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Overcoming Weaknesses

I Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius once said, 'think of what you have rather than what you lack. Of the things you have, select the best and then reflect how eagerly you would have sought them if you did not have them.' Every individual has got some latent qualities within him.

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It would be a huge waste of energy to try to fix all of one's weaknesses. And that is why nowadays one will find the people with many inter-



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ests and abilities, pursuing multiple activities, have achieved only mediocrity in the long run. Lewis Terman, a Stanford University psychologist, observed that exceptional intelligence doesn't guarantee extraordinary accomplishment. It seemed clear that what distinguished spectacular achievers was that former were focused on what they wanted to do in life. Ultimate excellence is a product of total commitment and hardwork over the long term. An author Wernher von Braun writes that I have learned to use the word impossible with greatest care, hence one must work on a problem only if it is lessening one's productivity or self-esteem. It has been observed that individuals are always stronger when they have success clearly in mind. Shivaji Maharaj was very clear about his goal and that was 'Hindwi Swaraj', he never allowed his self-respect to be lowered in the court of Aurangzeb and neither Mahatma Gandhi, throughout his period of fighting against the Britishers and did anything that defamed him or the party or the country because his vision was very clear.

When Pandit Nehru joined him, the duo were in a position to achieve what others could not do so because there are some strengths that reveal themselves, those of only when combined with the other people. Everyone needs support of some sort, as poor vision needs the eye-glasses. Success provides confidence and confidence gives the inner strength required to face the odds in

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life. Actually speaking the secret lies in the proper use of discretion at proper place and proper timings to tackle a situation. When one comes across somebody for a chat or for gossip, there are magnetic rays that emit from each other. These rays are called the 'Halo.' If they concur with each other then a favourable opinion is formed about oneself and the other person and the acquaintance turns into friendship. If these rays contradict each other even then that type of signalling of the feelings is exhibited. Positive thinking is also one of the most important

ingredients in overcoming failure. According to the psychologists, the method of 'auto suggestion' also improves one's approach to better performance, because it does create an impact upon oneself to achieve what one cherishes. As the great author George Bernard Shaw has written somewhere from the events themselves," from one situation to another. All our pre-independence leaders were the same whether in the British jails or outside it. Their vocal tones and gestures were completely synchronised with their words and hence they are revered even to day.

One year of Sai government Celebrated a Grand Way

“ 'Janadesh Parva' will be celebrated every year from 3 December to 13 December in Chhattisgarh, Union Minister Nadda presented works worth Rs 1124 crore, CM Sai said - the values of Ram Rajya are the values of good governance for us

T National President of BJP and Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda in the "Janadesh Parva" program organised on the completion of one year of our government dedicated to the prosperity and happiness of the state. On this occasion, JP Nadda inaugurated various development works worth Rs 1154 crore. Our government accepted the order given by the public a year ago and started working for the progress of the state from day one. We restored public faith in the government by fulfilling all the major promises of Modi's guarantee. This journey of Chhattisgarh's development will continue uninterrupted, our government will work with full dedication and energy to realize the concept of developed Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh CM Bishnu Deo Sai said.

The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the country and Vishnu Deo Sai in Chhattisgarh is working diligently to serve the people. As a result, the entire country and the state are witnessing



BJP National President JP Nadda presenting works worth Rs. 1124 crores while CM Sai and CG Assembly speaker Dr. Raman Singh support him

progressive development. Due to the double engine government, people are getting double benefits. Today India is the fifth largest economic power in the world. In the next five years, we will emerge as the third largest economy in the world. Under the able leadership of our Prime Minister, 25 crore people of the country have come out of poverty.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda said this while addressing the people in the Janadesh Parva program organised at Science College Ground in Raipur on Friday December 13, 2024. Union Minister Nadda inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development works worth Rs 1124 crore in the program.

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The President's flag is a symbol of the dedication, courage and devotion of our soldiers - Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai

Historic day for Chhattisgarh Police: Home Minister Amit Shah handed over the President's flag Honor for 24 years of service of Chhattisgarh Police,

Chhattisgarh is the youngest state in the country to achieve this honor

Raipur: Chhattisgarh: Today was a historic day for Chhattisgarh and Chhattisgarh Police. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah today handed over the President's Nishan (Police Colors Award-2024) to the state police in a very dignified program organised at the Police Parade Ground in Raipur. This is the highest honor given to the armed forces of the country. The state has received this honor for the exceptional services, bravery and dedication of Chhattisgarh Police in the last 24 years.



Chhattisgarh is the youngest state in the country to receive this honor, which has achieved this feat in just 24 years of its formation.

Home Minister Amit Shah, while congratulating the Chhattisgarh Police at the President's Nishan Investiture Ceremony, said that the President's Police Colours Award is not just an honor, it is a symbol of service and duty. The courage and commitment shown by the Chhattisgarh Police in the fight against Naxalism, organized crime and drugs is unprecedented.

Chhattisgarh Police has emerged as one of the best and brave police forces in the country. He said that the Central and State Government are fully committed to make Chhattisgarh and the country Naxal-free. By March 31, 2026, Naxalism will be completely eradicated from Chhattisgarh and the country. Praising the Chhattisgarh Police, Mr. Shah said that it has not only maintained law and order, but has also strengthened the confidence of the public. He expressed hope that the President's Police Colours

Award will become a source of inspiration for the police force, boosting their courage and morale.

Union Home Minister Shah said that it is a matter of pride for me to hand over the President's insignia to the brave police of Chhattisgarh. This honor is a symbol of the hard work, dedication and affection of the Chhattisgarh Police towards the public. The Chhattisgarh Police is preparing to put the last nail in the coffin of the Naxalites. The police here has done a very good job in the law and order and Naxal front as well as in the Corona epidemic. He appealed to the Naxalites to give up arms and return to the mainstream. Paying tribute to the country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his death anniversary today, Amit Shah said that the work done by Sardar Patel to unite the country has been further strengthened by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by removing Article 370.

Congratulating the jawans and officers of Chhattisgarh Police, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that this honor has been received by our police force for their extraordinary services and dedication towards the public in just 24 years of the formation of Chhattisgarh state. This honor will not only boost the morale of the police force, but will also inspire them to work with more enthusiasm.

On the success of Chhattisgarh Police in anti-Naxal operations, the Chief Minister said that a large number of Naxalites have decided to surrender and return to the mainstream. He informed that better arrangements and special provisions have been made by the government for the rehabilitation of surrendered Naxalites. In accordance with the policy of the Government of India, arrangements are being made to immediately keep those who surrender and give up the path of violence in transit camps. Along with this, arrangements have been made to give them Rs 10,000 per month as stipend for three years. Training will also be provided for their skill development.

Sai said that under the rehabilitation policy, a provision has been made to give a maximum of 4 decimals of land in urban areas or a maximum of 1 hectare of agricultural land in rural areas for housing to the surrendered Maoists carrying a bounty of Rs 5 lakh or more. With the aim of rehabilitation of the surrendered Naxalites and Naxal-affected families of the state and to provide them a safe life, 15,000 concrete houses have been approved for them under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) by the Central Government. The Chief Minister said that efforts like 'Mahila Thana', Mahila Help Desk and 'Abhivyakti' app launched by the state police for the safety of women reflect their sensitivity and dedication towards the public.

Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma said in his address that the President's Nishan is a strong symbol of courage, service and dedication of Chhattisgarh Police. This decoration of the President's Police Nishan not only makes the police force proud, but will also inspire them to work with new energy and enthusiasm. The state police has proved that it is synonymous with fear for the wicked and respect for the gentlemen.

Director General of Police Ashok Juneja, while giving information about the achievements of Chhattisgarh Police in his welcome speech, said that since the establishment of the state on 1 November 2000, the police force has shown courage and perseverance on every front. Referring to the anti-Naxal operations, rehabilitation policies and campaigns against drugs going on in Naxal-affected areas, he said that Chhattisgarh Police has always been ready to serve the public. In the President's Nishan Investiture Ceremony, the parade saluted the Chief Guest union Home Minister Amit Shah. Shah inspected the parade after the salute. March past was also done by the women and men platoons. Chief Guest Shri Shah handed over the President's Nishan to Chhattisgarh Police amidst tricolor balloons and spectacular fireworks in the sky after chanting of mantras by religious leaders. In the program, he praised the 24-year journey of Chhattisgarh Police.

