation called Ex-Muslim provides a platform to those who want to share their previous experience and betrayals as a Muslim.

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Primarily, Islam has come together to form 'Ex-Muslims of Kerala' and also decided to observe January 9 as 'Kerala Ex-Muslim Day'. Moreover, considering India's religious history, the ex-Muslims' movement of Kerala can be viewed as an exceptional chronological development. Since 2014, many scholars also denounced Islam and they became Hindu.

I spoke to some of the Muslims and tried to understand what is exactly bothering them. In India, Islamic clerics use various kinds of bullying tactics to intimidate those who renounce religion or criticise its tenets. Often these intimidation tactics violate the basic human rights of individuals. Eviction, ex-communication of families, family ex-communicating a member, forcing the spouse of an apostate to seek divorce, not allowing an apostate to contact their children, no share in inheritance, obstructing marriages etc. are some of the usual tactics. Families who refuse to follow the diktat of the Islamic clergy are threatened with social banishment.

Many rationalist Muslims were hacked to death by Islamists for criticising Islam. They are called Kafirs if they utter a single word about their religion or its people. In spite of all this pressure the Muslims are choosing to leave their religion. The Internet has a lot of literature on the Quran and Hadiths; Present-day generation is modern and inquisitive, they are able to do their own research. If Ex-Muslim movement has to be believed then we can say the young Muslims find many contradictions, unscientific and illogical statements, discriminatory verses and calls to violence, which are helping them realise that the Quran is not God's word, but that of allegedly a human.

Again through the internet and increased access to news and world events, Muslims are seeing the brutality of Islam and are repulsed by it. The more there are incidents of brutality, the more people leave it. The murder of Mahsa Amini and many others after her in Iran has created a huge

surge in people rebelling against Islam. For a long time Muslims just listened to their scholars. But those scholars were not giving logical explanations.

The majority of people just blindly believe that whatever Ulema says is true just because he got Jannath E Rasool. Ex-Muslims are not disobeyers, they were most devoted people who read the Quran daily and tried to understand it verse to verse, word to word. As they kept reading, their questions started to increase. Frankly speaking, more and more people will leave Islam as they get an education and they start raising doubts.

True spiritual path never restricts anyone from exploring, never commands its believers, never threatens its people by throwing them into hell and most important of all never forces you to blindly follow. Spirituality is the freedom to seek truth the way you like. No religion equates to no faith. People can have faith in humanity or any other values instead of a certain belief system. From YouTube to many other social media channels Ex-Muslim movement is spreading hugely. Many also believe that the campaign is politically motivated to malign Muslims and Islam. Whatever might be the reason it is unfortunate to see Muslims talking against Islam by exposing its beliefs.



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Increasing trend of fast food is dangerous



- Vijay Garg

In modern society, fast food i.e. junk food has become an important part of all our lives. We have become so burdened by the burden of facilities and luxuries that society's dependence on fast food is increasing. It is said that as you eat food, so will your mind. Undoubtedly, with the change in the nature of food, human behavior is also changing. Junk foods look very attractive and tasty, but they are actually very harmful for health. person consuming fast food regularly Makes it home to many diseases. It has a very bad effect on the health of children. Fast food is the carrier of problems ranging from heart disease to cancer, bone related diseases and obesity. According to a recently published World Obesity Atlas report, the problem of obesity will affect more than half of the world's population, i.e. 51 percent, by the year 2035.

This report is made on the basis of body mass index. If measures to prevent and treat obesity are not taken in time, then approximately two billion people in the world will become obese in the coming years. Will be a victim of. Obesity not only harms a person, but it also affects the economy of the country, because if one out of four people suffers from obesity, then that situation will really give rise

to dire situations. Fast food also contributes significantly to malnutrition, as according to a UNICEF report, more than 80 percent of children in the country suffer from hidden hunger. Here, hidden hunger means that children keep eating indiscriminately in the name of fast food, which hinders their body development. They do not get the necessary nutrients and they become victims of malnutrition. In view of the widespread ill effects of fast food, in the year 2015, the Delhi High Court had suggested the government to stop the sale of food items containing high fat, salt and sugar in and around schools, but unfortunately even today it is not followed properly. It has not been possible.

According to the Food and Testing Agency, till 2019 the number of people eating fast food in the country was about 25 percent, which has crossed 40 percent today. Whereas the cases of fast food eaters Our country is at 13th place in this. America and Britain are at the top in this. Fast food business is booming. Most of today's children are not only eating fast food but have also become physically inactive. This situation is becoming the cause of many diseases.

