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## SAME-SEX MARRIAGE - CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA HAS LEFT IT TO THE PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE



**AV Team**

The CJJ has left it to the Parliament to decide on the issue. The SC cannot strike down the provisions of the Special Marriage Act (SMA) or read words differently, he said. The focus of the petitions filed is the gender-neutral interpretation of the SMA. It is a secular legislation designed to facilitate inter-caste and inter-faith marriages. The petitioners have sought a broader interpretation of the SMA to include same-sex marriages too.

Justice Kaul also joined CJJ in battling for civil unions for non-heterosexual couples, saying the legal recognition of civil unions for non-heterosexual couples represents a step towards marriage

equality. But all five judges agreed that there is no fundamental right to marry and in a majority verdict, the court has ruled against same-sex marriage. The majority view is that the legislature must decide on bringing in same-sex marriage.

The top court had heard the arguments over 10 days in April and May. Arguments ranging from the right to equality to the right to privacy, the legal privileges and rights bestowed by marriage, and the impact of same sex marriages on children were made. Those opposing the petitioners included the Central government, the national child rights body NCPDR, and the Jamiat-Ulama-i-Hind, a body of Islamic scholars. A five-judge

bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud ruled against legalising same-sex marriage on October 17.

The bench also includes Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Ravindra Bhat, Hima Kohli and PS Narasimha. All five judges agree there is no fundamental right to marry and in a majority verdict, the court has ruled against same-sex marriage. The majority view is that the legislature must decide on bringing in same-sex marriage. Justice Hima Kohli says she agrees with the view of Justice Ravindra Bhat, as does Justice Narasimha.

By striking down the Special Marriage Act provisions, the benefits of progressive legislation will be lost, says CJJ

Chandrachud in his opinion. The SMA governs a civil marriage where the state sanctions the marriage, rather than the religion.

CJJ directs the Centre to ensure queer community is not discriminated in access to goods and services. Create a hotline for the queer community. Create safe houses or Garima grih for queer couples. Ensure inter-sex children are not forced to undergo operations. No person shall be forced to undergo any hormonal therapy. He also issues guidelines to police to not harass queer people or force them to return to their natal families.

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## Road accidents have earned India an uncertain feature

**Editoritis**



**Dr. Vaidehi**

Accidents are the most unwanted thing to happen to anyone on the road, though they happen quite often. The report showed that the city and the state contributed 5% of the nationwide hit-and-run incidents at 163 and 2,470 cases, respectively. (The city hit-and-run figure was compared with the 'national urban hit-and-run figure', or the total number of such cases in 19 cities.)

Among states, Uttar Pradesh topped with 54,373 cases of death due to negligence that resulted in 60,936 fatalities from 2017 to 2019. Cases registered under Section 304(A) (causing death due to negligence) of the IPC during the period numbered 37,517 in Tamil Nadu, with these incidents resulting in 41,193 deaths. Madhya Pradesh at 32,305 cases and 35,787 deaths, Karnataka was fifth at 30,024 cases and 37,949 deaths.

Among cities, Delhi topped with 4,075 cases and 4,493 deaths from 2017 to 2019, followed by Chennai at 3,808 and 3,950, Bengaluru at 2,055 and 2,142, Jaipur at 1,887 and 1,955, and the city at fifth place at 1,232 cases and 1,345 deaths.

According to the report by the ministry of road transport and highways, close to 5 lakh road accidents occurred across the country annually, killing at least 1.4 lakh people. On average 50,000 of the accidents were hit-and-run cases, killing at least 18,000 people annually. In 79% of all accidents, the driver was found to be at fault, though that did not mean the person behind the wheel was punished for the crime.

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# Editoritis

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*Indian drivers are quick to learn to drive but they don't learn traffic rules and the purpose of such rules.*

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Conviction rates for urban road accidents typically hover between 5% and 10%. In hit-and-run cases, lack of eyewitnesses and surveillance typically leads to a "blind" close of the case if the victim does not note the licence plate number of the vehicle.

There are multiple reasons for the road accidents, but most of the people are on call while driving thus they drive recklessly and accidents happen as most of the Indians now have mobile phones, this is the most potential reason. Distractions could be outside or inside the vehicle. The major distraction nowadays is talking on mobile phones while driving.

Indian drivers are quick to learn to drive but they don't learn traffic rules and the purpose of such rules. Hence they violate rules to put themselves and others on the road at stake. Indians buy a car without knowing the proper technique of driving in city traffic and highway traffic, and do so without having basic emergency utility skills, most motor training schools too don't know them.

A tendency to violate traffic signals has been developed by Indians to save time while going to school, office or college because these institutions tend to be extremely humiliating while punishing latecomers. Malpractices such as over-speeding, triple riding, underage driving, etc are reducing the safety of the road users. Most of us don't know the latest amendments to the MVA (Motor Vehicles Act) unless declared via news.

