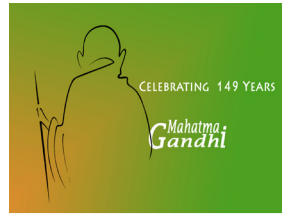




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Weather Update



October 3, 2018, PATCHY RAIN POSSIBLE
Max: 33°C
Min: 25°C
Rain: 4.00 mm
Sunrise: 06:25 AM
Sunset: 06:21 PM
Moonrise: 12:22 AM
Moonset: 01:51 PM.

Gogoi Sworn in as 46th CJJ



New Delhi (PTI): President Ramnath Kovind administered oath to Justice Ranjan Gogoi as 46th Chief Justice of India. He was born on 18 November 1954 in Assam's Dibrugarh district.

Yet Another FTII Strike

Two students met with accident due to faulty equipment

BY PRIYANKA GHOSH

Pune: Two final year cinematography diploma students Anuj Ujawane and Satish Kumar got injured when a 22-foot-high crane they were sitting on came crashing down on Saturday 28th September 2018 in Diveagar near Pune, while shooting for their final diploma film project. This accident led to another strike announced by the students of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), demanding an enquiry from experts outside the institution. The accident happened due to faulty equipment.

Arjun Ujawane, the lead cameraman suffered a collarbone fracture claiming this might hamper his career, as he might not be able to lift camera on his shoulder. Satish Kumar fell on his head and got skull injury, an ARRI 535 analogue camera, which costs an estimated Rs 80 lakh to 1 crore, was also damaged in the accident and fell very near to Satish which could have caused more serious injury to him. Both the students are in hospital receiving further treatment.

The student had alleged that they raised a complaint about the faulty equip-



Actual site of accident.

Source: FTII student

ment before the shoot itself but it was neglected and they had no option but to shoot with the same equipment. "This is not happening for the first time, many complaints have been raised regarding faulty equipment and the vendor supplying them, but the authorities neglected them and did not respond over the matter," said Robin, President, Student Union FTII. The students had suggested buying some equipment which will be cost effective in a long run rather than renting them again and again. They suspect some serious corruption involved in this issue. They also have demanded resignation from five officials including the Director and head of department of Cinematography.

"We are in the process of collecting more information, whether the equipment hired from the vendor was the cause or something else. I am told that the students' unit had personally gone to the supplier's godown to check the condition of the equipment before the shoot. The equipment was ordered only after the students' approval. Still, if equipment quality was the reason behind the mishap, the vendor can't be absolved of responsibility."

-Bhupendra Kainthola,
-Director, FTII

Respite for Indians Having H-1B Visa

Washington DC (AFP): US to implement new rule from October 1, under which US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will initiate the deportation process for non-immigrants whose legal status to stay in US has expired, due to denial of visa extension application or change in status.

As per the rule, USCIS will send notice to appear (NTA) to the applicants whose visa extension has been denied. This will affect a lot of Indians residing in US with H-1B visas, as IT sector in US is predominantly Indian, while their green card applications are pending. The proposal is part of Trump's "Buy American, Hire American" initiative. USCIS said it will send denial letters for status-impacting applications that ensures benefit seekers are provided adequate notice when an application for a benefit is denied.

Although a federal agency said that for the time being this policy will not be implemented with respect to employment-based petitions and humanitarian applications and petitions. This gives a little respite to the Indians holding H-1B visas.

Aerospace breach by Pakistan



AS PER THE LINE OF CONTROL (LoC) AGREEMENT, WITHIN THE RANGE OF 1 KM ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LoC, HELICOPTERS ARE BARRED FROM ENTERING. THIS AGREEMENT OF AIRSPACE WAS SIGNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES AFTER SIMLA PACT IN 1972.

Poonch (PTI): It was seen heading back after Indian Army fired small round of arms. Poonch: A day after Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fire on the LoC in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, on Monday, 30th September 2018 at 12:13pm, Indian Air Force radars spotted a helicopter violating Indian airspace opposite Poonch sector, approaching LoC. As the army opened fire, the white helicopter returned back.

While there is no official confirmation from Pakistani authorities, the Pakistani media said, the helicopter was carrying PoK Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider and was flying to Haveli on that side of LoC to pay condolence to Kashmir on Sunday.

on demise of PoK Minister Choudhary Aziz's brother.

