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REMINDER FOR THE HONOURABLE MADAM PRESIDENT

By remaining silent once again President Murmu has not only raised eyebrows but has obliquely sent out a message that despite being the Head of the State she still is not in a position to oppose canonical, conformist and conservative customs. Let me quote the oath President Draupadi Murmu took last year: "I, Droupadi Murmu, do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Republic of India, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of India..." This solemn oath necessitates that the President of India preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. President Murmu will complete one year in office on July 25 and it's time now to urge and remind the President of her Constitutional responsibilities. The President of India does not exercise executive powers, his or her



role is more akin to that of a British monarch or the monarchs in countries like Netherlands or Spain. However, Indian Presidents are not entirely rubber stamps. Despite being a ceremonial or the titular head nothing stops them from asking the ministers to reconsider actions, offer private advice, convey warnings; they can even make public speeches which subtly indicate some differences of view with the government. Being the first tribal President, Draupadi Murmu's victory was hailed as a victory of representation, be it in gender or ethnicity – but has she been able to give voice to her courage of conviction? Has she been able to defend the Constitution? Has she risen to the

occasion to go beyond her duties to assert herself? Let's take a few examples to remind the Honourable President that had she broken her silence, perhaps the message would have been over-embracing. For more than three months women Olympian wrestlers struggled on the streets, cried for justice, were battered by the police – despite so many women's organisations demanding justice there were no supportive voices from the government. A caution or a subtle warning from President Murmu could have sent out a stern message to the ruling dispensation. It's more than three months now that Manipur has remained on the boil. Nearly 10,000 houses, over 500 churches, schools and other establishments have been burnt during the last two months. It is a month since Home Minister Amit Shah went to Imphal, stayed there for three days and talked to a cross-section.



Fake police extort Rs 14 lakh from six people in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Over the past few weeks, four women and two men in the city were extorted of over Rs 14 lakh by fraudsters who leveled fake allegations of drug peddling against them and threatened them with police investigation. According to cops, four of the victims were from south Bengaluru, while the other two were from the northeastern parts of the city. Police suspect it to be the handiwork of the same group of fraudsters, as keywords such as "MDMA", also known as Molly and Ecstasy, and "fake passports" were repeated by the blackmailers. On June 24, a 38-year-old woman from JP Nagar filed a complaint. She stated that around 11.13am on June 14, she received a call from an unknown person who claimed to be an employee of a private courier firm. He informed her that a parcel was booked in her name earlier in the day in Mumbai.

FIR AGAINST THREE FOR BALLOONS WITH 'PRO-PAKISTAN' MESSAGE

A balloon with 'Love Pakistan' written feelings.

In this he led to an FIR against two The FIR was registered by the Vijapur Naka police station in Solapur based on a complaint by Police Naik Ganesh Shirke, Maharashtra, and set a police team who was on bandobast duty at Alamgir Eidgah in the town on chasing loose strings. Eid-ul-Adha last Thursday. According to Shirke's statement, as While no arrests have been made in people started leaving after namaz, some of them noticed the case, a probe by the Solapur balloon from among a bunch and took the balloon seller to Police has led them to 'China market' Shirke.

in Mumbai, from where the balloons In his complaint, Shirke said as the crowd gathered around the are said to have eventually found seller, the balloon in contention burst. Shirke said that Aman's packet of balloons had at least one balloon that was green in

The FIR was registered on June 29 colour with the Pakistan flag on it and with "Happy Independence Day" written in Urdu. against the two balloon sellers, Ajay The FIR said that during questioning, Aman, 20, a resident of Pardihi Colony at Vijapur Road, said he and Aman Pawar and Shivaji Pawar, Shivaji bought balloons from Tanveer Bagwan, who owned the New Roshan Toy store in Solapur.

members of a nomadic tribe, and The two balloon sellers told police that they were unlettered and could not read what was written on the Tanveer Bagwan, from whom they balloons.

allegedly bought the balloons, under Shirke said that at that point, a crowd started gathering at the spot, following which the police took the two IPC sections relating to promoting balloon sellers to the police station.

enmity between groups and acts The FIR further reads, "Ajay Aman Pawar and Shivaji Laxman Pawar with an intention to create trouble intended to outrage religious between Hindu and Muslim communities sold the said balloons to the general public.



Delhi Crime: Shots Fired In Tis Hazari Court Complex After Argument Between Lawyers; Shocking Visuals Surface

Police are present at the spot to avoid more mishaps.

Delhi Police officials have reported that an incident of firing has occurred at the Tis Hazari Court premises in Delhi. No injuries have been reported yet. Apparently, an argument among some lawyers triggered the incident. Police are present at the spot to avoid more mishaps.