Walking on the road with phone on ear, driving car with phone in hand, necessarily reading a text or browsing can be dangerous. There are innumerable reasons for mishaps on Indian roads. From alcohol to drugs, lack of effective law enforcement to pathetic road conditions and most importantly the lack of driving sense. I would rather not go into the details of the causes because bringing effectiveness is the accountability of the government. With so much going around in the country, the current situation most likely won't improve in the distant future.

The legislators (Minister & other administrative officers, who make the rules) and the executors (the Police) themselves

do not respect the law & rules of what to say of the general public. Police are supposed to execute the rules but, it may be lack of workforce or lack of intention, they also fail to execute. Mostly police use the rules to mint money either officially by Chalan or in person.

Life of roads is not good due to the substandard raw materials and potholes accidents caused. The increasing traffic on roads and conditions of roads are not proportionate to each other. Bad roads are definitely an issue, because it requires drivers to focus on the surface of the road instead of looking at traffic flow. A lot of drivers are either unskilled or scared to drive fast because of this, and that frustrates others who don't mind going faster. The latter start to cut lanes and accelerate/brake abruptly, which only makes driving harder for other motorists.

The driving tests are a joke. When you have millions of untrained motorists on bumpy roads, it's no surprise that there are crashes every once in a while. Consumption of alcohol to celebrate any occasion is common. But when mixed with driving it turns celebration into a misfortune. Alcohol reduces concentration. It decreases the reaction time of a human body. Limbs take more to react to the instructions of the brain. It hampers vision due to dizziness. Alcohol dampens fear and incites humans to take risks. All these factors while driving cause accidents and many times it proves fatal. For every increase of 0.05 percent of blood alcohol concentration the risk of accident doubles. Apart from alcohol, many drugs, medicines also affect the skills and concentration necessary for driving.

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## Start of Spring season - Autumn falling



- C.K. Subramaniam

It is not common for leaves to fall in spring. Some plants, like broad-leaf evergreens and trees, shed their oldest, often yellowing leaves in spring to make room for regrowth of new, young leaf tips. Drought-stress is one common reason for trees dropping leaves in summer when it gets really hot. Too much water can also cause leaves to fall. Certain pests and disease can occasionally cause leaf drop.

Every year, trees across the nation change their leaf color from green to gold, crimson, amber, and even jewel-toned purple. This process is part of a much larger undertaking where trees of all shapes and sizes spend the autumn months getting ready for the trials of winter. A chubby, hibernating bear snuggled up in a cave is most people's first example of winter adaptations. However, trees twist the harsh cold to their advantage. After all, trees are quite literally rooted in place and have to survive in that spot until warmer weather returns in the spring.

In nature, most trees will lose their leaves during fall and over-winter and everyone knows you should expect this, however, there are times when leaves will drop off when you don't expect them to and there are a number of reasons for this. The exception to the rule for leaves falling off trees is, of course, evergreen trees and just like the name suggests this variety of tree should stay green forever, if it doesn't there is a big problem.

Seasons remind us that change is the law of nature and a sign of progress. In India, there are mainly six seasons as per the ancient Hindu calendar (the Lunisolar Hindu). The twelve months in a year are divided into six seasons of two-month duration each. When

leaves fall to the ground, they eventually break down and provide nutrients for the soil, helping prepare for more plants to grow in the spring and also create a layer that helps the ground absorb water.

Another reason that trees lose their leaves is because many of them get torn or damaged during the spring and summer by weather (such as hail stones), insects that eat leaves, or diseases that trees can get. Since they lose their leaves in the fall, they will be able to grow brand new ones in the spring!

The beginnings of leaf drop, also known as abscission, start when a layer of cells is formed between where the leaf stalk joins the stem. This layer, known as the abscission layer, is formed in the spring during active new growth of the leaf.

In autumn, hormones within trees begin to change. The most notable is auxin. During the active growing season, production rates of auxin in the leaves are consistent with the rest of the tree. As long as these rates are steady, the cells of the abscission layer remain connected, which in turn, keeps leaves attached.

But as days shorten and temperatures cool, auxin production in leaves starts to decrease. This triggers cellular elongation within the abscission layer. The elongation of these cells creates fractures, allowing the leaf to break away from the plant. The benefit of shedding leaves is that trees can preserve the moisture in their branches and trunk, instead of drying out and dying. And a tree without leaves is in a state of dormancy and needs less energy to remain alive. Leafless trees are also better able to tolerate winter storms as strong winds can move through the branches more easily.

## Letters to the Editor

### Certificate of excellence from Sir Richard Hadlee to Jasprit Bumrah!

Richard Hadlee believes Jasprit Bumrah is the most dangerous bowler in world cricket at the moment & he proved yet again against Pakistan with a spell of 2/19 that demolished our arch rivals to stretch our world cup winning streak against them to 8-0. Rohit Sharma led our team from the front & scored a swashbuckling 86 narrowly missing his 8th WC ton.

Indian team looks strongest in the tournament & this is our nation's best opportunity to win the tournament. Playing on home conditions against packed crowds is an added advantage & here is wishing Rohit Sharma & his boys the very best for the upcoming games.

