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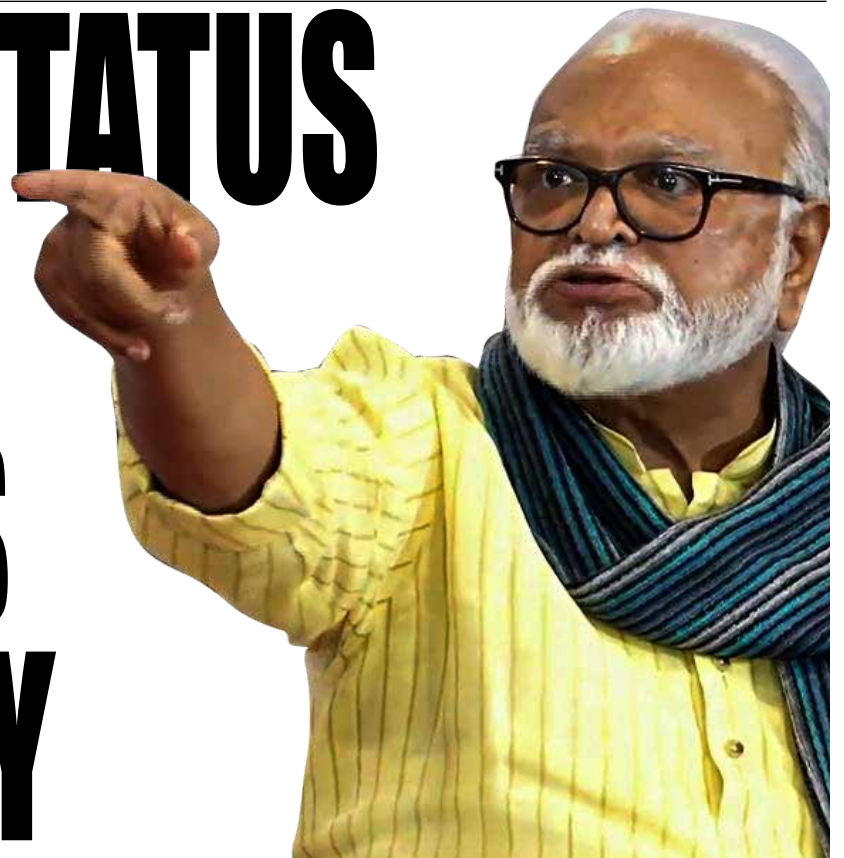
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MARATHA OBC STATUS OPPOSED BY SENIOR LEADERS OF RULING PARTY



AV Team

The rally, organised by OBC organisations of all castes and communities, aims to oppose the demand to give Kunbi (OBC) status to Marathas. Marathas are considered to be the upper calls community and they don't want to be categorised as other backward classes. The venue chosen of today's OBC rally is approximately 20 kilometers away from Maratha activist Manoj Jarange-Patil's home in Antarwali-Sarati, where he had staged a fast unto death demanding Kunbi status for Marathas. Some think tanks believe that the rally was to demoralise the

agitating Marathas. This agitation has put Maharashtra government in awkward position, just to counter then the ruling party members are denouncing the Kunbi status.



BJP leader and former MLA **Dr. Ashish Deshmukh** told Afternoon Voice, "Giving out reservation directly could be a problematic issue and this case is ongoing in the court for which we have to wait for it. Most importantly activist Manoj Jarange Patil who is protesting for Maratha reservation has got huge support for this in Maharashtra which was not possible all alone and he is being supported by NCP Chief Sharad Pawar".



President of Rashtriya Samaj Paksha **Mahadev Jankar** said, "According to me OBC community and 'Maratha' should be given reservation separately. He further stated that "When it comes to reservation as OBC community has faced a lot of injustice and discrimination in terms of everything and this is why there should be a special reservation for OBC and we are not against 'Maratha Reservation'".



Shabbir Ansari, President of the All India Muslim OBC organisation said, "I am fighting for the rights of OBC community for a very long period of time

and 'Maratha' or 'Kunbi' never demanded for anything earlier but activist Manoj Jarange Patil has created a terror and made a huge issue on the reservation and all the Maratha's should be one and come together but people are coming from different communities so the activist should understand also it is not possible constitutionally to give out reservation for a community. It also seems there is strong backing by some of the political party over this issue also leaders of the state government are giving different statement which also showcases that there is huge conflict going on in their alliance".

