

Former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe assassinated to the world's horror



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Japan's ex PM Shinzo Abe was shot dead while giving a speech at a political campaign event on July 8, to the shock and horror of the world.

Doctors said he suffered two bullet wounds to his neck and also suffered damage to his heart. He was announced dead at around 5.30pm. The suspect, named Tetsuya Yamagami, admitted shooting Shinzo Abe with a homemade gun as strict firearms laws in Japan make purchasing a gun extremely difficult.

The suspect said he had some grudge against a specific organisation which Shinzo Abe was a part of, police said. Police officers also added that several other handmade weapons including explosives had been confiscated after a search of the suspect's house. Local media reports said he is believed to be a former member of Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force, Japan's equivalent of a navy.

The former PM of Japan was giving a speech in the southern city of Nara when the attack happened. Witnesses saw a man carrying a gun, fired twice at the former PM from behind. Photos circulating in social media showed the suspect standing just behind Mr Abe as he gave his speech.

Japanese police have admitted there were flaws in the security for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. "It is undeniable that there were problems in the security," said Nara police chief Tomoaki Onizuka in media.

Sunday's elections for the upper house went ahead as planned. Voting began at 07:00 local time (22:00GMT on Saturday), just two days after Abe's assassination, and closed at 21:00. Exit polls suggested the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), in which Abe was a leading and hugely influential figure, and its junior coalition partner Komeito were set to retain their majority.

Elections for Japan's less-powerful upper house of



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parliament are typically seen as a referendum on the current government. But a big victory for the LDP would strengthen the current prime minister's ability to push through his key policies, including a doubling of defence spending. Abe was Japan's longest-serving prime minister and died aged 67. He was campaigning for the LDP in the run-up to upper house parliamentary elections on Sunday.

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SNU law dept launches legal aid clinic

Living up to Sister Nivedita University's commitment to serve the weaker sections of the society, the Department of Law launched its legal aid cell titled - Legal Aid Clinic--recently.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was The Hon'ble Justice T.S. Sivagnanam, Judge, High Court at Calcutta and Executive Chairman of State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal.

In his keynote address The Hon'ble Justice T. S. Sivagnanam emphasized the need for serving the weaker and marginalized section of the society by way of providing free legal assistance. He encouraged the students to visit the outskirts of the city area where there are marginalized sections of the population to understand their needs and help them in asserting their rights.

He further elaborated on the contribution of the clinic in achieving access to justice for persons in need. The role played by the State Legal Services Authorities across various States was also

highlighted by him and he assured of every possible assistance on behalf of the State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal in conducting awareness camps within the local limits of the university to promote the various schemes which have been formulated by the National Legal Services Authority. While concluding Justice Sivagnanam encouraged the students to take an active part in the clinic as it will make them better students of law through the practical experiences.

Followed by Justice Sivagnanam, Shri Sanjay Mukhopadhyay, District Judge In-Charge, North 24 Parganas and Chairman In-Charge, District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas, congratulated the department for taking the initiative to set up the legal aid clinic and assured necessary support and assistance on behalf of the District Legal Services Authority, West Bengal.

The students of the Department of Law had presented a skit performance depicting the issues



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which the clinic shall address and shall strive to provide "access to justice for all."

The occasion was also graced by Shri Raju Mukherjee, Learned Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, Shri Sanjay Mukhopadhyay, Learned District Judge In-Charge, North 24 Parganas and Chairman In-

Charge, District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas, Dr. Modhumita Basu, Learned Additional District Judge, 7th Court, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, and Dr. Pritamana Nanda, Learned Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, North 24 Parganas.

--- Debashree Mukherjee



Caption: Renowned Singer, Songwriter, Composer and cartoonist Upal Sengupta visited the Performing Arts Department on the occasion of World Music Day and shared his musical journey with the students. He also did an impromptu unplugged performance with the teachers of SNU. Earlier, he was felicitated by Registrar Suman Chatterjee.



Students take trip to Anjalendran's world

"Sir, do you believe in styles (in architecture)?"
"No! I think you only do style when you don't know architecture!"

Simple, authentic and steeped in vernacularity. Architect Chelvadurai Anjalendran is considered to be a living legend in Sri Lanka.

With over 40 years of internationally acclaimed work behind him, Mr. Anjalendran is frank and direct. Just like his architecture. His buildings range from orphanages to affordable residence, from commercial offices to gem factories. Most of his body of work exemplifies traditional Sri Lankan architecture, always resisting the excesses of modern architecture. He is a published author, an art curator, a Bharatnatyam dancer, an Eastern music enthusiast, a keen academic, an award-winning architect. And much more.



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Recently the School of Architecture and Planning (SAP), SNU, in collaboration with Jadavpur University welcomed C. Anjalendran for an audio-visual presentation on "Pioneers of Modern Architecture and Design from 1920 to the present". Interacting with the legend was a both a pleasure and a privilege for the students and faculty members at SAP.

In keeping with his taste, the opening ceremony was simple and muted. Anjalendran quickly took to stage and initiated his two hour-long presentations on the journey charted by Sri Lankan Architecture from the 1920s to the present.

The lecture was exhaustive, sprinkled with generous amounts of personal anecdotes. The audience was left mesmerized and satiated. Thereafter, Mr. Anjalendran fielded questions from the audience, which included students from other Schools of Architecture in West Bengal, as well as architects from academia and industry. From interning in his office to the use of cement flooring, from styles in architecture to his interactions with Geoffrey Bawa (the legendary grand-master of architecture in Sri Lanka), Mr. Anjalendran answered it all.

