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Ajit Pawar influences 7-Gram Panchayats in Baramati

BJP remains No. 1



Gram Panchayat Election Results in the State - Update 12.55 pm

Total No. 2359 victorious

BJP	304
Shiv Sena (Shinde)	151
Nationalist (Ajit Pawar)	215
Ubatha	59
Congress	85
Sharad Pawar Group	68

Gram panchayat elections gave major mandate for Deputy CM Ajit Pawar. His influence remained dominant as his panel secured victories in all seven-gram panchayats in his home turf of Baramati. This election marked the initial electoral contest following the division within the NCP. The outcomes for 424-gram panchayats, a fraction of the total 2359 where voting took place, are as follows: BJP – 106, Ajit Pawar’s faction of NCP – 92, Shiv Sena (led by Shinde) – 68, Congress – 37, Thackeray’s faction of Shiv Sena – 24, Sharad Pawar’s NCP – 30.

The results of 13 out of 31 Gram Panchayat elections in Baramati taluka have come out, in 13 places Ajit Pawar's group has won and in Magarwad also the sponsored panel of Ajit Pawar's group has won. In Baramati, NCP Ajit Pawar group won in Ambi Budruk, Bhondve Wadi, Powai Mal, Mahsoba Nagar, Pansare Wadi, Gadi Khel, Jaradwadi, Karanje, Kutwal Wadi, Siddheshwar

Nimbodi, Dandwadi, Magar Wadi, Sable Wadi.

Polling for 2,359-gram panchayats in Maharashtra was held on Sunday. In Katewadi – Mr. Pawar’s ancestral village in Baramati – a local BJP leader Pandurang Kachre accused the Ajit Pawar-led NCP faction of ‘buying’ the voters of the Katewadi gram panchayat. Leaders of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP, however, denied Mr. Kachre’s charges with Vidyadhar Kate, a leader of the NCP (Ajit Pawar) remarking that anybody could make any “baseless accusation” in such a manner.

Till now the three Gram Panchayats were under the control of Pankaja Munde. Dhananjay Munde has got two Gram Panchayats out of them. Pankaja Munde could win only one Gram Panchayat. Pankaja Munde dominated the Gram Panchayats of Hivra, Sonhivra and Vantakali Tanda in Vajinath taluka which were previously under the control of Pankaja Munde.

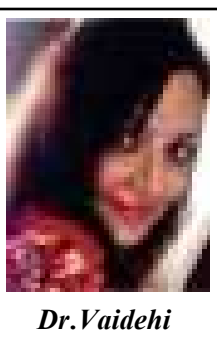
People of Chinchwad voted for common independent candidates



On the occasion of the Gram Panchayat elections, a different picture was seen in Kolhapur this time. There was a joint panel of Congress MLA Satej Patil and BJP MP Dhananjay Mahadik, staunch rivals in politics. But the people of Chinchwad village have dusted this panel and given the formula of power in the hands of independents. Chinchwad Gram Panchayat of Kolhapur was paying attention of the entire state. In this election, the voters rejected the ruling party and supported the independents. The panel of MLA Satej Patil and MP Dhananjay Mahadik has been defeated and the result is 10 against 3. Shraddha Prashant Potdar, an independent candidate, has been elected as Sarpanch. In Chinchwad village of Karveer taluka, a joint panel has been formed by the workers of Congress MLA Satej Patil and Bharatiya Janata Party MP Dhananjay Mahadik. had done This year too there was a massive effort to bring the Mahadik-Patil panel to power. But the same church and the villagers, fed up with their management, formed an independent youth panel. The district leader MP Dhananjay Mahadik and Congress MLA Satej Patil were accused. Due to the dispute between Satej Patil and Dhananjay Mahadik, both of them have become bitter enemies in Kolhapur politics. But local activists decided to unite for power. But the people of Chinchwad got fed up with these leaders and voted for common independent candidates.

Lona Chamari- a powerful tantrik who inspires in awakening Shabar Mantra

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

Today I went to one program arranged by one of the Hindutva organisations, many Sadhus, Nagas and Aghoris were invited in that religious programme. Tantra Vidya has always attracted people; out of curiosity I asked one of the tantric “is there any female tantrik in this field? He said many women are successful practitioners of tantra but they live a very private and isolated life. While talking about the legacy of female tantric, he mentioned one name called Lona Chamari. Just as people believe in the power of God, in the same way there are many people who believe in Tantra Vidya or Tantric powers. There are people who believe in this all over the world including India. Tantra Vidya has been present on the earth not just

today but for centuries. People claim to use it for many things. Like protection from evil eye, job, marriage and what not. We humans naturally get attracted to these tantra practices because it is made believe that these practices can get you whatever you wish for.

In tantra vidya there are many men known for their tantra awakenings, but Lona Chamari was one female who is known for awakening Shabar Mantra. According to learned authorities, there are many types of Lona Chamaris, one Lona Chamari was a resident of Chamar village of Amritsar city of Punjab. Some believe that she is called Chamarin (cobbler) because she belonged to that community.

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It is said that Lona Chamarin belonged to the Harijan caste. There is no written history about Lona Chamarin, but from folklore, folk literature and mantras we get to know another story that she belonged to Kamarupa, also known as Kamakhya. Kamakhya has been famous for Tantra Sadhana since ancient times. Another Lona Chamarin is mentioned as a woman living in Dadrewa, Rajasthan. She was the maid of Jaharveer's mother Vashal. It is said that Jaharveer respected her like his mother, hence whenever Lona Chamarin is called for, Jaharveer himself comes and solves the problem.