Murder mystery of 2006, got resolved in 2013 by Mumbai police

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

In March 2006, a partly decomposed body was found in the high-security zone of Raj Bhavan. This was semi-nude body of a youngster. There were huge slums in the adjoining areas which also add to the security concerns for the police. While watering the plants mali (gardener) noticed this body and informed the constable on duty at Raj Bhavan. Morning around 8 am on March 6, 2006, when State Reserve Police Constable Sarjerao Patil called Constable Dattatraya Lad, who was on duty at the lower gate of Raj Bhavan and showed him a "bundle-like" object in the sea. It was a body with an 'OM' tattoo on its head. The police retrieved the body and a complaint was

registered. The body was mutilated and enfolded in a blood-stained bed sheet and plastic paper. The body was identified and the police had the names of the suspects but the accused could not be traced. With the probe hitting a dead end, the case turned cold – until a tip-off 13 years later.

The Malabar Hill police then went through the missing persons' list in those days. They were trying to seek all the information from other police stations along Mumbai's coast to identify the victim.

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They also released details of the body and a photograph in the media. Media published the news in local newspapers and soon after two men came up to the police and identified the body as that of their brother-in-law Ransingh alias Karan Singh Valmiki. The persons who approached the police station were his relatives. Police started probing the relatives and friends.

During the initial probe, Ransingh's brothers-in-law said they suspected Satpal alias Chhanga Valmiki and his brothers, leading the police to visit their native places. However, they failed to locate the accused, and with no further leads coming up, after three years of investigation the police filed a closure report. The magistrate accepted the report and the case got buried in the files. See how sometimes we shut something and the solution comes up randomly. Thirteen years later, in October 2019, the police were issuing non-bailable warrants and summoning known criminals to detain or extern them ahead of the Assembly elections when they got a lead that the accused in the 2006 case had become overoptimistic, were regularly visiting their native places and that one of them had arrived in Faridabad, Haryana with his wife.

A special team of officials were immediately posted. They arrested Satpal from Krishna Colony in Faridabad and he gave them co-accused Tejpal alias Babaji's address in Malviya Nagar, Delhi. The duo was booked on charges of murder, common intention and destruction of evidence under the Indian Penal Code. During the investigation, the police came to know that there was a fight between the deceased, Satpal, Tejpal and their three brothers, who were staying in Mumbai, as they refused to return the money he had lent them. Satpal was financially well-off and others just arrived in Mumbai to make their living. Ransingh who took money from Satpal was impolite. In result Satpal lost his calm and killed Ransingh.

Tejpal and Satpal not only killed Ransingh but chopped and dumped his body in the sea and fled Mumbai. After this murder the accused went on hibernating, for a few years police tried their level best to trace these two people but they were not traceable. When the case got closed, they both became careless and started visiting their village frequently. That's how police got the lead and both the accused are arrested and kept in Mumbai jail.

From Malbar hill to Cuffe Parade there is a huge slum, these slums are spread over 28 acres with more than 70,000 residents



staying here. Most of them are from north India. These huts are on encroached lands. These poor slum dwellers stay in one of the plush localities of Mumbai which is Malbar hill. They might be staying in poor living conditions for many years but the SRA projects offered them better living conditions. Daily fights, conflicts and illegal activities are common here. Marginal population is of Maharashtrians but most of the other population is from other states of India. Most of the criminal cases no untraced because the accused flees to their native. This over populated slum is den of criminal activities and challenges Mumbai police.

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Opportunities are Increasing in the New Era of Banking



- Vijay Garg

Getting a job in a bank is like a dream come true for any graduate. But if we talk about traditional banking sector, here competitive examinations prove to be a big challenge in the path of opportunity in this sector. While traditional banking is still the niche choice for the youth, there has also been an increase in the number of institutions banking on the technology platform and new banking niches like neobanks and digital banks.

Among these, only graduates with understanding of banking can upscale. By doing this you can find opportunities for yourself.

What is Digital, Neo and Digital Banking: Ever since the emergence of financial technology companies, sensing the need of the times, traditional banking institutions also had to come to the digital platform of banking. In this way systems like net banking became popular. Automated processes were added to it, which is called digital banking.

Now digital banking includes both those types of banks, which are present online as a branch or are completely doing banking based on digital technology. Are. In this way, a digital banker becomes a part of the information and promotion campaign of his bank's financial products, creating new customers through mobile banking.

Neo Banking: These are banks that do business entirely online and are known for specialized services like micro agriculture or international banking. More than 50 neo banks are operating in India. Like Razor pay Xer, Open, Insta Pay, Fee Money etc.