Assam Links Aadhaar to NRC, Sparks Opposition Fury

In what has triggered an angry reaction from opposition camp, Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Thursday December 12, 2024 said that his government has decided to reject the Aadhaar applications of those whose families had not applied for inclusion in the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Pointing out that the state government would begin verification of applicants for Aadhaar cards in Assam soon, Mr Sarma said that the decision to link Aadhaar cards with NRC applications was announced in September this year.

He stated that the state government decided to issue a standard operating protocol for future issuance of Aadhaar cards, which will make it mandatory for one to furnish their NRC. Pointing out that the Cabinet had approved the proposal for the implementation of an SOP he said that the General Administration Department of the state government would be the nodal agency for its implementation, which would be overseen by Additional District Commissioners at the district level and by Circle Officers at the revenue circle level.

Arguing that the arrest of dozens of infiltrators from Bangladesh has forced them to strengthen the system, the



Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma (PTI)

chief minister said that after an application is made for Aadhaar, the UIDAI will send it to the state government for verification, following which the Circle Officer concerned would check if the applicant or their family had applied for inclusion in the NRC.

"If it is found that there was an application for NRC, the circle officer will go for field-level verification as per Supreme Court directives. After the officer is fully convinced, the Aadhaar will be approved," he said.

Meanwhile, opposition Congress and Trinamool Congress on Thursday criticised the Assam government's decision to make NRC application a pre-condition for obtaining an Aadhaar card, stating the state has turned

into a "banana republic" under chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and BJP.

TMC Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev, who hails from Assam, said that the NRC has not been notified by the Registrar General of India to date and questioned making it the basis for Aadhaar.

"Secondly, even non-citizens in India get Aadhaar cards if they have stayed 182 days in the 12 months before applying. Lastly, unless the government declares a person an illegal migrant, how can they refuse Aadhaar? Assam is a banana republic under @himantabiswa and @BJP4India," she said in her social media post. Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi also criticised the decision of the government.

Home Minister Amit Shah attends the closing ceremony of Bastar Olympics-2024, said- Bastar Olympics will become a success story of development

Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing the closing ceremony of Bastar Olympics-2024 organised in Jagdalpur of Bastar district on Sunday December 15, 2024 said that Bastar Olympics will become the success story of Bastar's development in the coming days and will work to lay the foundation of peace, security, development and new hope. He said that we will completely end Naxalism from the country by 31 March 2026. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that if Naxalism ends in Bastar, more tourists will come here from Kashmir. By the grace of Maa Danteshwari, Bastar has been blessed with the unique beauty of nature. We will promote tourism here. We will create employment opportunities by promoting small industries here. He told the youth of Bastar that the one who gives up never wins. The one who wins is the one who never gives up. There are many possibilities in Bastar. If any of the 3000 children sitting in front of me here wins a gold medal in the International Olympics, then the whole of India will be proud of it.



Home Minister Amit Shah attended the closing ceremony of Bastar Olympics-2024, boosting the morale of the players

Organizing Bastar Olympics is not just a game but a celebration of Bastar's culture, enthusiasm and talent: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai

Shah said that we have worked on both the fronts against Naxalism. On one hand, we used security forces against those Naxalites who did not surrender and those who used violence and killed them. We worked to settle those who surrendered and are also running a campaign to develop those Naxal-affected areas which were left behind in development. He said that with the blessings of the people of Chhattisgarh, a

double engine government was formed in the state and our campaign against Naxalism intensified and we are continuously getting success in the direction of Naxal eradication.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated the people of Bastar and said that all of you have made the Bastar Olympics a historic success by participating in it with full enthusiasm. More than 1 lakh 65 thousand participants took part in this event. It was a challenge to manage such a large number of players, the entire team of all the seven districts of Bastar division completed it very well, I congratulate them for this.

Chief Minister Sai said that I feel proud to say that through Bastar Olympics, we have been successful in giving a positive direction to the energy of the youth of Bastar region through sports. This event of Bastar Olympics is not just a game, but a celebration of the culture, enthusiasm, and talent of Bastar. This event gives a message that the real face of Bastar is its cultural heritage and natural beauty, not the violence of Maoism.

Through this event, we have oriented the youth towards participating in the development work by connecting them with the government and administration. Today, when lakhs of youth participate in this Olympics and put their energy into sports, it is a pleasant sign for us. He said that the successful organization of Bastar Olympics gives us confidence that if the potential and

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The family members of our Naxal-affected families are also present here on this occasion. I would also like to praise their courage. They have registered their presence in every forum today from Raipur to Delhi and through them the world came to know how cruel the real face of Maoism is.

power of the youth of Bastar is inspired in the right direction, then no one can stop the path of development and prosperity. The players participating in the Olympics also gave the message that the wind of change has started in Bastar.

Chief Minister Sai said that through this event we not only saw the hidden talent of the youth of Bastar, but also the talent of those surrendered brothers and sisters who left the Maoist ideology of violence and returned to the mainstream. Naxalism will

not be solved only by police action, but by providing education, sports, employment and positive opportunities and Bastar Olympics is the biggest example of this. The smile on your faces today is a symbol of a happy and peaceful Bastar.

He said that Divyangjan affected by Maoist violence also participated in these games.

Their courage and passion have shown that the people of Bastar never give up. Bastar has suffered the brunt of Maoism for a long time. But

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today, Bastar is moving fast on the path of peace and development. This achievement has been possible due to the constant guidance and every possible cooperation of our Union Home Minister. With his better interstate coordination and constant encouragement, we are moving towards eradicating Maoism from its roots. Children and youth participated enthusiastically in the Bastar Olympics, and the elderly also enjoyed these games and refreshed the memories of their childhood and school life.

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One of our big successes is that we have succeeded in bringing the rays of democracy and development to the interior villages of Bastar through the 'Niyad Nellanar Yojana'. Through the Niyad Nellanar Yojana, we are providing infrastructure like roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, Anganwadis, drinking water, electricity, mobile towers to the interior villages. Schools that were closed for years have been reopened. To increase the income of the

tribal brothers, we have increased the amount of tendu leaf collection from Rs 4000 per standard sack to Rs 5500.

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also be provided to connect them with the mainstream.

With the aim of rehabilitation of surrendered Naxalites and Naxal-affected families of the state and providing them a safe life, the Government of India has set a target of construction of 15,000 concrete houses in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin.

In the new industrial policy, we have made special provisions for the development of Bastar as well as for the Naxal-affected and self-surrendered people. Today, under the double-engine government, road, rail and air connectivity has expanded rapidly in the entire state including Bastar. The Nagarnar Steel Plant and Raipur-Visakhapatnam Economic Corridor will give new impetus to the development of the Bastar region. Commerce and trade will be promoted in the entire region. This will also create a large number of new employment opportunities for the youth.

Bastar has also recently achieved a major achievement in the field of tourism. The village Dhudmaras located in the Kanger Valley has been selected for the development of tourism under the United Nations World Tourism Organization's Upgrade Program for Best Tourism Village. It is a matter of pride for us that this is the only village in India which has been placed in the list of 20 villages of 60 countries. With this, the place of Chhattisgarh and Bastar has been ensured in the world tourism map.

In the coming days,

tourism will also become a big strength of Bastar. New employment opportunities will open up. People's income will increase. We are committed to the development of tourism here. I congratulate all the winners and would like to say that every possible resource will be made available to enhance your talent.

He said that the courage, strength and passion in the soil of Bastar will take this region to new heights of development and peace. The end of Naxalism is certain, and this victory of Bastar is the beginning of a new era through sports.

The most special thing about the Bastar Olympics was that more than 300 Nuwa Baat (surrendered Maoists) participated enthusiastically in it. Along with this, more than 18 Divyang players affected by Maoist violence also participated. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tankaram Verma, Lok Sabha MP Bastar Mahesh Kashyap along with other public representatives, a large number of common citizens and sports lovers were present.