From childhood, she became the disciple of Ismail Jogi. Ismail Jogi was a great Tantrik of Kamakhya. Lona Chamarin also learned Tantrik Vidya by staying with him. Later on, she became so adept in these practices and went deep in her practices. This is the reason even in today's time her name is taken in many tantra vidyas. However, the fame of Lona Chamarin of Kamrup i.e., Kamakhya is much greater than all of them.

Lona Chamarin's name appears in many Sabar chants. Sabar mantras are those in which Arabic, Persian and common spoken words are used. That is, such mantras which have been prepared in common spoken language. Mantras prepared in Sanskrit or other linguistic purity are difficult for the general public to understand. These special features of Sabar Mantras made them accessible to common people. People started using them in small matters everywhere. How much influence do they have? It is either a matter of belief or influence. However, the number of people who experiment and believe in it is not less.

The people who perform exorcism neither tell everyone about the spell nor talk about Lona Chamarin. But it is clear that Lona Chamarin must have been a very accomplished woman, due to which even the pundits invoke her name in the mantras to cast off witchcraft. Lona Chamarin's name is mentioned at many places in Malik Muhammad Jayasi's immortal work Padmavat. In one incident, a Brahmin who does yoga and totka, to prove her superiority, says, 'Jas kamaru chamari lona. No one is educated or

sorcery.

That is, just as who has not been stepped out by the tantra-mantra and sorcery of Lona Chamarin of Kamrup. Similarly, Lona Chamarin is mentioned at some other places in Padmavat. However, her name came up on such occasions where there was talk of witchcraft and tantra. It was clear from this that Lona Chamarin was an expert in such sciences. So, who was this Lona Chamarin, who is mentioned again and again in mantras, even in the classic epic like 'Padmavat'?

During British rule, there used to be an officer of Bengal Civil Services, William Crook. One of his books, 'The Popular Religion and Folklore of Northern India', was published in 1896. In this he talks about Lona Chamarin. In 'The Goldlings of Disease Chapter' he mentions people who free someone from a shadow. In general terms they are called Tantrik or Ojha. He tells about one such person from Mirzapur that he was invoking devotee Hanuman in mantras.

He writes that apart from Hanuman, he has also heard about two more people, Lona Chamarin and Ismail Jogi. People appeal to Ismail Jogi and Lona Chamarin in their mantras to protect people from evil shadows or the wrath of any poisonous creature. He says that when hail started falling in Mirzapur, the people there would appeal to Ismail Jogi and Lona Chamarin to protect them. Those days we were living in a caste system and some cats were believed to be supreme and worship and tantras were considered to be their proficiency. This Dalit woman who accepted Muslim mantric as her guru and excelled on her path of spiritual divinity.



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Voices



Why ridicule the faith related to festivals?



- Vijay Garg

In the festive season, not only the color of faith but also colorless behavior of ridicule is seen. Recently, some people made fun of women on the internet media regarding Karva Chauth. In the name of freedom of expression and interference in the freedom of others regarding fasts and festivals, the behavior has now become common. A lot of negativity is seen regarding festivals related to wishing well being of loved ones. Sometimes these festivals are made a subject of ridicule by citing exploitation of women and sometimes by chauvinistic thinking. Is with time, the ways of observing the traditions related to fasting have changed a lot. The meaningful changes related to celebrating traditional festivals should also be understood in depth.

It is sad that instead of accepting these changes wholeheartedly, there is a competition to share the negative aspects related to them. In such a situation, if it is a matter of independent thinking, then the views of women who want to celebrate these festivals without any pressure should also be respected. It is appropriate to speak logically on a matter related to personal faith, but from the heart. The mentality of harboring hatred towards women who are not celebrating festivals is really surprising.

Whereas this festive season is like a lifesaver for our

economy, social connectedness and the joy of personal relationships. Loneliness, depression and disintegrating families have become the bitter truth of today's social system. In such a situation, it is necessary to see the positive side of the customs which are playing an important role in fostering community cohesion. Now it is not a compulsion for women to be associated with traditional things. The meaning of these beliefs has changed. A hoy festival like Ashtami was once associated with the wish for good health of sons.

Today, mothers perform this ritual for the safety and good health of their children, away from the distinction between son and daughter. Pleasant changes in affection and respect are also seen in the tradition of Karva Chauth fast. Men also perform the rituals of Chhath with full dedication. Instead of rigid formalities, traditional festivals are now celebrated with spontaneity and a sense of nurturing relationships. At the same time, the mentality of opposition is still limited to its ancient form and giving strange references. Instead of highlighting the better changes that have come along, fallacies are resorted to. Without accepting positive changes, neither can the light of these festivals remain in the future. Nor can the remaining restrictions be abolished.

Letters to the Editor

Who will restrict developed countries?

Rich and developed countries such as America, Russia and European Community countries are rich or developed countries are emitting 83% of the total carbon emissions in the world. Due to this, developing countries like India are suffering a lot. Manufacturing is important for the development of the country. But 83% of the total carbon budget is emitted by countries in the US, Russia and the European Community. The remaining 17% comes from other developed countries.