Understanding of financial transactions is important Another finance and It is important to understand commerce, on the other hand nickels will also be required. These technical skills come in handy Related to **Digital Banking:** Knowledge of digital banking technologies like digital banking platforms, mobile banking applications, online banking systems and fintech solutions etc. will help.

Programming and Development related: Digestive R to create data based applications. Strong knowledge of SQL etc. and skills in working on multiple cloud platforms to manage digital banking infrastructure. Also, the skills of online communication servicing, user experience user interface, etc. will prove to be additional essential qualifications for you. Data visualization and related technical skin related to cyber security in digital banking like co-blockchain, data

privacy regulations, risk management etc.

Where to learn: There are various platforms for this which will help you, like Udemy, Coursera, edX Google let what should be the roadmap Graduation in Finance, Economics, Computer Science or related field. banking data Do courses in analytics or fintech. In this way you will be equipped with the necessary techniques in digital banking. Intern at a digital banking platform. It would be better to go to a digital bank after working in a traditional bank. In this way your grip will increase.

There is so much kind of work

- Digital Banking Product Manager • Banking Analyst • Banking Text Digital Banking Marketeer Fraud & Risk Analyst • Marketing & Customer Care TA Scientist Machine Learning Engineer US & UI Designer online course • Digital Banking through SBI on Business Model S • Digital Banking 2023 Master Class and Introduction to Fintech Demi • Metals of Digital • Post Graduate Course in Retail Banking Main sources of course •BSE Institute Limited • Global Academy of Learning "It doesn't matter whether you are an MBA or a normal graduate, but the more beneficial you prove to the bank by constantly upgrading yourself, the better it will be for your career.

Opportunities will increase. Banks also offer courses It is visible that the axis Banks: Big banks like ICICI Bank of India can start banking by typing from a university. Getting it done. Since there are many types of work in the bank, like customer handling and loan section etc. then you can learn from these courses.

You can specialize in any one of these areas. Global opportunities too Global banking is its own world. To get opportunities in this, it is necessary to have command over a foreign language.

For example, those who know Arabic can get access to the language in foreign countries and in the banks of countries like France, German language, Germany and Austria. practical get information If you want to prepare yourself to work in a bank, then you should start from the lower level. Work at the stall in life as well. Here you will know how to do it and your hesitation will also be removed. You have been working in a call center for some time now where issues related to the banking sector are resolved.

Letters to the Editor

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 Semifinal: India vs New Zealand

The thrilling encounter witnessed between India and New Zealand in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 semifinal. The match was a testament to the sheer brilliance and sportsmanship of both teams, encapsulating the essence of cricketing excellence. The semi-final clash was nothing short of a roller-coaster ride, with both sides displaying exceptional skills, determination, and a relentless pursuit of victory. The electrifying atmosphere and intense competition showcased the true spirit of cricket, captivating the hearts of millions of fans worldwide. India and New Zealand exhibited remarkable

sportsmanship and resilience, contributing to a spectacle that will be etched in the memories of cricket enthusiasts for years to come. The teams' display of talent, strategic gameplay, and unwavering spirit illustrated the pinnacle of sportsmanship, regardless of the final result.

Furthermore, amidst the nail-biting tension and exhilarating moments, the camaraderie and mutual respect between the players were exemplary, setting a positive example for fans and aspiring cricketers worldwide.

Although the outcome may not have aligned with the expectations of many, both teams must be lauded for their exceptional efforts, dedication, and commitment to the sport. As cricket aficionados, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming matches and hope that the spirit of fair play and thrilling competition continues to flourish in the cricketing arena.

Maimul Safui

Bihar towards educational reform

Many commendable initiatives related to education have been taken in Bihar for some time now. This will bring employment as well as educational improvement in the coming time. The decision to appoint about one lakh teachers, arrange security guards in schools and arrange houses for teachers to live near schools will prove to be effective. The decision to give engineers a chance to become teachers will bring further improvement. This will provide employment to many educated unemployed people in Bihar and students will also get quality education.

Ibne Ali

Black marketing of WC tickets deprived genuine cricket fans the opportunity to watch the game at the stadiums!

Black marketing of world cup tickets for the knockout stage games deprived genuine fans an opportunity to watch the

game at the stadium. Touts were selling tickets at 10 times the actual price & the minimum price at which one could get the tickets were upwards of 25K which was ridiculous. It was a money minting opportunity for many who cornered tickets in bulk & made a booty by selling them at exorbitant prices.

ICC should see to it that WC tickets are sold to genuine cricket lovers like they do in FIFA games where tickets are sold to genuine spectators through auction & only those allotted are allowed entry to the stadiums. There is no resale policy & one has to return the tickets to FIFA if one cannot make it to the stadiums for any reason.