Farmers' income will double! A historic agreement was signed for dairy and forest produce development in the state- Amit Shah

Chhattisgarh has taken a historic step towards cooperative development and empowerment of rural economy. Two important MoUs were signed on Monday December 16, 2024 in the presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

This initiative will prove to be an important milestone in accelerating dairy and forest produce development in the state as well as in the upliftment of tribal community and farmers.

During the program, an agreement was signed between the Chhattisgarh government and the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) for the development of the dairy sector. Also, another MoU was signed between Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Cooperative Union Limited and National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL).

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah said on this occasion that Chhattisgarh is a state where nature has distributed its wealth in abundance. There is no shortage of water, land or hardworking people here. All that needed was a good start.

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In today's program, two new and positive beginnings have been made in the field of dairy and forest produce.

Shah said that today the whole world has understood that diseases like cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure and thyroid are increasing rapidly due to the increasing amount of chemical elements in our

food. In such a situation, the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken concrete steps towards promoting organic farming. Organic farming is not only beneficial for health, but it is also favorable for the environment and fertility of the land, he added.

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Sharing his experience of Gujarat, Union Home Minister said that farming is being done successfully on 21 acres of land by making organic manure from the dung of the indigenous cow. He said that through organic farming, we can make agriculture profitable and revive the fertility of the land.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said on this occasion that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, animal husbandry and dairy industry are being promoted as part of the efforts to double the income of farmers across the country. He described this initiative as an example of the work style of 'Double Engine Government' to work fast and deliver results.

The Chief Minister said that through this agreement, the state will get the benefit of technical upgradation, professional experience and expertise of NDDDB in the development of dairy industry. The dairy industry will not only increase employment opportunities, but will also strengthen the rural economy and improve the nutritional level of the people of the state. The increase in milk production will give a new direction to the nutrition campaign, which will help in the health and development of children.

The Chief Minister said that currently 621 cooperative societies are working in the state. Through this agreement, 3850 villages will be connected with the establishment of 3200 new societies in the next three years. Also, Milk Producer

“ “ Regarding the development of forest produce, Home Minister said that from today i. e . Monday December 16 , 2024 the forest produce of the tribal community, which was earlier sold at a very low price, will now be sold at a reasonable price through certification and better marketing. This will help in empowering the tribal community and increasing their income. Describing the establishment of National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) as a milestone, he added that under this, testing and certification of organic products will be ensured across the country. Shah praised the Chhattisgarh government and all the officials associated with these schemes. He expressed confidence that this step will prove helpful in taking the state towards development and prosperity.

Organisation will be established in 300 villages of 6 districts. Milk collection, which is currently 75,000 kilolitres per day, has been targeted to reach 5 lakh kilolitres per day in the next three years. Apart from this, 220 bulk milk cooler units will be established.

CM Sai said that at present 16,324 animal breeders are associated with the cooperative societies, which will be increased to 1.5 lakh in the near future. These animal breeders will be provided the facility of milk testing and immediate payment with the help of modern technology and machines. The scheme of providing two milch cows to the people of the Scheduled Caste will give a boost to the dairy industry. Also, the establishment of biogas and bio fertilizer plants in these villages will increase the income of the farmers, he added .

The Chief Minister specially thanked Union Cooperative Minister Amit Shah for this his-

toric occasion. He said that this agreement is the result of his vision and guidance. Congratulating all the officials of NDDDB and Chhattisgarh Milk Federation, Sai said that this partnership will prove to be important in taking the state towards development and prosperity.

The Chief Minister appealed to the farmers of the state to increase their income by joining cooperative societies and participate in the creation of developed Chhattisgarh. This agreement will provide a new direction and new energy to the dairy industry and rural development of the state. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Sharma, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain, representatives of National Dairy Development Board and National Cooperative Organics Limited, farmers associated with milk cooperative society, women farmers, members of forest produce cooperative society were present on the occasion.

MAHARASHTRA: VOICES OF PROTEST IN MAHAYUTI DUE TO NEGLECT OF OLD COLLEAGUES, MAY BECOME A PROBLEM FOR FADNAVIS' NEW TEAM?

Maharashtra Politics: Bharatiya Janata Party, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party are the most important parties in the Mahayuti. In the cabinet expansion, Ajit Pawar's faction has kept the maximum number of five leaders out of the new cabinet. The number of such leaders from BJP and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena is three each.

After the cabinet expansion of Maharashtra's ruling alliance Mahayuti, internal turmoil has intensified. Actually, this time 11 ministers from the previous Mahayuti cabinet were not given a place in the new government led by Devendra Fadnavis. Due to this, such leaders and their supporters have become restless. Supporters of some leaders are protesting, while some leaders are directly expressing their displeasure. The most displeasure is being seen among the supporters of Chhagan Bhujbal in Yeola. Bhujbal himself has also talked about deciding the future strategy.

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Party, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party are the most important parties in Mahayuti. In the cabinet expansion, Ajit Pawar's faction has kept the maximum number of five leaders out of the new cabinet. This includes Chhagan Bhujbal, Dharmarao Baba Atram, Sanjay Bansode, Dilip Walse Patil and Anil Patil. The number of such leaders from BJP and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena is three each. The BJP has excluded Ravindra Chavan, Sudhir Mungantiwar and Vijaykumar Gavit from the new team, while the Shiv Sena has not included Tanaji Sawant, Abdul Sattar and Deepak Kesarkar in the new cabinet.





Devendra Fadnavis's new team

In the first cabinet expansion of the Devendra Fadnavis-led government, 39 MLAs of Mahayuti constituents Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shiv Sena and NCP took oath on Sunday. These include 33 cabinet level and six other ministers of state. BJP got 19 ministerial posts, while Shiv Sena got 11 and NCP got nine ministerial posts. The important thing about this expansion is that 11 former ministers were removed from the cabinet and 16 new faces were included. Chief Minister Fadnavis had said after the cabinet expansion on Sunday that the Mahayuti allies have agreed to conduct a 'performance audit' of the ministers during their tenure.

Name of Minister Party Position

- Chandrashekhar Bawankule BJP Cabinet Minister
- Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil BJP Cabinet Minister
- Hasan Mushrif NCP Cabinet Minister
- Chandrakant Patil BJP Cabinet Minister
- Girish Mahajan BJP Cabinet Minister
- Gulabrao Patil Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Ganesh Naik BJP Cabinet Minister
- Dada Bhuse Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Sanjay Rathod Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Dhananjay Munde NCP cabinet minister
- Mangal Prabhat Lodha BJP Cabinet Minister
- Uday Samant Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Jaikumar Rawal BJP Cabinet Minister
- Pankaja Munde BJP Cabinet Minister
- Atul Save BJP Cabinet Minister
- Ashok Uike BJP Cabinet Minister
- Shambhuraj Desai Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Ashish Shelar BJP Cabinet Minister
- Dattatraya Bharne NCP Cabinet Minister
- Aditi Tatkare NCP Cabinet Minister
- Shivendra Singh Raje Bhosale BJP Cabinet Minister
- Manikrao Kokate NCP Cabinet minister
- Jaikumar Gore BJP Cabinet minister
- Narhari Jhirwal NCP Cabinet Minister
- Sanjay Savkare BJP Cabinet minister
- Sanjay Shirsat Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Pratap Sarnaik Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Bharat Gogavale Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Makrand Jadhav Patil NCP Cabinet Minister
- Nitesh Rane BJP Cabinet Minister
- Akash Phundkar BJP Cabinet Minister

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- Babasaheb Patil NCP Cabinet minister
- Prakash Abitkar Shiv Sena Cabinet Minister
- Madhuri Misal BJP Minister of State
- Shish Jaiswal Shiv Sena Minister of State
- Pankaj Bhojar BJP Minister of State
- Meghna Bordikar BJP Minister of State
- Indranil Naik NCP Minister of State
- Yogesh Kadam Shiv Sena Minister of State

Bhujbal shows rebellious attitude

Senior NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal on Monday December 16, 2024 expressed disappointment over not being included in the new Mahayuti government. He said that he will decide the future course of action after talking to the people of his constituency. Bhujbal said that I am a simple political worker. It does not matter whether I am sidelined or rewarded. Ministerial posts come and go, but they cannot be abolished.

When asked about the future course of action, the MLA from Yeola constituency of Nashik district said that let



NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal

me see. Let me think about it. I will talk to the people of my constituency and discuss with the Samta Parishad.