There is no alternative to carbon emissions from developing to developing. Council of Energy and Environment of Water (CEEW) According to the report, only two countries in the world, Norway and Belarus, are moving closer to their carbon reduction targets and will succeed in curbing their carbon emissions by 2030. So, what about other countries around the world? What position will India take on this? How will America, Russia and the European Community prevent or restrict 83% of the world's carbon emissions from developed countries?

Dattaprasad Shirodkar

Pollution Problem

According to a recent study, pollution is not only causing cancer or other fatal lung diseases but also causing anemia (blood deficiency) in children. Pollution has become an unwanted but inevitable by-product of so-called development and has engulfed many big cities. In the last four days, AQI (air quality) in Delhi and its surrounding cities reached above 500 and at one place reached 990, while above 300 is considered very dangerous. On the other hand, in a neighboring agricultural state, more than a thousand incidents of stubble burning were reported in the last four days.

Last Wednesday, 1921 such cases were registered in just one day. A total of 9594 incidents of stubble burning have taken place in this state so far. These are expected to increase in the next few days, because farmers want to quickly prepare the fields for wheat sowing. Despite all the efforts of the government in the last ten years, the public consciousness could not become aware of the danger of pollution, whereas studies show that due to pollution, the lifespan of people gets reduced by about ten years. Apart from this, diseases lead to economic poverty. All efforts through law and mass media to stop burning of firecrackers and stubble were unsuccessful.

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Indian Women Hockey Team

The way the Indian women's hockey team is playing in the Asian Champions

Trophy, which is currently taking place in Ranchi, demonstrates how an outstanding performance sparks the desire within for even greater success. The rare multinational tournament has shown the way forward for Indian women who have been scaling their performance in the last couple of years under the watchful eyes of the dedicated coaching team.

After the historic fourth place finish in Tokyo Olympics, the Women in Blue gave a solid account of themselves in the just concluded Asian Games in Hangzhou by taking the bronze medal. Though they were primed to win the gold, a few last minute glitches cost them bigger glory. The ongoing ACT has now given the women a good opportunity to iron out their flaws and prepare for tougher battles ahead. With a mental conditioning coach in the support staff, the women are showing remarkable change in their attitude. A victory in the Asian Championship would give them an edge in the Olympic qualifiers.

Jahangir Shaikh

Free foodgrains for the people

The Union government's scheme to provide 5 kg of free foodgrains every month to 80 crore Indians, which is slated to end this December, will be extended for another five years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday. PM Modi made the announcement while addressing

a poll rally in Durg district of Chhattisgarh. It is unfortunate that the government wants the people to be poor and dependent on government's foodgrains. It will be better for the government to introduce the scheme which could benefit the people directly and by which the citizens could be self-dependents rather than keeping them always reliant on free foodgrains.

Hassan Khan

Onion Price Takes To The Sky

Ahead of the festival season and Assembly elections in five States, the rising prices of several essential items are creating a headache for BJP-ruled governments. For instance, onion prices, government data show, are more than double last year's rates. Moreover, stockers await such occasions and sell off old stocks for high and limitless prices and compel the public to bust into tears. Therefore, govt should issue a guideline for them to put the stocks up for sell in limited prices and not let them suck the public's blood.

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Minister Chhagan Bhujbal can go against own govt for OBC



Even as Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced the decision to expand the scope of Justice (retired) Sandeep Shinde committee to extend Kunbi (Other Backward Classes) certificate to Marathas from across the state senior OBC leader and minister Chhagan Bhujbal Monday gave a call to the OBCs to not suffer by "keeping quiet" and spread "terror (dahshat)" so much to ensure to get things done.

"We must speak up if we are facing anything. But if we are facing injustice or having some trouble and we decide to keep quiet, then we will not get a remedy for it. Therefore, now it is time to spread terror (evdhi dahshat majvaychi) and get things done," said Bhujbal, the food and civil supplies minister who belongs to the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction.

Bhujbal was speaking in the

Jalna district in Marathwada on his way to Beed, where he will meet with OBC Samata Parishad's senior worker Subhash Raut, whose hotel was allegedly burned down by Maratha protesters. He will also meet with MLAs Prakash Solanki and Sandeep Kshirsagar, whose houses were also allegedly torched by the mob. Both MLAs have claimed that the attack on their houses was by anti-social elements and not by Maratha protesters.

Bhujbal is a senior OBC leader in Maharashtra who has voiced opinions against giving reservations to Marathas in the OBC quota. "People are asking me to raise my voice. In every taluka of the state these bulldozers are roaming about. The OBCs are unlikely to survive this. It is a do-or-die situation for us. We need to raise our voices. We are as it is being pushed around," Bhujbal was alleged to have said in a leaked telephone conversation he had with one of his supporters.

