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Ajit Pawar was always an ache for senior Pawar, claims veteran NCP leader

AV Team

Ajit Pawar, who is the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra by piercing his own party, never had good relations with senior Pawar. Ajit Pawar used to blackmail NCP founder Sharad Pawar time and again, that is the reason his confidant and very close leaders could never adjust with Ajit. They believe that Ajit quitting Sharad Pawar's NCP was good riddance.

A veteran NCP leader who is very close to Sharad Pawar told Afternoon Voice on the condition of anonymity that "Ajit

Pawar spilling the NCP was not a surprise because this was expected, he was always blackmailing senior Pawar to hold more powers. In the year 2012 he had to resign as the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra, over the allegations of an irrigation scam. Following his resignation, the Chavan government plunged into crisis. Finally, Sharad Pawar had to then step in to save the Congress-NCP government." He further stated "Ajit Pawar was always a liability and threat to Sharad Pawar".

After the recent betrayal Sharad Pawar advised all the remaining leaders to join BJP or any other party if they want.

But grassroots level NCP leaders want to remain with senior Pawar in every situation. In the recent past Shiv Sena and NCP both had similar setbacks, major numbers of both the parties split and joined hands with BJP to remain in power.

Son of Sharad Pawar's elder brother Anantrao, Ajit, started his political career from the cooperative sector and rose to become number two in the party. Ajit is said to have nurtured a bitterness against his cousin and Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule. He was opposed to Supriya Sule's entry into electoral politics in the 2009 Parliamentary elections. The entry

of a third-generation Pawar in the form of Rohit Pawar is being seen as another cause of rankling. Strongman Ajit Pawar is always surrounded with controversies and had put his party and comrades in an odd situation. During the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Sharad Pawar's decision to step back from contesting the election is said to be on Ajit's insistence. According to reports, Ajit wanted to field his son Parth from Maval.

Ajit has always maintained his way of dealings in politics and overpowered Sharad Pawar. It is interesting to see if it manages to come to absolute power in 2025.

Uttar Pradesh teacher Tripta Tyagi is shame on education system

Editoritis



Dr. Vaidehi

These days India is going through a lot of communal disharmonies and the hate has made its way to the schools. Educational institutions have become a political berth. Indian democracy is questionable. There are constant communal attacks in India. In the name of so-called Hindu Rashtra we are seeing atrocities. Thanks to Indian politics, the hate has not spared the future of India and those are the young minds. Section 17 under the Right to Education Act 2009 completely bars corporal punishment on children, and the sentence under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act would be rigorous imprisonment of up to five years and a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh, but when hate is supported by the government and ruling authorities then there will be reward to such atrocities.

There was one viral video on social media where a Muslim student was slapped by his classmates on the instructions of the teacher. The teacher was telling some Hindu students to beat the Muslim student repeatedly. Soon after the controversy the Uttar Pradesh teacher Tripta Tyagi has put out a video message, stressing that she had no communal motive behind asking students to slap their Muslim classmate. With folded hands, she repeated that she had "made a mistake" and sought forgiveness. The incident, which happened on August 24, came to light only after a video of Tripta Tyagi asking her students to slap a Muslim kid went viral.

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If educators are doing such things, the repercussions will be seen in society when their students will grow up and take up important jobs.

In the video, Tripta Tyagi is seen asking the students to slap a Muslim child and also allegedly making a communal remark. The student is seen standing near the teacher's desk, crying, as his classmates take turns to slap him, as the teacher looks on. Tripta Tyagi is also heard asking one of the students to hit the Muslim kid harder. Defending her actions, the Muzaffarnagar teacher has termed the incident as a "minor issue". She said though it was wrong on her part to get a student slapped by his classmates, she was forced to do it as she is handicapped and was not able to stand up and reach the student who had not done his homework.

Uttar Pradesh government's Basic Shiksha Adhikari served a show cause notice to school. The school was given government affiliation for a period of three years in 2019 which expired last year, but the management did not try for its renewal. In spite of all this the school will not be closed and normal teaching activities will continue there in the interests of students till an alternate arrangement is made for them. Meanwhile, the man who shot the video has said that the Muslim kid was beaten as he had not done his homework. The father of the kid has, however, maintained that there was no communal angle to the incident. He has withdrawn his kid from school and would not be filing a complaint against the school. A case was registered against Tyagi under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) of the Indian Penal Code on the complaint of the victim's family.

If educators are doing such things, the repercussions will be seen in society when their students will grow up and take up important jobs. If other students are hitting one student in front of the entire classroom, then this is shameful. Above all she gave one arrogant interview to the media and the biased media promoted that video without any hitch. No media asked her why she brutalised a kid. So, obviously no action and no arrest. It's pretty clear that she was instigated by the ideology she followed.