S.N.Kabra

### Hatred towards Sanatan Dharma

--- Sharing a video of crowds chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' as a Pakistani cricketer walks by during the India-Pakistan World Cup match in Ahmedabad, Tamil Nadu minister and DMK leader Udhayanidhi

Stalin described it as "a new low." He stated that using sports as "a tool to spread hatred is condemnable." State BJP president K Annamalai slammed Udhayanidhi over his latest comments asking why he is "criticising only Sanatana."

After Pakistan's victory against Sri Lanka in the World Cup cricket tournament, Pakistani player, Rizwan, performed namaaz on the field. Other times also Pakistani players are doing this. Rizwan also dedicated this victory to the people of the Gaza Strip. Why Udhayanidhi Stalin didn't ask what Rizwan's actions have to do with sports? This shows DMK's hatred towards Sanatan Dharma. However, despite these challenges, Sanatan Dharma endures.

Dr. Jyoti Kale

### Loss of Humanity

There is ongoing war between Israel and Palestine over Gaza Strip, West Bank and Golan Heights. Jewish population lives in Israel and Muslim population in Palestine. The root cause of war between them is land. Such a land is where divine acts or miracles are believed to have occurred, and because of it, this land has become sacred. Jerusalem is the most disputed area. There are daily conflicts between the three religions, also known as 'Semites', over the construction of Al-Aqsa Mosque, Synagogue (Jewish prayer place) and Church.

No one has any regard for humanity to reach the sacred place. The same humanity

for which, according to belief, Jesus was crucified. It needs to be kept in mind that after the extinction of humanity the holy place will no longer have any importance. Since human beings and religion existed in the world, there have been many differences between human beings in religion, science and humanity, but sometimes these differences take the form of war and the only loss in it is humanity.

N Ashraf

### India will leave no stone unturned in hosting 2036 Olympics

What can be more exciting in the world of sports than that India is again going to host a big platform Olympics games, that's why it is a dream of 140 crore Indians.

Prime minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asserted that India will leave "no stone unturned" in its efforts to organise the 2036 Olympics as the government expressed a strong desire to host the biggest sporting event in the world.

The IOC session is being held in the country after a gap of 40 years. The last time India hosted the session was in 1983 in New Delhi and last time India hosted a multi-sport of 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, although the country has organised several other prestigious tournaments such as the Boxing World Championship and the Asian Wrestling Championship in recent past.

"There are 3 billion people playing e-sports and gaming around the world. Over 500 million of them are interested specifically in e-sports which includes virtual sports and sports simulation.

Tausif Qamar

### The Anatomy of the Globe Inflation Spike

From the 1960s until the mid-2010s, hunger was on the decline around the world. But, despite record food production, the trend is reversing, with around 828 million people affected by hunger globally in 2021 an increase of 46 million from 2020 and 150 million from 2019. The problem is not confined to low-income countries. Large numbers of people in wealthier countries like the United Kingdom, South Africa, and Brazil are unable to meet their basic nutritional needs. To overcome the underlying systemic hunger and poverty, the people most vulnerable to food insecurity must be at the center of efforts to create more equitable food systems that improve both their access to nutrition and their livelihoods.

Tauqueer Rahmani

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City

## Gauri Lankesh murder case: MP Rahul Gandhi moves to Bombay HC seeking to quash defamation complaint filed against him over remarks linked to RSS



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi has moved the Bombay High Court seeking to quash a defamation complaint filed against him over his remarks allegedly linking the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) with the 2017 murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh. The case against him cannot be clubbed with that filed against Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Sitaram Yechury as they made the statements in question on different occasions and belong to two different parties with distinct or even opposite ideologies, Gandhi's petition said. Justice S V Kotwal posted the plea for hearing on December 5.

Dhruvman Joshi, a lawyer, filed a private complaint before a magistrate here in 2017 against Rahul Gandhi, his mother and fellow Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, and Yechury, seeking action against them for alleged defamation under sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code. In 2019, the magistrate's court dismissed the case against Sonia Gandhi but issued notice to Rahul Gandhi and Yechury.

Both of them filed an application seeking to dismiss the complaint on the ground that they should not be put on trial jointly. The magistrate's court, however, rejected the application, following

which Rahul Gandhi moved the HC in August this year. He and Yechury belong to different political parties, having very distinct and even opposite ideologies, and a joint trial will cause prejudice to Gandhi's case, the Congress leader's petition said.

"The statements made by Accused No 1 (Gandhi) and 3 (Yechury) are independent statements made by different individuals at different points of time and there is no community of purpose, continuity of action by which it could be inferred that what they have spoken is in consequence of common design and their acts are connected with each other," the plea said.

Rahul Gandhi is facing several defamation cases across the country. He was convicted by a Surat court earlier this year but the conviction was eventually stayed by the Supreme Court. Gauri Lankesh, a Bengaluru-based journalist and activist, was murdered outside her home on September 5, 2017, allegedly by right-wing extremists. PTI

## BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule says, "Mahayuti targets to win more than 45 seats out of 48 in Lok Sabha Polls"



Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Tuesday said the Mahayuti alliance has set a target to win more than 45 Lok Sabha seats out of 48 in the state and 225 assembly segments in the next elections. Mahayuti comprises the ruling BJP, Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and NCP (Ajit Pawar faction).

