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VICE PRESIDENT NAIDU

Senior BJP leader and former Union minister M Venkaiah Naidu was elected the 15th Vice-President of India on 5 August. Naidu replaces Shri Hamid Ansari, who retires on August 10. Shri Naidu won 516 of the total 771 votes polled.

RELIANCE LAUNCHES JIO PHONE

Mukesh Ambani has launched the new 4G Jio-Phone which he called, 'India ka smartphone'. The JioPhone's effective price is Rs 0. It will be available for sale online at a first come, first serve basis from 24 August 2017.

हडिस्तान के दो चहरे : सूखा और बाढ़

देश मानो थम सा गया है | पछिले २ वर्षो से सूखे की मार ने ज़मीन को बंजर और इनुसान को बेहाल बना कर छोड़ दिया था | इस साल जब अच्छी मानसून की सम्भावना आयी, तो कसिने यह सोचा था की वह अपने साथ बाढ़ का सैलाब भी ले आएगी जसिमे राज्यों के राज्यों बहे जायेंगे | ... Pg 2

IN DEFENCE OF BHUTAN, INDIA STOPS THE DRAGON

Doklam Standoff : In the macho manner of militaries, the Indian Army is using a large number of Sikh and Jat soldiers to man the line in Doklam...

China's defence ministry has once again warned New Delhi that the Dragon's "restraint has its bottom line." Thus, what follows below is a detailed account of how the situation has evolved, by Indian Army officers participating in the Doklam standoff.

The Doklam bowl- which is disputed between China and Bhutan, currently has an extended, 200 metre long line of Indian infantry soldiers confronting a smaller number of Chinese border guards. Just one metre separates the two lines.

At any time, there are about 40 Chinese border guards in the disputed valley, facing off against three times that number of Indian jawans.

Backing up the Chinese front line are 1,500 more troops, a mix of border guards and regular People's Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers. These are positioned outside the disputed Doklam area, but cross in and out of the disputed area, relieving those on the front line at regular intervals. The



Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to meet President Xi on his visit to China in September for the BRICS Summit.

Indian troops standing guard in Doklam are similarly relieved by a full infantry battalion (600 troops), located in the Indian territory to the west. Backing up this battalion is a full infantry brigade (2,000 troops), ready to respond to any military moves from China.

In addition, a second fully acclimatised infantry brigade, slightly further away, stands ready to respond to a crisis.

"We fortunately had two brigades training in high altitudes nearby, so we have plenty of acclimatised troops. If needed, we can muster far more forces than the Chinese in Sikkim. This would never be an area where they start something," says a senior Indian commander.

According to these officers, tension began in early June, when Indian forces in the vicinity observed Chinese patrols reconstructing the track in the disputed Doklam bowl. Intelligence assessments concluded that China was going to try and extend the road towards the Jampheri Ridge, at the farthest edge of China's claim line. The Indian army reported to Delhi that road building seemed imminent, and were granted permission to cross into Bhutan-claimed territory to stop construction.

When India crossed into Doklam and confronted the Chinese construction parties, "the Chinese were taken ...Contd to page 2



राग देश मूवी रवियु

तगिमांशु धूलआ भारतीय इतिहास के एक खोहे हुए पन्नै को वापस हमारे बीच ला खडा करते हैं |

धूलआ तीन INA सैनिकि - शाह नवाज़ खान, गुरबक्ष सहि धलिलॉन और प्रेम सहगल की रोमांचक एवम महत्वपूर्ण कहानी प्रस्तुत करते हैं |

ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 4

A day after the RBI cut interest rates by 0.25 %, Jaitley said lending rate of 14-15 % will make India uncompetitive in the global market. "Slowly interest rates will become reasonable," he said in the Lok Sabha.

ECONOMICS

NEW DELHI: The country will witness the launch of two lunar missions from Indian soil early next year: ISRO will launch its Chandrayaan 2 mission & Team Indus, a group of space enthusiasts will land a Rover on the surface of the Moon.

INDIAN SPACE RACE



हृदिस्तान के दो चहेरे : सूखा और बाढ़

Lorem Ipsum has been the industry's standard dummy text ever since the 1500s, when an unknown printer.

After a turbulent year marred by terror woes, Ebola outbreaks and a horrific series of airline disasters, many could be forgiven for saying good riddance to 2014 and gratefully ringing in a new year.