The bullets fired by Indian Air Force did not hit the helicopter and the PM is safe. "If it had been a green helicopter, the response would have been different," said an Army official.

Meanwhile in the wake of recent counter terrorist operations, the security situation is being reviewed in the Northern Army Command. Lt. Gen. Ranbir Singh arrived in Kashmir on Sunday.

Three Major Banks on the Brink of Mergers

Mumbai (PTI): The boards of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and Vijaya Bank have given an "in-principle" approvals for their amalgamation with Dena Bank. This historic merger of three leading banks in the country will lead to the formation of the second largest public sector bank.

Dena Bank had given its approval on September 24, following came the approvals of other two banks. According to officials of Dena Bank the consolidation would enable creation of a bank with business scale comparable to global banks and capable of competing effectively. Vijaya Bank in its official statement has called this amalgamation a step to improve productivity and efficiency of the banking sector as a whole. Their statement further says that this step would enable greater scale and synergy in the sector.



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Wiping her tears while the flood wiped her life Photo credit: Mrunal Jagtap

Floods Wash Away Many Homes and Hopes

BY ADITYA SHINDE

Pune: Life has paused for many families living in the Janata Vasahat in Pune. Some families are clueless about how to recover their loss while some are thanking god for saving their loved ones.

One such family is Awale family whose home washed away on September 27, when Mutha Canal on Sinhgad road was damaged by flooding.

"I couldn't do anything but to look helplessly my home getting washed off. Everything we had earned, we

have lost," Shital Ashok Awale was anxious while talking.

500 families like Awales' in Janata Vasahat are now rehabilitated at Sane Guruji corporation school.

"As the water gushed in, I lost my home. I immediately took my children and came out on the street," said Sattvashila Gaikwad.

"My husband is a rickshaw puller, he was not home at the time of flooding. My daughter who was ill was the only one at home," Gaikwad added. She further added, "I ran home and saw my daughter

standing on the table and water level had reached to her neck. I somehow managed to bring her out."

When asked about the relief work, Mukta Tilak, Pune Mayor said, "PMC will do everything to provide respite to those afflicted. We will make provisions for lodging them in temporary homes and make sure they are recompensed."

Though authorities are working tirelessly to bring back the normalcy, at last mile things are not falling in line.

It's time to Reinvent Gandhi

In today's times one either has to be a pro-Gandhian or anti-Gandhian but cannot talk about Gandhi critically. This has happened due to the extreme polarization that this country is facing and it is exactly what Gandhi fought for almost 70 years ago. Now, as a nation we can all agree that it is Gandhi's ideals that could help us deal with the current situation and embrace our democracy more openly than ever before.

During 1920's, new objectives were added to the vision of Indian independence struggle when M. K. Gandhi took the baton from B. G. Tilak to lead the freedom struggle. These new objectives were instrumental to the peaceful democratic rise of India. Avoiding both the traditional routes of extremists and moderates, Gandhi brought masses to the socio-political front through peaceful road of 'Satyagraha'. He gathered masses and united the Indian subcontinent but also made the way for democratic traditions to get strengthened. He brought untouchables into mainstream and empowered them to fight against exploitation. He endowed gender equality in Indian society by empowering women to participate in freedom struggle. Till his last breath he fought against communal forces in favour of religious harmony. Through constructive work at villages, he stressed the need to focus on rural India. His loyalist follower L. B. Shastri, who also shares birth anniversary with Gandhi on the same day i.e. 2nd October, shared same vision for India after independence.

In this dynamic 21st century world, though India is on the verge of biting more power share of the world order, social unrest and inequalities are still weakening it from within. Where it was expected that after we get Swaraj from British, social evils like untouchability, gender discrimination, religious communalism, inequality will start disappearing. But it was not easy and it is still one of the biggest challenges we face. Even the digitalisation of our country has become more discriminatory for women and untouchables and is highly used for religious polarization.

The Kisans, whom Gandhi fought for all his life, are organizing frequent protests for justice. The good governance which was supposed to serve the poorest of the poor after British left India, has remained a distant dream. More over Gandhi's ideals of peace and secularism are now in jeopardy as majoritarianism has become a pathway to politics. It is inciting violence and challenging the founding values of our democratic nation.

On the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi, we shall accept the realities of our nation. We must try to reinvent his vision to build 'New India' as envisioned in Constitution to guide the world on the peaceful democratic path.