Why was my name removed from the list of ministers?

Mungantiwar

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar on Monday December 16, 2024 claimed that his name was in the list of ministers sworn in a day earlier, but it was later removed. A day after not getting a place in the council of

ministers, Mungantiwar said that he is neither upset nor disappointed. However, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has indicated that the BJP leadership may assign some other role to Mungantiwar.

The former forest minister told reporters in Nagpur that I will continue to work for the people of my constituency and raise issues related to their welfare in the assembly. The seven-time BJP MLA said, 'There is no reason for me to be upset, as I play whatever role the party assigns to me. The only issue is that I was told that my name was in the list of ministers, but yesterday it was not there. I do not know why my name was removed. Maybe the BJP has fixed some other responsibility for me.'

Shiv Sena MLA resigns from party posts

Shiv Sena MLA Narendra Bhondekar has resigned from all party posts, expressing disappointment over not being included in the Maharashtra Cabinet. Speaking to reporters



Sudhir Mungantiwar



First cabinet meeting of Mahayuti government

in Bhandara district on Sunday December 15, 2024 Bhonekar claimed that his party chief and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde had promised him a place in the Cabinet. Bhonekar is the deputy leader of the Shiv Sena and coordinator of East Vidarbha districts. He won the Bhandara constituency in the November 20 assembly elections by defeat-

ing his Congress rival by a margin of over 38,000 votes

Departments to be allocated in two-three days: Fadnavis

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra Chief Minister said that the new ministers will be allocated departments in the next two-three days. Fadnavis said that the allies of the Mahayuti have agreed to conduct

a performance audit of the ministers during their tenure. Although Fadnavis did not give any time limit for this, Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that the ministers made from his party will get a tenure of two and a half years. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar also said that those who do not perform well can be replaced even in two and a half months.

'महायुति में कोई विवाद नहीं' 'शिंदे साहब, अजितदादा और मैं साथ हूँ'



One Nation One Election : After the Kovind report now the bill has been approved

One Nation One Election: The Union Cabinet has approved the 'One Nation, One Election' bill. Earlier in September, the Kovind Committee report was approved which said that the recommendations of simultaneous elections will be implemented in two phases. Lok Sabha and assembly elections will be held in the first phase and local body elections in the second phase.

The Union Cabinet on Thursday December 12, 2024 approved the 'One Country, One Election' bill. Sources said that a comprehensive bill is expected after this decision. Earlier in September, the Union Cabinet had approved the report of the Kovind Committee on 'One Country, One Election'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi first put forward his idea of one country one election on the occasion of 73rd Independence Day on August 15, 2019. He had said that the process of integration of the country should always continue. The Prime Minister had also put forward his idea on the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, in 2024.

What is the proposal of one country one election?



When was this issue raised for the first time? Have simultaneous elections ever been held in the country before? What is the stand of the Election Commission on this? What has happened now on simultaneous elections? What are the recommendations of the Kovind Committee?

Let us know...

What is 'One Country One Election'?

The objective of this proposal is to hold simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha

and Legislative Assemblies across the country. At present, elections for the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies are held separately, either after the completion of a five-year term or when the government is dissolved for some reason.

This has been arranged in the Indian Constitution. The term of the Legislative Assembly of different states ends at different times, according to which assembly elections are held in that state. However, there are some states where assembly and Lok Sabha elections are held simultaneously. These include states like Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim. At the same time, elections in states like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana,





Chhattisgarh and Mizoram were held just before the Lok Sabha elections, while elections were held in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra and Jharkhand within six months of the end of the Lok Sabha elections.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has long been a supporter of one country one election. The Prime Minister raised the issue of one country one election on Independence Day 2019. Since then, one country one election has been talked about by the BJP on many occasions.

What is the reason for the debate on one country one election?

In fact, the debate on one country one election started in 2018 after a draft report of the Law Commission. Economic reasons were enumerated in that report. The commission said that the expenditure of the Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and the assembly elections held after that was almost the same. At the same time, if the elections are held simultaneously, this expenditure will be divided in the ratio of 50:50.

In its draft report submitted to the government, the Law Commission had said that the process of conducting simultaneous elections was disrupted after the year 1967. The commission said that in the early years of independence, there was a single party rule in the country and regional parties were weak. Gradually other parties became stronger and came to power in many states. At the same time, the use of Section 356 of the Constitution also disrupted the process of conducting simultaneous elections. Now there has been a change in the politics of the country. The number of regional parties has increased significantly in many states. At the same time, they also have government in many states.

When were simultaneous elections held for the first time?

After independence, elections were held in the country for the first time in 1951-52. Then along with the Lok Sabha, elections for the Legislative Assemblies of all the states were also held. After this, elections were held simultaneously for the Lok Sabha

and the State Assemblies in 1957, 1962 and 1967. This sequence was broken after 1968-69, as some assemblies were dissolved due to various reasons.

In a webinar organized on one nation-one election, former Supreme Court judge Justice AK Sikri had said, 'One nation-one election is not a new concept. The first four general elections of independent India were held like this. Justice Sikri says, 'The change in the one nation, one election process started from 1960 when non-Congress parties started forming governments at the state level. This included UP, Bengal, Punjab, Haryana. After this, mid-term elections were held after the split of Congress in 1969 and the 1971 war and after this the dates of assembly elections never matched with the general elections and separate elections started.'

In the same webinar, senior Supreme Court advocate and former Additional Solicitor General Parag P. Tripathi had said, 'Elections are related to democracy and democracy is a means of governance. The concept of one nation-one election lasted from 1952 to 1967. The sovereignty and identity of the states were strengthened by separate elections. This is a better option for the semi and cooperative federalism of the country.'

How will this proposal be passed?

Former Secretary General of Rajya Sabha Desh Deepak Sharma told about this in an interview, 'A process will have to be done regarding one

nation-one election which also includes constitutional amendment and approval of the states. This bill will have to be passed in the Parliament first. One obstacle is said to be that before implementing it, the assemblies will have to be dissolved. However, this is not so. When the Rajya Sabha was formed and many members came in it, the question arose as to how to retire them by one-third each. It is not necessary that their tenure be reduced, it can also happen that the states whose term has not been completed may be given additional time.'

Now the question arises that how will the state assemblies be dissolved? There are two answers to this - first, the Center should impose Article 356 in the state through the President. Second is that the governments of the concerned states themselves ask to do so.

What is the stand of the Election Commission?

The Election Commission has said several times that it can hold Lok Sabha and assembly elections simultaneously. According to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar, the subject of holding parliamentary and state assembly elections at the same time does not fall under the purview of the Election Commission. He said that it definitely involves a lot of logistics, a lot of disruptions, but this is something that the legislatures have to decide. He had said that certainly if this is done, we have told our position to the government that administratively the

Commission can handle it.

What has happened on simultaneous elections now?

The Union Cabinet approved the 'One Nation, One Election' Bill on December 12, 2024. Sources told ANI that a comprehensive bill is expected after this decision, which will pave the way for simultaneous elections across the country.

On September 18, 2023 the Union Cabinet approved the report of the Kovind Committee on 'One Country, One Election'. In fact, a high-level committee on simultaneous elections was constituted on 2 September 2023 under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind. The committee submitted its 18,626-page report to President Draupadi Murmu earlier this year.

According to the government, the report was prepared after extensive consultations with stakeholders, experts and 191 days of research work since the formation of the committee. Former President Kovind said that the central government should build a

consensus on the 'One Nation, One Election' initiative. This issue is not in the interest of any party but in the interest of the nation. One Nation, One Election will be a game-changer, this is not my opinion but the opinion of economists, who believe that after its implementation, the country's GDP will increase by 1-1.5 per cent.

What are the recommendations of the Kovind Committee?

The committee has said in its report that the recommendations of simultaneous elections will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, Lok Sabha and assembly elections will be held simultaneously. In the second phase, local body elections (panchayat and municipality) will be held within 100 days of the general elections. Under this, a common voter list will be prepared for all elections. For this, detailed discussions will be started across the country. At the same time, an implementation group will also be formed.

The Kovind Committee also



said

Simultaneous elections have been held between 1951 and 1967.