Letters to the Editor

Deoria Land Dispute

The killing of six persons in Deoria, Uttar Pradesh, has caused a stir throughout the nation. The reason for this terrible occurrence was a land dispute. The majority of incidents nationwide take place on land. This massacre has absolutely ruined two families. The police have taken custody of the attackers. Others are being looked for. The law will take its course in this matter, but it also demonstrates the government's carelessness. Land issues must be settled throughout the state if similar incidents are to be stopped. Nothing has ever been solved via violence.

Jahangir Shaikh

Delay in Appointment of Judges

A bench of the Supreme Court told the Attorney General that the government should not test our patience. Today we are calm but this peace may not last in the next hearing. Commenting on this, Justice Sanjay Kaul, the second most senior judge, said that even today a total of 70 cases of appoint-

ment, transfer and promotion of judges are pending with the government, some of which are from last November. The Attorney General was asked to come back on October 9 after asking the government for a clear reason for this delay. This anger of the Supreme Court bench was not without reason. For some consecutive years, the government has been condemning the collegium system and wants to end it. From the Minister to the Vice President, everyone is speaking against it not only in the House but also on public platforms.

The immediate reason for the bench's anger was the latest incidents of violence in Manipur. In fact, a decision of the High Court is believed to be the reason behind the start of violence in this state. The Supreme Court condemned this decision. A few weeks later, Delhi's second-most senior judge was recommended for the vacant post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. But the government did not respond and the state's justice system continued to deteriorate. The Supreme Court Collegium also knows that the government acts on some names and on others there is inordinate delay. Because of this, many junior lawyers become senior judges and senior and better lawyers refuse to become judges out of resentment.

The judiciary is deprived of good future judges. In view of the allegations of transparency in the collegium, the CJI re-

cently said that a large team has formed its opinion after looking at the quality of the decisions of the judges for promotion in the last three years. However, the government should avoid such conflicts.

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Investors should not be duly worried about falling stock prices in recent times!

Investors should not be duly worried at the recent fall in stock prices which had gone up too much too soon & now witnessing a healthy correction. Free fall in stock prices is a boon in disguise for investors who missed the rally & now is a golden opportunity to buy time tested fundamentally good stocks at reasonable valuations. While the world is going through a slowdown, India luckily has no such issues & well placed to meet global challenges as most listed companies have been reporting excellent numbers post-covid which shows the inherent strength of our economy.

India enjoys political stability apart from huge liquidity in the financial system which is attracting investments from overseas. The next decade belongs to India & equities is the place to be in for handsome gains in the years to come. India's population is comparatively younger which is good news for not just investment in equi-

ties but productivity in the manufacturing sector which will drive our economy to new highs in the coming times!

S.N.Kabra

Nanded Tragedy

The State government-run Dr Shankar Rao Chavan Government medical college and Hospital in Nanded, Maharashtra, where 31 patients lost their lives within 48 hours, is grappling with a substantial staff shortage. Hospital records show that 42 percent of medical personnel positions, spanning department such as pediatrics, general medicine, psychiatry, orthopedics and others, remain vacant. It is shocking that such a big number of posts are vacant in the hospital. There is no shortage of Doctors and medical personnel in the state. But the government needs to recruit them in the government-run hospitals. It is obvious that this tragedy occurred due to the deficiency of staff. The government must fulfil all the posts before the another tragedy takes place.

Hassan Khan

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Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis says, "President's Rule was imposed with Sharad Pawar's consent"



The President's Rule was imposed in Maharashtra in 2019 with the consent of NCP president Sharad Pawar, said Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday.

The deputy CM was responding to a question at the India Today Conclave here about the timeline of his attempt to form a short-lived government with the NCP.

In one of the biggest political surprises in Maharashtra after the 2019 polls, the then Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari swore in Fadnavis as the chief minister and Ajit Pawar as deputy CM on

November 23, 2019. However, the government fell after about 72 hours. "Post assembly elections in 2019, we were discussing government formation with Sharad Pawar. We had even finalised portfolio distribution and guardian ministers' responsibilities. But Pawar made a U-turn and backed out," said Fadnavis on Wednesday, insisting that the decision to impose the President's Rule in the state was taken with Pawar's consent.