As the session drew to a close, Dr. Mainak Ghosh, Head, Department of Architecture, Jadavpur University concluded by thanking Mr. Anjalendran for the engaging session. Prof. Manish Chakraborti, Head, School of Architecture & Planning, Sister Nivedita University thanked the audience & the students for being so invested and enthralled. The crowd dispersed with the promise of many more such sessions at SAP, SNU.

The students looked inspired. "The point that influenced me the most was probably how we are being so highly influenced by the western ways and neglecting our own roots and way of living," said Trisha Banerjee, a Semester II student.

---Ipsita Shee

Tagore's square piano lands up at Braganza

A century back Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore spent three weeks at Brookside bungalow in the Rilbong locality of Shillong. He spent dreamy days among the idyllic hills soaking in the beauty of the landscape along the banks of Umshyrypi stream he called Norjhorini.

Tagore had for company here a square piano that he played while immersing himself in the beauty of the nature. In 2020, just before the pandemic put a painstaking pause on our lives, the piano landed up at the Braganza & Co right off Free School Street.

The call had come from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia, requesting their services to repair a piano that was once owned by Rabindranath Tagore. According to information, Santosh Kumar Sengupta, a celebrated Rabindra Sangeet singer, had come into possession of the instrument and donated it to Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia — an institution famed



for teaching nuances of music to its wards.

Braganza's usually refused all repair requests when it came to square pianos as the repair work was tedious and complex. But they accepted the challenge when they came to know it was once used by the bard himself, said Tony Braganza to the media, the second-generation owner of Braganza and Co.

The square piano which Braganza was tasked with repairing was quite different. It was made from a beautiful mahogany bark, dating back to 1750, Germany. The exact year and make of the instrument could not be pinpointed as the inscription had disintegrated over the last two centuries. The piano had a floating pedal and brass castings on each peg.

Before committing to the task, Braganza sent their most skilled technicians to Purulia to get a better understanding of what they were dealing with. Tony explained in an interview to the media that the action of Tagore's piano was different from anything they had seen before so it took a

lot of testing to figure out the right sound. They researched old photographs of square pianos and started with that.

Square pianos had horizontal strings arranged diagonally across the rectangular case above the hammers. They did not have the opportunity to see the mechanics of any square pianos and listen to the sound. Hence, they went for it blind, just looking at photographs.

The refurbishment process was an intricate affair and took a little over two years to complete. Once the piano was ready, it sounded impeccable. The melody mirrored the thin notes of the square pianos of the 1700s and its body resembled them too.

The 77-year-old music store was set up by Goan brothers Francis and Thomas Braganza in Kolkata in 1945. Since then, they have been the holy grail of all western music pursuant, casual or otherwise

---Arindam Basu



Sri Lankan crisis not over despite Ranil



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Even with Ranil Wickremesinghe's nomination as President the crisis seems far from over.

People over the ages have taken power in their hands when the water of injustice flowed over their heads, be it the storming of Bastille attack in 1789, or Tiananmen Square protests in 1989 or Cairo siege at Tahrir Square in 2011.

In a similar uprising, hundreds of anti-government protesters on Saturday stormed into Rajapaksa's residence in central Colombo's high-security Fort area after breaking the barricades, as they demanded his resignation over the island nation's worst economic crisis in recent memory. Another group of protesters entered the private residence of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and set it on fire. Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled his home as protesters surrounded and stormed his residence citing a defense source and local media. At least seven people, including two policemen, were injured as the protesters and police clashed, said news agency PTI.

Thousands of protesters clashed with the police and breached barricades to storm the president's official residence in Colombo.

Reuters reported that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was removed from the official premises on Friday for his safety ahead of the planned rally over the weekend.

Protesters live-streamed the breach on Facebook. Video clips showed people shouting slogans against Rajapaksha as they marched through rooms and corridors of the palatial building. Several people walked around on the grounds outside the colonial-era building.

The anti-government protesters have claimed to have recovered 17.85 million Sri Lankan Rupees inside his mansion, according to a media reports. A video is being shared on social media showing the protesters counting the currency notes that were unearthed. The recovered money was said to be handed over to the security units, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported.

In May, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's elder brother and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa had to quit in the face of massive anti-government protests. The Rajapaksa brothers were hailed by many in Sri Lanka as heroes for winning the civil war against the LTTE but they are now blamed for the country's worst economic crisis.

The expected exit of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the resignation of Mahinda Rajapaksa as Prime Minister in May is a dramatic fall from grace for a powerful family that has dominated Sri Lankan politics. Lanka, a country of 22 million people, is under the grip of an unprecedented economic turmoil, the worst in seven decades, crippled by an acute shortage of foreign exchange that has left it struggling to pay for essential imports of fuel, and other essentials.

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Maha clash of ideologies in Sena land

In Maharashtra, the newly formed Eknath Shinde-BJP coalition won the floor test in the State Legislative Assembly, putting to an end a constitutional crisis that had formed in the state after incumbent CM Udhav Thackeray unceremoniously resigned a day before his show of strength on the floor.