The 170th report of the Law Commission in 1999 suggested elections for one Lok Sabha and all assemblies in five years.

The 79th report of the Parliamentary Committee in 2015 suggested ways to conduct simultaneous elections in two phases.

The high-level committee headed by Ram Nath Kovind held extensive consultations with various stakeholders, including political parties and experts.

The report is available online: <https://onoe.gov.in>

Extensive feedback has shown that there is widespread support for holding simultaneous elections in the country.

How will One Country One Election be implemented?

Earlier, officials had told PTI that at least five amendments would have to be made in the Constitution to hold simultaneous elections. These include Article 83 related to the term of the Houses of Parliament, Article 85 related to the dissolution of the Lok Sabha by the President, Article 172 related to the term of state legislatures, Article 174 related to the dissolution of state legislatures and Article 356 related to the imposition of President's rule in the states. Along with this, the consent of all parties will be necessary keeping in mind the federal feature of the Constitution. At the same time,

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What do the government and the opposition say?

One Country One Election has been part of the BJP's electoral agenda. The BJP-led NDA will introduce this bill during its current tenure at the Center. The Kovind Committee report came just after the completion of the first 100 days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third consecutive term. During his speech from the Red Fort on Independence Day this year, the Prime Minister had requested everyone to unite for a law to conduct simulta-

neous elections. Earlier, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlaad Joshi said that Parliament is mature and there will be discussion, there is no need to panic. India is called the mother of democracy, development has taken place.

At the same time, the opposition Congress has strongly opposed the proposal of 'one nation, one election'. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has said that 'one nation, one election' cannot work in democracy and the Congress is not with it. Kharge argues that if we want our democracy to survive, we need to hold elections whenever required.

Raj Kapoor's 100th birth anniversary was celebrated on December 14.

On this special occasion, PM Modi also attend the ceremony. The entire Kapoor family has invited PM. Many Bollywood celebs were part of it.

“ From Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Neetu Kapoor to Kareena Kapoor and Karishma Kapoor, PM Modi was recently invited to attend Raj Kapoor's 100th birth anniversary celebrations. The title of this festival is Raj Kapoor 100 - Celebrating the Centenary of the Greatest Showman. Many Bollywood and other big personalities will attend this celebration.

Mumbai will host the centenary celebrations of late filmmaker-actor Raj Kapoor on Friday December 14 , 2024 . Several legends of the Indian film industry will come together at the grand event to be held in Mumbai's Andheri West area.

According to media reports, the entire Kapoor family, including Randhir Kapoor, Karisma Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and others, will unite at the event to pay tribute to the late filmmaker. The biggest stars of Hindi cinema,



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As part of this grand cele-

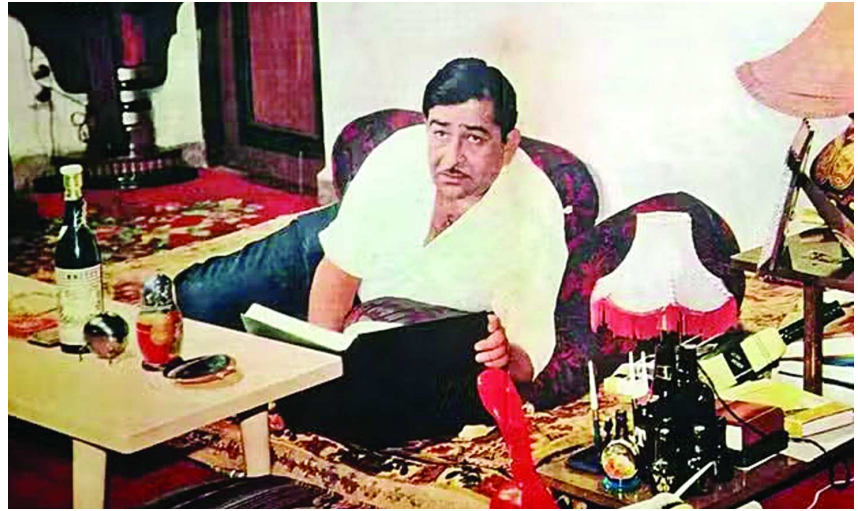
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bration, RK Films, Film Heritage Foundation and NFDC National Film Archive of India are presenting Raj Kapoor 100 - Celebrating the Centenary of the Greatest Showman. The festival will screen ten iconic films of Raj Kapoor across 40 cities and 135 cinemas, including PVR Inox and Cinepolis theatres. His films such as 'Aag', 'Barsaat', 'Awaraz', 'Shri 420', 'Jaagte Raho', 'Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai', 'Sangam', 'Mera Naam Joker', 'Bobby' and 'Ram Teri Ganga Maili'.

The event not only honours Raj Kapoor's unparalleled contribution to Indian cinema but also brings together eminent personalities from the film industry to celebrate the magic of films that last for generations. Raj Kapoor's centenary will be celebrated on December 14, 2024

The actor recalled in his memoir that he was upset with Raj Kapoor's late night visits and his addiction to drinking alcohol.

Raj Kapoor is a legend of



Indian cinema, who was also popular abroad. He made an incomparable contribution to the world of cinema. His legacy was carried forward by his son Rishi Kapoor and now his son Ranbir Kapoor is taking it forward. Rishi Kapoor grew up under the shadow of his father Raj Kapoor. In childhood, Rishi's mother Krishna used to take care of him, as his father was always at work. As he grew up, he also worked a lot in films with his father. However, their personal relationship was not always good.

Raj Kapoor used to come



home drunk late at night

Rishi Kapoor shared some childhood memories in his book 'Khullam Khulla: Rishi Kapoor Uncensored', in which he discussed the time when Raj Kapoor used to enter his house late at night in a drunken state, due to which he used to get scared. Rishi told that his father "was never at home because he was always busy at work." He recalled that he used to meet his father only late at night. He also described his father's return as unpleasant and said that those memories kept bothering him for a long time. He wrote in his book, "There was a time when I was young, his coming back was not at all pleasant. Those midnight moments bothered me for a long time, although I constantly refused to share my feelings with anyone till now. My father used to come home not only very late, but also very drunk.

Rishi Kapoor used to hide in fear of Raj Kapoor

Rishi told in his book, "He used to scream and shout very loudly in unconsciousness" Rishi Kapoor would hide under



Raj Kapoor's 100th Birthday: Rishi Kapoor was afraid of Raj Kapoor drinking alcohol, this fear always haunted him-The other side of the story

the blanket as soon as he heard the sound of his father entering the house. He shared "The moment my father would come home staggering, I would hide under my quilt, trembling but alert, my eyes wide open, to hear what he was saying or doing? When I would hear his voice slowing down, he would walk towards his room, then I would calm down and breathe easily."

Rishi Kapoor was afraid of Raj Kapoor for this thing

Rishi recalled that he used to be restless anticipating in what condition his father would return home? And he was also afraid that he might quarrel with his mother. He wrote, "Every day I used to wonder what mood or state he would come in at night, afraid of the idea that he would get drunk and quarrel with my

mother. For a very long time I was scared of my father and I am sure this fear was born from those early drunken scenes. Although I was young then, I promised myself that when I grow up I will never drink alcohol and will not scare my children like this. A few years after this, Rishi Kapoor started working in films with

his father. He first appeared in a supporting role in 'Mera Naam Joker'. Later Raj launched Rishi in Bobby. They also worked together in 'Prem Rog'.

Raj Kapoor: Ranbir-Riddhima's grandfather Raj Kapoor has also been a good cook, your mouth will water after hearing his favorite dish



Raj Kapoor's 100th Birthday: Rishi Kapoor has made a revelation about Raj Kapoor in his book 'Khullam Khulla: Rishi Kapoor Uncensored', which surprised everyone.

Sunil and Mushtaq kidnapping case: Big revelation... Gang formed with street friends; network spread to Bollywood

11 cases are registered against the former councillor

11 cases including gangster case are registered against the accused former councillor Sarthak alias Ricky. The first case under Arms Act was registered in 2006. After this, his name came up in three different murder cases in 2010, 2011 and 2016. In 2017, a case was registered under Gangster Act.

A big revelation has happened in the kidnapping case of comedian Sunil Pal and actor Mushtaq Khan. The main accused Lavi Pal formed a gang with his street friends. After this, the network was expanded to Bollywood.