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Ruckus at Bal Thackeray memorial as Sena factions come face to face



A ruckus erupted at the memorial of Bal Thackeray at Shivaji Park in Mumbai Thursday evening as hundreds of workers of both the of Sena factions came face to face when Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the site to pay

homage to the late Sena founder. Shinde, along with leaders from his party, had reached the site on the eve of Bal Thackeray's death anniversary and left the site after paying floral tribute.

However, sources said, some of the Shinde Sena workers including MLA Sada Sarvankar remained there and some leaders and workers from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena also gathered at the site claiming that they had come to look after the preparation for the death anniversary. This led to heated arguments and scuffle between workers from both the Sena factions.

Details of Bhopal gas tragedy already in public domain, says HC, refuses to stay web series release



The Bombay High Court has refused to stay the release of the web series 'The Railway Men — The Untold Story of Bhopal 1984', citing that the details of the event were already available in the public domain. A vacation bench of Justice

Arif Doctor on November 15 dismissed the petitions filed by two erstwhile employees of Union Carbide India Limited, who claimed that the series' depiction of the events leading to the tragedy and its cause may cause prejudice to them. One of the petitioners was in charge of the MIC plant as production manager, and the other was in charge of the pesticides factory of the UCIL. PTI

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Maratha OBC status opposed by...



Advocate Majeed Memon said, "According to me, there is constitutional command that reservation as a special category cannot exceed a certain limit for the citizens but unfortunately there are so many people who are asking for reservation. As the matter was heard at the Bombay High Court of 'Maratha reservation along with Muslim reservation' so it had ruled that 'Marathas' won't be given reservation and Muslims backwardness for education can be considered".

OBC leaders from various political parties gathered in Maharashtra's Ambad in Jalna district of Marathwada today to participate in the OBC Maha Elgar Rally. The attendees included Maharashtra

minister Chhagan Bhujbal from the Ajit Pawar group in the NCP, Congress' Vijay Wadettiwar, who is the leader of the Opposition in Maharashtra, BJP's former MLA Ashish Deshmukh, and former minister and Dhangar community leader Mahadev Jankar.

After the speech by BJP leader Ashish Deshmukh, who praised PM Narendra Modi, CM Eknath Shinde, and Deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar, the organisers warned the speakers not to use the platform to push a political agenda. They announced that no glorification of any political leader would be allowed, emphasising that speakers should focus on comments related to OBCs and the issue of reservation, rather than engaging in political speeches.

Leopard spotted near residential area in Thane district, forest officials launch search



A leopard was spotted on a CCTV camera at a village in Maharashtra's Thane district, prompting forest officials to launch a search for the big cat, an official said on Friday.

The wild animal was captured by a closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera on the

premises of a private power company at Kamba-Varap village on the Kalyan-Murbad road on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, he said.

The presence of the leopard triggered a search by forest officials which went on till 6 am on Thursday but the big cat could not be traced, he said. PTI

The first service on the Navi Mumbai Metro line, which has 11 stations, commenced at 3 pm on Friday

The Navi Mumbai's first Metro line — the 11 km-long elevated stretch connecting Belapur and Pendhar — was thrown open for public today. The Metro services commenced without any official programme to make it operational at the earliest for Navi Mumbai

residents, CM Eknath Shinde said. The state government had received flak for not inaugurating the Metro line despite getting regulatory clearances in June. The first service on the Navi Mumbai Metro line, which has 11 stations, commenced at 3 pm on Friday.

HC pulls up Maharashtra govt for delay in creation of website for sales tax tribunal

Tribunals in a progressive state like Maharashtra cannot remain primitive in embracing technology, the Bombay High Court said, while rapping the Maharashtra government for dragging its feet on the creation of an official website for the state sales tax tribunal. A division bench of Justices G S Kulkarni and Jitendra Jain, in its order of October 12, said it should not take so long to create and make the



website functional. "In the present era, the courts and tribunals, which cater to the demands of the consumers of justice, cannot be

expected to function without the basic requirement of an official website, to say the least," the court said. PTI

Fire breaks out at Grant Road highrise in Mumbai, no casualties

A fire broke out at a ground-plus-21-storey building at Grant Road in Mumbai Friday morning. No casualties or injuries were reported in the fire as the fire personnel rescued

several people stranded in the building. The level II fire was reported on the 11th and the 12th floor of the Dhavalgiri building near Grant Road's H&M Mall around 9.35 am and reportedly

doused by 11.10 am. Data from senior civic officials state the fire was confined to electric wiring, installation, furniture and household objects on the eighth and 12th floors of the establishment.