The coalition government received 164 votes, whereas, the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi got 99 votes. The two MLAs of Samajwadi Party, Abu Asim Azmi and Raees Shaikh, and AIMIM MLA Shah Farooq Anwar abstained from voting, while the other MLA of the Asaduddin Owaisi-led party remained absent. The new coalition government led by Mr. Eknath Shinde and the BJP sailed through without any hiccups in the House. However, there was a twist in the tale, as senior Congress legislators Ashok Chavan, Vijay Weddetiwar, Praniti Shinde, and 17 others including legislators of the NCP could not make it into the house when the doors were shut for the voting through headcount. The ramifications were the reduction in the cumulative numbers of the Opposition confined to just 99.

The day also witnessed another jolt to the Shiv Sena as one more MLA Santosh Bangar switched over to the Eknath Shinde camp and eventually voted for him during the floor test. Now there are 40 Shiv Sena MLAs who are supporting Eknath Shinde. Congratulating

Mr. Shinde, Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy CM, assured him of his complete support in running the government.

The political unrest in Maharashtra began nearly a week ago when a few MLAs, led by Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, moved to Surat, later Guwahati, and started a rebellion against Thackeray. Shinde-led revolt against Thackeray grew further with close to 40 out of the party's 55 MLAs and a few independent legislators supporting him. This led to the party issuing disqualification notices against the renegade MLAs. However, the Supreme Court had put a stay on the order till July 11. Meanwhile, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had requested CM Thackeray to do a floor Test. Thackeray, earlier, had hinted on filing resignation. He had also appealed to the rebel MLAs to come and meet him to discuss the problems instead of protesting. Later that day, he had also moved out of his official residence-Varsha- to his own residence Matoshree.

The political drama in Maharashtra reached its denouement when Uddhav Thackeray resigned from the chief minister's position. His resignation came immediately after the Supreme Court allowed the floor test. The fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government cleared the decks for the breakaway faction.

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Agnipath: fury road for Indian youth

Last month the Government of India introduced a new scheme of military recruitment called Agnipath which looked to recruit soldiers annually across the three branches of the military on contract for four years spiraling the country into a vortex of protests.

The scheme allowed the Indian youth, both men and women, between 17.5 to 21 years to join the Services on a contractual basis for four years with only 25 per cent being retained on grounds of merit at the end of the engagement period for a full term of 15 years. The remaining 75 per cent would be provided with a onetime package of approximately Rs. 11.71 lakhs from the 'Seva Nidhi' scheme of GOI along with a skill certificate, however with no pension benefits.

Further, the recruits, who would be soldiers below the rank of commissioned officers, will be entitled to a distinct and new military rank known as 'Agniveers' (fire-warriors). The new scheme which sought to drastically revise the existing recruitment scheme for the Indian army hoped to employ around 45,000 to 50,000 individuals per annum.

While the scheme was

being seen as a "transformative move" from the colonial legacy of recruitment by some senior officers as it created opportunities for younger Indians to serve the nation and contribute to strengthening national security, it had drawn flak from both military as well as civilian circles. Many parts of the country also witnessed violent protests breaking out against the scheme that resulted in several cases of arson and injuries of protesters.

In India, the government sector, especially the Indian Army along with the Indian Railways forms a major source of employment for youths in majority of Indian states. Critics noted that the scheme appeared to be a move at clearing the image of the government no less than an escape plan for the GOI so that for some time the government could remain out of check with respect to the creation of sufficient job opportunities for the youth. Certain experts also pointed out that with no job security, the soldiers so recruited would not have any incentive to serve and the 75 per cent would be left with no job. The Government's decision to replace the existing form of training which was for a duration of 11 months with a shorter-duration training of 6 months had also failed to find acceptance. It is being speculated that this will not only impinge on the combat effectiveness of the Indian Army but also hurt the aspirations of millions of young men and women who aspire for a career in the Indian Army.

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The New Credit/Debit Card Rules by RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced in April the new rules regarding the Credit and Debit cards which had come into effect from July. The new RBI (Credit Card and Debit Card - Issuance and Conduct) Directions, 2022 had come into application to all Scheduled Banks (except Payments Banks, State Co-operative Banks, and District Central Cooperative Banks) as well as all Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) operating in India.

"These directions cover and conduct regulations relating to credit, debit and co-branded cards which shall be read along with prudential, payment and technology & cyber security related directions applicable to credit, debit and co-branded cards, as issued by the Reserve Bank of India" RBI stated through their media release on 21st April 2022.

Among the new guidelines, RBI has introduced the tokenization of cards for transactions from July onwards. This meant that your personal details would remain more private and would not be saved with the merchant. This tokenisation would prevent the leak of your personal card details from the E-commerce websites where people have their card details saved so that they don't have to

enter them every time they purchase something. Through this tokenisation RBI converted your card details into a unique code called "token" that was unique and shared with one merchant at a time.

Rules on credit cards

- Issue of unsolicited cards or unsolicited upgrading of the cards are strictly prohibited.
- In case of use of unsolicited cards, the issuer/bank would be held responsible.
- Written consent is mandatory before the issue of the credit cards.

Rules on debit cards

- Debit cards are to be only issued to customers having Savings and Current bank accounts.
- Bank shall not force customers to avail Debit Card and other facilities from the bank.
- On loss of Credit/Debit Cards
 - On loss of Credit or Debit Card the Bank/Card Issuer must immediately block it.
 - Bank/Card Issuer must provide detailed information to the customer on how to report loss/theft or misuse of PIN or card.
 - The Bank/Card issuer must inform the customer with a confirmation after the blocking of the card.