Across the globe, revelers looking for a respite from the gloom will converge on the beaches of Brazil, the shores of Sydney harbor and the potentially snowy streets of Las Vegas (yes, really) to welcome 2015. Here's a look at how the world is celebrating. Sydney takes pride in being one of the first major cities in the world to welcome each new year, and it plans to greet 2015 in its trademark glittery fashion - with a tropical-style fireworks display featuring shimmering gold and silver palm tree pyrotechnic effects.

More than 1.5 million revelers crowded along the shores of the city's famed harbor in warm summer weather to watch the vivid eruption of light over the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and oth-

er points along the water. Three hours before midnight, a 9-minute firework display was launched from the bridge deck and barges across the harbor as a preliminary event for young children.

The appreciative crowd cheered as 7 tons of fireworks exploded, including 11,000 shells, 25,000 shooting comets and more than 100,000 individual pyrotechnic effects.

The festivities, however, come just two weeks after an Iranian-born self-styled cleric took 18 people hostage inside a downtown cafe. A tribute to two hostages killed in the siege was to be displayed on the pylons of the Harbour Bridge during the main fireworks. The appreciative crowd cheered as 7 tons.

The Group of 20 summit is getting underway in Hamburg, with terrorism, global trade and climate change.

OPPOSITION MUKT BHARAT?



The BJP's ideology is reasonably clear, in both its extreme and moderate forms. You can fault it for its shortcomings and punch holes in the party's rhetoric, but you cannot miss noticing them. The BJP, for better or for worse, is there. But I wonder if we have any real opposition left in India - both at the national level and in many States. The opposition seems to exist less and less with each year.

Where is the Opposition?

The inability of the Congress to abandon its ruling family, compounded by the fact that Rahul Gandhi, lacks the type of political charisma that is required to lead a party to victory in India today.

The communists have long been split between a highly intellectual urban circle, which can get across only to people with university degrees, and a very parochial rural movement, which addresses genuine problems (for in-

stance, the exploitation of aborigines at the hands of all governments), but in the very process limits its appeal to small regions.

As for the rest, well, they seem to comprise parties led by powerful regional leaders, and often run by specific families. Sometimes the words come up - secularism, democracy, human rights, etc. - but they seldom seem to be anything other than rhetoric used by a certain group to obtain fleeting electoral support. In short, it is worrying: there is no substantial and coherent opposition left in India right now.

The great tragedy of India does not seem to be the BJP, with which one can agree or disagree; the great tragedy of India is the lack of a real and issue-based opposition.

...Contd page 1 completely by surprise and offered no resistance", says an officer privy to events. "These are no soldiers; they are conscripted border guards, who live in heated barracks and periodically patrol the border in vehicles. They don't walk much", says an Indian commander.

In Contrast, Indian morale is sky-high. The soldiers know they are participating in something unprecedented - "crossing a border to defend an Indian ally."

In the macho manner of militaries, the Indian Army is using a large number of Sikh and Jat soldiers to man the line in Doklam - in the expectation that their height and sturdiness would intimidate the smaller Chinese.

Army officers are elated also at having kept the confrontation out of the media for a full ten days, until Beijing was forced to make the incident public. "The Chinese have always complained that India's media is too shrill and pro-active. This time, China had to mobilise their media, because we were there on the ground and nobody knew."

Indian soldiers also point out that China has begun building bunkers and creating defences on the border. "That's another first. They are recognising our capability to act decisively", says an officer.

According to a senior Indian general: "The situation in Doklam has plateaued. Militarily, the Chinese know they can do nothing here. Eventually it will have to be a negotiated withdrawal, or the Chinese will have to open a front in another sector."

With Beijing warning on Friday that "Chinese armed forces will resolutely protect the country's territorial sovereignty and security interests", the PLA could choose its next move anywhere on a long, 3,500 km border that stretches from Ladakh to Myanmar.

INDIA AND ISRAEL : THE ONLY TWO DEMOCRACIES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN TO SOUTH ASIA



JERUSALEM: Water is the new bond that is all set to take India-Israel ties to new heights. In PM Modi's historic visit to Israel, India and Israel agreed on new Israeli technology for a research drone, which according to sources, will be able to detect things like water needs, therefore making water use in farms smarter and more efficient.

Agriculture and water will be the dominant themes in the future bilateral partnership. As India works to pull its own agriculture and water sector out of a historical quagmire, Israel is a good place to start. This water-scarce nation is now a global leader in water technologies. A third of the water Israel uses is desalinated water.

Desalination is a process in which water is taken from anywhere, sea, muddy lakes and transformed into drinking water.

For Indian villages, this could be a godsend.