Youngsters are unemployed, children treated like this in



school, girls and women are not safe in the country. It's high time to stop hatred and focus on things which are beneficial to the country. Currently, 50 students' study in the school. Tripta Tyagi, the school teacher involved in the incident continues teaching in the school. The school has been shut for now and its students would be shifted to other schools nearby, state education department authorities are finding a solution to damage the control. The boy's father was very upset after the incident and could not eat for a couple of days. He had also started rambling at home after the traumatic experience. The child is doing better following a medical check-up but mentally upset even today.

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Influences linguistics with quantitative perspectives, contributes to models of applied mathematics, and encourages interdisciplinary



- Jayanthi Subramaniam

Language has the power to shape our perceptions and interactions with the world. Different languages can coexist, but their dynamics are shaped by the communities that speak them—and how those communities interact with each other.

Shared beliefs, assumptions, and feelings toward specific language forms often determine whether a specific language will survive or disappear, especially within multilingual societies.

In the journal *Chaos* researchers from the University of the Balearic Islands in Spain incorporate language ideologies, along with the impact of interaction between individuals with opposing preferences, on the language shift process. The paper is titled "Modeling language ideologies for the dynamics of languages in contact."

"Our findings lead to the conclusion that the more mixing that occurs between different social groups, the more challenging it becomes for language varieties to coexist within the same society," said author Pablo Rosillo-Rodes. "The dynamics of the system has a subtle dependence on both the preferences of the speakers and the coupling between different communities

Existing work from sociolinguistics showed that the social prestige of a language was considered the main factor leading to its extinction or survival. Insights in language contact from these previous studies, in combination with sociolinguistic

studies on language ideologies, were used by the researchers to present a comprehensive picture of how language varieties are distributed in societies.

The team chose a quantitative approach based on a society in which only one language with two varieties, the standard and the vernacular, existed. The resulting mathematical model can predict the conditions that allow for the coexistence of different languages, presenting a comprehensive view of how language varieties are distributed within societies.

Individual preferences for specific languages play a pivotal role in language dynamics, sometimes overcoming any social prestige associated with a particular language variety.

Under certain conditions, various levels of interaction between people with different language preferences can lead to the extinction of one of the languages. However, the event can be followed by the return of the dead language and ultimately its eventual dominance. By studying finite-size effects, the researchers also found that the duration of the coexistence of language varieties increases exponentially with society size.

"This work influences linguistics with quantitative perspectives, contributes to models of applied mathematics, and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration while emphasizing the need for more comprehensive data in computational linguistics," said Rosillo-Rodes. "It holds significant insight for language planning and public policies aimed at preserving endangered languages."

Letters to the Editor

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on December 1 to show solidarity with the people living with AIDS, to commemorate those who succumbed to this fatal disease, and to raise public awareness.

The first World AIDS Day took place in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and honor the lives affected by the epidemic.

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a public health hazard. It is caused by HIV which can enter the body through unprotected sex with an HIV-infected person, sharing needles during intravenous drug use, contaminated blood transfusion, sharing razor blades and infected mother to her child through the placenta.

A person infected with HIV suffers from declining immunity with symptoms like pneumonia, diarrhoea, tiredness, weight loss and fever. This impairment of the immune system can be slowed down by effective treatment and medication but cannot be fully cured. With AIDS, death is inevitable.

Although the prevalence of AIDS is

comparatively less in India, it has steadily increased over the last two decades. The population at risk in our country includes blood donors, drug addicts, prisoners and sex workers. Government and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) should jointly raise awareness of its causes, symptoms and diagnosis.

Moreover, it is the government's job to build more rehabilitation centres for drug users, provide free nucleic acid tests (NAT) to determine its presence and open up job opportunities for transgender people to replace their sex work. Adequate public health awareness is urgently needed before the prevalence reaches an alarming limit. The theme of World AIDS Day 2023 is "Let communities lead".

Nature's Exploitation

24 people died due to lightning during heavy rains in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. A lightning strike is considered a natural disaster, but the increase in natural disasters in the past few years is alarming. The main cause of climate change is the exploitation of nature. Nature is able to satisfy all our needs, but no one can satisfy our greed. Nature warns us again and again with its messages. We have to stop

exploiting nature, otherwise we will have to be prepared to face more crises in the future.

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Nightmare ends

A herculean task carried out for seventeen days to rescue 41 of our brothers from the Uttar Kashi Tunnel, accomplished successfully. And this was possible because of these people who joined hands and relentlessly worked on this rescue mission. This land will remain indebted to all of them for bringing its sons safely back to her. It was simply an extraordinary, unexplainable, and unbelievable moment. Congratulations to all the teams that worked 24/7 to rescue the workers. It is also an example for all to keep their cool, patience, and faith in God in all adverse situations.

Jahangir Ali

Commendation for Maxwell's Exceptional Performance in the 3rd T20 Match

The stellar performance of Glenn Maxwell in the recent India vs Australia 3rd T20 match, which captivated cricket enthusiasts worldwide. Maxwell's phenomenal century single-handedly steered

Australia to a breathtaking victory, showcasing his exceptional talent and mastery on the cricket field. His remarkable innings not only displayed technical prowess but also exemplified the resilience and determination required in the sport. Maxwell's ability to turn the tide of the game in Australia's favor, especially under pressure, deserves utmost appreciation.