By forming a gang of mostly less educated friends from the streets of Bijnor, the main accused Lavi Pal spread his network till Mumbai's Bollywood. The accused would invite small artists to programs and then call them to Delhi airport and kidnap them and extort ransom of two to five lakh rupees. When BA LLB Shashank Chaudhary entered the gang six months ago, a list of big artists to be kidnapped was prepared. The gang kidnapped actors Arun Bakshi, Rajesh Puri, Mushtaq, Sunil Pal



and extorted money from them. Next in line was actor Shakti Kapoor.

In comedian Sunil Pal's film 'Coffee with Alone', the mastermind of the gang, Lavi Pal, went to Mumbai with his wife Guddi. Lavi Pal's father Jaipal died 20 years ago. His mother and uncle raised him. He is very clever and used to cheat people by dreaming big since childhood. Lavi Pal also cheated his family members. In the year 2016, Lavi Pal went to Mumbai for a trip, where he stayed for about two-three months. During this time, he met many Bollywood actors.

Initially, Lavi Pal's gang con-

sisted of Azim, Sabiuddin, Arjun and a relative. 6 months ago, Lavi Pal met Shashank, a resident of Janakpuri Ghaziabad. During interrogation by Meerut and Bijnor police, the accused have told about the fake event company's plan for the next one year. The artists also did not tell the police about the incident after getting rid of

the miscreants. This is the reason why the network of the fake event company kept on growing.

They would receive from airport, then drop there after the incident

The accused had summoned film actor Arun Bakshi to Delhi. They kidnapped him after receiving him. But for some reason, the accused left him back in Delhi. After Mushtaq and Sunil, they also planned to kidnap actor Shakti Kapoor. Shakti Kapoor was invited to the event, but the deal did not work out due to the high advance fee. However,

the talks were still going on
They used to book flights by posing as police

The SP said that Rahul Saini who used to call the actors is none other than Lavi Pal. His name is Lavi Chaudhary, he also tells his name as Sushant and Himanshu. He contested the election for the post of councillor in the name of Sushant. Accused Shashank used to book flight tickets for the actors after their booking. Even after collecting the ransom, the accused used to send the actor back by paying the money for the air ticket. Lavi had told other members of the gang that Shashank is in the police. Azim used to work at a mobile service shop.

Arjun Karnwal's mother accuses Meerut police

Arjun Karnwal's mother, who is involved in this case, said that her son had surrendered in Meerut four days ago. Now Meerut police is not telling anything. In such a situation, her son is nowhere to be found.



“ “ Bijnor police has busted the gang that kidnapped actors Sunil Pal and Mushtaq Khan and extorted ransom by arresting five criminals. Named in the case, Sarthak Chaudhary (32), Sabiuddin (28), Azim (32) and Shashank (30) have been arrested. Meerut police has also arrested one of the main accused Arjun Karnawal. Five accused are absconding. Rs 2.25 lakh and a car have been recovered from Arjun.

Rs 1.04 lakh has been recovered from four other accused. Bijnor SP has given a reward of Rs 25,000 to the team that exposed the matter. Bijnor SP Abhishek Jha said that the criminals had formed a gang to kidnap actors and extort ransom by setting up a fake event company. On November 20, actor Mushtaq Khan was kidnapped and a ransom of Rs 2 lakh was taken and on December 2, Sunil Pal was kidnapped and a ransom of Rs 8 lakh was taken.

On December 9, Mushtaq Khan's event manager Shivam Yadav filed a report in the city police station. The investigation of Sunil Pal's case is going on in Meerut's Lalkurti police station. The arrested accused told the police that the mastermind of the gang is Lavi Pal alias Lavi Chaudhary alias Sushant. He used to call actors to the program by introducing himself as Rahul Saini. He had also sent 25 thousand rupees and tickets to Mushtaq in advance.

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On November 20, he was brought to Bijnor from Delhi Airport. Later, Lavi kept Mushtaq hostage at his house, from where he escaped. He had left his phone behind, using which he withdrew Rs 2.20 lakh. On December 2, Sunil Pal was also kidnapped

in the same manner.

There was also an attempt to kidnap Arun Bakshi

According to police sources, the accused had also attempted to kidnap film actor Arun Bakshi. He was called to Delhi. He was duly received, but due to some reason the accused left him back in Delhi. Apart from this, an attempt was also made to invite Shakti Kapoor for the event. But due to the high fees, Shakti Kapoor could not be called.

Arrested accused

- Arjun Karnawal, resident of Bulla Ka Chauraha, Bijnor
- Former councillor Sarthak Chaudhary alias Ricky son of Rajiv Kumar, resident of Mohalla Jatan Bijnor
- Shashank, resident of B 162 Janakpuri Sahibabad, Ghaziabad
- Sabiuddin alias Saibi, resident of Mohalla Acharjan Bijnor
- Azim, resident of Mohalla Kassaban Bijnor



Zakir Hussain : Tabla grand maestro passed away

World famous tabla player and Padma Vibhushan Ustad Zakir Hussain passed away at the age of 73 on December 15, 2024. He received many awards and honours on the basis of his talent and art. Let us know with which awards he was honoured?

Tabla player Ustad Zakir Hussain, who spread the magic of music by tapping the tabla with his fingers, died on Sunday at the age of 73. His death sent a wave of mourning in the art world. Zakir Hussain inherited the magic of tabla. His father Allah Rakha Khan was also a famous tabla player. He mesmerised people all over the world with the beats of his tabla. On the strength of his art and talent, he forced his name to resonate all over the world. Let us know when Zakir Hussain did his first concert and with which awards he has been honoured.

Also honoured with Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan

Zakir Hussain was honoured with 'Padma Shri' in the year 1988 for his incomparable contribution in the field of art. He was honoured with 'Padma Bhushan' in the year 2002 and Padma Vibhushan in the year 2023.

Ustad Zakir Hussain always



used to travel with the tabla in his lap, he never had money to return home

Received 5 Grammy Awards

Ustad Zakir Hussain has received a total of five Grammy Awards. In the year 1992, his album Planet Drum, co-produced and produced by Mickey Hart, received his first Grammy Award for 'Best World Music Album'. On 8 February 2009, he won a Grammy in the 'Contemporary World Music Album Category' for the 'Global Drum Project'. Mickey Hart, Sikiru Adepoju and Giovanni Hidalgo collaborated

in this. At the same time, on 4 February 2024, Zakir Hussain received 3 awards at the '66th Annual Grammy Awards'. He got his first Grammy for 'Pashto', which was written and recorded in collaboration with American banjo player Bela Fleck, American bassist Edgar Meyer and Indian flutist Rakesh Chaurasia. Zakir Hussain's second Grammy was for 'Best Contemporary Instrumental Album', which he won for the eclectic classical-meets-jazz album 'As We Speak' with Fleck, Mayer and Chaurasia. His third Grammy was for the album 'This Moment', a collaboration with

world-fusion band Shakti.

Zakir Hussain was born on 9 March 1951 in Mumbai. He did his first concert in America at the age of 11. From here he started establishing himself in the field of art. His first album 'Living in the Material World' came in 1973. After this, he earned fame all over the world on the basis of his art and talent. Zakir Hussain:

Zakir Hussain used to wake up at three in the morning to practice on the tabla, the struggle started at the age of seven

Zakir Hussain: Musician Ustad Tabla player Zakir Hussain had said that as soon as he was born, his father Allah Rakha had blown the tune and rhythm of the Tabla into his ears.

Zakir also learnt Saraswati and Ganesh Vandana

Zakir Hussain used to practice with his father from 3:00 am to 6:00 am, in which, along with sur, laya and taal, Zakir was also taught many shlokas and mantras. He was also taught Saraswati and Ganesh Vandana. On one hand, Zakir was working hard day and night to become a tabla player, on the other hand, his mother Baavi Begum did not want Zakir to play the tabla. She wanted to see Zakir become a doctor or an engineer. In such a situation, to keep Zakir away from the tabla, he was sent away to study during the last two years of school, but tabla and Zakir were made for each other.