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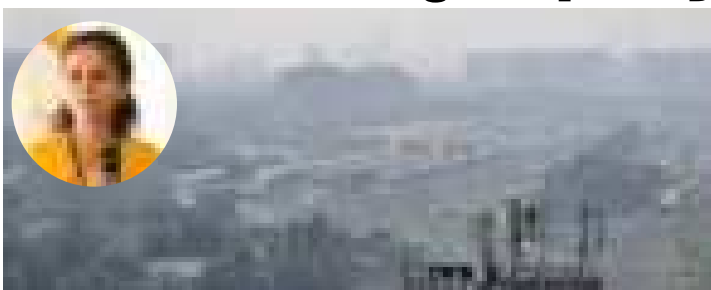
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Woman, father held for abetting husband's suicide in Thane district

A 22-year-old woman and her father have been arrested for allegedly abetting her husband's suicide in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Sunday. A case under section 306 (suicide abetment) of the Indian Penal Code and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015, has been registered at Badlapur police sta-

tion against seven members of a family, an official said. As per case details, Yash Gaikwad (22) allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan at his house on October 28, he said. The deceased left behind a suicide note blaming his wife Ankita Pujari and six of her family members for driving him to take the extreme step, the official said. PTI

Air Pollution: NCP MP Supriya Sule expresses concerns over deteriorating air quality



Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP Supriya Sule on Sunday expressed concerns about the deteriorating air quality in Maharashtra's Mumbai and Pune.

Sule alleged that the entire triple-engine government has forgotten to serve the state, adding that the situation of air pollution in growing cities is worrisome.

"It's alarming and I'm very concerned about the air pollution in all the growing cities, especially in Delhi, where the schools are shut. In Mumbai

and Pune, we can't even see the buildings beyond a point. I'm not against any development, but the way it has to progress, there has to be some scientific method of doing it. I see young children and senior citizens suffering. Even doctors are giving feedback that there is a problem with this air quality. It is very, very worrisome and the government needs to act on it," MP Sule told ANI.

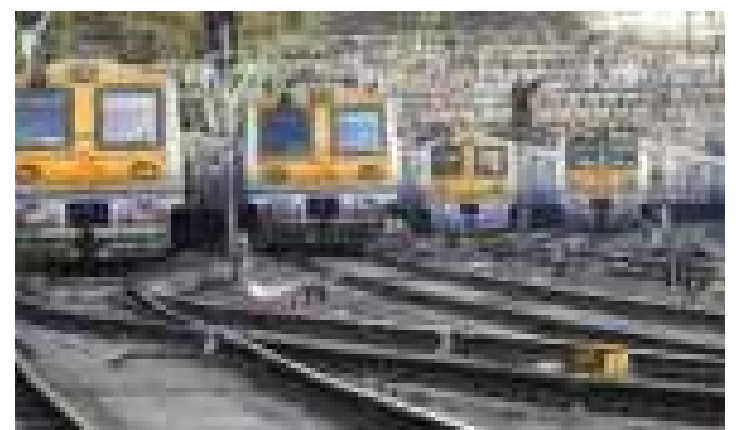
The NCP MP further alleged that there is full "policy paralysis" in Maharashtra. ANI

Railway work on 6th Line between Khar Road and Goregaon has been successfully commissioned

In a significant milestone for Mumbai's suburban railway network, the 6th Line between Khar Road and Goregaon, spanning 8.8 kilometers, has been successfully commissioned. This achievement follows meticulous preparation, with a block of 30 nights and the main block of 29 nights, culminating in a speedy trial conducted at an impressive 112 kmph.

The meticulous project's highlights

The project involved the insertion of 12 turnouts and 3 trap points on the running 5th Line, down fast line, and up fast lines during night blocks lasting 5 hours daily, from October 7th to November 4th. Additionally, 8 new turnouts



were introduced on the new 6th Line, while 9 existing turnouts and 3 traps were dismantled from the existing lines.

A key highlight of the project was the independent connectivity of the 5th and 6th lines (now referred to as DN and UP, respectively) to Bandra Terminus

Yard. This was achieved through the slewing of 700 meters of existing track and the dismantling of 5 points, including 1 diamond crossing. The project saw the use of various machinery, including T-28, UNIMAT, Domatic, UTV, hydraulic cranes, and JCBs, among others.

Nation

Delhi HC grants anticipatory bail to a student in a rape case

The Delhi High Court has recently granted anticipatory bail to a student in his twenties accused of raping his professor on a false promise of marriage. The high court noted that the victim was a mature woman of 35 years of age at the time of the incident and the boy was around 20 years old.

While granting anticipatory bail to the accused, Justice Saurbh Banerjee observed, "The prosecutrix admittedly was a mature adult lady aged around 35 years and the accused was a young boy aged less than around 20 years." The bench further observed, "It is also not in dispute that the prosecutrix was already



married to her ex-husband, but was undergoing divorce." "Prima facie, it seems that she was in a relationship with the applicant out of choice and desire rather out of compulsion or force.

More so, whence she out of

her own sweet will voluntarily chose to proceed with the applicant with open eyes, open ears and an open mind," Justice Banerjee said in the order. As per FIR, the prosecutrix met the applicant in February 2022 in the

College where the applicant was a 'Student', wherein the prosecutrix was/ is a 'Professor'.

The prosecutrix alleges that in May 2022, while she was on an official trip to Manali, they got married in a small temple and

the applicant promised to legally marry her in future. She further alleged that she also met the family members of the applicant on June 4, 2022, at his home who had no objection to their marriage.

Further, as per FIR, after coming to know about the pregnancy of the prosecutrix in April 2023, the applicant and his family forced her to abort the child, in furtherance of which, a pill was administered to her by the applicant. It is alleged that in June 2023, the prosecutrix came to know about her being pregnant again. Later, on July 1, the applicant took an advance of Rs 2.50 lakh from the prosecutrix and left. ANI

Punjab: Cabinet approves free pilgrimage for elderly people and one-time settlement scheme for traders to clear their tax arrears

The Punjab cabinet Monday gave its nod to a free pilgrimage scheme for elderly people and a one-time settlement scheme for traders to clear their tax arrears. The approval came during a meeting of the council of ministers chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann here. Addressing the media after the cabinet meeting, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the cabinet has approved the 'Mukh Mantri Tirth Yatra' scheme under which senior citizens could visit various religious places including Hazur Sahib, Mata Chintpurni temple,

Mata Jwalaji temple, Naina Devi temple through buses and trains free of charge.