This stunning display of cricketing brilliance not only entertained the fans but also highlighted the sportsmanship and dedication of the players involved. Maxwell's contribution undoubtedly made this match an unforgettable spectacle, adding another chapter to the rich history of cricket. It is imperative to acknowledge and celebrate such extraordinary performances that elevate the spirit of the game and inspire countless individuals, both aspiring cricketers and avid fans.

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Thane court's refusal to inform Nithyananda Sansthan Trustee selection which pending from 2 years



For the last 2 years, the selection of trustees has been pending on the Shree Bhimeshwar Sadguru Nityanand Sansthan at Ganeshpuri. The Thane District Sessions Court, where the selection process is underway, has flatly refused to provide any information to RTI activist Anil Galgali.

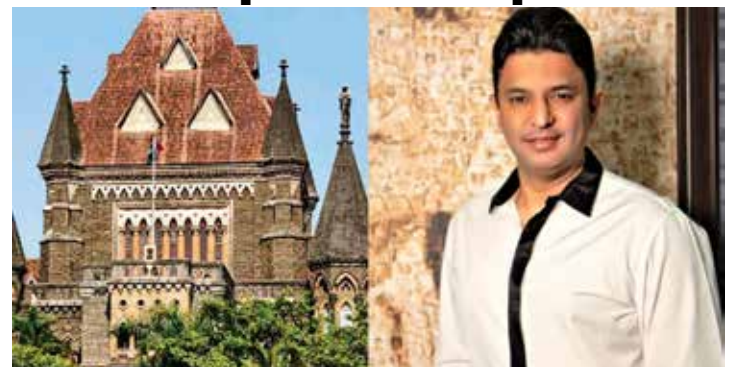
RTI activist Anil Galgali had filed an application before the Thane District Sessions Court on October 9, 2023. Anil Galgali sought his information on

the level at which the process of trustee appointment is pending on Shri Bhimeshwar Sadguru Nityanand Sansthan and information about the competent authority. Also, a list of applications and appointments received after the advertisement was sought. District and Sessions Court Registrar P. L. Kunthe refused to give information to Anil Galgali and explained that according to the circular of the Central Government, the Public Information Officer has been exempted from

searching, collecting and preparing information and giving it to the applicant. The public information officer has confused because Anil Galgali even though he did not ask search, preparation or collect any information.

The Samadhi temple administration of Swami Nityananda Maharaj at Ganeshpuri is managed by Sri Bhimeshwar Sadguru Nityananda Sansthan. Eleven trustees are working on this institution. The appointment process of this Board of Trustees is done through the Thane District Sessions Court for a period of five years. It has been two years since the term of the last Board of Trustees expired and applications were invited for the selection of trustees on October 11, 2021. Due to pending appointment there are difficulties in decision-making and the devotees have a high expectations that Thane District Sessions Court to take immediate action, said Galgali.

Bhushan Kumar withdraws plea in HC against rape FIR after magistrate accepts closure report



After a magistrate court accepted the closure report filed by the Mumbai police in a rape case against T-Series Chairman and Managing Director Bhushan Kumar, he sought the withdrawal of the plea challenging the FIR in the Bombay High Court.

A high court bench of Justice Prakash D Naik and Justice Nitin R Borkar accepted the submission of Kumar's lawyers that his writ plea had become infructuous due to the development before the magistrate court and allowed

him to withdraw his plea.

Kumar, the son of the late music baron Gulshan Kumar, was booked in July 2021 for allegedly raping a woman repeatedly on the pretext of giving her a job in his music record label and film production company. The police lodged an FIR following a complaint filed by the 30-year-old woman, who alleged that Kumar sexually assaulted her several times between September 2017 and August 2022. She also claimed that Kumar threatened to harm her.

Special POC SO court sentenced a 50-year-old man to life imprisonment for raping niece

A special POC SO court here has sentenced a 50-year-old man to life imprisonment for sexually assaulting his niece and impregnating her. The court said that the act of the man is so serious that it calls for the maximum sentence and he doesn't deserve any leniency. "The accused is relative of

the prosecutrix (survivor) who has committed sexual intercourse with the prosecutrix and repeatedly committed rape on her. Further, he impregnated prosecutrix. The prosecutrix had her abortion and currently she has to reside in the shelter home of CWC (child welfare committee)," the court said in its order. PTI

Police recovers Rs 79 lakh of cyber-crime victims after being duped

With timely action, the Mumbai police managed to recover Rs 79 lakh of cyber-crime victims who promptly contacted their helpline number 1930 after being duped, an official said on Thursday. The amount was recovered in a single day on November 28, when these victims contacted the cyber-

crime cell of the police after being cheated that day, he said. Cyber-crime personnel moved quickly after the victims shared details of the online fraud against them on the helpline number. They blocked the amount, pegged at Rs 79 lakh, transferred in fraudsters' bank accounts and later retrieved it, said the official. PTI