Speaking to reporters in

Thane about the BJP's Jansamvad Yatra, Bawankule said, "The Mahayuti has set a target of winning 45 plus seats in Maharashtra. The BJP will deploy its full strength in all 48 Lok Sabha constituencies to ensure gaining of maximum votes for Mahayuti candidates". Queried on a formula being adopted for the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly elections in Maharashtra, he

said, "The BJP will try to ensure that every candidate of Mahayuti wins. The picture, however, may vary in civic or local body elections such as corporations or zilla parishads." "Mahayuti will have 225 MLAs in the next assembly in Maharashtra and 45 MPs from the state in Lok Sabha in 2024. We have made preparations," he added. He also said leaders of 'Mahayuti' and 11 other constituents will decide about sharing of seats for the Lok Sabha and the state assembly elections, which will be vetted by the central parliamentary board of the BJP.

"We will work to ensure the victory of candidates irrespective of the seats they contest under Mahayuti," he added. The BJP leader further said Mahayuti is eyeing 51 per cent of vote share in the elections. PTI

## CB legal adviser Japan Babu, seeks a defamation case against Wankhede

The defamation case was filed at the Delhi magistrate court, Patiala House, on October 6. Wankhede, a 2008 batch IRS officer, had produced a transcript of a conversation he had with Babu to prove that he was right in arresting Aryan Khan after a raid on Cordelia cruise and that Aryan had not been chargesheeted by NCB SIT due to external reasons. In his petition, Babu, an ILS (Indian Legal Service) officer, said that it came to his notice that Wankhede, in his writ petition/anticipatory bail, "malafidely" claimed that Babu (in a phone call on June 2, 2022) informed him that charges were proposed against Aryan Khan in the original draft complaint prepared by him in the capacity of deputy legal adviser. However, the said draft was never submitted in the court and the SIT got a separate draft prepared from



outside that was presented before the court, which gave a clean chit to Aryan Khan. Wankhede's petition quoted Babu from the conversation that Wankhede had recorded.

The audio clip was used by former NCB officer Sameer Wankhede in his petition to claim that the name of Aryan Khan — actor Shah Rukh Khan's son — had been removed from the chargesheet at the last moment, has filed a case in a Delhi court, seeking a defamation case against Wankhede.

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## same-sex marriage – Chief Justice of India ...

Vidya Rajput Transgender LGBTQIA+ activist told Afternoon Voice, "I felt bad about the decision because if it would have given the legal recognition then it would have felt equal to us. Even if court has mentioned they there shouldn't be any discrimination while treating people but still we are facing lot of threat and there is lot of difference of something putting on legal papers rather than saying it".



Deborah Grey working as an activist said, "We are not fighting with anyone it was a right where in if children have turned adult then they should have the right to choose their partner. The judgment came out from the supreme court is not in our favour of it but it was a hope for us and now as the matter has gone to the parliament so everyone knows how do they work".

"It seems that they all had decided to say no so they have all given it to us in an indirect manner for the petition which has now moved to the parliament" Grey further added.



Sidhant Kumar Behere founding member of Queengarh

said, "Yes we are upset that supreme court could not give any decision legally in regards to the same sex marriage but it has also directed to form a committee which is a green signal for us that might give out decision in favour of our community. This community is not few people there are many people who want to get married for the legal recognition. We will start creating more awareness and in the current situation it was just few people who had filed petition but later it there might be more people who will file petition".



## Nation

### Congress' Telangana Chief said, "The BRS has used the police against me. We have demanded on this to ECI many times that BRS is using retired officers against Congress" over detention



Congress' Telangana Chief Revanth Reddy was detained by Telangana Police on Tuesday at Gun Park in Hyderabad during the party's protest against Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and alleged that the Chief Minister has been using money and liquor in an effort to win votes. Reddy was demanding Chandrasekhar Rao to swear that he would not be use

money and liquor to lure voters in the upcoming Assembly election in the state.

"The BRS has used the police against me. We have demanded on this to ECI many times that BRS is using retired officers against Congress. ECI transferred some officers to show off. We will file a written complaint and also go to court," Reddy said on being detained by police. He

said that today, KCR without coming there, is giving the message that they believe in liquor and money and not their welfare scheme, manifesto or promises. "I reached the location on time. Even if KCR did not like my invitation, why did they make the police arrest me? He might have the wish to distribute liquor and crores of rupees in the elections. However, the police arrested me and attacked my karyakartas," he said. He further alleged that during the Munugode elections, Rs 300 crores of liquor was sold in 20 days. "We did not give money or liquor in Munugode as we do not have that much money. After the Huzurabad and Munugode elections, the world said that liquor and distributing money won," he added. ANI

### Raghav Chadha accommodation case: Delhi HC sets aside Patiala House court which mentioned to evict AAP leader

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday set aside an order by the Patiala House court that paved the way for the Rajya Sabha Secretariat to evict Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha from his official residence in the national capital. Member of Parliament (MP) Raghav Chadha on Tuesday welcomed the decision of the Delhi High Court to set aside a court's order to evict the AAP MP from his official residence and said that the decision to revoke his official accommodation was arbitrary, unreasonable, and unjust.