Nation

Delhi HC expresses displeasure to MCD over its failure to take possession of a park



The Delhi High Court on Friday showed its displeasure to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) over its failure to take possession of a park near Jama Masjid, which is alleged to be in "illegal possession" of encroachers, and directed the civic authorities to take steps to remove illegal encroachers as per law. The bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Mini Pushkarna on Friday directed MCD to file a status report in this regard and

noted that North & South Park adverting the Jama Masjid, despite being public parks, are not in their possession.

This court directs MCD to take action according to the law. In case after all, a statutory authority cannot lose possession of public parks. Let the status report be filed within weeks. Have it after 5 weeks. December 21 is the next date of hearing, said the bench.

During the hearing, the court also expressed shock over the

statement of MCD stating that Shaheen Gate at the Jama Masjid, North Park--we aren't even allowed entry there. MCD further told the court that we didn't have entry to the parks near Wazu Khana. As far as South Park is concerned, we demolished certain unauthorised construction. The rest of the parks- we've been maintaining. Noting the submissions, the Court asked, "How have you lost possession of the parks & how can you maintain it? How can MCD lose control over its parks? Public parks can't be taken over in the 21st century. We will direct the police to take over the park."

"We are asking for the protection of the environment every day. We can't breathe, and you are losing possession of the parks? Either this is your park owned by you- you must have possession of the same. You can't lose possession of it. Please write to the SHO. Public park possession can't be lost, said the Bench. ANI

Amid 'severe' category recorded at Delhi's pollution, Gopal Rai has sought Centre's intervention



As a layer of haze continued to cover the national capital on Friday, and the air quality was recorded in the 'severe' category in several parts of the city, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai has sought Central Government's intervention to curb the pollution. Speaking to ANI, Rai said that the issue of pollution persists not only in Delhi but the entire north India and cannot be resolved only if the national capital becomes active.

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Delhi: A man injured in rounds of bullet firing



A man was injured when several rounds of bullets were fired near Delhi's Kanhaiya Nagar metro station, said police on Friday.

The injured man identified as Mahadev (35), a resident of the Dakshinpuri area of the city, had a criminal history in the past with three cases registered against him, according to police.

The incident has been captured on a nearby CCTV camera and the team of Keshavpuram Police Station North West District special staff is investigating the entire matter. For now, police have detained some of the suspects and interrogated them. ANI

West Bengal: One suspect held in killing of panchayat pradhan

A man has been arrested by the police, on suspicion of being involved in the killing of a panchayat pradhan on Thursday at Amdanga village in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district. The panchayat pradhan, identified as Rupchand Mondal, succumbed to injuries after being critically injured in a country bomb explosion, police said on Friday. His body was brought to Barasat District Hospital for postmortem.

A complaint was lodged at the Amdanga police station against two persons. The arrested, identified as Anwar Hasan Mondal, was produced in the Barasat District Court on Friday with a petition seeking 14-day police custody. Earlier in the day, Barasat Superintendent of Police (SP) Bhaskar Mukherjee told ANI that the Rupchand Mondal sustained grievous injuries in the incident.

"Rupchand Mondal, a pan-



chayat pradhan (at Amdanga village in North 24 Parganas district), was injured in a bomb explosion. He has been admitted to a hospital in a critical condition," the SP said. "Hospital authorities have not shared any updates on his health," the SP added.

The incident comes just days after a local Trinamool Congress leader was allegedly shot dead at Joynagar in the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on Monday morn-

ing. The deceased TMC leader was identified as 47-year-old Saifuddin Laskar. He was allegedly shot dead from close range in the Bamungachi area in Joynagar when he was out to offer Namaz, as per police. After the incident, a clash erupted in the area leaving two persons injured, officials said, adding that one of the injured later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. The deceased was identified as Shahabuddin. ANI

Jharkhand: IED explosion in a forest, leaves 1 CRPF jawan killed and 2 others injured

A CRPF jawan was killed and two others were injured on Friday when the proscribed CPI (Maoist) triggered an IED explosion in a forest in West Singhbhum district, police said. The incident took place

around 2.30 pm, as a team of security personnel were conducting an anti-Maoist operation in Goilkera area, Superintendent of Police Ashutosh Shekhar told PTI. The injured jawans were airlifted to a hospital in Ranchi, he said.. PTI

World

Afghanistan: Residents of Kabul are complaining about low quality internet



Amid their country's poor economic condition, Kabul residents have complained about the low quality and high rate of internet in Afghanistan, Pajhwok News reported. In an interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, locals in Kabul claimed that although telecom companies and the MoCIT have frequently pledged to lower internet rates--a promise that has not yet been fulfilled-

-the majority of the country's internet quality is extremely poor and malfunctioning.