Zakir could not work

“ “ Musician Ustad Tabla player Zakir Hussain is no more among us today. He said goodbye to this world at the age of 73. Zakir Hussain was admitted to a hospital in San Francisco today due to health problems. He was admitted to the ICU, where he died. Today people all over the world know Zakir Hussain as an Ustad Tabla player, but it was not easy for him to make this identity, for this he did hard penance day and night since childhood and achieved this position after a lot of hard work and struggle. Let us make you aware of his struggles today...

When the notes and rhythm of the tabla were blown into his ears Once tabla player Zakir Hussain had told that as soon as he was born, his father Allah Rakha had blown the notes and rhythm of the tabla into his ears. He had told Zakir's mother that music is my sadhana and this note and rhythm is my prayer for my son. As he grew up, Zakir Hussain's passion to become a tabla player was clearly visible and seeing his passion for the tabla, his father started his practice at the age of just seven

with Madhubala

When Zakir's father Allah Rakha was composing music for the film 'Mughal-e-Azam', the film's director K. Asif offered Zakir the role of Salim. Dilip Kumar also agreed to this, but Zakir's father refused and said that acting would spoil his son's mind. In such a situation, Zakir missed working with Madhubala. Even though he did not work with

Madhubala in the film, later he tried his hand at acting as well. Zakir was not only an expert on the tabla, but he also composed music. Along with this, he also acted. He has also acted in documentaries like 'Zakir and His Friends', 'Hit and Dust', 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. In the film 'Saaz', Zakir has not only composed music but also acted.

Fall of Assad regime historic opportunity for people of Syria: Biden

The fall of the Assad regime that brutalised, tortured and killed thousands of innocent Syrians over the past half a century is a historic opportunity for the people of the country, outgoing US President Joe Biden said on Sunday December 8, 2024. Biden spoke at the White House hours after rebel groups took over the country following more than a dozen years of violent civil war and decades of leadership by Bashar Assad and his family.

"After 13 years of civil war in Syria and more than half a century of brutal authoritarian rule by Bashar Assad and his father before him, rebel forces have forced Assad to resign his office and flee the country. We're not sure where he is, but there's word that he's in Moscow. At long last, the Assad regime has fallen," Biden said.

"This regime brutalised, tortured and killed hundreds of thousands of innocent Syrians. The fall of the regime is a fundamental act of justice. It's a moment of historic opportunity for the long-suffering people of Syria to build a better future for their proud country," he said.

It is also a moment of risk and uncertainty, Biden said, adding that over the past few weeks, the support of Hezbollah, Iran and Russia to the Assad regime had col-



US President Joe Biden speaks about the situation in Syria in the Roosevelt Room at the White House in Washington, DC, (Chris Kleponis / AFP)

lapsed. He observed a new opportunity for the people of Syria now.

The Syrian opposition that brought down Assad is led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, which the US says is a terrorist organisation with links to al-Qaida. However, the group says it has since broken ties with al-Qaida.

"Looking ahead, the United States will do the following. First, we'll support Syria's neighbours, including Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Israel, should any threat arise from Syria during this period of transition. I will speak with leaders of the region in the coming days. I had long discussions

with all of our people earlier this morning. I'll send senior officials from my administration to the region as well," he said.

"Second, we will help ensure stability in eastern Syria, protecting our personnel against any threats, and our mission against ISIS will be maintained, including security of detention facilities, where ISIS fighters are being held as prisoners. We're clear-eyed about the fact that ISIS will try to take advantage of any vacuum to reestablish its capabilities and create a haven. We will not let that happen," he said.

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Blinken said the United States strongly supports a peaceful transition of power to an accountable Syrian government through an inclusive Syrian-led process.

During this transitional period, the Syrian people have every right to demand the preservation of state institutions, the resumption of key services, and the protection of vulnerable communities, he

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Defence Secretary Lloyd J. Austin in a telephonic conversation with Turkish Defence Minister Yasar Guler over developments in Syria emphasised the US is closely watching the statements and actions of the various opposition groups in Syria.

The two leaders agreed that these groups must take steps to protect civilians, including ethnic and religious minorities, and abide by international humanitarian norms.

On Sunday December 8, 2024 US Central Command forces conducted dozens of

precision airstrikes targeting known ISIS camps and operatives in central Syria. The strikes against the ISIS leaders, operatives, and camps were conducted as part of the ongoing mission to disrupt, degrade, and defeat ISIS to prevent the terrorist group from conducting external operations and to ensure that ISIS does not seek to take advantage of the current situation to reconstitute in central Syria. The operation struck over 75 targets using multiple US Air Force assets, including B-52s, F-15s, and A-10s, the Pentagon said.

Gukesh D becomes the youngest world chess champion, created history at the age of 18

D Gukesh: Indian star Gukesh increased the pride of the country, everyone from President Murmu to PM Modi congratulated him,

18-year-old Gukesh, the new sensation in the chess world, has surprised the world many times in his career. He has made many records at this young age. He became India's youngest grandmaster at the age of 18 .

Singapore :Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh won the title on Thursday by defeating China's Ding Liren in the 14th and final round of the World Chess Championship. By defeating Liren, he became the youngest world chess champion. He created history at the age of 18. The game started with 6.5 points. The final match also seemed to be heading towards a draw when a mistake by Liren proved costly for him and gave Gukesh the victory. After 12 years, an Indian has succeeded in winning this title.

Gukesh created history by winning this title at the age of 18 years eight months and 14 days. He broke the record of Garry Kasparov, who won the title at the age of 22 years six months and 27 days. He became the second player after Vishwanathan Anand to win the title while playing for India.



This year has been memorable for Gukesh. He won gold in the Candidates Tournament and Chess Olympiad in 2024.

Gukesh has surprised the world many times

The new sensation of the chess world, 18-year-old Gukesh has surprised the world many times in his career. He has made many records at this young age. He became India's youngest grandmaster at the age of 12 years, seven months, 17 days and missed the tag of the world's youngest grandmaster by only 17 days. He entered the country as the top-ranked player of the country for the first time in 36 years, beating five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand last year. Now he has added another achievement to that impressive list.

With the win of the

Candidates Chess Tournament, Gukesh became the youngest challenger for the world title, breaking the record set by the great Garry Kasparov 40 years ago. Former Russian great Kasparov was 22 when he qualified to clash with compatriot Anatoly Karpov in 1984. Now, Gukesh will challenge world champion Ding Liren of China later this year.

Gukesh stayed away from technical engines, this is how he prepared

Among the players in India who achieved stardom with less achievements, Gukesh's identity remained hidden until he crossed the rating of 2500 in his career. He stayed away from technical engines and used computers as little as possible for his preparation. This method of Gukesh was also praised by India's greatest

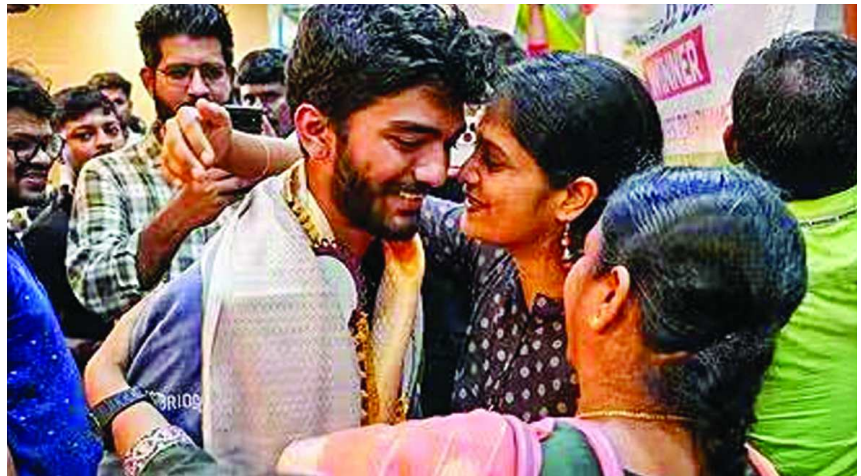
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chess player Vishwanathan Anand.

He once said in an interview - Gukesh is among the few players in the world with such thinking, who were not stars despite being at the top of their game. This is a very healthy approach. The important thing was that he did not adopt any kind of approach directly but took the help of his trainer. This is how it should be. A player should focus on playing skills and the trainer can give them the best information.