Bangladesh on highway to development

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on June 25, inaugurated a landmark multipurpose bridge over the Padma River.

The bridge, which is the longest in Bangladesh and run across the turbulent Padma River, is about 6.15 km long Padma marks an important milestone in the history of independent Bangladesh as it is a symbol not just of Bangladesh's resolve but also of its growing economic capacity and development. Prime Minister Hasina on the occasion of the inauguration of the bridge remarked that, "This bridge is not just of bricks, cement, iron and concrete but this bridge is our pride, a symbol of our strength, capacity and dignity. This belongs to the people of Bangladesh."

Originally, the bridge was to be constructed with external funding from the World Bank and various other agencies. But the World Bank suddenly withdrew from the project in 2012 citing the corruption of government officials. Soon after, other international donors, including the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) also pulled out of the project. This prompted the Hasina government to opt for self-funding the project despite the economists and opposition politicians warning against it as the country's image and of the ruling party was at stake.



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The construction was at a cost of a whopping \$3.87 billion. It will connect 21 districts in the southwest underdeveloped regions of Bangladesh with the capital Dhaka by road and rail which it set to cut down the travel time substantially. The direct connectivity with the capital will help expand trade and commerce, ease supply of raw materials and industrialization.

The agricultural sector will also positively benefit as farmers will get better prices for their commodities. The overall impact from increased connectivity within Bangladesh is expected to contribute 1.23 percentage points to the country's GDP growth and move the country to greater economic self-sufficiency. Apart from improving the integrated communication structure of the country the bridge will also help boost Bangladesh's connectivity with India, Bhutan and Nepal.

The bridge is also an architecturally significant. According to reports, the bridge is a double-layer steel truss bridge incorporating a four-lane highway on an upper level along with a single-track railway on the lower level. Modern friction pendulum bearings (FPB) have been used to support the steel superstructure and the concrete pier foundation and which can withstand a magnitude 9 earthquake. The construction task was led by China's state-owned Railway Major Bridge Engineering Group (RMBEG). Development cooperation has always occupied an integral place within China-Bangladesh bilateral ties. Prior to this, China has made various other significant investments in Bangladesh's infrastructural development. China has implemented a number of important projects in the energy sector, including both coal-based power-plants and renewable energy projects. China is also partially financing and helping Bangladesh to build a 220-kilometer pipeline and a single mooring point, which will facilitate direct offloading of imported oil at the Chittagong refinery.

It is from this point that the Chinese plans to carry oil to the storage plants in mainland China. One can say that, it is high time that China's increasing presence in Bangladesh impel India to consider exploring the full-potential of Indo-Bangladesh ties.

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General Guidelines

- In case the card is blocked at the request of the customer, a replacement card can only be issued with the consent of the customer.
 - Terms and Conditions regarding the issue and usage of the card should be mentioned in clear language - English, Hindi and regional language.
 - The convenience fee to be charged from the customer shall be done in a transparent manner.
 - A 30day prior notice is to be given to the card holder before the revision of the terms by the Bank/Card Issuer.
- However as per RBI's notification issued on June 21, 2022 the timeline to these three aspects have been extended till October 2022.

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Editorial

Career after 12th

What career after 12th? What are the top demanding courses after the 12th? What should I do after 12th? Well, these are a few questions that might be haunting you after you cross the first major milestone. To be honest, these queries are universal among students and you are not the only one.

I have noticed that medical and engineering are the most common sought-after courses after school. But the options are limited in traditional studies. So, you must be wondering what are some other options?

Journalism and Mass Communication is one field students from any stream can explore. All you need is creativity, ability to write well, think on your feet and have a gift of the gab. If you have these basic skill sets and enough control over a language the rest can be honed during the undergraduate course offered by SNU. Here students get ready to deal with several professions: Journalism, both traditional and digital, Advertising, Public Relations, Script Writing, Cinematography, Video Editing, Photography, Book Publishing, Graphics and Animation.

These apart students can also take up Architecture, Law, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Psychiatry, Forensic Science, Nursing and PCB which are coming up in a big way.

So let me enumerate for you some self-checks you can do before you take a plunge:

1st Step: Understand what your real strengths and weaknesses are – your aptitudes, interests, and personality traits.

2nd Step: Narrow down your searches to a few clusters of careers that are the best fit for you in the future (as per your attitudes, interests, and personality).

3rd Step: Take help of various student guides and consultants. Check what courses you must do after 12th.

4th Step: Take the help of an expert who can help you make an informed choice.

Hopefully, this will help you make the perfect choice. Good Luck.

--Minal Pareek

Rise of Nationalism in Indian cinema

Bollywood, since its inception, has been host to the idea of nationalist movies, because it sells, especially in this part of the world. But what is nationalism for the Indian audience? It has no proper definition and is adjusted depending on the era and the issues of that generation. And, why not. 75 years of independence, the nation has seen a lot. Be it the wounds of partition or the annexation of princely states, or wars with Pakistan to individual heroism, Bollywood has scripts for all. But, the trend is now shifting from military might to lesser discussed internal cause.