Mustaq Parsa, a resident of the Kart-i-Chahar neighbourhood of Kabul, expressed his displeasure with the expensive and poor quality of internet service, saying, "I use Etisalat internet; one package costs 250 afs, which is very high and in no other country are such high prices available," reported Pa-

jhwok News. He claimed that he had to wait hours to deliver a file because of poor internet connectivity. Their work was significantly impacted by poor internet quality. The residents have urged the Taliban officials to help them with their situation.

Meanwhile, another resident, Hijrattulah, of Kabul City 19th Municipal District, complained against the low quality of internet and accused relevant authorities of negligent behaviour. "The internet does not work well even for calls, which has caused us a lot of problems. I am currently using four SIM cards, one SIM card works within 500 meters and another SIM card works within 1 kilometer," Pajhwok News quoted him as saying. He said he had to recharge four SIMs and this caused him to pay a lot of money only for credit Card. ANI

Pakistan: Historic copper coins discovered from a stupa at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mohenjo Daro during conservation work

A pot full of copper coins was discovered from a stupa at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mohenjo Daro during conservation work in Pakistan's Sindh province, a media report said here on Friday. "Labourers were excavating a collapsed wall when they came across a pot full of ancient copper coins on Thursday. The coins, found carefully packed in the pot, have been sent to a laboratory for

analysis," The News International said quoting Director of Conservation and Preservation Syed Shakir Shah. "Research would be undertaken to analyse how old these coins were besides interpreting the language and numbers inscribed on them. The exact time period and other relevant details could only be confirmed after a laboratory analysis," the Director of Conservation and Preservation said. PTI

Cipher case: Former PM Imran Khan will take legal action against State Department official Donald Lu

Imran Khan will register a case in the US against State Department official Donald Lu if the jailed former prime minister doesn't get justice from Pakistani courts, his sister Aleema Khan has said. Khan, the 71-year-old chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party is currently detained in Adiala jail in Rawalpindi

on judicial remand in the cipher case. The purported cipher (secret diplomatic cable) contained an account of a meeting between US State Department officials, including Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South & Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu and Pakistani envoy Asad Majeed Khan last year. PTI

Israel Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon announces unique contest for cricket fans, urges people to share their jersey designs with the Israel Embassy and win special jerseys



Expressing support for Team India ahead of the World Cup title clash against Australia, Israel Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon on Friday announced a unique contest for cricket fans. He urged people to share their jersey designs with the Israel Embassy and get a chance to win the special jerseys showcasing the India-Israel relationship and representing 15 Indian players.

"Shalom India! We at the embassy are very excited about the upcoming Cricket World Cup fi-

nal and of course, we are rooting for India. I would like to give you 15 jerseys showcasing the bond between Israel and India," Gilon said in video message posted on X (formerly Twitter). He added, "I promise to send 15 jerseys to the most creative artists with their winning designs. Let the artistic cricket festivities begin. Chak de India!"

Meanwhile, India will face arch-rival Australia in the summit clash at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Sunday. ANI

TikTok that allows users to share videos, takes action against posts pertaining to Osama bin Laden's "Letter to America"

Social networking site TikTok that allows users to share videos, has taken action against posts pertaining to Osama bin Laden's "Letter to America," which was written by the commander of al Qaeda following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, CBS News reported. Bin Laden tried to defend the roughly 3,000-person terror assaults against the United States in a long letter dated 2002.

The head of al-Qaeda condemned US military installations in the Middle East as well as US backing for Israel in the letter. It was this week that the letter written by bin Laden surfaced on social media, with many TikTok users posting about how the letter changed their perspective on the 9/11 terror attacks and the US foreign policy altogether, CBS News reported. As of Thursday afternoon, the #lettertoamerica hashtag on TikTok had received



13.7 million views, despite the platform stating that reports of it trending were false.

"Content promoting this letter clearly violates our rules on supporting any form of terrorism. We are proactively and aggressively removing this content and investigating how it got onto our platform," TikTok said in a statement on Thursday. "The number of videos on TikTok is small and reports of it trending on our platform are inaccurate. This is

not unique to TikTok and has appeared across multiple platforms and the media," it added. In the letter circulating on social media platforms, other than just X, Bin Laden claimed that "whoever has killed our civilians, then we have the right to kill theirs."