The scheme also allows the elderly to visit religious places in other states such as Patna Sahib in Bihar, Ayodhya Ram Mandir in Uttar Pradesh, Ajmer Sharif in Rajasthan, Anandpur Sahib in Punjab and Mata Vaishno Devi Temple in Jammu.

This scheme will be rolled out on 'Parkash Purb' of Guru Nanak Dev on November 27, the chief minister said in a post on X. A sum of Rs 40 crore has been earmarked for the 'Mukh Mantri Tirth Yatra' scheme, FM Cheema

said, adding that a sub-committee has also been formed for the implementation of the scheme. Asked about the permissible age of people who could avail of this scheme, he said the sub-committee would take a call on it.

A similar scheme is being run in AAP-led Delhi where the 'Mukhyamantri Teerth Yatra Yojana' was launched by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on July 12, 2019. Under this scheme, the Delhi government has facilitated pilgrimage for more than 75,000 elderly people of the national capital, Kejriwal claimed on Sunday. PTI

Assembly elections: First Phase of polls will take place on Tuesday at Chhattisgarh



The 2023 Assembly elections kick-off on Tuesday with the first phase of polling in Chhattisgarh. The state is voting in two phases with the second phase to be held on November 17.

20 constituencies of Chhattisgarh will go to the Polls on Tuesday. Chhattisgarh has a 90 member house. Most of the seats are in the Naxal affected belts with the districts of Bastar, Dantewada, Kanker, Kaberdham and Rajnandgaon among those that will go to the polls. Former Chief Minister Raman Singh who is contesting from his seat of Rajnandgaon is among the prominent faces in the fray in Phase 1. State minister Kawasi Lakhma is in the

fray from Konta from where he is the sitting MLA.

In 2018 the Congress won 17 of the 20 seats that will go to the polls in Phase 1. BJP had won 2 seats while Ajit Jogi's party had won 1 seat. In 2023 the Congress has replaced 6 of the sitting MLAs in this phase while in the seat of Bahnupratappur the wife of late MLA Manoj Mandavi, Savita Mandavi will be contesting. There are a total of 223 candidates in fray for 20 seats. 5304 voting booths have been set up by the election commission for this phase. There are 40 lakh, 78 thousand, 681 voters in this phase. Of these there are 19 lakh, 93 thousand, 937 male voters and 20 lakh, 84 thousand, 675 female voters. ANI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi slams Modi govt over GST and demonetisation, says "it has affected traders"



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday said GST and demonetisation had severely distressed small traders and other citizens and urged them to raise

their awareness levels about her party's promises and their implementation before voting in the upcoming Assembly polls. Addressing a rally in Kukshi town in tribal-dominated Dhar in Madhya

Pradesh, where Assembly polls will be held on November 17, she slammed the Narendra Modi government for its economic policies, including privatisation of state-run units to benefit industrialists. "The (Union) government has closed public sector industries, which resulted in high unemployment. They then introduced demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax. GST has troubled everybody, including small traders. It has resulted in inflation," she said. PTI

World

Israel-Hamas war: US announced that a guided missile has arrived in West Asia



The United States military on Monday announced that a guided missile has arrived in West Asia. The US Central Command took to its social media 'X', and stated that an Ohio-class submarine arrived in the US Central Command area of responsibility on November 5.

According to CNN, the arrival of the missile seemed intended to display a message of deterrence clearly directed at regional adversaries like Iran and its proxies as the Biden administration

tries to avoid a broader conflict amid the Israel-Hamas war.

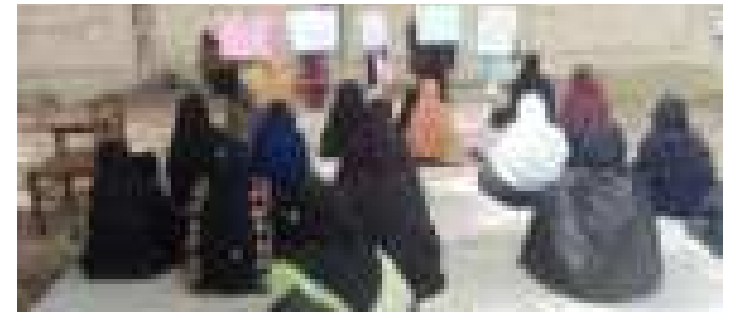
The post was accompanied by a picture which appears to show a guided missile submarine in the Suez Canal passing under the Al Salam Bridge northeast of Cairo. The submarine joins a number of other US Navy assets already in the area, including two carrier strike groups and an amphibious ready group, reported CNN. However, the social media post did not mention the sub, but the US

Navy has four Ohio-class guided missile submarines (SSGNs), that are former ballistic missile subs converted to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles rather than nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles.

Each SSGN can carry 154 Tomahawk cruise missiles, 50 per cent more than US guided-missile destroyers pack and almost four times what the US Navy's newest attack subs are armed with, CNN reported. Each Tomahawk can carry up to a 1,000-pound high-explosive warhead.