The Bollywood of the 50s talked about India's freedom struggle, whereas the movies of the 60s portrayed the pathetic state of Indian farmers and the need to uplift them, syncing with the call of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' by former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri, in 1965. The baton was then passed to movies that has scripts on India's tradition and later to corruption in the 70s and 80s, which eventually moved to what we today define as patriotism, – war films, in the 90s and 2000s.

Movies like 'Border', 'LOC: Kargil', 'Tango Charlie', 'Lakshya' or 'Rang De Basanti', and 'Swadesh' tweaked the definition of nationalist movies, which until then was dominated by movies with social issues to define nationalism. The 2000s stressed scripts that defined India's relation with its arch-rival, and there was no going back because the audience craved more of it.

The share of patriotic movies on the Indian military continues to grow at a rapid pace from the beginning of this century, and of late it has shifted to individual heroism but continues to revolve around the same genre, be it the success of Shershah, a movie based on Kargil war hero Captain Vikram Batra, or Alia Starred Raazi, a story inspired from the life of an Indian spy, Sehmata.

And, now 'The Kashmiri Files' has set the tone right for a new category of nationalism. Given its success, one can expect more of these in days to come, especially on issues like the 1984 Sikh Massacre, the Godhra train blast, or the 2002 Gujarat riots, because it is necessary to educate and inspire this generation, and generations to come about the lost glory and forgotten scars. And, only cinemas can play this role given their wider reach to the masses, and the demand for such scripts among the general audience.

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Bombay High Court defines friendliness



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The Bombay High Court recently declared that friendliness of a girl does not give consent to any man to take her granted or to force her for any physical relationship.

On 24th June, a single-judge bench led by Justice Bharati H Dangre rejected an anticipatory bail of Ashish Chakor, a resident of Mumbai, who was charged under various section of Indian Penal Code against rape and cheating on a woman. A woman of 22 years who was an acquaintance of the man filed the complaint.

According to the prosecution, the accused and the complainant went to another friend's house in 2019, where the accused allegedly forced him upon her. When she denied, he confessed his liking and promised to marry her.

The physical relationship continued over time and the lady became pregnant. When she confronted him, the man refused to marry her and also blamed her saying that she was with another guy

and tagged her as a bad character. Even after these he allegedly forced her into a physical intercourse. While reviewing the case, Justice Dangre said in the workplace it is normal to have close bonding with colleagues irrespective of gender. However, friendship with a man does not provide licence to the man to force upon a woman when the opposite one has not consent for the same.

The bench also added, "Every woman expects 'respect' in a relationship, be it in the nature of friendship based on mutual affection. Here is the applicant, who is accused of maintaining a sexual relationship on the pretext of marriage, but when the complainant conceived, he walked out alleging that pregnancy carried by her is on account of her relationship with other persons."

The bench rejected the application saying that the accusations that the applicant has faced need to go under thorough investigation.

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Elmo just got his COVID vaccine



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From the very beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, creators of the popular children's show 'Sesame Street' has been trying to bust myths and raise awareness to fight the disease by using its platform. Now, the show has revealed that one of its youngest Muppets has been vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics haven't shut down over on Sesame Street, as Elmo and his younger pals begin to receive their first COVID-19 vaccines as new federal guidelines roll out, allowing children six months or older to get vaccinated.

A public service announcement (Public Service Announcement) released by Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind the show, informed that Elmo who is three and-half year old has received the Covid-19 vaccine.

Elmo's dad said he had a lot of questions for the pediatrician, who assured him that vaccinations are safe and effective for children. "Was it safe? Was it the right decision? I talked to our pediatrician so I could make the right choice," Louie said in the PSA. "I learned that Elmo getting vaccinated is the best way to keep himself, our friends, neighbors and everyone else healthy and enjoying the things they love." In a public service announcement posted to YouTube, the beloved little Sesame Street star

talked with his dad about what it was like to get the shot. "There was a little pinch, but it was OK," Elmo said in the video.

COVID-19 vaccinations for the youngest Americans started last week. That means U.S. kids under 5 — roughly 18 million youngsters — are eligible for the shots. New vaccine guidelines mandate that kids under 5 will be considered fully vaccinated after receiving either two doses of the Moderna vaccine (which is a quarter of the dose for adults) or receiving three doses of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine (a tenth of the dose for adults). For the Moderna vaccine, the doses must be given four weeks apart. For the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine, the first two doses must be given three weeks apart, with the third dose administered at least eight weeks after the second dose.

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Ranveer treating trolls like way of life

The 2.45 minutes trailer of Ranveer Singh's OTT debut with Bear Grylls released on 24th of June, shows him battling the odds of survival in the wild with Grylls.

Although, this is not the first time that an Indian celebrity has appeared on the show. We have seen Ajay Devgan, Akshay Kumar, Rajinikanth and Vicky Kaushal as well as PM Narendra Modi on special episodes. However, like every time, several memes and trolls surfaced social media after this trailer got released.