Ajit Pawar-led NCP govt, clears proposal to increase guarantees to Maulana Azad Minorities Financial Development Corporation from Rs 30 crore to Rs 500 crore

With a push from the newly joined Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Maharashtra cabinet on Wednesday cleared the proposal to increase government guarantees to Maulana Azad Minorities Financial Development Corporation from Rs 30 crore to Rs 500 crore, to avail loans from National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

The corporation has a Rs Rs 30 lakh limit for loan to applicants. As per an official from the Minorities Development Department, the corporation has received 2,454 applications seeking loans, but due to lack of funds, only Rs 3.20 lakh could be distributed to each applicant, which is not sufficient for their needs. "The increase in government guarantee would allow the corporation to seek more loans from NMDFC and distribute it to



applicants," said the official. The state had given a loan guarantee of Rs 30 crore to the corporation in 2006, based on which NMDFC has given loans amounting to Rs 110.34 crore till now. Leaders of the Ajit Pawar group have been repeatedly claiming that despite joining hands with BJP and Sena, it has not deviated from the original ideology of secular and it will continue to walk on its original path. Leaders of Ajit Pawar group said they have been repeat-

edly claiming that despite joining hands with Bharatiya Janata party and Shiv Sena, it has not deviated from the original ideology of secularism which it promises will continue to walk on its original path.

The decision has been taken a month after Dy CM and Finance minister Ajit Pawar held a meeting of Minorities Development Department promising the same to the delegation of Muslim organisations. At the meeting of the State Minorities Department, Ajit had raised the issue of Muslim quota as well and said he would hold talks with CM Eknath Shinde and fellow Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis on the matter. Ajit added that his alliance with the BJP notwithstanding, he would not compromise on "NCP's original ideology to work for the betterment of Scheduled Castes, Dalits, Muslims and other minorities".

Nation

Congress will win Rajasthan polls, BJP to lose in all 5 states: Ashok Gehlot



ment in any of the five states where elections are being held, PTI reported.

Five state went to polls in November. While polling in Telangana will end Thursday evening, it was held earlier in the month in Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Results of the elections will be declared on December 3.

"Congress government will be formed (in Rajasthan). In all five states, I feel that BJP is not going to form the government. Exit polls may say something, surveys might suggest something, but based on the feedback of people in the cities and villages, I feel that our government should come," Gehlot told reporters in New Delhi.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said he was confident of a Congress win in Rajasthan assembly polls, and added that the BJP would not form the govern-

"fraud cases" in Supreme Court tends to increase as elections draw closer: CJI D Y Chandrachud

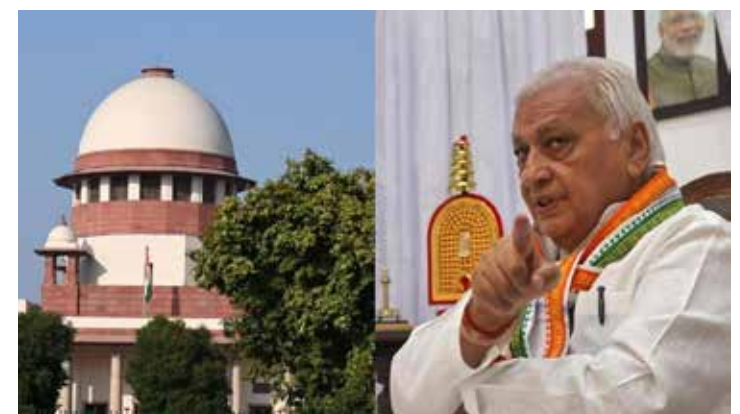


The number of "fraud cases" in the Supreme Court tends to increase as elections draw closer and the court becomes a site for political engagement, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said on Thursday. Speaking at the Constitution Day function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) in the apex court, Justice Chandrachud said we all exist together and the Indian Constitution tells us that "we either survive or we perish together". "But above all, I think it is important that on a day where we celebrate the Constitution, we learn to dis-

charge our duties to the cause of justice. Our duty to the cause of justice ranks much higher than the success or failure in individual cases," he said. PTI

SC quashed reappointment of Gopinath Ravindran as the vice chancellor of Kannur University, says "Cannot merely rubber-stamp"

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's role came under critical scrutiny by the Supreme Court which on Thursday quashed the reappointment of Gopinath Ravindran as the vice chancellor of Kannur University and said as the chancellor of the state's universities he cannot "merely rubber-stamp" an action taken elsewhere or endorse a decision made by someone else. The top court was critical of the fact that the office of the chancellor, who is authorised to act in such matters, let the state government make "unwarranted interven-



tion". A three-judge bench led by Chief justice D Y Chandrachud answered in the affirmative the question framed by the court:

"Did the Chancellor abdicate or surrender his statutory power of reappointment of the Vice-Chancellor". PTI