According to an interview he gave to CNN in 2021, Carl Schuster, a former director of operations at the US Pacific Command's Joint Intelligence Center said that "SSGNs can deliver a lot of firepower very rapidly." "One-hundred and fifty-four Tomahawks accurately deliver a lot of punch. No opponent of the US can ignore the threat," he said as cited in CNN. ANI

Pakistan: Students staged a protest against lack of security and shortage of teachers



Students of government degree college, Barkholzo in Mamond tehsil in Pakistan staged a protest against the lack of security and shortage of teachers, reported Dawn. The students blocked the Umary-Sewai Road for over an hour and said that it was the only degree college in the entire Mamond tehsil with over 1,500 students enrolled.

They further alleged that the institution had no security arrangements, which caused fear

among students and teachers, Dawn reported. The students staged a demonstration and chanted slogans against the relevant authorities, and highlighted that not a single policeman was deployed at the college for security purposes.

Ali Rehman, Luqman Khan, Riaz Khan and other student leaders said that senior officials of the district administration and police promised them in November last year to deploy policemen there but did not do so. ANI

Russia: Dy PM Alexander Novak said, "Export cut of oil and oil products will continue until late December 2023"

Russia will continue additional voluntary oil export cuts by 300,000 barrels a day until 2023 end, reported Russian news agency TASS. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak on Sunday said that the export cut of oil and oil products which came into effect in September and October 2023 will continue until late December 2023.

Russia will continue additional voluntary oil export cuts by 300,000 barrels a day until the end of the current year, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said on Sunday. "Russia will continue additional voluntary decrease of supplies of its oil and oil products to global markets by 300,000 barrels a day, which came into effect in September and October 2023, until late December 2023," he said. Novak further stressed that a market analysis will be conducted

next month to decide whether oil production cuts will be continued or increased, according to TASS.

This measure supplements the voluntary oil production cuts by 500,000 barrels a day that was announced by Russia in April 2023 and will stay in place until late December 2024. Novak said that additional cuts are used to enhance the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)+ measures to maintain stability and balance in oil markets, TASS reported.

Russia initially began to voluntarily cut oil production by 500,000 barrels a day from February's average back in March. Moreover, the term of production cuts was extended several times during the year. According to TASS, following the June 4 OPEC+ meeting in Vienna, production cuts were extended until late 2024. ANI

Germany: Hamburg airport hostage situation gets resolved, Police arrested one suspect

The hostage situation that caused all flights to and from Germany's Hamburg airport to be suspended has now resolved as the male suspect who drove his vehicle to the tarmac has been arrested, according to CNN. According to Hamburg police on X (formerly Twitter), a 35-year-old male suspect has now arrested from his car with his 4-year-old daughter. Accord-

ing to the cops, the girl appears to be unharmed and the man did not revolt to the arrest.

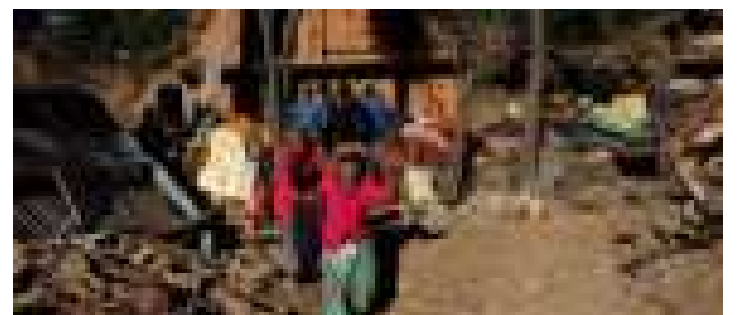
Notably, the man drove his car through airport security on Saturday and parked underneath an aircraft. The man and his daughter were still in the car as of Sunday at midnight, CNN quoted a police spokesperson as saying. According to the spokesperson, there were "substantial

amounts of special forces" on the ground attempting to address the issue. The man's wife had already alerted Hamburg-police about her child's disappearance.

The spokesperson said that when he parked his car on the tarmac, he heard some sounds, which may have been of gunshots. A gangway allowed the passengers to exit the airplane, unharmed at the time of the incident. ANI

Nepal Earthquake: Death toll goes upto 153 approximately

On November 3 midnight western part of the Nepal had gone through a 6.4 magnitude of earthquake which had killed many people, several injured and some went missing. After which search and rescue operation was ongoing by government of Nepal to ensure people are at the safe zone. As per the recent report officials also mentioned that death toll is increasing after which it re-