In the last Maharashtra assembly elections, the results of which were announced on October 24, 2019, the BJP won 105

of the 288 seats in the state. The Shiv Sena, which was in an alliance with the BJP, won 56 seats. However, the allies parted ways after bickering over power-sharing, with the CM's post being the bone of contention. Following the deadlock, the President's Rule was imposed in the state. "The governor has to ask every political party whether it would like to stake claim to form the government. The NCP refused to do so and its letter (to this effect) was typed at my residence in Mumbai. Pawar suggested some corrections, which were made, and then it (letter) was submitted," said Fadnavis, claiming that Pawar's consent had been taken before it was decided to go for the President's Rule.

"Pawar told us that he could not take a decision to tie up with the BJP in a short period. Pawar said he would first tour the state and announce his decision to form a government with the BJP after convincing people. Pawar said he would need one month for it," Fadnavis said. PTI

Dy CM Ajit Pawar replaces BJP's Chandrakant Patil as guardian minister in Pune



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar was on Wednesday named as the guardian minister of his home district Pune in place of senior BJP leader and cabinet minister Chandrakant Patil.

In all, seven of the nine ministers of the NCP faction, including Ajit Pawar, are entrusted with the responsibility of various districts as guardian ministers.

As per a revised list of the guardian ministers for 12 districts issued by the Chief Minister's Office, Chandrakant Patil has been given the responsibility of Solapur and Amravati districts. The naming of guardian ministers for various districts has been delayed as equations changed after Ajit Pawar and eight MLAs joined the Shiv Sena-BJP government in July this year.

NCP ministers Dilip Walse Patil, Hasan Mushrif and Dhananjay Munde will be the guardian ministers for Buldhana, Kolhapur, and Beed districts, respectively, as per the list. Their cabinet colleagues Sanjay Bandsode, Dharmarao Baba Atram, and Anil Patil (also belonging to the Ajit Pawar camp) are given the responsibility of Parbhani, Gondia, and Nandurbar districts, respectively. From the Bharatiya Janata Party camp, senior ministers Sudhir Mungantiwar, Vijay Kumar Gavitt, and Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil will be in charge of Wardha, Bhandara and Akola districts, respectively. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was holding the charge as the guardian minister of Wardha, Akola, Bhandara and Amravati districts. PTI

Hospital death case: Bombay HC takes suo motu cognizance at hospitals of Nanded and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday took suo motu (on its own) cognizance of the deaths at the state government-run hospitals at Nanded and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and sought details from the Maharashtra government.

A division bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Arif Doctor asked Advocate General Birendra Saraf, appearing for the state government, to submit to the bench details about the state's budgetary allocation for health on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, an advocate, Mohit Khanna, had submitted a letter to the bench requesting it to take suo motu cognizance of the deaths. The bench initially directed Khanna to file a petition and said it wanted to issue effective orders. It also asked the advocate to gather data regarding vacancies in the

hospitals, availability of medicine, the percentage (of funds) the government is spending and so on.

However, in the afternoon session, the bench said it was taking suo motu cognizance of the issue noting that reasons given by the doctors at the hospitals citing shortage of beds, staff, and essential medicines cannot be accepted. The HC said it would hear the matter on Thursday.

Khanna in his letter stated 31 deaths, including those of infants, were recorded at the Dr Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded in 48 hours since September 30. The letter also mentioned that the deaths of 18 patients, including infants, were recorded between October 2 and 3 at the Government Medical College and Hospital at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. PTI

Five people cheated a man of around Rs 2 crore to quash criminal cases against him

A 44-year-old financial services expert was allegedly cheated of nearly Rs 2 crore by five people who promised to get a criminal case against him quashed and help him obtain a liquor licence claiming that they knew influential people, an official said on Wednesday.

The case came to light after the complainant approached the Matunga police station in Central Mumbai, the official said. The complainant had spent a few

days with one of the accused in a quarantine centre during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to complainant Eric Anklesaria, a Matunga resident, he was arrested by the Navi Mumbai police in December 2020 in connection with a criminal case.