Minister Som Parkash said, "Every sector could lead the nation to become 'Viksit Bharat' before 2047"



Union Minister Som Parkash on Thursday said the country's current pace of progress in every sector

could lead the nation to become 'Viksit Bharat' even before 2047. Addressing a gathering at the Ajram village here, where the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Van' reached on Thursday, the Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry highlighted the "strong connection" people have with this yatra, demonstrating their commitment to make India a developed nation. The 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' (VBSY) is currently going through many districts of Punjab, including Hoshiarpur. PTI

Chhattisgarh: Tussle between BJP and Congress, Both claim wins for their parties

While exit polls are predicting a close fight between the ruling Congress and the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party in Chhattisgarh, both Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and former CM Raman Singh on Thursday predicted thumping wins for their parties. Assembly polls were held in two phases in the state on November 7 and 17,

while results will be declared on December 3. Talking to reporters at Raipur airport, Baghel, when asked about exit poll predictions, said, "...is there similarity between exit polls (of different agencies and channels)? After two days (on December 3) everyone will show the same poll outcome. Let the exit polls play out but we will form the government with full majority."

Queried about the exit poll of one channel predicting 57 seats for the Congress in the 90-member Assembly, he said, "It will be more than that and 57 will be 75 (seats). The order will be changed." Asked if the Congress had any plan to shift their MLAs to other places to ward off possible horse trading attempts by the BJP, Baghel said there would be no need for it. PTI

PM Modi calls for supporting developing countries with adequate financing and technology climate change

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for supporting developing countries with adequate climate financing and technology transfer to enable them to deal with climate change. As he heads to Dubai to attend the World Climate Action Summit, Modi said India has walked the talk when it comes to climate action while highlighting

the importance India attached to the issue during its G20 presidency. "During our G20 presidency, climate was high on our priority. The New Delhi Leaders' Declaration includes numerous concrete steps on climate action and sustainable development. I look forward to the COP28 taking forward the consensus on these issues," Modi said in his departure statement. PTI

World

UN Secretary Antonio Guterres calls for investigation over allegations of sexual violence by Hamas

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for an investigation into the allegations of sexual violence committed by Hamas during the October 7 attack on Israel, the Times of Israel reported. Guterres wrote on X: "There are numerous accounts of sexual violence during the abhorrent acts of terror by Hamas on October 7 that must be vigorously investigated and prosecuted. Gender-based violence must be condemned. Anytime. Anywhere."

Israel's Foreign Ministry tore into the women's rights group UN Women last week for taking 50 days to comment on the evidence of sexual violence perpetrated during Hamas's onslaught last month, only to issue a brief statement expressing "alarm" on the matter, then delete the post, as per The Times of Israel. On Instagram, UN Women posted the condemnation of Hamas before deleting it shortly after, and replacing it with a call to release all hostages in Gaza. Recently, it was reported that the Israeli po-



lice is using forensic evidence, video, witness testimony and interrogations of suspects to document cases of sexual violence committed by Hamas as part of the October 7 attack on Israel, as per CNN.

Witnesses say that women and girls caught in the rampage were brutalized sexually, as well

as physically tortured and killed. Police Superintendent Dudi Katz said officers have collected more than 1,000 statements and more than 60,000 video clips related to the attacks that include accounts from people who reported seeing women raped. He added that investigators do not have firsthand testimony and it is not clear

whether any rape victims survived. About 1,200 Israelis were killed and more injured that day in villages and farms near Gaza when Hamas militants struck across the border in coordinated attacks, taking more than 240 hostages and precipitating the current war. Police Commissioner Shabtai Yaakov said the inves-

tigation could potentially lead to prosecutions, but for now, documentation is the primary mission.

A human rights law expert at Hebrew University Cochav Elkayam-Levy has formed a civil commission with colleagues to document evidence of the atrocities, fearing that as the war devastates Gaza and the lives of thousands of Palestinians, the world seems willing to look over the violence against Israeli women and girls. "We'll never know everything that has happened to them," Elkayam-Levy told CNN. "We know that most women who were raped and who were sexually assaulted were also murdered." She pointed to a United Nations statement just a week after the terror attacks that did not mention sexual violence. "It's much worse than just silence or an insult to us as Israeli women and to our children and to our people. When they are failing to acknowledge us, to acknowledge what happened here, they are failing humanity," she said of the UN, as per CNN. ANI

US: Uyghurs led by East Turkistan Govt in Exile hold protest against China's hypocrisy outside UN Headquarters

Members of the Uyghur community led by the East Turkistan Government in Exile (ETGE), held a protest in front of the United Nations headquarters in the US over China's hypocrisy. The Uyghurs urged the international community to address the China-East Turkistan conflict and "act against China's ongoing campaign of colonization, genocide, and occupation in East Turkistan." The protest was held simultaneously as Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi led a UNSC meeting on the Israel-Hamas conflict and "served to expose China's hypocrisy and denounce its colonial and genocidal policies in Occupied East Turkistan." The protesters held posters and placards that read, "Independence is the only way forward for East Turkistan" and "Stop China's Uyghur genocide."