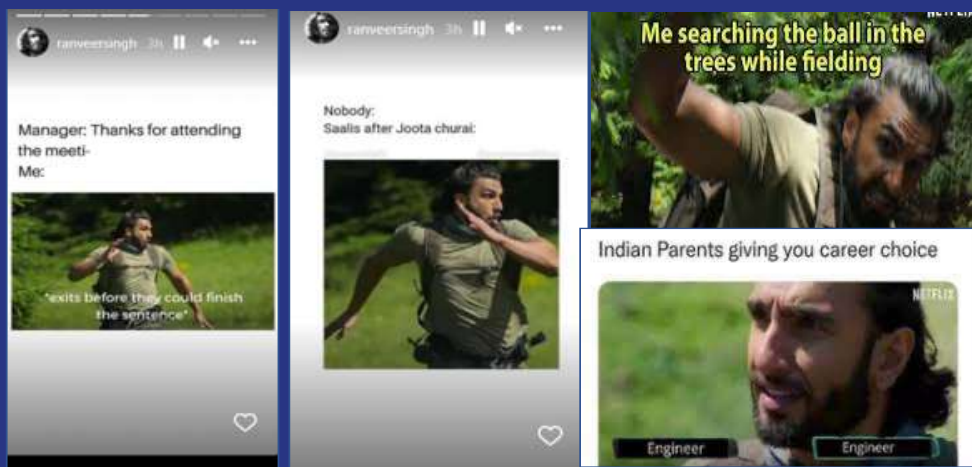
Featuring Ranveer Singh in the wilderness with adventurer Bear Grylls, the show is about Singh trying to get a rare flower for his wife, Deepika Padukone. A flower that never dies, just like his love for his wife. The episode will premiere on July 8 on Netflix and of course, it has got everyone excited. Throughout the trailer, we see Ranveer Singh stay in his element. Even in the midst of

life-altering adventures, he doesn't let go of chances to show his style and swag.

At one point, he smudges wolf poop on his forehead, not knowing what it is. We also can see Ranveer Singh caught in a dilemma about whether to eat maggots or boar testicles, because that's all what is available for dinner. Social media has been flooding with memes and trolls from the trailer. Netizens have drawn funny comparison between Grylls and Singh. Most of these memes show Ranveer running in the middle of the forest with different funny captions and editing. Some netizens have photoshopped his picture in a still of The Avengers. Strangely Ranveer seems to have taken all of these trolls sportingly. He took to Instagram to share funny memes from his new Netflix special.

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Dear price for consuming fame

Thanks to popular culture and the influence of media, women are sexualised and objectified beyond measures. The autonomy over women's bodies lies with anyone but the said women. This hunger for recognition often leads to an eating disorder that could well turn fatal.

The world of fashion models is attractive for everybody. For the average audience, a fashion model's life is glamorous, elegant and enviable, and many young women aspire to follow such ideals. However, in the age of modern information technologies, there are endless tools for communicating with the world related to fashion.

The daily lives of fashion models can be followed by the masses on social media platforms; they have become influencers, and millions follow the image they represent. However, in the background, there is stress and tension. The fashion industry creates fierce competition, and the models are under intense pressure concerning their body shape. Slimness is a fundamental requirement. This, in turn, leads to an increased risk of eating disorders and fashion models are more prone to develop anorexia or bulimia like symptoms.

The influence of this is reflected on girls from their teenage years. Women have a distorted body image, influenced largely by how their bodies are showcased. If we look at most contemporary commercial movies, we see women who are thin and traditionally "desirable".

It is as if these women are created in a factory; their physique almost exclusively looks the same. Thus, the audience naturally become socialised to feel that all women look a certain way, and it's uniform. They might take drastic measures such as starving themselves, which might even lead to hospitalisation. In recent years, more and more celebrities are coming to the limelight, courageously talking about their struggles. The sensational pop singer Taylor Swift says in her documentary, "I have realised it's not good for me to see pictures [of myself] ... that'll just trigger me to starve a little bit, just stop eating."

The iconic Hollywood star Audrey Hepburn also had an eating disorder. Recently, the Advertising Standards Authority of Britain banned a Gucci ad that's said to have featured a model looking "unhealthily thin", who, in all probability, was suffering from anorexia. And this was not the first such case.

When the famous Brazilian model Ana Carolina Reston died in 2006 due to anorexia, it created a buzz in the modelling industry. Carolina had become the face of the fashion world's obsession with thin models. Later, Isabelle Caro, a 28-year-old French anorexic model and actor, also publicly warned against anorexia through her popular photo campaign where she was seen posing in the nude. She died in 2010 in France, after spending about two weeks in the hospital suffering from acute respiratory problems.

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Djoko-vic-torious in centre court legacy

very single time, it gets more and more meaningful and special," said Novak Djokovic after he won the oldest tennis tournament Wimbledon 2022 by defeating Nick Kyrgios in the final of men's singles category. On the other side of the coin Elena Rybakina created history by becoming first Asian Wimbledon champion by defeating Ons Jabeur in the final of women's singles category. Novak Djokovic won his 7th Wimbledon title and 21st grand slam with a four set triumph 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 for a fourth consecutive championship at the All England Club. Novak Djokovic waited. He waited for Nick Kyrgios to lose focus and lose his way. Waited to find the proper read on his foe's big serves. Waited until his own level rose to the occasion. He now has 21 Grand Slam titles, one behind Rafael Nadal (22) and one ahead of Roger Federer (20) which means that Nadal, Djokovic and Federer - just between the three of them - hold as many as 63 men's singles Grand Slam titles. It was a magnificent performance as Wimbledon tweeted 'In its 100 years, centre court has seen few champions like Djokovic'. However, for instance, all players representing Russia and Belarus were banned by the All England Club because of the war in Ukraine. Many among the top 20 seeded men kept out such as No. 1 ranked Daniil Medvedev, the US Open champion, and No. 8 Andrey Rublev in response to the WTA and ATP professional tennis tours took the unprecedented step of revoking all ranking points from Wimbledon.