The follow-up on the Raghav Chadha Residence row arrived a week after the AAP MP moved the Delhi High Court challenging a trial court's decision to vacate an interim order that gave a nod and paved the way for the

Rajya Sabha secretariat to evict him from the government bungalow allotted to him.

After the Delhi HC set aside the Patiala House court order, Raghav Chadha said, "This is not a fight for a house or a shop, this is a fight to save the Constitution. In the end, truth and justice have prevailed. I welcome the decision of the Delhi High Court to set aside the order of the trial court, which was against me." Speaking about the development further Chadha said, "The cancellation of this allotment was a clear case of political vendetta, aimed at silencing a young, vocal parliamentarian. The decision to revoke my official accommodation was arbitrary, unreasonable, and unjust, representing a new low in political vendetta." ANI

### Zomato Viral Video: CEO of the firm clarifies the issue, says "We don't endorse helmet-less biking"

After a video showing a woman biker in a Zomato uniform carrying a food delivery bag in Indore went viral, the online food delivery platform's CEO Deepinder Goyal on Tuesday clarified that the company has nothing to do with the incident adding that it could be someone just "free-riding" on the brand. Sharing the post with the viral video, the Zomato founder further said that the brand does not endorse helmet-less biking.

"Hey! We had absolutely nothing to do with this. We don't endorse helmet-less biking. Also, we don't have an 'Indore Marketing Head'. This seems to be someone just 'free-riding' on our brand. Having said that, there's nothing wrong with women delivering food - we have hundreds of women who deliver food every day to earn a livelihood for their families, and we are proud of their work ethic," Goyal said in a post on X. ANI

### Fire busted in firecracker unit leaves 11 killed and 2 others injured in Tamil Nadu

At least eleven persons were killed and two injured in two separate fire accidents at fireworks units in Rangapalayam and Kichanayakanpatti village in the district on Tuesday, police said. Police, fire and rescue service personnel, and the public put up joint efforts in extinguish-

ing the flames and trying to rescue the victims. "Seven charred bodies were recovered from the sudden blast at the fireworks unit in Rangapalayam, and their identities are yet to be established," a senior police official told PTI. The police suspect that they could be workers, he said. PTI

### Rajasthan: Police arrested one person over fake currency racket

Rajasthan Police apprehended one person and seized a consignment of fake currency notes with a face value of over Rs 29 lakh from Hanumangarh in the State, police said on Tuesday. "We received an input from the Bikaner police that in the Hanumangarh area some people had received a consignment of fake notes which they were planning to transfer to other districts. Superintendent of Police (SP) directed us to investigate and nab the accused," the police official said.

The official said that several teams were formed to capture the accused. "We came to know from our sources that some individuals who had moved into the upper floor of a house in the business area near Dhan Mandi some time ago were acting in a suspicious manner," said CI Sheoran.

After the information was verified by police SP a raid was conducted on the house and one individual identified as Sukha



Singh was apprehended with fake currency notes in denominations of 500, 100, 200, and 50 were recovered in huge quantity. He further said that the total amount of the fake currency was calculated at a face value of Rs 19,17,200. Additionally, Rs 4,200 in real currency and two bikes were also seized from the apprehended

person. On interrogation, the accused revealed a multi-member gang whose members hailed from Fatehpur, Sangaria. According to modus operandi, the gang members used to trap people on the pretext of offering to double their money and scam them with the counterfeit notes, CI Sheoran said. ANI

World

# Nepal gets engulfed in china's dept trap over airport

In the shadow of the magnificent Himalayas, Pokhara, Nepal's scenic paradise, welcomed a Sichuan Airlines flight from China in June, marking a momentous occasion for the city. The newly constructed international terminal at Pokhara's airport, a project largely financed and executed by Chinese companies, had finally become operational.

However, beneath the surface of this grand opening lay a complex and unsettling reality - one that highlighted China's controversial infrastructure influence and its geopolitical rivalry with India, The New York Times reported. For over four decades, Nepal had aspired to establish an international airport in Pokhara, envisioning it as a catalyst for transforming the city into a global tourist destination. Unfortunately, the project had languished due to political insta-



bility, bureaucratic challenges, and financial difficulties. That was until China stepped in to fill the void, furthering its quest to create an alternative sphere of influence, challenging American dominance on the global stage.

Nepal, located south of China and with close ties to India, represented an enticing geopolitical prospect. Powered By Pause Unmute Full screen The airport's construction was a part of China's grand ambitions, aligning with

President Xi Jinping's signature infrastructure campaign, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which promised substantial investments in infrastructure projects worldwide. However, Nepal discreetly rejected the notion that the Pokhara airport was a part of the initiative. This discrepancy propelled the airport into a diplomatic tug-of-war between China and India, according to The New York Times.