He met one Ali Raza Shaikh (27) when the two were in a quarantine centre at Kharghar during the Coronavirus outbreak. In September 2021, Shaikh called Anklesaria saying he could help quash the FIR against the latter,

said the complaint. On September 27, 2021, Anklesaria and his partners met Shaikh at a plush hotel in Vashi, where Shaikh introduced him to one Jay, alias Raju Manglani. Shaikh claimed that Manglani had good contacts with people like ministers, lawyers and judges, said the official citing the complaint. Manglani told the complainant that one Valmik Golher, who he claimed worked with a cabinet minister, would help in getting the criminal case quashed. PTI

A man is suffering from skull fracture; his family blames police

A 23-year-old man suffered a skull fracture after someone hit him with a stick while he was riding a two-wheeler in Vakola area of the city, with his family members alleging that he was injured after a policeman whacked him on his head with his baton during a 'nakabandi'.

Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's friend Ejaz Khan, the police on Wednesday registered a case against an unidentified person for hitting the victim on his head and injuring him. As per the complaint, Sheikh was riding the motorcycle while the complainant was riding pillion. They were

on their way to Oshiwara from the Mahim Dargah. But when they reached the Western Express Highway (WEH) in Vakola, they found a number of two-wheeler riders taking a U-turn and warning others not to proceed further as there was a 'nakabandi' (police check-post) ahead. PTI

Nation

Delhi: LG of Delhi, VK Saxena sends Suresh Chandrashekhar's complaint against Kejriwal to MHA



against Kejriwal and Jain," the statement from LG office said.

"In his letter, Suresh has also requested that he be transferred from Mandoli Jail and out of Delhi to any Jail, which is not under the control of AAP," it added. According to the LG, Suresh in his July letter also sought transfer to another jail, outside the national capital. "It has been submitted by Suresh that the Delhi Prisons rule allows inmates to be transferred to their home State or any other State on special basis or reasons, and also recently the MHA had taken decisions to transfer high profile inmates/ undertrials out of Delhi," the statement added.

"I am kindly seeking a transfer from Delhi Jails which is being administered by the AAP Government to any other state jail which is not under the AAP Government till the time the investigations are completed against the above-mentioned persons exposed by me," the statement from LG office quoted Suresh's letter as saying. ANI

The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, VK Saxena, on Wednesday forwarded a complaint made by alleged con-man Suresh Chandrashekhar against Arvind Kejriwal and AAP leaders, to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The alleged con-man had written a letter to Delhi LG that he was being pressurised to retract statements made against AAP leaders.

As per a statement from Raj Niwas, Suresh Chandrashekhar, had written to the LG on July

8, 2023, through his advocate, against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal alleging that his lawyer Anant Malik was getting threatening calls from people claiming to be speaking on behalf of CM Kejriwal and former Home Minister, GNCTD, Satyendar Jain. "The caller (identified as Dinesh Mukhiya) is alleged to have threatened Suresh with poisoning in his food at Mandoli Jail, which is under the control of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) if he did not retract his statements

Tamil Nadu: CM MK Stalin announced ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh in electrocution case

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced an ex gratia of Rs two lakhs for the kin of the three deceased who died in Kanniyakumari due to electrocution on Tuesday night. "I am deeply saddened to hear the sad news that Chitra (47), Athira (23) and daughter Selvam Ashwin (9) died unexpectedly yesterday due to electric shock at their home," Stalin was quoted as saying in a press release from the Chief Minister's Office, the draft of which was attached to a post on 'X'.

"I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Mr. Solraj and his family and I have decided to give two lakh rupees each from the Chief Minister's General Relief Fund to the families of the deceased," he added.

"Hon'ble Chief Minister @mkstalin has announced condolence and financial assistance to the families of those who died due to electric shock in Kanyakumari district," read a rough translation of the Chief Minister's Office post in Tamil on 'X'.



Three members of a family were electrocuted to death near Attoor in Kanyakumari district, police said. Thiruvattar Police said they have launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the October 3 incident in which a woman and her two children died.

"Last night three people were electrocuted to death near Attoor of Kanyakumari district. Last evening, a street light's electric wire fell on the adjacent building wall on which a person kept his hand. Noticing this, his mother and sister tried to save him. All three got electrocuted and died," said Thiruvattar Police. ANI

Sikkim Floods: NDRF conducts rescue operations in Singtam town



The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) on Wednesday conducted a successful rescue operation in Sikkim's Singtam town, saving seven people from the aftermath of a cloudburst that led to a flood-like situation. NDRF has deployed one team in Gangtok, with two additional teams stationed at adjoining areas of Sikkim.