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Federer also missed the tournament due to injuries whereas 2021 runner-up Matteo Berrettini and two other, pulled out of Wimbledon after it began because they tested positive for COVID-19 and Nadal withdrew from the semifinal as he gave walkover to Kyrgios.

Elena Rybakina won the women's singles final Wimbledon, claiming her first grand slam title and the first for Kazakhstan. Rybakina beat world No. 3 Ons Jabeur in three sets, coming from a set down to win 3-6 6-2 6-2. The 23-year-old, appearing in her first grand slam final, started slowly but gradually found her rhythm and powerful serve to overcome Jabeur. "I can't believe it," were the first words Rybakina said as she thought back on how she had handled the nerve-jangling experience of playing a Wimbledon final. Rybakina, who was born in Russia but has represented Kazakhstan since 2018, was the youngest women's finalist at Wimbledon since 2015 when Garbine Muguruza was 21. At the age of 18, Rybakina was put in a difficult position regarding her future. An extremely promising junior player, who had played the Wimbledon juniors event under the Russian flag, she was presented two opportunities of taking a scholarship offer presented to her to complete a collegiate education in the US and on the other hand was to take up a handsome financial offer presented to her by the Kazakhstan Tennis Federation as she chose the latter.

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Ferrari tech faults see RedBull surge

Ferrari could have made the top two finish on the podium, but luck didn't favour Scuderia Ferrari. With 14 laps remaining of the race Carlos Sainz's car caught fire after engine failure. Leclerc finished the race at the top even after facing issues with his throttle which was making it difficult to control the car. Ferrari appeared to have a clear pace advantage which led Verstappen to finish second on the podium, despite winning the sprint race, that saw the Dutch driver successfully bag additional points after securing the fastest lap of the race. Despite starting the race from P8, Sir Lewis Hamilton managed to secure a third back-to-back podium finish at the 2022 Austrian GP - leaving ahead of his teammate George Russell who finished the race fourth after a five-second time penalty due to his tangle with RedBull's Sergio Perez in Lap One. Alpine's Esteban Ocon took the fifth position in the race. It was Michael Schumacher's son Mick who was voted the driver of the day by fans after finishing sixth. His Hass teammate Kevin Magnussen also scored points coming eighth. McLaren's Lando Norris, Daniel Ricciardo and Alpine's Alonso were the other point scorers. Reliability is the main issue of Ferrari, says Leclerc after the race on his teammate's DNF. The Ferrari F1 - 75 is

the fastest car on the track ahead of RedBull's RB18 and Mercedes' W13, but it lacks consistency. We have seen in the last few GPs where Ferrari drivers had to retire from the race due to technical issues, which already cost them huge points. On Sunday after the race, Ferrari Team Principal Mattia Binotto said that the team was paying the price for prioritizing performance over reliability. In the initial stage of F1's 2022 season, both Mercedes driver Hamilton and his teammate George Russell battled with a common bouncing issue on the W13, leaving them incapable to execute the full car performance of the W13 car. Be that as it may, Mercedes appeared to move forward with its most recent updates of the W13 permitting Hamilton and Russell to challenge Ferrari drivers Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz for victory at one phase. After the Austrian GP, the Drivers' Championship standing has Max Verstappen in pole position with 208 points, followed by Charles Leclerc (170) and Sergio Perez (151). Scuderia driver Carlos Sainz stands fourth with 133 points, while Mercedes drivers George Russell and Sir Lewis Hamilton stand in fifth (128) and sixth (109) positions respectively.



The accidental skippers of team India

Jasprit Bumrah led India in the one-off Test against England, before Rohit Sharma came back to lead in the T20 series. The game of musical chair which was famous during the birthday parties we believe is now the official game of Indian cricket team as far as captaincy is concerned. Since 2021 with the tour of Sri Lanka Indian cricket team has played under 7 different captains. All this was started last year when two Indian teams were selected one for the Test series in England led by Virat Kohli and one for the limited overs series in Sri Lanka led by Shikhar Dhawan. The decision of Virat Kohli of not to continue with T20 international after the T20 WC last year in UAE forced BCCI to name Rohit Sharma the captain of the T20 team. But BCCI decided that they will give him the ODI captaincy too. Virat was just left with the Test captaincy which he resigned from after the Test series loss in South Africa. He did not lead India in 2nd Test Kl Rahul led India

as Rohit Sharma the Vice Captain was injured for that series. In fact, K L Rahul led India for the ODI series in South Africa which India lost 3-0 hands down. Rohit Sharma came back and lead India for the home series against West Indies and Sri Lanka. Both the series India won comfortably. Rishabh Pant became the accidental Captain of India during the home series against South Africa as K L Rahul, Captain for that series, sustained hamstring injury and Rohit Sharma was rested. The series which consisted of 5 T20s ended in 2-2 as the decider was washed out of rain. Hardik Pandya led India in the recently concluded Ireland T20 as Rishabh Pant was with the Test team in England. India won against Ireland 2-0. Jasprit Bumrah is the latest accidental Captain who is leading India in the rescheduled fifth test against England as Rohit Sharma is down with Covid. There is both positive and negative attached with