While dozens of countries,

including Nepal, convened in Beijing for the 10th-anniversary celebration of the Belt and Road Initiative, China's overseas development endeavors were under scrutiny for their exorbitant costs and poor-quality construction. The Pokhara airport exemplified the perils that came with importing China's infrastructure-at-any-cost development model, disproportionately benefiting Chinese firms at the expense of the borrowing nation.

China CAMC Engineer-

ing, the construction division of state-owned conglomerate Sinomach, played a pivotal role in the Pokhara airport project. It imported building materials and machinery from China, and the airport itself was brimming with Chinese-made security and industrial technology. Despite China's claims about the project's quality, an investigation by The New York Times revealed an unsettling narrative.

Multiple individuals involved in the project and a thorough examination of thousands of documents indicated that China CAMC Engineering had consistently dictated terms to maximize profits and protect its interests. Simultaneously, it systematically dismantled Nepali oversight. As a consequence, Nepal found itself entangled in significant debt to Chinese creditors without the expected influx of passengers to repay the loans. ANI

## Pakistan: Islamabad High Court disposes of the petition of Imran Khan seeking hearing of a cypher case inside the Jail

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) in Pakistan has disposed of the petition of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan seeking the hearing of a cypher case inside the Jail premises, directed the leader to approach the trial court on the matter, The Express Tribune reported. The Express Tribune reported that the IHC announced the reserved verdict on the PTI's chief petition, Chief Justice Aamer Farooq said that keeping in view the security issue, the trial inside the jail was in favour of Imran. He added that Imran had expressed concerns about his security several times.

The cypher controversy first emerged on March 27, 2022, when Imran Khan, just days before his ouster in April 2022, brandished a letter, claiming that it was a cypher from a foreign nation, which mentioned that his government should be ousted from power, according to The News International report. He did not reveal the contents of the letter and the name of the nation that had sent it. However, a few days later Imran Khan named the United States and said that US As-

sistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Affairs Donald Lu had sought his removal. The PTI chairman had claimed that he was reading contents from the cypher and said that "all will be forgiven for Pakistan Imran Khan is removed from power". Earlier, on October 3, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chief and former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan filed a petition with the Islamabad High Court to challenge the suspension of his interim bails in the cases involving Toshakhana and 190 million pounds, ARY News reported.

The accountability court cancelled the former prime minister's temporary bail in the Toshakhana and 190 million pound cases when he failed to appear on August 10. Due to his Toshakhana case conviction, the PTI leader has been imprisoned since August 5. The Islamabad High Court rejected the appeal of his conviction. According to ARY News, the brief order was issued by a divisional bench led by Islamabad High Court Chief Justice Aamir Farooq and composed of Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri. ANI

## Brussels: Two Swedish nationals were killed over suspicion of being extremist

A suspect in a shooting rampage that killed two Swedish nationals in Brussels overnight has been shot dead by police and the weapon believed to have been used by the man has been recovered, Belgian Interior Minister Annelies Verlinden said on Tuesday. Verlinden told VRT radio that we have the good news that we found the individual. Amateur videos posted on social media of Monday's attack showed a man wearing an orange fluorescent vest pull up on a scooter, take out a large weapon and open fire on passersby before chasing them into a building to gun them down.

Authorities had been searching for a 45-year-old suspected Tunisian extremist who was known to police and was living in Belgium illegally. Interior Minister Annelies Verlinden said that a person may have been shot by police early Tuesday in connection with the rampage. It appears someone has been shot," she told VRT radio. "The federal prosecutor's office still has to confirm the identity of the person. Last night,



three people left for what was supposed to be a wonderful soccer party. Two of them lost their lives in a brutal terrorist attack, Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said at a news conference just before dawn. Their lives were cut short in full flight, cut down by extreme brutality. De Croo said his thoughts were with the victims' families and that he had sent his condolences to the Swedish prime minister. Security has been beefed up in the capital, particularly around places linked to the Swedish community in the city. The attack that was launched yesterday was committed with total cowardice, De Croo said.

Not far from the scene of the

shooting, the Belgium-Sweden soccer match in the Belgian national stadium was suspended at halftime and the 35,000 fans held inside as a precaution while the attacker was at large. Prosecutor Eric Van Duyse said security measures were urgently taken to protect the Swedish supporters in the stadium. More than two hours after the game was suspended, a message flashed on the big stadium screen saying, Fans, you can leave the stadium calmly. Stand after stand emptied onto streets filled with police as the search for the attacker continued. Frustrated, confused, scared. I think everyone was quite scared, said Caroline Lochs, a fan from Antwerp. PTI



## Expression

# Slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram'! to Virat Kohli's t-shirt!



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The cricket match between India & Pakistan in World Cup - 2023 took place on October 14 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The events that took place during & after the match have been discussed. The incident witnessed was that 'Jai Shri Ram' was chanted from the audience during the match. Second, on the request of Pakistan captain Babar Aazam, Indian cricketer Virat Kohli gave his own T-shirt to him on the field.