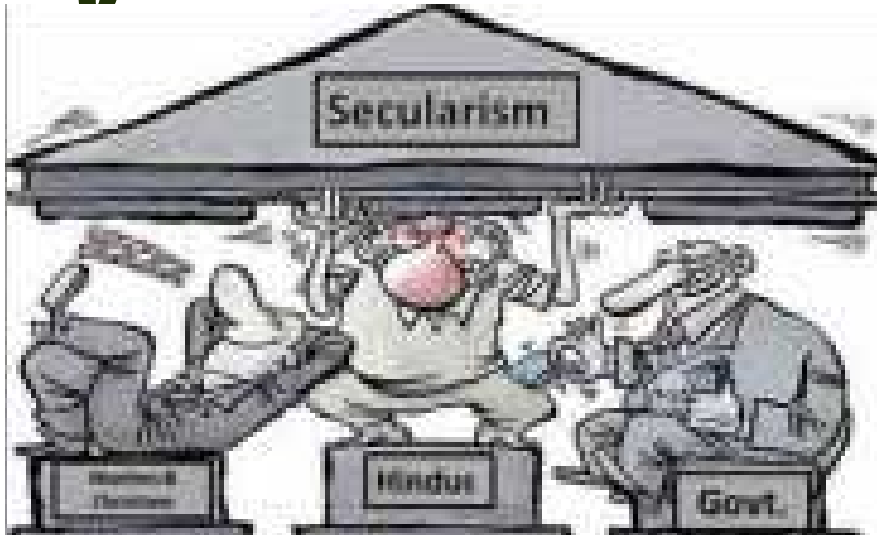


ports to 153 approximately. When it comes to the western part of the

Nepal, Jajarkot and Rukum district were worst affected areas.

Expression

Behind the veil of 'Secularism'



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Columnist

Connecting the north east India with the rest of India is a 22 KM wide corridor, Chicken neck, not far away from Doklam of Bhutan. It is the same Doklam where China made a futile bid of intrusion, and it was made to backtrack by our brave soldiers. Around the same time in 2019 the agitation against CAA spread in the country. Who led the agitation were those that boasted themselves to be 'Secular'? But later it was revealed to have been fostered by the Pakistan-China nexus, as the issue of 'Chicken neck' came to light.

The nation was shocked as Sharjil Imam, the student of JNU and member of Anti CAA protest committee, was alleged to have dared even to threaten to besiege and cut it (Chicken neck) off from the rest of the India. Notably where the Naxal movement initiated from, that Naxalbadi of West Bengal is situated close to it. Naxalites' lone goal is only to hasten what its mentor China wants in the region in particular; and in India at large in general.

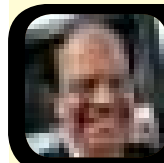
In Geo-politics the 'Buck passing strategy' has a vital role to play. What it means is that where your interest is involved, it is not necessary that its you only have to engage yourself

there. An adversary beyond border; or antagonists inside, have to be made to engage who themselves are in pursuit of fulfilling their vested interest. And if the conditions prevail favorably not, bread them. And second one is called 'Bait and bleed strategy'. Means, where you want to exert your influence draw the boundaries there. Push the people in the region in collision course, engage them in perpetual mutual fight.

The Mizoram's so-called castes unrest though the latest, country has witnessed so many such incidents in the recent past and before, indicative of this geo-political tactic at play. Sardar Sarovar's case is very interesting, and eye-opening more so. When it had come into being and inaugurated, noted columnist Swaminathan S Anklesaria Iyer - regretful for his own earlier stand against the construction of the dam had said that Medha Patakar had been proven dead wrong. As contrary to her claim resettled tribal are better off in ownership of land, dwellings, tractors, bore wells and such other. Now they have better access to schools, hospitals electricity and other amenities, he had added.

Behind now- a - closed Vedanta copper plant were the same elements foisted upon by those sitting beyond the borders wanting the country bleed. In the case of Tuticurine nuclear power plant, Vizhinjam port and Ram Setu in particular they were not fortunate enough, though.

Trending changes in Taxi tradition



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Columnist

After the exit of the old model double decker, we are going to see the disappearance of Kaali - Peeli Taxis from the streets of Mumbai. The reason given is valid and needs to be considered from the wear and tear angle. This transition comes shortly after the phasing out of the last iconic diesel-powered double-decker buses in the fleet of public transporter BEST. For decades, if one had to conjure up a picture of Mumbai, the imagery would be incomplete without the city's 'Premier Padmini' taxis.

For, the public carriers, fondly called 'kaali-peeli', were more than just a mode of transport. It was a significant scene to watch in traffic signals of a fleet of black and yellow taxis waiting for way to move further in the busy road of Mumbai. Giving way to newer models and app-based cab services, these black-and-yellow taxis will now bow out from Mumbai's streets, following the path of retirement recently taken by the BEST's legendary red double-decker diesel buses.

Premier Padmini Taxis were the picture of dominance from the transport world. Like Ambassadors in Kolkata roads, this fleet of taxis proved to be a landmark for the

commercial capital. In the city, we are preserving several old monuments. Late Dutta Samant activities in the Premier Padmini unit saw the end of closing down its Kurla factory in the end. Presently, we have scores of car models as taxis, but when it comes to painting a taxi only the black-and-yellow Premier Padmini pops up in our mind, as it ruled Mumbai's streets for almost five decades and gave a face or identity to the city's taxis.

Premier Padminis were popular among cabbies due to their smaller size, reliable engines, easy maintenance, and comfortable interiors, but after their production stopped, unavailability of spare parts became the main problem later on Cabbies then started adopting various hatchback models of Maruti Suzuki and Hyundai, Premier Padmini cabs were not just a mode of daily commute, but also a part of Mumbai's cultural heritage as they featured in numerous Bollywood movies, including 'Taxi No. 9211', 'Khaali-Peeli', and 'Aa Ab Laut Chale'. In many old Bollywood films, Premier Padmini cars and double-decker buses would be shown at the beginning to establish Mumbai.

We will be missing out the scenic beauty of Marine Drive with old type double decker and the fleet of Premier Padmini taxis to go merry go round within city limits. Trending changes in taxi tradition saw many transitional changes.