"Our teams have rescued seven people from Singtam. We have deployed one NDRF team to Gangtok and two to adjoining areas of Sikkim in West Bengal," the NDRF told ANI. The NDRF moved its teams soon after it got the information about the cloud-

burst that led to the flood-like situation in the region. In a tragic incident, 23 Indian Army personnel have gone missing after they were caught in a flash flood in Sikkim late on Tuesday night. The troopers are from various units. Defence PRO, Guwahati, earlier informed that a total of 23 army personnel were reported missing due to a flash flood that occurred in Teesta River in Lachen Valley after the sudden cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim. "Due to a sudden cloud burst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim, a flash flood occurred in Teesta River in Lachen Valley. Some army establishments along the valley have been affected and efforts are on to confirm details. A total of 23 personnel have been reported missing and some vehicles are reported submerged under the slush. Search operations are underway," said the Defence PRO. ANI

Supreme Court asks "why 'a political party' has not been made an accused in matters related to liquor policy irregularities"

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked why "a political party" has not been made an accused in matters pertaining to liquor policy irregularities as "a political party" is alleged to have benefitted from it. It is alleged that the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the national capital was the direct beneficiary of the liquor 'scam'.

The court query came during the hearing on a bail plea filed on behalf of former Delhi deputy chief minister and AAP leader Manish Sisodia. A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti put this question to Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju, who was appearing for the Enforcement Directorate. The court remarked that a political party (AAP) is alleged to be the beneficiary of the money launder-



ing but was not made accused or impleaded in the case. "How do you answer that," the court asked ED. The court also sought to know to what extent cabinet notes can be triable in a court of law. As the hearing on the bail plea of Manish Sisodia remained inconclusive, the matter was adjourned for Thursday. Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, said his client is a sitting legislator and not a flight risk. Defending Sisodia, Singhvi said the liquor policy is an institutional

decision spread over multi-levels. The former deputy chief minister has moved the Supreme Court seeking bail in CBI and ED cases related to alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy case. He moved the apex court challenging the Delhi HC order rejecting his bail plea. The CBI, in its affidavit, opposed Sisodia's bail plea, urging the Supreme Court to dismiss it saying that he is the kingpin and architect of the conspiracy in matters related to liquor policy irregularities. ANI

World

Sri Lanka faces biggest challenge from its bilateral lender



Sri Lanka's is facing a big challenge from its largest bilateral lender, China to secure a concrete debt relief framework, as it is blocking access to desperately needed cash bailout of 3 billion US dollars' from International Monetary fund, Nikkei Asia reported. Last month's visit by IMF officials to the crisis-recovering nation seems like a hope for the country. But IMF which has insisted on "financing assurances" from bilateral lenders as a key pillar,

gave Sri Lanka a failing grade in the first review of the bailout, denying it a second tranche of \$330 million in aid.

According to the Nikkei Asia, the chances of the relief for Sri Lanka is rising for an unexpected mid-october visit to China by Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe to attend a 10th anniversary summit of the Belt and Road Initiative, Beijing's regionwide infrastructure building program where he will meet the Chinese President to discuss

debt relief. Meanwhile the IMF has said that the further relief aid requires the completion of financing reviews after analysing the country's record since the first injection of 330 million US dollars, approved in late march. Nikkei Asia reported quoting IMF team, headed by Peter Breuer, senior mission chief for Sri Lanka said, "These financing assurances reviews will focus on whether adequate progress has been made with debt restructuring to give confidence that it will be concluded in a timely manner and in line with the program's debt target." China is one among other nations to join lenders like Japan and India early this year to offer initial financial assurances that met the IMF's conditions to approve the March bailout, an Asian diplomat revealed. "Beijing offered a two-year moratorium for the Sri Lankan debt and talked of providing new loans to pay for existing debt," Nikkei Asia reported. ANI

Afghanistan: EU calls for immediate release of detained women defending for their rights



The European Union (EU) has called for the immediate release of women detained in Afghanistan for defending their and others' rights and said arbitrary detentions undermine the caretaker government's domestic legitimacy, Khaama Press reported. The Khaama Press News Agency is an online news service for Afghanistan.

Taliban authorities continue

to crack down on dissenting voices, in particular those who speak out on issues related to the rights of women and girls. EU spokesperson Nabila Massrali on Tuesday called on the Afghanistan caretaker government to release Julia Parsi and Neda Parwani, along with their family members, as soon as possible and put an end to their arbitrary detentions. Massrali continues to demand

the release of Matiullah Wesa, an education activist who has been detained in the Taliban's prison for over six months.