A person with jaundice is always said to see the world yellow. Catching the same thread becomes necessary here. It will be revealed later. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's son and Southern actor Udayanidhi Stalin tweeted a clip of 'Jai Shri Ram' chants from the crowd during the India-Pakistan match, saying, 'India is famous for sportsmanship and hospitality; However, the behavior of the Pakistani players at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad is not acceptable. It is of very low quality. Sports should become a unifying force for both countries. Also true brotherhood should be encouraged. Using sport as a weapon to spread hatred is reprehensible.'

He has come into the limelight due to some objectionable statements he made about 'Sanatan Dharma'. It has also publicly reiterated that it stands by those statements. His father i.e. the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu tried to defend him summarily.

Pakistani players pray (namaz) as per their creed at any cricket ground in the world. Its pictures have been published many times in the media. Also, speaking in front of the announcer after the match, the players of Pakistan have first called the name of God & then answered the questions asked. This is also known to the cricket lovers of the world. Udayanidhi's opinion on this should be known. Because both these things are not part of the game. They are religious. Despite this Globally, no one has any objection on it. Because It is broadly seen as the remembrance of God. Those who get sick from taking God's name only want to pay attention

to Sanatana Dharma. Such people can be placed in the line of those who hate, envy Sanatan Dharma purposely. Udayanidhi is doing same.

A believer is connected to God. Be it of any creed. What should they do about God? Or what not to do. What is my reason for offering free advice & objecting to it? It should be studied first by those who give advice to believers & criticize them. It's much easier to just ramble on without actually doing it. Because to study means not a simple task & it will not happen immediately. As now is the era of instant action. Atheist people are also respected. Because the Constitution of India has given importance to the freedom of every individual. So childishly insisting that an atheist should act like a believer will do no good. Should we go religiously or unreligiously? Everyone understands which path to follow. Nothing will be achieved by interfering with it & nothing will be achieved by controversy. Udayanidhi Stalin is seen doing exactly that. They are only showing that they are interested in raising issues that will create controversy. Also, they are immediately expressing themselves on what happens in the country related to Sanatan Dharma. E.g. Slogans of Jai Shri Ram.

Any spokesperson from Pakistan team did not say 'The Pakistan cricket team was hurt by Jai Shree Ram Slogans.' But it is true that Udayanidhi got colic. "This kind of hospitality was not expected. Pakistan captain Babar Azam has said after coming to India. He also said that, he feels like coming to Pakistan. Does Udayanidhi not know that? From this it can be seen that he is happy with the hospitality shown by India. Udayanidhi lives in India. But he hates the Sanatan Dharma which is the foundation of India. He is only physically present in India and mentally he has much anger about Sanatan Dharma.

In Pakistan, at the age of sixteen I heard lot about my color, religion, culture of the country. Only I know it. In any civilized society no, one is allowed to listen to this. Therefore, those who have not experienced this, should not speak on the slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram'. Former Indian spinner Shivaram Krishnan has slapped a journalist (Rajdeep Sardesai) by tweeting. The said journalist has also registered an objection on Slogans.



That cricket match is over. But those who chew the cud are so upset about the events that took place in it. Attention is drawn to this. What does it mean to create a controversy? How is it? An example of this has come before everyone on this occasion. The police & the government worked hard in their own way to ensure that the India-Pakistan match goes off without any disturbance. Even if it is a match on the field, does anyone appreciate the system? They have done well about the huge responsibility of keeping millions of visitors safe. What is special in it? it is their job. Likewise, thoughts might have come to mind of some over smart people. But there is little to thank for the security system that serves with 101 % from a few days before the match to the end of the match. Hence the match was peaceful. But the ensuing debate demonstrates narrow, hateful thinking. Such people are conveniently looking for what they want. To expect those people to follow the principles of democracy is to expect wisdom from a fool.

Pakistan cricket team captain Babar Aazam requested Indian cricketer Virat Kohli to give him his t-shirt to satisfy his uncle's boy insistence. Kohli also completed it in the field in front of

everyone and another colic arose. Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said, 'It was not the day to do that even after a humiliating defeat. These things could have been done in the dressing room as well.' Viewing sports as a game for those who don't fit in & who are affected by prejudices about India. Although such a person is a sportsperson, he has brought her ideological limitations to the world. From this it can be seen that how much hatred towards India is in his mind?

Pakistan has been defeated. Then too asking something for another with big heart towards traditional rival county player. This is also sportsmanship. One good thing was Virat Kohli wore an orange color t-shirt while giving t-shirt of his signature to Babar Aazam. Matching his yarn with colors like saffron and orange did not create controversy. It has to be said specially. Indian culture teaches us to consider 'the whole universe as our home'. Lying in the puddle of color, caste, creed, religious hatred, deliberately hurting anyone of no use. Also does not teach discrimination. The tendency to pull each other's legs is not tolerated in Indian culture.