In the press release, the East Turkistan Government in Exile stated that the protest was not only a show of resistance but a powerful statement against the hypocrisy of the Chinese government. It said that Wang Yi in his address advocated for the "right of the Palestinian people to statehood" and "their right to existence." However, China wages a brutal campaign of colonization, genocide, and occupation against Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and other Turkic peoples in Occupied East Turkistan with the goal to stop the restoration of East Turkistan's independence. The East Turkistan Government in Exile said that the duplicity was the central theme of the East Turkistani protest. East Turkistan Government in Exile's Foreign Minister, Salih Hudayar, participated in the protest and expressed

his outrage at China's duplicity.

In the press release, Salih Hudayar said, "The hypocrisy of the Chinese government, which calls for recognition and support of Palestinian statehood while simultaneously opposing and denying East Turkistani statehood and the most basic human rights to the people of East Turkistan, must be exposed and challenged." "The global community cannot claim to stand for justice and peace while allowing such blatant double standards to persist," he added. The protest represented a pivotal moment in the ongoing struggle for East Turkistan's freedom. Mamtimin Ala, President of the East Turkistan Government in Exile, who was not present at the protest, reiterated East Turkistan's call for the international community's support, according to the press release. ANI

Geneva: Activists staged a protest against forced deportation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan

Activists of the Pash-tun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) in Europe staged a protest in front of the United Nations office in Geneva to denounce the crackdown and forced deportation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan to Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. PTM activist Fazal-Ur-Rehman Afridi said on Wednesday that the eviction is against international laws and must be stopped immediately as Pakistani law enforcement agencies have unleashed a 'reign of terror' against the refugees. He blamed them for harassing, keeping the refugees in arbitrary detention and also torturing them.

The protesters highlighted that Pakistani authorities also demolished several Afghan private and commercial properties, despite the fact that the majority



of these people had proof of registration cards and were residing legally. Those who could not pay bribes to the local police were later deported, putting their lives in danger as Afghanistan itself is facing a humanitarian crisis.

The activists also noted that Noor Ullah Tareen, the coordinator of PTM Karachi, who is a strong voice for Afghan refugees, was also arbitrarily arrested on October 4 by the personnel of Secret Services and police without any warrant. ANI

Expression

India's ODI World Cup from triumphs to trials



C.S. Krishnamurthy

Columnist

The World Cup finals revealed more than a victory for Australia and a humiliating loss for India. The quest for ODI glory for the Men in Blue will have to be put on hold for another four years. Let's take a deep breath and try to unravel the complex reasons behind India's miss against their Aussie rivals.

In a captivating clash of cricketing titans at the 2023 ODI World Cup finals, Australia emerged victorious, leaving India with a bitter taste of defeat. As headlines blared "Champions Nonetheless", and "Crown on Australia's Head, Heartbreak for our Heroes", the match's intricacies extended far beyond the mere numbers on the scoreboard.

Australia's triumph was not merely a result of a bad day for Team India; it was a demonstration of comprehensive outplaying by the Australians, particularly in the fielding department. Travis head's exceptional diving catch to dismiss Rohit Sharma exemplified the outstanding skills that set Australia apart. Their well-executed plan, opting to field first and stifling the Indian batsmen, showcased strategic brilliance, Cummins' boundary-less ten overs added an extra layer to Australia's dominance.

Inadequate performance

The stage was set in Ahmedabad, where the pitch played a surprising role – slower and drier than anticipated. Alas, India's game plan didn't adapt well to these conditions.



The crafty leadership of Australian captain Pat Cummins orchestrated a calm and composed team that made crucial bowling changes, keeping Indian batters on a tight leash.

The Men in Blue started with a roar but struggled to sustain the strike-rate rhythm. The abrupt decline in boundary scoring after the first 10 overs left the run-rate limping, transforming the 241-run target into a formidable challenge.

Aside from promising half-centuries from Virat Kohli and KL Rahul, the batting scorecard resembled a puzzle with missing pieces, limiting India's overall score. The usually steadfast middle order crumbled at a crucial moment. Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav's contributions were mere whispers, and Rahul's innings at a snail's pace added more hurdles to the team's pedestrian batting journey. The middle-order fiasco was complete.

The pitch, criticised for favouring Australia, played a pivotal role in their victory. The Kangaroos capitalised on the evolving nature of the pitch, turning what seemed a daunting chase into a casual stroll in the

cricket park. Dew, the unsung hero or villain depending on perspective, ripped through Indian spinners, aiding Australia in forging a substantial winning partnership between Head and Labuschagne.

Rohit Sharma's captaincy faced scrutiny, especially for the absence of slips for spinners during crucial moments. Subpar shot choices and fielding fumbles added to India's woes, highlighting the formidable opponents they faced on the cricketing stage.