India's English reboot

This summer for England's Test cricketers no run chase appeared impossible, the same cannot be said of their Twenty20 performance after losing the T20 series against India by 2-1. In the 2nd T20 match of the series, even a brilliant debut for Richard Gleeson couldn't change the content as Jos Buttler's group were wrecked by a fine new ball burst from Bhuvneshwar Kumar. On



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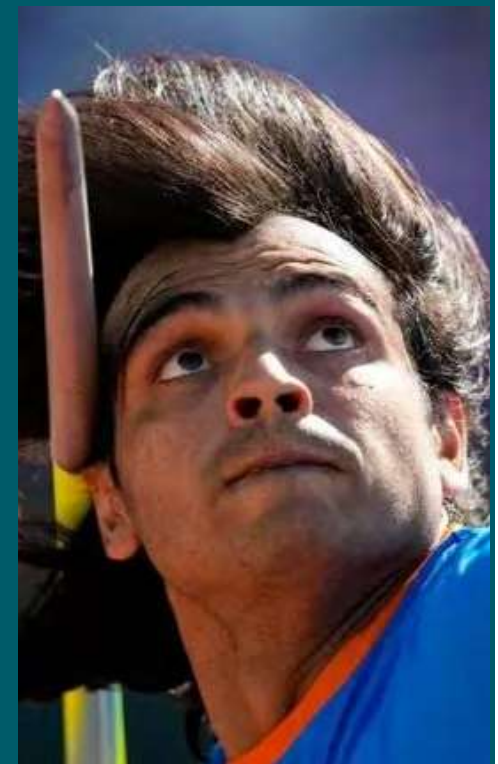
a used surface, and with India's supporters ruling houseful stadium via commotion and energy, England shriveled once Kumar had pushed over Jason Roy and Buttler inside his initial nine deliveries. Victory in the T20 series has set out an opportunity for India to recover some lost pride on their visit to England. Even though, regardless of whether both white ball series are won, the failure shown in the Edgbaston Test will infuriate for quite a long time.

For a significant part, the Test seemed to be India's for the taking. But it shockingly gave up with worse than average batting and bowling in the final part of the game. Having recovered from an unsteady beginning thanks to a bold century by Rishabh Pant and a strong, careful one by Ravindra Jadeja, India assumed firm command over the match till the first half of the fourth day before things began turning out badly. On the fourth day, the pitch had no genuine grip, yet Ben Stokes, utilizing the short ball to telling impact, encouraged a remarkable breakdown, getting four wickets for close to nothing in a burning burst which brought his group unequivocally once more into the game. Tragically, in the following innings, India's batting needed determination, wickets fell in a pile, and England out of nowhere wound up in a circumstance to move the strain in to the Indian group. Victory, which had looked far-fetched a day sooner, presently looked particularly conceivable. Notwithstanding, no one might have anticipated that it should be a cakewalk. No doubt about it, England were exceptional. Head coach Brendon McCullum and Captain Ben Stokes have mixed new energy in the players, getting a new, forceful methodology which focuses on victory over all else. It's a frightfully interesting methodology. With a fair level of hazard implied valid, yet that far has functioned admirably for England. As the World Cup hovers, this is where the hard work waits for Indian head coach Rahul Dravid. These matches show the real test of caliber and character.

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Neeraj only bright spot at WAC 2022

The World Athletics Championships 2022 did not turn up several positives for India. Of course, the big news was Neeraj Chopra's feat. Neeraj Chopra's silver medal in the men's javelin throw was the big headline with the Tokyo Olympic champion finally ending the country's 19-year-long wait for a medal at the world championships. Not only was it India's first silver medal at the world athletics championships, but it was also the country's second podium finish on the world stage after Anju Bobby George's bronze in the women's long jump at Paris 2003. Neeraj Chopra's compatriot Rohit Yadav also made the finals of the men's javelin and finished in 10th position. Among the 22 athletes - 18 men and four women - Eldhose Paul also stood out by becoming the first Indian to make a triple jump final with a top ten finish. He finished ninth. National record holder Murali Sreesankar finished seventh in the men's long jump final as did Annu Rani in the women's javelin throw final. The gap between the big medal haulers and India became further evident when long jumpers Jeswin Aldrin and Muhammed Anees Yahya and triple jumpers Abdulla Aboobacker and Praveen Chithravel were also eliminated in the qualification round. Parul Chaudhary (women's 3000m steeplechase and women's 5000m), MP Jabir (men's 400m hurdles) and the men's 4x400m relay team could not progress beyond their respective heats. Avinash Sable had a challenging outing in the men's 3000m steeplechase, finishing a lowly 11th in the



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final. Race walkers Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami also had a tough outing in the finals on the opening day in their respective events. Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor had to pull out due to an injury he suffered a few days ago in training. ---SNU MCAJ TEAM



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this. The positive part is that India now has a lot of options as far as captaincy is concerned, but a frequent change in captaincy in every series could lead to a sense of insecurity among the players which can have a negative impact. Pandemic and the injuries to the players might have forced India to go on with this but this might be the new trend that will be used not only by India but other countries as well. Sending two different teams to different countries is another experiment BCCI is persisting with. We saw that last year in Sri Lanka and England and this year with Ireland and England such is now the depth of the Indian team. This might happen in the coming series as well either for workload management or throwing out young players into the sea of international cricket. Earlier also players like Suresh Raina, Virat Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane have led India when Ms Dhoni was captain for all the formats. Only time will tell whether it reaps benefit for India.

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