# Entertainment

## 69th National Film Awards: Alia Bhatt receives Best Actress National Film Award, says "I'm very grateful"



Actor Alia Bhatt was conferred with the Best Actress Award for her performance in the film 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' at the 69th National Film Awards here on Tuesday. Alia received the award from President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony that took place at the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Union Minister Anurag Thakur was also present on the occasion.

On receiving the prestigious award, Alia Bhatt said, "It is a very big moment and I am very grateful." Alia arrived at the ceremony along with her husband Ranbir Kapoor. She added glamour to the event as she donned a beige-coloured embroidered saree that complemented the Indian culture. **ANI**



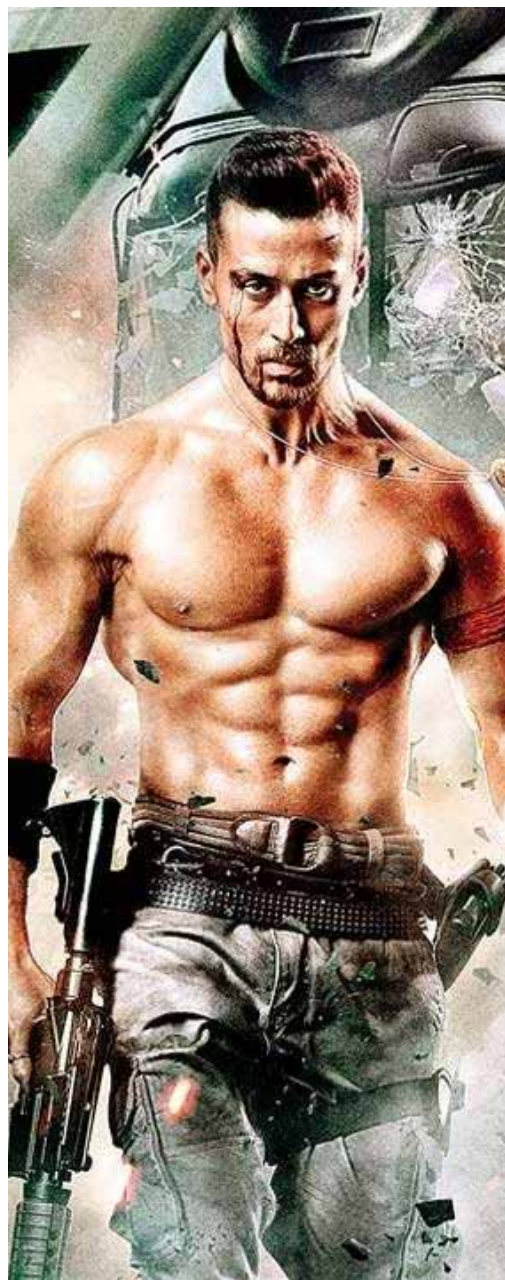
## Anupam Kher recalls memories of 'Kudrat' film shoot on Hema Malini's birthday

Veteran actor Anupam Kher recalled watching Bollywood's Dream Girl Hema Malini shooting for her film 'Kudrat' during his college days. While sharing glimpses from the birthday bash hosted by 'Seeta Aur Geeta' actor on his Instagram handle, he wrote in the caption, "Hema Malini is undoubtedly the most graceful and dignified lady in the Indian film Industry. I was in college when I first saw her shooting for #Kudrat film. I was 24 then. After getting into films I was lucky to have worked with her in some movies."

"Yesterday was her 75th birthday. She hosted a party. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings. Full of music, fun and nostalgia. And even after so many years #HemaJi has the same grace, dignity, magic and inner beauty! May God give her long, happy and healthy life. Hema ji ki jai ho! #HappyBirthdayHemaJi #Dreamgirl," he added. **ANI**

## Actor Tiger Shroff open's up about challenges of working in an action genre

The attempt is to raise the bar of action with every film, says actor Tiger Shroff, admitting that it is getting challenging to reinvent himself as an action hero with each outing. The 33-year-old actor is awaiting the release of his next movie, "Ganapath". A dystopian action thriller, the first part of the film is directed by "Queen" helmer Vikas Bahl. "I've done action films all my life. I'm still fairly new in the industry. It is tough to continuously reinvent myself. The stakes get higher, the premise, the geography, the budget and the landscape get bigger and bigger. So, it gets tough to reinvent myself in this space, and I feel there's a lot more to explore," Shroff told reporters here at the press conference of the film. **PTI**



## Actor Hrithik Roshan said no to social gatherings and meeting friends, check the reason

Superstar Hrithik Roshan on Tuesday shared his physical transformation from "post vacation to post shoot" body, which the actor said required five weeks of intense training and saying "no" to important things like social gatherings and meeting friends. The 49-year-old is currently filming for his aerial-action movie "Fighter", co-starring Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor. The movie is directed by "Pathaan" helmer Siddharth Anand. "5 weeks. Start to finish. Post vacation to post shoot. Mission accomplished. Thank you knees, back, ankles, shoulders and spine and mind. You guys love a good fight. I love you all. Now time to rest and recuperate and begin to find an even better balance. **PTI**