European Union's special representative for Afghanistan, Thomas Nicholson, meanwhile said that arbitrary detentions of those defending their and others' rights are illegal and undermine the caretaker government's domestic legitimacy. Nicholson also called for the release of women's rights activists detained by the Taliban de facto authorities. At the same time, Taranum Saeedi, a women's rights activist, in conversation with Khaama Press News Agency, stated that although women have bravely resisted for their fundamental rights in the past two years, such detentions led to the suppression of protests. Saeedi said, "Women demand their fundamental rights through civil litigation, but the Taliban, through restrictive orders, arrests, and torture, have obstructed their quest for justice." ANI

Pakistan: At least 10 terrorists were killed in a gun battle with the security forces in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



At least 10 terrorists were killed in a gun battle with the security forces in the Tank region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Pezu neighbourhood on Tuesday, ARY News reported citing the country's military media wing. The Pakistani military media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Tuesday that the terrorists were killed after the security forces carried out an intelligence-based operation on the "reported presence of terrorists".

Ten terrorists were killed immediately as a result of a fierce firefight with Pakistani soldiers that took place during the operation.

"These terrorists remained actively involved in numerous terrorist activities against security forces as well as extortion [and] killing of innocent civilians," the ISPR said, according to ARY News.

The security forces found a sizable stockpile of weapons, ammunition, and explosives from the terrorists after the operation. The troops have stepped up operations against militants as a result of an increase in terrorist activity since the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) announced the termination of a ceasefire with Pakistan in November of last year. ANI

55 Chinese sailors killed after nuclear submarine accident: UK media report

Following an unfortunate capture of their nuclear submarine in a trap meant to snare British as well as the US sub-surface vessels in the Yellow Sea, at least 55 Chinese sailors were killed in an accident in August in the Yellow Sea, according to a report by the UK based newspaper, Daily Mail Online. The Daily Mail has cited a top-secret UK report. The report claims the crew members were poisoned by the oxygen system's catastrophic failure which claimed sailors' lives. The UK report, which is based on military intelligence, has a high level of secrecy.

The Daily Mail is a British daily middle-market tabloid newspaper founded in 1896, and news website published in London. Daily Mail Online further cited the top UK report which read: 'Intelligence reports that on

21st of August there was an on-board accident whilst carrying out a mission in the Yellow Sea.' 'Incident happened at 08.12 local resulting in the death of 55 crew members: 22 officers, 7 officer cadets, 9 petty officers, 17 sailors. Dead include the captain Colonel Xue Yong-Peng. Our understanding is death caused by hypoxia due to a system fault on the submarine. The submarine hit a chain and anchor obstacle used by the Chinese Navy to trap US and allied submarines,' the report read. 'This resulted in systems failures that took six hours to repair and surface the vessel. The onboard oxygen system poisoned the crew after a catastrophic failure,' it added. However, the British tabloid, Daily Mail Online has reported that the alleged disappearance of the Chinese submarine has not yet been independently verified. ANI

Expression

Like One Family- World, Global Education should also be One



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Teachers' communities wield great power in the world, their relevance, necessity and usefulness can never end. The huge responsibility of building a better world rests on the shoulders of teachers. If there is even a little mistake in this responsibility, then the foundation for building society, nation and the world remains hollow. Keeping this in mind, World Teachers' Day was started by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on October 5, 1994. Its objective is to discuss the important contribution that teachers around the world are making in shaping the lives of approximately 2.5 billion children of the world. UNESCO is determined to give the message of education, science, peace and progress to the world through its programs.

India has been a major center of education from ancient times and has played a pioneering role in the world. In the modern era of economic turmoil, terror, war and violence, the role of teachers has become very important as they not only impart knowledge to the students, but also teach them other skills necessary in life. Teachers collaborate with the students and also make them understand the moral values and peaceful life which are very important for a good citizen. For the all-round development of students, teachers will have to prepare such students who are scientific-spiritual, who have physical and mental development along with intellectual and emotional development. Famous educationist Dr. A. S. Altekar has written - "Education is such a source of light and power, which changes our nature and makes it excellent by continuous harmonious development of our physical, mental, material and spiritual powers and abilities." When the foundation is strong, the pillars and roof become strong, then the palace can be erected. When the individual consciousness becomes pure, when it comes to the development of community consciousness, this strengthens the world consciousness. Education based on universal humanity will be sacred and effective only when the role of human consciousness or individual consciousness remains sacred in its background.