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The Bong Connection

BY PRIYANKA GHOSH

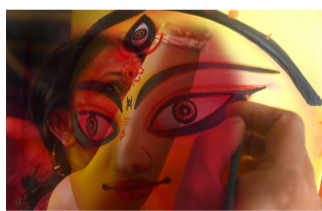
Bengali community aka Bongs and Durga Puja are synonymous to each other. They wait for it impatiently all through the year and live those 4 days like the best moments of their life.

The excitement of this festival is not limited to those 4 days but starts at least a month before when they get busy in shopping new clothes, making phone calls to friends and relatives for finalizing the list of pandals to visit that year, preparing and decorating their own pandals and in the rehearsals of the cultural program they plan to organize.

It's a time when Bongs cut loose of themselves to have trademark Bengali cuisines in traditional Bengali attires, roam around to watch Durga idols and the varied decorations and get soaked in the beats of "Dhaak (a huge membranophone instrument)", smell of "Dhunuchi (an Indian incense burner lit by placing coal at the bottom which ignites a layer of slow burning coconut husks)", taste of "Bhog" (food filled with the blessings of Maa Durga consisting of khichdi, semi dry vegetable preparation, sweet tomato chutney and rice pudding) in the day and cultural programs in the evening.

The end of Durga Puja festival, Dusshera, is marked by only one color on everyone's face red. This red color is the sindur that the married ladies put on their head. They worship goddess Durga with the same sindur and then apply or say play with other ladies (called as Sindoor khe-heavy hearts and moist eyes). After this ritual with idols in the water to bid adieu to Maa Durga. While a sense of sadness is felt inside, there's also an insatiate feeling that makes them to start planning for next year's.

Those 4 days are rich in traditionalism and grandeur to all the senses – vision, taste and smell. And for Bongs those 4 days become the time when they suddenly discover that where-ever they are that's the best place to live on this earth! However, amid all these grandeur and festivities where it is said that this celebration of womanhood is only for married women, there are always a few lots that remain chained by the age old customs and superstitions. In the era where we boast our advancement in every aspect, the widows, trans genders and sex-workers are still, conveniently, isolated by the society in the name of baseless traditions. Not allowing them to be a part of any Durga Puja ritual indeed comes from the deep rooted regression and darkness that we still choose to ignore and justify every single day. It's saddening how we declare them unworthy of festivities and don't care to question 'why'. It's time to become progressive in a true sense and welcome to the rituals those who we corner for no good reason. And it's high time to question our belief system and ponder if it is damaging our highest virtue named humanity. We should break these stereotypical values and welcome them with all the joy. Then only "Naari Hi Shakti" can truly be justified for all the women.



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'India Needs Data Protection Directive'

Recent data breach incidents like Cambridge Analytica and the subsequent events unfolding the episode raise many questions about cyber security and privacy today.



Nitin Patil

Mr. Nitin Patil, a cyber expert and Professor of Computer Science based in Pune talks to Aditya Shinde about various issues pertaining to cyber security.

Why India doesn't have a separate law for data protection?

There are many conventions on protection of personal data which is equivalent to the International Data

Protection Directive but India is not a party to either of the same. India has also not yet endorsed specific legislation on data protection. However, the Indian legislature did amend the Information Technology Act (2000) ("IT Act") to include Section 43A and Section 72A, which gives a right to compensation for improper disclosure of personal information.

Do you think that right now India possesses enough cyber security infrastructure and cyber literacy?

Yes, as well as No! Broadly speaking, India's approach with respect to the protection of its cyber assets thus far has been dictated by occurrences of

cyber security incidents, particularly where the systems of the government have been impacted. India needs a more comprehensive and proactive approach to cyber security.

In Indian context, how government should balance e-governance and right to privacy?

Supreme Court, ruled on August 24, 2017 that the Right to Privacy is a fundamental right for Indian citizens under the Constitution of India. Thus, no legislation passed by the government can unduly violate it. This clarification was crucial to prevent the dilution of the right in the future on the whims and fancies of the government in power.

Historical Aga Khan Palace celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

BY PRIYANKA CHINCHKAR

Pune: The great monument Aga Khan Palace joins in the celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's 149th birth anniversary. Every year prayers, bhajans are organized on 2nd Oct. along with various other cultural events. Many foreigners and Indian nationals visit this place to pay their tribute to Gandhiji.