He criticised the US for exploiting the "treasures" of the region, which he referred to natural resources, and asserted that America understands just one language: violence. ANI

Career counselling: A Life Guidance Tool



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Present day youths have shifted from traditional degree courses to job-oriented vocational and skill training courses. Millions of youth are being trained in a variety of skills through short-term skill training programs in India. Career counselling is one of the factors that influence the uptake of skill training programs and their resultant culmination in desirable jobs. With career counselling, candidates' chances of success are maximised in a career line commensurate with their interests, personalities, aptitudes, and job market realities.

Career counselling is a guidance tool that helps individuals make informed choices on a prospective career path. It evaluates an individual's aptitudes, interests, skills, and capabilities, and may also include context relevant factors, including data of the job market and average compensation expectations, the individual's access to resources, etc. to arrive at suitable career options. The need of the hour is to approach "Career counsellor" with a view of creating a comprehensive and standardized framework.

The career counselling solution envisages to yield the following:

1. Profile interests, attitudes, and skills of candidates through psychometric assessment tools.
2. Access to consolidated knowledge and insights to candidates to reduce information asymmetries.
3. Offer guidance (group or individual sessions) on viable career options to students seeking to acquire skill, covering vocational and professional avenues.
4. Career counselling solution be available in multiple different regional languages for access to all interested candidates.
5. Offer technology-based solutions for smooth implementation across diverse regions along with Project Management Dashboard to view real time logins, assessments taken, Counselling facilitators created, and group/ individual counselling sessions conducted
6. Capacity building of vocational trainers and other designated



resources to act as counselling facilitators.

7. Resolving doubts and queries on career pathways and troubleshoot on tech-platform related issues through a dedicated helpline and support contact centre.

The candidates from in-school, school drop-out, out-of-education segment and others, on registration/ enrolment shall undergo a standardized solution, which covers the following essential components:

1. Career/ Livelihood knowledge

base: A digital platform will be offered to all candidates to access detailed and relevant information for informed career choices and decisions. The platform will provide detailed information on professional as well as vocational pathways, information on industry clusters and livelihood related data points.

2. **Career Assessment Tool:** A career assessment tool will be made available to all candidates through log-in to the portal. The career assessment will be based on personality, aptitude and interest of a candidate, thereby creating a holistic psychometric assessment and analysis. Based on the career assessment, a detailed analysis report for each will be available online, under the personalized log-in for the individual candidates to access digitally.

3. Career Counselling and guidance:

The purpose of providing counselling is to empower candidates to take informed career decisions based on the correct interpretation of the career assessment report, through counselling facilitators. The selected career counselling agency will be required to provide various options for counselling the candidates.

4. Capacity building of Counselling

facilitators: The nominated trainer/ other staff would have to be trained through an orientation module to handle the career counselling needs of the candidates in line with the career knowledge platform and outcome of the career assessment tool. The orientation program must cover necessary approach/ models for pre-training and post-training counselling needs. Simultaneously, candidates will have access to a range of information sources supporting the varied routes opted, from a job opportunity to "on-the-job training/apprenticeship" possibilities to further training.

5. Group Counselling by Career

Counselling Agency: There will be an option of group counselling interaction (spanning 60 to 90 Minutes) by the counsellors on correct interpretation of the career assessment report. The group session counselling to provide candidates with sources for accessing multiple information supporting varied routes opted, from a job opportunity to "on-the-job training/apprenticeship" possibilities to further training.

6. Personalized Counselling session by Career Counselling Agency:

There will be an option to conduct a personalized counselling session for 30 Minutes in offline mode (in classroom) or online mode, based on the career assessment report.

7. Aptitude Assessment:

An aptitude test evaluates/ predicts what an individual can do or can learn or do if they are given access to proper instructions. Aptitude assessment assesses an individual's ability in a particular area. For instance, imagine that a company wants to hire a computer programmer to work for their company. They will

probably look at a variety of things, including work history and job performance. Also, an aptitude test can be administered to determine whether the candidate possesses the programming skills necessary to perform the job. This aptitude test is designed to look at a narrow range of ability and competence, for example, how knowledgeable and proficient the candidate is in computer programming coding. Organizations are rapidly moving away from traditional methods of hiring and relying more on online recruitment methods for quick and effective hiring. Aptitude tests are excellent set of tools to find out what a test-taker is good at and what he/she can be good at with the right training. The vast scope and dynamism of aptitude assessment ensures a streamlined process for career choices, academic pursuits and professional growth.