Nobel Prize winner Nelson Mandela had said, "Education is



the most powerful weapon that can change the whole world." Thoughts of war and peace originate in the human mind. The best stage for a human being to receive thoughts is childhood. Thoughts of peace have to be inculcated in the human mind right from childhood. Education should be such that the child develops a global outlook of loving the whole world. In the era of Global Village, there should be a uniform educational system all over the world. The uniformity of world education is the biggest need of this era. Dr. Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, had said, "The twentieth century has been the bloodiest and violent century in human history."

In the twentieth century, two world wars, the attacks by two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the widespread devastation in the world took place; all this havoc has happened due to narrow nationalism. The Russia-Ukraine war has been going on continuously for about one and a half years, for which our education is the most responsible. Schools in all the countries of the world teach the children of their respective countries to love their country, but do not teach them to love the whole world. If the world remains safe, all the countries will also remain safe and then the individual will also remain safe. Western educationist John Dewey has written, "The teacher is always the prophet of God for the child, who is the one who brings entry into the true kingdom of God." Like a creator, a teacher fills the void created by the society through building future generations of the society, or tries to fill this void. If his responsibility is lacking, then he cannot be forgiven.

A teacher is like a gardener who

decorates a garden with flowers of different colours, who inspires the students to walk with a smile even on the thorns. The criteria of a true teacher presented by J. Krishna Murti reveals the greatness of his personality, "A true teacher is rich from within, hence he does not want anything for himself, he is not ambitious, he does not base his teachings on the basis of position or power." It does not create a means to achieve anything; true culture is not based on engineers and technicians, but on teachers. Today's education, however, has become a business, rather than a mission. Many teachers and schools have started bidding for their knowledge. If we look at the present world perspective, the tradition of Guru-disciple is getting tarnished somewhere. Every day we listen to numerous reports of misbehaviour, assault and indiscipline by teachers. World Teachers' Day is an occasion when we work to refine the fading tradition and ideal education of teachers and to create responsible individuals.

In the present times, the role of teacher may have changed, but the importance and responsibility of personality-building has become even more relevant, because without the development of all-round ability, it is extremely difficult to move along with the progressing times and maintain oneself. Only steel-like determination and the ability to do everything can enhance personality, and only teachers create such personalities. According to Swami Vivekananda, all-round development means - being big in heart, high in mind and great in action. For the development of all-round personality, teachers kept trying to refine their own conduct,

values, behaviour and thoughts. India's Missile Man, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has said, "If a country is corruption-free, and has become a nation of beautiful minds, then I strongly feel that there are three major social members who can make a difference, and they are father, mother and teachers." This quote from Dr. Kalam symbolizes the influence of teachers in the world. Teachers have the most inspiring profession and a huge responsibility in this world. The post of a teacher is very dignified, because just as there are seeds, fertilizers and equipment for farming, if there are no farmers, then everything is useless. Similarly, if there is a school- building, teaching material and students; however, without teachers everything is useless. In the words of the great philosopher Acharya Mahapragya - "The task of personality-building is very difficult. Only a selfless and conscious teacher can create another personality." We saw the passion of a teacher in the film Super-30. In this film Prof. Anand's education movement has been presented effectively.

Today the importance of teachers and education has become a lot more than ever before. As Mahatma Gandhi had said, "If one school is opened, a hundred jails will be closed." But today the opposite is happening. With the increase in the number of schools, the space in jails is becoming smaller. The number of jails is also increasing in the same proportion. It is clear that the present education system and teachers are also responsible to some extent for the increase in violence and crimes. In ancient times, the aim of education was 'Sa Vidya Ya Vimuktaye' i.e. education is that which leads to liberation. Today the aim of education has become 'sa vidya ya niyuktaye' i.e. only education which leads to appointment in government jobs. From this point of view, the changing meaning of education has changed the world mentality. This is the reason why people in today's society only want to be educated and do not want to become well-educated and cultured.

According to the proclamation of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the great thought of making the world one family is developing, along with this, it is expected to work on the policy of 'the same teachers and the same education' all over the world. For this, it is expected that there should be not only an educational revolution, but also a teachers' revolution.