The grand Aga Khan Palace is set in a peaceful wooded 6.5-hectare plot northeast of the centre. Built in 1892 by Sultan Aga Khan III, this graceful building was where Mahatma Gandhi and other prominent nationalist leaders were interned by the British following Gandhi's Quit India campaign in 1942.

The main palace now houses the Gandhi National Memorial, where visitors can peek into the room where the Mahatma Gandhi used to stay. Photos and paintings exhibit moments in his extraordinary life. It is one of the most important landmarks

in Indian history and has been instrumental in many defining moments of India's independence. Aga Khan Palace is well known both for its architectural excellence as well as its historical significance. The palace is now the headquarters of the Gandhi National Memorial society. Here, making khadi is still one of the prime activities.

Mahatma Gandhi along with his wife Kasturba Gandhi and secretary Mahadev Desai were interned in the Palace from 10 August 1942 to 6 May 1944, soon after the launch of the Quit India Movement. Unfortunately, Kasturba Gandhi (died on 22 Feb 1944) and Mahadev Desai (died on 15 Aug 1942) died during their captivity in the Aga Khan Palace and have their Samadhis located over here. The complex of the Aga Khan Palace is a unique combination of Italian arches and expansive lawns, where meetings of Gandhi Smarak Samittee are held regularly.



Ghoul: A Must Watch Mystery

Ghoul is the second Netflix original series from India after Sacred Games.

The series is written and directed by Patrick Graham and jointly produced by Jason Blum, Anurag Kashyap, Ryan Turek, Vikramaditya Motwani, Michael Hogan, Kilian Kerwin, John Penotti and Suraj Gohill under their respective banners Blum-house Productions, Phantom Films and Ivanhoe Pictures.

The story is set in India in a dystopian future where fascism is at its top, and the story's main plot is the interrogation of a dreaded terrorist Ali Saeed in a secret government internment camp that ignites a series of horrifying and supernatural events. Radhika Apte plays the main character Nida Rahim supported by Manav

Kaul, Ratnabali Bhattacharjee, S. M. Zaheer, Mahesh Balraj, Rohit Pathak and Mallhar Goenka

in prominent roles. The story has been set in a very dark area, to make the series horrifying. The location that has been chosen suits the story and in accordance to the story line where all the jailers are asking for freedom, moreover craving for freedom and want away from the torture.

The actors chosen embody their characters very well. I liked the way the whole story has been plotted. I usually feel horror series in Bollywood looks more of comedy show than horror trip, but this series is something that is truly horrifying. I will give it a 4/5. Its a must watch.



Review: MRUNAL JAGTAP

Newsline

Pune airport to get four new parking bays soon

Pune: A limited number of aircraft parking bays at the Pune, has long been a cause of passenger inconvenience. The extended apron area of the airport will be operational by the end of October.

Most importantly, four of the five expected new bays too will be opening. While at least two of the bays will be opening anytime between October 10 and October 15.

Nine trucks seized for illegal sand mining

Pune: Nine trucks, impounded by revenue officials as part of a drive against illegal sand mining were stolen from the Hadapsar revenue office. Hadapsar police on Tuesday filed a complaint against the truck drivers and owners for stealing the trucks, which were in the custody of the state revenue department.

PKL Season VI to Begin

Pune: Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) to kick-start its sixth season from October 7 in Chennai. The opening leg will witness the clash between last season's champions Patna Pirates against Tamil Thalaivas, followed by a second match between Purneri Paltan and UMumba.

Purneri Paltan is one of the top performing teams in the Pro Kabaddi league. The team has announced Girish Ernak as captain for this season.

Amit Shah, Rahul Gandhi To Visit M.P. on Saturday

Bhopal (PTI): Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his BJP chief Amit Shah will visit Madhya Pradesh on October 6. Rahul Gandhi will arrive in Morena to take part in Ekta Parishad Fonclava. He will proceed to Jabalpur on the same day where he will perform 'Narmada Puja' at Gwari Ghat.

Ambedkar- Owaisi Unite in Pune

Pune: The AIMIM supremo Asaduddin Owaisi in his address made a plea to stand firmly behind Prakash Ambedkar. Ambedkar, according to his party sources, is eyeing the Lok Sabha seat from Solapur. Owaisi said that not much had changed in the country for Dalits, minorities and other weaker sections who have been constantly denied their constitutional rights.