DIGITAL PAYMENTS ROSE 55% IN FY'17 : NITI AAYOG



Digital payments recorded a 55 % increase in 2016-17 indicating that India is at 'the cusp of revolution' in this area. *Niti Aayog Principal Advisor Ratan P Watal*

ECONOMIC SURVEY 2.0 ARGUES AGAINST FARM-LOAN WAIVERS



With the Centre under criticism for not extending financial support for farm-loan waivers, the 2nd volume of Economic Survey has list out the disadvantages of such a move.

नंदन नीलेकणि, संजीव अग्रवाल ने 100 मिलियन डॉलर का फंड स्थापित किया |



इस इन्वेस्टमेंट फण्ड का नाम फ्रण्डार्म टैम है, जो नए नए स्टार्टअप बजिनस में इनवेस्ट करके उन्हें आगे बढ़ाएगा |

एयर इंडिया वनिविश: संसद की समीक्षा करेगी सुनवाई



संसद की समीक्षा एयर इंडिया और पवन हंस के वनिविश के सन्दर्भ में सारे हतिधारकों की सोच समझने के लिए 8 अगस्त को बैठेगी |

GOVT. APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO STUDY DATA PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

New Delhi: The Modi government has appointed an expert committee, headed by former Supreme Court judge B N Srikrishna, to "identify key data protection issues" in India and recommend methods to address any potential problems.

The ten-member committee - which includes representatives from the department of telecommunications (DoT), the IT ministry, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and the academic community - will not only study the various issues around data protection in India but will also draft a data protection bill that will be taken up for consideration by the Centre.

According to sources, while the committee will be headed by former justice Srikrishna, the ministry of electronics and information technology (Meity) will likely be a driving force. The ministry, which issued the circular, will provide the committee with necessary information in order for it to start its deliberation efforts.

Breaches, privacy violations

The government's decision to focus on data protection comes on the back of a wave of privacy and data breaches in India - from corporates such as Reliance Jio, McDonalds and Zomato to government agencies that have leaked the Aadhaar and personal data of over 100 million Indian citizens.

The IT ministry, according to sources, has over the last six months already started working towards putting together data protection legislation.

It has been assisted in this goal by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy - a legal think-tank.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS ?

PUBLIC SPENDING AND ECONOMIC POLICY NEED TO BE MORE ATTUNED TO EMPLOYMENT CREATION



MUMBAI -- News reports over the last few weeks suggest that the Central government may finally be starting to think seriously about jobs. Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramaniam recently pointed to the need to achieve higher economic growth, in the range of 8% to 10%, to solve the problem of jobless growth. In particular, he flagged the underperformance of the information technology, construction and agricultural sectors, which earlier served as huge job-creators for the economy. It is worth noting that India added just 1.35 lakh jobs in eight labour-intensive sectors in 2015, compared to the 9.3 lakh jobs that were created in 2011, according to Labour Bureau figures.

The rate of unemployment grew steadily from 3.8% in 2011-12 to 5% in 2015-16. Union Labour and Employment Minister Bandaru Dattatreya has downplayed the gloomy job situation as being a temporary one. His focus instead is on the new National Employment Policy which, he says, would be released later this year and focus on shifting jobs from

the informal to the formal sector. NITI Aayog too has dismissed concerns over jobless growth, saying the real problem is underemployment rather than unemployment. Nevertheless, this month the government set up a high-level task force headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman to obtain reliable data on employment

trends to aid policy-making.

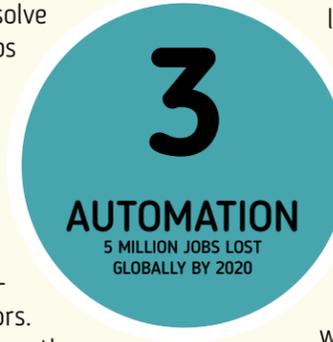
The focus on jobs is obviously vital. However, higher economic growth

alone will not solve the jobs problem. Jobs can be created when growth comes from the transition of labour from informal sectors like agriculture to the more formal manufacturing and service sectors. Such extensive growth, however, runs the risk of stagnation once the available stock of informal labour is exhausted - as some Southeast Asian countries found out the hard way in the

late 1990s. On the other hand, growth can come about without any substantial job-creation in the formal sectors of the economy, but through improvements in productivity. The growth record of several developed economies even after the modernisation of their labour

force explains such intensive growth. India should aim at growth that is driven both by improvements in productivity and modernisation of its labour force - especially since better jobs are crucial to improving the lives of millions who are employed, indeed underemployed, in low-paying jobs in the farm sector.