Beyond the scoreboard

Controversies surrounding pitch conditions added an extra layer to the narrative. The specially prepared pitch, allegedly favouring India, became a talking point, hinting at challenges faced by teams beyond the game itself.

The match revealed a stark contrast in team dynamics. India had a flawless run leading up to the finals, while the Australians, starting with significant losses, rallied to win nine games, showcasing their resilience and ability to peak at the right moment.

Yet, beyond cricket skills, the Indian team grappled with intense hidden

pressure. The home team advantage turned into a burden in Ahmedabad, with a seemingly partisan crowd, further exacerbated by the presence of political figures and celebrities in VIP seats.

Throughout the tournament, the media, particularly electronic outlets, contributed to building an aura of grit around the Indian team. The hyper-nationalistic narrative, fuelled by extraneous agendas, overshadowed objective analysis. The pressure on the Indian cricket team had extended beyond fan expectations, turning a victory into a burden of national pride.

In retrospect, one can't but help sympathize with the Indian cricket team. Bursting with talent and dominating various aspects of the game, they faced not only a better-performing opponent on the field but also the totally unnecessary burden of a narrative of national pride.

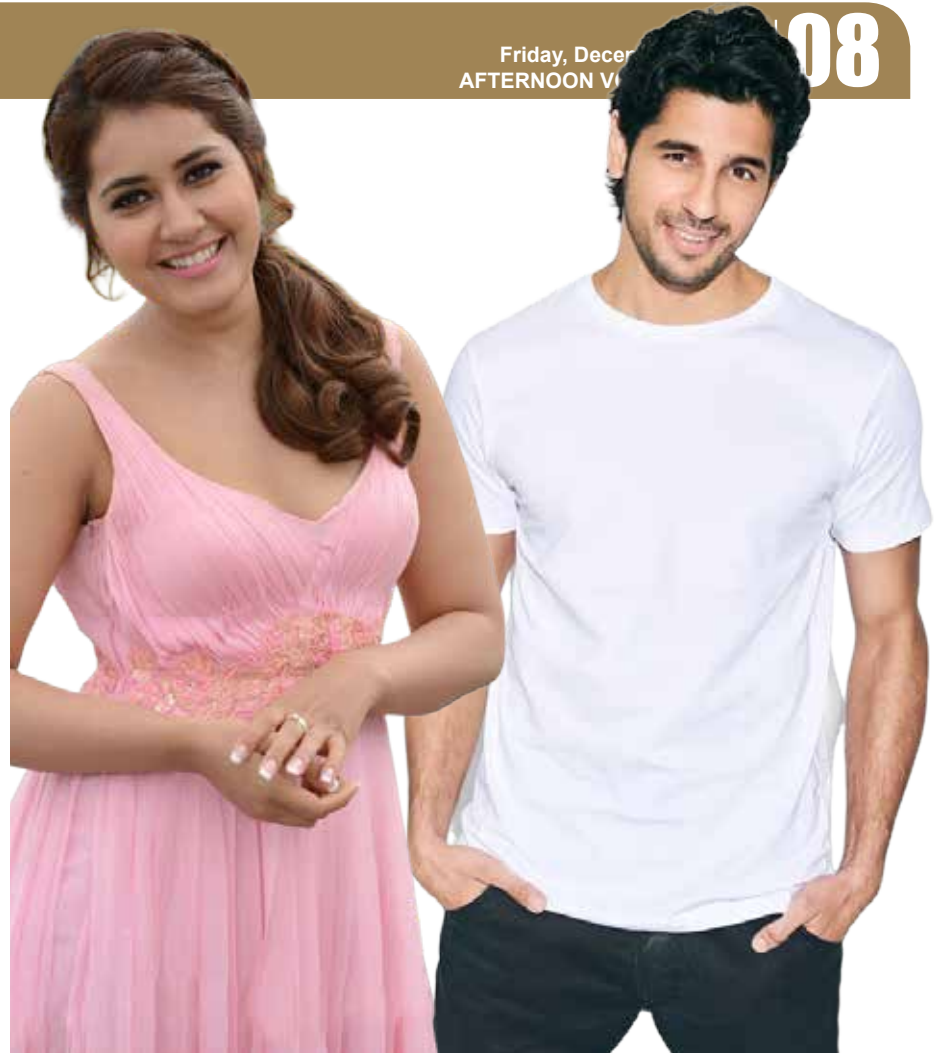
The 2023 World Cup finals, beneath the surface of victory and defeat, revealed a complex web of superfluous pressures, controversies, and unexpected challenges that transcended the boundaries of the normal cricketing field.