8. Wide implementation of Informational Posters/

collaterals: The career counselling initiative will be supported with wider implementation of informational posters relevant to the courses offered at the training centre or any other premise of conducting the career counselling service. These collaterals shall be essential to bridge the informational/ awareness gap and will be helpful for mobilization and advocacy of the program. The collateral will include posters on a range of topics, such as Job Role Overview, Career/ occupational Map, Job/Placement Opportunities portal information, Competency/ eligibility requirement. Career counsellor will have to conduct online periodic sessions and recorded audio-visual content for candidates.

In fact, Career counselling is a lifelong process. It is not only to make decisions now, but also to provide knowledge and skills to the individuals to make future career and life decisions. It is not just about deciding a job when one graduates. Throughout a person's life, the situation keeps on changing and one has to make a career and take appropriate decisions.

Entertainment

Actor and host Jada Pinkett Smith talks about rumours of Will Smith's sexuality



Actor and host Jada Pinkett Smith shared how Will Smith reacted to rumours about his sexuality, as per a report in 'People'. After an allegation about Will and actor Duane Martin having a sexual relationship made rounds on social media this week, a representative for Will said in a statement, "This story is completely fabricated and the claim is unequivocally false."

According to People magazine, the allegation was made on Unwine with Tasha K by Brother Bilal, who claimed that years ago he walked in on Smith, 55, and Martin having sex. (Cardi B previously won a defamation lawsuit against the YouTuber LaTasha Kebe, aka Tasha K.) Jada, 52, addressed the rumor while on The Breakfast Club in an episode that debuted Thursday: "Let me just say this: It's ridiculous, right? And it's nonsense."

During a recent interview with Unwine With Tasha K, a man named Brother Bilal claimed that he witnessed Smith and Martin, 58, having sex years ago. On Will's reaction to Brother Bilal's claim, Jada said her husband is "always gonna find the funny," adding that she and Will "laughed about it." "You have to because it's absolutely ridiculous, you know what I'm saying. So all you have is, you just gotta laugh about it. And it's unfortunate," she said. "He was like, 'Do you believe this s---?' " she said. "But we just laughed about it."

Jada said Brother Bilal "tried a shakedown, a money shakedown, that didn't work. We're gonna take legal action. Because it's one thing to have your opinion about somebody, versus just making up salacious, malicious stories. So that's actionable. So we gon' roll with that." **ANI**

Sonam's husband Anand Ahuja and SRK family poses together at Beckham's party, unseen pictures revealed

An intriguing photograph of Shah Rukh Khan, well if you see the picture you won't know it's him, from the dinner party the superstar hosted for football legend David Beckham has become a talking point on social media. The party hosted at SRK's residence 'Mannat' saw in attendance actor Sonam Kapoor and family, who had also hosted for the footballer after India's win at the World Cup semifinals against New Zealand.

Sonam's husband Anand Ahuja dropped one photo from SRK's party. He captioned the photo, "Mumbai Nights...We won't be distracted by comparison if we're captivated by purpose." Anand tagged Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri Khan, Anil Kapoor, Aryan Khan, Suhana Khan and Sonam Kapoor in the picture that showed just the feet of the people photographed. **ANI**



Salman Khan says, "I'm fortunate that people have loved me in this avatar" over 'Tiger 3' success



With 'Tiger 3', superstar Salman Khan once again left fans in awe of his action avatar. The film, which also stars Katrina Kaif and Emraan Hashmi, has entered the Rs 300 crore club at the global box office.

On this huge success of the film, Salman said, "I have immense pride in being an action hero and I'm fortunate that people have loved me in this avatar in so many films. It feels great to taste success again and again with this genre because it is not an easy genre of cinema to please people with. You have to constantly reinvent and give audiences something new that they haven't seen with each action film." Salman said that the appreciation for 'Tiger 3' feels like a "hattrick of success" for him.

"I'm grateful for the love that they have showered on me over the years and also for the love that they have given to my Tiger franchise! I have played the role of super-spy Tiger three times now. So, this appreciation feels like a hattrick of success for me. It is a character for which I have put my body on the line every single time. I have actually given it my all. So, the success of these films is also very personal to me," he added. **ANI**

NFDC are about to launch first digital collectible project at IFFI in Goa

The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) on Friday announced the launch of their very first digital collectible project at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. The digital collectibles will give film enthusiasts a unique chance to own a piece of Indian film history and be proud owners of the 2023 maiden IFFI Digital Collectibles series, a press release said. The initiative marks a significant step towards blockchain integration, promoting transparency and value in the creative sectors, it added. **PTI**