Job-creation needs to be an essential axis along which economic and social policies are formulated, with the bottom line being that **India needs to create 15 Crore Jobs this Decade.**



GST पर मोदी सरकार का बड़ा फैसला



GST पर अमल के एक महीने बाद केन्द्र सरकार ने देश को कई रियायतें देने का ऐलान किया है। टैक्सटाइल और कशीदकारी जैसे जांब वरक पर 18 फीसदी के वजाय 5 फीसदी GST लगेगा। इसके अलावा हवन सामग्री, अगरबत्ती, साड़ी के फॉल और ट्रैक्टर पार्ट्स पर 12 फीसदी की जगह 5 फीसदी GST लगेगा।

सरकार ने आम लोगों की जरूरतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए 25 इंच तक के कंप्यूटर मॉनीटर, ट्रैक्टरों के कुछ पुरजो और गैस लाइटों पर GST 28 फीसदी से घटाकर 18 फीसदी

कर दिया है। GST काउंसिल की बैठक के बाद वित्तमंत्रि अरुण जेटली ने ये घोषणाएं कीं। उन्होंने बताया कि काउंसिल की अगली बैठक 9 सितंबर को हैदराबाद में होगी।

जबकि काउंसिल की 20वीं बैठक में वस्तुओं के ऑनलाइन प्री-रजिस्ट्रेशन से जुड़े ई-वै बलि प्रावधानों को भी मंजूरी दे दी गई। जिसमें 50 हजार से ज्यादा मूल्य की वस्तुओं को 10 कमी. ले जाने के लिए ई-वै बलि अनिवार्य होगा। वहीं GST से मुक्त चीजों के लिए ई-वै बलि के लिए प्री रजिस्ट्रेशन कराना अनिवार्य नहीं होगा।

'DESPACITO' IS MOST WATCHED VIDEO EVER

With over 3 Billion views in 7 months, this Spanish language music video has created a world record.

IAAN TV YOUTUBE CHANNEL CROSSES 600 MARK

The channel now has more than 600 subscribers with increasing viewership and daily new content.

MOVIE REVIEW

Movie This Month

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तर्गिमांशु धुलिया का नाम सामने आते ही जहन में 'पान सहि तोमर' और 'साहबि बीवी और गैंगस्टर' जैसी फ़िल्में सामने नजर आ जाती हैं. इस बार तर्गिमांशु ने एक अलग सब्जेक्ट पर फ़िल्म परोसने की कोशिश की है।

कहानी:

यह कहानी साल 1945 में आजाद हिन्द फौज और ब्रिटिश शासन के इर्द गिर्द घूमती है. फ़िल्म में तीन भारतीय सेना के जवानों शहनवाज (कुणाल कपूर), गुरबकश सहि ढल्लिन (अमति साध) और कर्नल प्रेम सहगल (मोहति मारवाह) के ऊपर देशद्रोह का आरोप लगाकर मुकदमा चलाया जाता है. जवानों की तरफ से इस केस को भुलाबाई देसाई लड़ते हैं और अंततः नषिकर्ष क्या निकलता है, इसे जानने के लिए आपको फ़िल्म देखनी पड़ेगी।

क्यों देखें फ़िल्म:

फ़िल्म में भारत की पूरणतः आजादी से पहले हुए वाक्यों को दर्शाने की कोशिश की गई है जो काफी दलितस्प है.

डायरेक्टर : तर्गिमांशु धुलिया

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फ़िल्म में आजाद हिन्द फौज और नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस की नीतियों के ऊपर भी प्रकाश डाला गया है.

डायरेक्शन और सिने में टो ग्राफी बढ़िया है और तथ्यों

को अच्छे तरह से दर्शाने की कोशिश की गई है.

कुणाल कपूर, अमति साध और मोहति मारवाह ने अपने अपने करिदारों को बखूबी निभाया है. साथ ही बाकी कलाकारों का काम भी सहज है. कास्टिंग के हिसाब से फ़िल्म बढ़िया बनायी गयी है.

फ़िल्म में एक ही गीत है 'कदम कदम बढ़ाए जा', जिसे अलग-अलग अंतरों को मौके की नजाकत के साथ पेश किया गया है.

बॉक्स ऑफिस :

फ़िल्म का बजट लगभग 12-15 करोड़ बताया जा रहा है. खबरों के मुताबिक एक साथ कई फ़िल्मों के रिलीज होने की वजह से इसकी रकिवरी थोड़ी मुश्किल हो सकती है.