Entertainment



Apurva Movie: Actor Tara Sutaria recalls about the challenges, says "I recall not showering for over a week"

Actor Tara Sutaria is set to play a unique role in her upcoming movie 'Apurva,' which will be a refreshing contrast from her gorgeous performances. Speaking about her belief in the role in 'Apurva,' Tara said in a statement, "It's crucial to genuinely believe in what you're doing, and I have a deep conviction in our film 'Apurva' ever since I met Nikhil sir and Murad Khetani sir during the narration. Apurva, truly reflects who I am in reality, despite the perception of me that's shaped by my roles in other films. I hope people can see what I genuinely believe in."

'Apurva,' set in one of India's most dangerous regions, Chambal, is the story of an ordinary girl who faces enormous odds and would go to any length to survive and live. To fit the role, Tara underwent a radical makeover. The actor refused to take a shower in order to completely embody the aspects of her character in 'Apurva.' The actor earlier said, "I am proudest of APURVA because I filmed every shot in the film myself. No excuses. I've never felt more strength and power than when we filmed.. (@nix_bhat I owe a great deal to you for this, sir.) I recall not showering for over a week mid-schedule so that I looked and felt as awful as I was meant to, I rolled in mud and ash (this was honestly fun) and my hair wasn't brushed for weeks on end! Here's a little peek into how I looked when we shot the poster. Thank you all for SO much love. We as a team are overwhelmed. @avigowariker, thank you for all your help throughout the day." ANI

Actress Rashmika Mandanna's video has gone viral on social media where it was halting the door and walking but over this viral video actress has shared a message on 'x' formerly twitter stating "I feel really hurt to share this and have to talk about the deepfake video of me being spread online.

Something like this is honestly, extremely scary not for me, but also for each one of us who today is vulnerable to so much harm because of how technology is being misused.

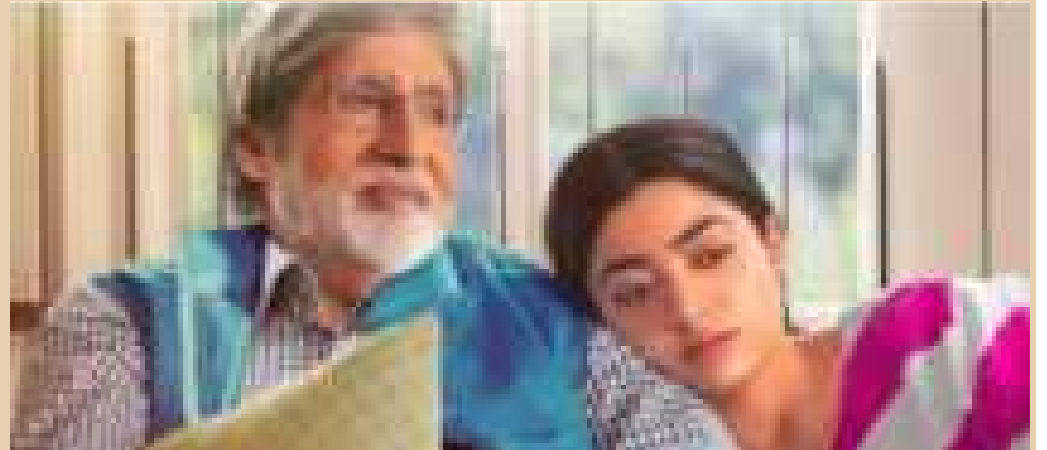
Today, as a woman and as a actor, I am thankful family, friends and well-wishers who are my protection and support system. But if this happened to me when i was in school or college, I genuinely can't imagine how could I ever tackle this.

We need to address this as a community and with urgency before more of us are affected by such identity theft".

While reacting to it megastar Amitabh Bachchan has called for legal action after a deepfake video of actor Rashmika Mandanna went viral on social media. Amitabh took to X to say, "Yes this is a strong case for legal."

According to the reports woman who was entering th lift was identified as Zara Patel of which video was posted online but with the help of the AI tools the face was replaced with actress Rashmika Mandanna after which this post had gone viral on socialmedia.

Rashmika Mandanna's viral video: Actor calls it "I feel really hurt to share about deepfake video.", Amitabh Bachchan says, "strong case for legal"



Katrina Kaif talks about difficulties while shooting for "Tiger 3"

Katrina Kaif, who went through rigorous training to prepare for "Tiger 3", says the film franchise is all about pushing limits, testing endurance and finding "strength within me". The Bollywood star has reprised her role of a former ISI agent Zoya in the much-anticipated "Tiger 3" alongside Salman Khan's titular RAW agent. The Yash Raj Films project is directed by Maneesh Sharma. "For me, when tiger time comes, it's about pushing my limits, testing my endurance, and finding that strength within.

"Someone once told me, 'Pain is just another sensation'... Don't be afraid of it, don't run from the pain. Many days, I was so tired; it felt different this time...tougher. My body was sore, but I would tell myself to take it as a challenge and see how much I could face today," Katrina posted on Instagram alongside a series of videos from her training session. During the training, the 40-year-old actor said she created an alter ego. "So even if I was tired, SHE wasn't tired; she was going to war!....your mind will stop you much before your body does. Once you decide, commit and do it... no matter what!" she said. Katrina said according to her the hard work has paid off and the "Tiger 3" team is able to "deliver even more dynamic action than before". PTI