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Actor Katrina Kaif praises husband Vicky Kaushal's performance in 'Sam Bahadur'

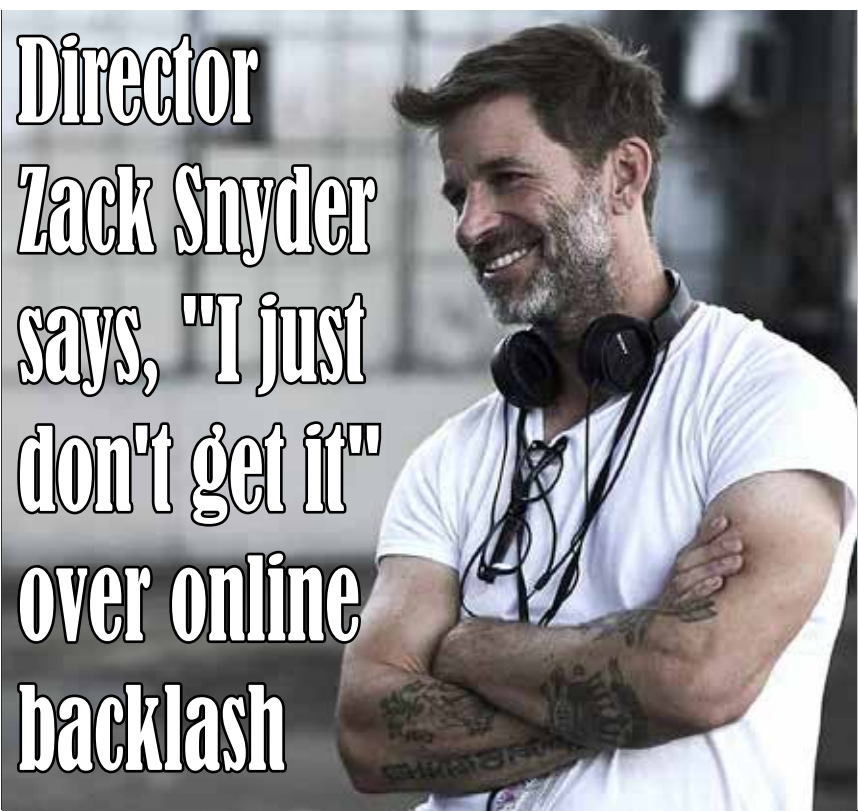


Actor Katrina Kaif on Thursday heaped praise on her husband Vicky Kaushal for his performance in the biopic drama film 'Sam Bahadur'. Taking to Instagram, Katrina shared a poster of the film which she captioned, "SAM BAHADUR -@meghnagulzar such a poetic beautiful classic film, was transported to another era.. you can see your passion to telling his story and attention to detail in every shot."
"And SAM !!!!!..... GRACE, HEROISM, GRIT. What a performance, flawless, I'm just astounded, you are too inspiring, true to your craft in the most brilliant integral way, was so proud to watch you shine your way across the screen. I've seen you this last year pour yourself into this film and transform into sam. A performance to be remembered @vickykaushal09," she added. **ANI**



Sidharth Malhotra pens a birthday wish to Raashii Khanna

Actor Sidharth Malhotra on Thursday extended heartfelt birthday wishes to his 'Yodha' co-star Raashii Khanna. Taking to Instagram, Sidharth shared a picture on his stories which he captioned, "Happy birthday @raashiikhanna! Have a Yodhastic year ahead. Big love and hug."
Sidharth and Raashii will be seen sharing the screen space in the upcoming action thriller film 'Yodha'. Helmed by Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha, the film is all set to hit the theatres on March 15, 2024. **ANI**



Director Zack Snyder says, "I just don't get it" over online backlash

American film director Zack Snyder is a fan of actor Amber Heard. The 57-year-old director worked with Heard on his 'Justice League' film, in which she played her Mera comic-book character, which she will reprise in James Wan's upcoming 'Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom', reported People. Snyder told The Hollywood Reporter in a wide-ranging interview that he doesn't understand the online backlash Heard, 37, has received in the aftermath of her court fights with her ex-husband Johnny Depp.
"I just don't get it. If other people don't like her, I don't know what to say. I would work with her in a second," said the Rebel Moon director. Snyder directed films such as 'Man of Steel,' 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice,' and 'Justice League' in the DC cinematic universe. He told THR that he maintains contact with numerous cast members, including Ezra Miller, who has faced mental health issues and public controversies in recent years.
Snyder said Miller, 31, "did a great job in that Flash movie. It's very difficult to play against yourself." During her defamation trial with Depp, 60, in Virginia last year, Heard testified that her career "took a hit" as a result of her breakup from Depp and that she had to "fight" to maintain her Aquaman role in Justice League once the split became public. "It was hard for me to work," said Heard at the time. "I was harassed. I am harassed on a daily basis, death threats." Heard also referred to being met with "vitriol from Johnny Depp supporters" after coming forward about alleged domestic violence. The jury ultimately sided mostly with Depp in that case, though Heard won one of her three defamation counterclaims. They later reached a settlement, and Heard paid Depp \$1 million in damages, which he said would be donated to charity, reported People. Snyder's 'Rebel Moon: A Child of Fire' is on Netflix December 22 and 'Rebel Moon: The Scargiver' is out April 19. 'Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom' is in theatres on December 22. **ANI**