WOMEN WHO DARE TO BE DISLIKED

There are many reasons to admire Kangana Ranaut – her acting prowess, her stylish good looks, her gumption, her self-made journey to stardom from a village in Manali to the razzmatazz of Mumbai, how she slept on pavements when she had to, fought physical abuse from an early mentor, taught herself English and the confidence with which she wears her outsider status in an incestuous, insular industry. But none of this is why I like Kangana. I like her because she doesn't give a damn about not being liked.

■ SPECIAL STORY by BARKHA DUTT
(Credits : THEWEEK)

Fiercely independent women who make it on their own terms and refuse to conform to other people's expectations of them are routinely disliked—and incidentally, by both men and women—because patriarchy and misogyny are the one thing that is gender-neutral. When you can't fit a complex woman on the inside of a neat little box that can be pinned with a red bow and kept away; when your labels run short, when the worst you say about her (whore, bitch, slut, gold-digger, unstable, crazy, vulgar) doesn't break her self-esteem; when your fantasy that even if she is successful, she must be so lonely gets challenged; when there is no man, picket fence, child or dog to complete your version of what her family portrait should look like and when your toxic whispers are unable to crush her individualism or flatten her into submission—all you are left to attack her with is dislike. Women who succeed—and especially those who do so by drafting their own rules—must be ready to grow the thickest hide possible and embrace their unpopularity. Kangana is one such person.

For me this is not about something as narrow or specific as the nepotism debate (full disclosure: Karan Johar is a dear friend); as the media-professional daughter of a journalist I can hardly hold forth on that with honesty. Nor is it about who is right and wrong in the intimate battle between Hrithik Roshan and Kangana. But while she gathers kudos in public every time she fights back, the truth is that Kangana is constantly deconstructed in the most unflattering terms and often in full public gaze. She has been vilified on social media, mocked in swish drawing rooms and, of course, had both

her mental health and her sexual morality questioned.

Every time I praise Kangana or she has come on one of my shows, there is enormous admiration from one section of viewers, but intense pushback from another, including many of her industry colleagues. I have been accused of foisting undeserved feminist iconography onto her persona; I have been told she is an illusionist living a deluded life. I have heard way more than I need to know about her personal proclivities—true or false, I have no idea. She has been smeared, abused, made fun of and yes, sometimes, even socially shunned by her fraternity. She is prefixed to controversy, real or manufactured—an age-old trolling tool to silence women who prefer to smash the status quo.

Yet, she has remained unchanged and unbent, utterly comfortable with her own imperfections, angularities, eccentricities and weaknesses and absolutely self-possessed and anchored by her own strength. Not once has she surrendered to peer pressure and adapted her personality to 'fit in'. She has remained stubbornly individualistic. She has remained herself. The rest be damned.

Among women, very few of us are able to withstand that sort of public and personal pressure. But once you do, and other people's opinions about you cease to matter, you discover a genuine sense of liberation. Isn't that what feminism is all about—freedom?

So here's my toast to women who dare to be disliked.

EXHIBITION - "Gandhi's Vision: Freedom and Beyond"

Venue: Kamaladevi Complex, Main Building, India International Centre (IIC), 40 Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Estate **Dates:** 10th to 21st August 2017, 11am - 7pm **Entry:** Free

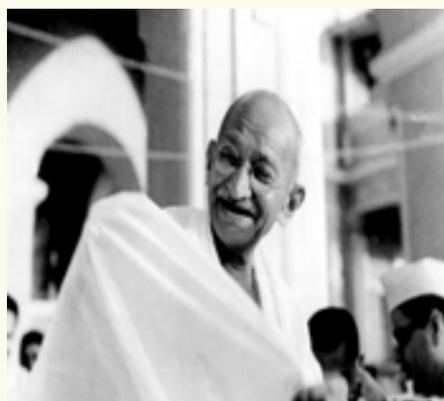
An exhibition of photographs and documents depicting India's freedom struggle under Mahatma Gandhi's leadership and his vision of free India from the collection of the National Gandhi Museum.

Beginning with Gandhi's return to India from South Africa in 1915 and the first satyagraha in Champaran in 1917, the Ahmedabad Mill workers' strike, the Non-Co-opera-

tion movement, Bardoli satyagraha, Dandi March, Quit India movement and Gandhi's last days in Bihar and Noakhali.

It will also depict the Mahatma's dream of free India - removal of poverty, communal harmony, removal of untouchability, equality of women, a new system of education, etc.

The exhibition will also include replicas of Gandhi's ashrams.



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