Vishnu got Gukesh world-class recognition

Vishnu Prasanna, who got Gukesh world-class recognition, himself admits that it was a risky step. He says that our aim was to be very precise and develop our own skill for chess. When you are playing the game, you are not always completely sure. But if you are always checking with the computer then it gives you a clear definition whether a move is good or bad. To keep that confused mindset away, we adopted that approach. It was an experiment. We did not know how it would work. I thought it would be a useful experiment



and since it never stabilized, we continued with it.

Gukesh's passion to become number one

Vishnu said- We did not face any problem. He was very close to becoming the world's youngest grandmaster. It is difficult to say whether working with engines (computers) would have improved our chances or not (the record of becoming the world's youngest grandmaster which Gukesh missed by 17 days). We felt that he was playing well. Getting so close to that record is in itself proof that he was doing well.

Apart from this, what are the aspects that make Gukesh so

good? Explaining about this, Vishnu said- He is very passionate about his game. He does not think about anything else. Just focused on one goal. This is a certain passion. Of all the children I have worked with, none of them have shown the passion that Gukesh has shown. Passion about the game and the craze to become number one.

Started working with Vishnu in 2017

Gukesh started working with Vishnu in 2017, when he was barely 11 years old. However, in those early days, Vishnu inspired Gukesh to become world number one and world champion. Vishnu says- In the beginning we used to talk about becoming world champion and number one. He must have been 10 and a half or 11 years old. He is really a great athlete. We used to think about situations like playing at the top level. I used to talk to him about this myself because his ambitions were clear to me even at that age.

Gukesh's passion for success in chess

Vishnu said that what contributed to Gukesh reaching



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where he is today is putting himself in a situation that is full of risk. Taking any uncertain step. Vishnu says- He never shied away from things like going to the gym, waking up early. I don't think he enjoyed these things. He had a lot of clarity about his priorities. That is why he ignored formats like blitz and rapid and focused on classical chess. He mostly participated in over the board events. He did not participate much in online tournaments. He only did it if he needed something to play better chess. This is his passion for success in chess.

Gukesh D is a resident of Chennai

D Gukesh's full name is Domaraju Gukesh and he is a resident of Chennai. Gukesh was born in Chennai on May 7, 2006. Gukesh's father is a doctor, while his mother is a microbiologist by profession. Gukesh started playing chess at the age of seven. He was initially coached by Bhaskar. After this, Vishwanathan Anand himself gave him information about the game of chess and trained him.



Gukesh won the Under-9 category of the Asian School Chess Championship in 2015 and the World Youth Chess Championship in the Under-12 category in 2018. Gukesh has won five Gold Asian Youth Championships so far. Gukesh became the second youngest grandmaster in chess history in 2019. He almost surpassed Sergey Karjakin as the youngest grandmaster ever, but missed the record by 17 days. The record was later surpassed by Abhimanyu Mishra, making Gukesh the third-youngest player.

Gukesh emerged in the world of senior chess in 2021

In June 2021, he won the Julius Baer Challengers Chess Tour, Gelfand Challenge, scoring 14 out of 19 points. In August 2022, Gukesh started the 44th Chess Olympiad with a perfect score of 8/8. He helped India defeat number one ranked USA in the eighth match. In September 2022, Gukesh reached a rating of over 2700 for the first time with a rating of 2726. He became the third youngest player to pass the 2700 rating mark after Wei Yi and Alireza Firouzja.

In October 2022, Gukesh became the youngest player to defeat Magnus Carlsen in the AmChess Rapid tournament since he became world champion. In the August 2023 rating list, Gukesh became the youngest player ever to reach a rating of 2750. Gukesh participated in the Chess World Cup 2023. He reached the quarter-finals before losing to Magnus Carlsen. In the September 2023 rating list, Gukesh officially surpassed Viswanathan Anand as the top-ranked Indian player. This was the first time in 37 years that Anand was not the top-ranked Indian player.



The sustaining power of feminism



“ Much of my present well-being is tied to the choices I made because of my feminist beliefs, the best decision being allowing myself to be loved by someone who cares unceasingly for me and our child

● **Rosalyn D'mello** | Deliberating on the life and times of Everywoman, Rosalyn D'Mello is a reputable art critic and the author of *A Handbook For My Lover*

It's been almost a month since I was discharged from my 10-day stay in the hospital in Meran-the most scenic spot I've ever inhabited while convalescing. The most vivid memory I have is of the watch that lay directly in front of my bed. Sometimes I was sure at least 15 minutes had passed since I had last looked at it, but when I would check, I'd feel baffled to learn barely five minutes had transpired. Time seemed to move in this excruciatingly slow way and feeling cognitively challenged meant I couldn't do very much to occupy my mind. I didn't feel like reading. I didn't feel like doing crosswords or puzzles. Staring at the mountain, at dolomite rock, felt somehow more comforting. Because I had lost three days of consciousness, my home in Tramin seemed so far away. I wanted to be back, but I also knew it would be challenging to return half-healed to a toddler. It wasn't up to me anyway. I had to surrender completely to the will of the doctors and nurses.

Since I've been back, though, I've been trying to rebuild the lost narrative.



“These days, I'm trying to focus on my newfound awareness of how fortunate I am. Representation Pic/istock

Never have I encountered such gaps in my memory. Never had I been sedated over a three-day span, with some general anaesthesia thrown in during the surgical procedure. As a writer, it throws me off to think about all the sensations I couldn't consciously feel during that span. The severity of the condition I was in before my partner sent me to the emergency room scares me. When I wrote last week's column, I hadn't yet learned that my partner thought I was possibly having a stroke because the left side of my body was beginning to malfunction.

Since the column was published, friends have messaged to tell me about instances they know of when people in a similar situation as I ended up with a half-paralysed face! I stopped reading about bacterial meningitis-what I was diagnosed with-because it was beginning to freak me out that I got so lucky, that too while pregnant in my second trimester.

Instead, I'm trying to focus on this new consciousness I have of feeling fortunate. There have been many moments in my life when I have felt genuinely blessed.

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This word has followed me through my life, because I grew up catholic, and after every rosary at home, we followed the practice of going to our elders with our hands joined to ask for their blessing. They would make the sign of the cross over our palms and move our hands up, saying in Konkani, 'may you grow big'. As I was drawn closer towards feminism, it was important for me to understand what role I could play in bettering the conditions of my own life. I think the smartest decision I made through my 20s was to stay unmarried. I hadn't met anyone who I felt loved me for who I was, who truly 'saw' me. I was always left disappointed by potential relationships. I think this was why my closest friends were so shocked when I decided to marry my partner within less than a year of knowing him. I was in my mid-30s then, and everything about him felt so right. In fact, in the beginning, I was so suspicious of how right it felt, I was convinced there were skeletons somewhere and I felt intent on finding them. But then, I came to Tramin a few months before he came to India to marry me in a court in Delhi, and I lived with him and his parents for about two months and that's when I felt absolutely positive that I had somehow blessed myself by pursuing this relationship, which, in the beginning of our courtship had made no sense, considering I had met him in 2018 two or three days before I was to leave Italy with no plans of returning.

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present memory and the residual brain fog steers my brain in the direction of the past, of which I definitely have a stronger hold. Since I'm taking it easy and not over-inundating myself, I feel a certain clarity about the last four years since my move to South Tyrol. I've been thinking more and more about the significant role that feminism has played in charting out the sequence of events in my life, and the empowering role of therapy in helping me navigate my emotional well-being. I've felt humbled by how many people have come up to me in Tramin to ask me how I am doing. 'Gott sei dank! [Thank God!]' they tell me... I don't want to discount the potential role of

divinity in keeping me alive, well, and happy, but I also feel the need to acknowledge how so much of my present well-being is connected to the good choices I made thanks to my feminist beliefs. The best decision of course being to allow myself to be loved by someone who cares for me and our toddler in ways I never imagined possible. One of the songs I sing to my child at night is Nat King Cole's 'Nature Boy', and these days I choke a little more at the last line, because it couldn't be truer... 'The greatest thing you'll ever know is just to love and be loved in return'. Maybe it is through the acceptance of love that we allow ourselves to be blessed.