Entertainment



“I’ll be back”: Trevor Noah shares photos from his visit to India

Comedian Trevor Noah visited India for his ‘Off the Record’ tour. On Wednesday, Noah took to Instagram to post photos of himself summarising his journey to the country.

He made a special mention of Bengaluru in his farewell message, criticising his concert venue in the city, where his standup act got cancelled at the last minute.

Sharing the photos, he wrote in his caption, “What an experience it was coming and performing in your country for the first time. Thank you for sharing your rich history, your delicious cuisine and your fantastic arguments with me. Thank you to everyone who came out to the shows in Delhi and Mumbai because you made it truly unforgettable.” He concluded, “Bangalore, our story isn’t done, I’ll be back and next time we’ll make sure it’s the best show ever.” In the pictures, Noah can be seen visiting the Taj Mahal in Agra. He wore a blue shirt and matching shorts.

He also gave glimpses of other hangout places he visited in Delhi. Earlier, Noah was to perform at the Manpho Convention Centre in Bengaluru as part of his ‘Off the Record’ tour. The organisers have cancelled both of Noah’s shows in Bengaluru, which were scheduled for September 27 and 28. However, as the shows were cancelled, Noah has apologised to his fans who came all the way to watch it. **ANI**

Actors Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone selfie pictures creates a buzz

Actors Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone posed for a selfie with the ‘Fighter’ filmmaker Siddharth Anand in Italy. Siddharth Anand has been filming two songs with actors Hrithik and Deepika Padukone at the beautiful Phi beach on the Italian island of Baja Sardinia. The trio has been filming a dance number followed by a romantic ballad.

Actor Arfeen Khan took to Instagram to post the picture. He wrote, “Fighter in action... amazing people, amazing shoot @hrithikroshan @deepikapadukone @boscomartis.”

Deepika can be seen in a white dress. While Hrithik chose a blue t-shirt with black hoodie. Talking about the film, ‘Fighter’ also stars Anil Kapoor, Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi. The film is scheduled to release in theatres on January 25, 2024. ‘Fighter’ is an aerial action film. The film marks Hrithik’s first on-screen collaboration with Deepika. Siddharth Anand announced the film in 2021. Taking to social media, he wrote, “This is definitely one of the most exciting moments of my life to bring together two of my favourite stars, Hrithik and Deepika, for the first time to the Indian and global audience. I am thrilled to begin the journey of MARFLIX, a production house dedicated to action film making in India. I start this journey of Marflix along with my life partner Mamta Anand. Starting MARFLIX with Hrithik is special as he is someone who has seen me even working as an AD, then as a director on two films and now I am not just his director but I’m also starting my production house with him”. **ANI**



Actor Ileana D’Cruz posts adorable pictures on social media says, “Nothing prepares you for the pain”



Actor Ileana D’Cruz keeps posting adorable pictures of her son Koa Phoenix Dolan but in a recent photo she looked tense while holding him in her arms.

The actor posted pictures along with Koa on her Instagram stories in which she appeared frazzled and had a disturbed expression on her face. It showed half of Ileana’s face with the baby resting on her shoulder. She wrote in the caption, “Nothing prepares you for the pain you feel when your little one is hurting.”

In another picture, she looked pale and worried, Ileana captioned the image with, “Baby cuddles all day for my little trooper. Mama got some hugs in too.” **ANI**

“I’m ready and raring to go again,” says Sonam Kapoor and one of the items on her agenda is to explore the long-form storytelling on OTT.

The actor, who took a break from work after the birth of son Vayu in August 2022, said she is inspired by her father Anil Kapoor’s work on popular series “The Night Manager”.

“I got pregnant at the tail end of COVID-19 and I’ve always said that I will take time off (from work). It was maternity leave, which every woman and man should get. I spent time with my baby. Now, I’m ready and raring to go again,” Sonam told PTI in an interview. “I would love to do a mini-series or OTT shows. I saw my father’s show and I was very excited to see what it was like. It was at the level of any film that you will see. I would love to do something like that. I feel you can have more time playing a character,” the actor said.

Kapoor, 38, known for “Delhi-6”, “Aisha”, “Raanjhanaa”, “Bhaag Milkha Bhaag” and “Neerja”, was recently seen in Sujoy Ghosh-produced crime thriller “Blind”, which was filmed in 2021 and released on OTT in July this year. Her last theatrical outing was the 2019 release “The Zoya Factor”. **PTI**

Actor Sonam Kapoor says, “I’m ready and raring to go again” over working in films