However, a video of the incident has surfaced on the internet.

Video Shows Lawyer Firing Shots In the videos surfaced on social media, a lawyer can be seen holding a gun in his hand pointing it in the air. Other lawyers around can be heard hurling abuses and also seen throwing stones on the opposite side in what looks like an argument between two groups in the court premises. Soon, the lawyer with a gun in hand fires shots in the air while others continue the abuse.

Bar Council Condemns Incident Bar Council of Delhi Chairman KK Manan condemned the incident of firing at Tis Hazari Court premises assuring thorough investigation in the matter. In a statement over the incident, Manan said, "Detailed inquiry into the matter will be undertaken.

CYBER CROOKS COME TO HAUNT HYDERABAD'S OLD CITY, WOMEN SOFT TARGETS

HYDERABAD: The Old City has been witnessing a sharp spike in cases of online fraud over the last few months. According to records, May 2 alone saw as many as 11 cases of cyber fraud being reported across multiple police stations – six of them at Rein Bazaar police. Majority of these victims, cops say, are women.

In one case, Nazia Fatima, an assistant professor at a degree college and a resident of Rein Bazaar chaman, Yakutpura, lost close to 40,000.

"After completing a bank transaction, the victim received a link on a mobile phone asking her to download the telegram app and promising lucrative part-time work. She was then asked to scan a QR code and send 200, to get started with the job. Minutes after she did so, the victim lost 38,999 from her account," said N Ranjit Kumar Goud, inspector, Rein Bazaar police station.

In another case, Nausheen Banu, a resident of Ali Nagar, Shah Ali Banda was duped when fraudsters called her posing as customer care executives of an e-commerce website.

"I had ordered a lip balm worth 317 on the website and had paid for it. Next day, I decided to cancel the order and called a customer care number I found online. Soon afterwards I received a call from someone who claimed she was an executive of the e-commerce site and sent me a link on PhonePe to accept the refund," said Nausheen. Little did the victim know it was a trap and the victim lost 19,384 in one shot.

"I was in search of a job on the internet. A person, who I later realised was a fraudster, promised me one for some small commission. When I clicked on the link he sent, he robbed me of 44,600."

RAJ THACKERAY SEES SHARAD PAWAR'S HAND IN MAHARASHTRA POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Raj Thackeray claimed that Sharad Pawar himself could be behind the recent developments

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) president **Raj Thackeray**, on Tuesday claimed that the political developments in Maharashtra could have the blessings of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supreme Sharad Pawar himself, reported news agency PTI. He was talking to reporters in Pune about NCP leader **Ajit Pawar** and eight other MLAs joining the Shiv Sena-BJP government in the state on Sunday, splitting the Sharad Pawar-led party.

"What has happened in the state is very disgusting...This is nothing but an insult to the voters of the state," Raj Thackeray was quoted as saying by PTI. "Sharad Pawar started all these things in Maharashtra. He first experimented with 'Pulod'



(Purogam Lokshahi Dal) government back in 1978. Maharashtra had never witnessed such political scenarios ever. All these things started with Pawar, and ended with Pawar," Raj Thackeray was quoted as saying by PTI. The MNS chief then claimed that Sharad Pawar himself could be behind the recent developments. "Praful Patel, Dilip Walse-Patil and Chhagan Bhujbal are not the ones who will go with Ajit Pawar (on their own and without Pawar senior's blessings)," Raj Thackeray was quoted as saying by PTI. Meanwhile, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP has issued a whip to all MLAs.

PUNE POLICE CRACKDOWN ON HABITUAL CRIMINALS DURING "OPERATION ALL OUT": OVER 1800 CHECKED AND 159 ARRESTED

Pune, 5th July 2023: Commissioner of Police Retesh Kumaar has adopted an aggressive approach to tackle the menace of criminals in the city. In an effort to curb their activities, a comprehensive list of these criminals, known for vandalizing vehicles and instilling fear among the citizens, has been compiled. Prompt preventive actions have been initiated against them.



In a midnight operation conducted on Monday (3rd July), the police arrested a total of 159 criminals from various parts of the city. Simultaneously, Commissioner Ritesh Kumar has instructed the Crime Branch and all police stations to take stringent measures against these offenders.

As part of this directive, the crime branch and police station teams conducted thorough searches at 455 hotels, lodges, dhabas, and public places, including bus stations and railway stations. The combing operation, which lasted from 10 pm on July 3 to 2 am on July 4, focused on identifying and apprehending suspects.

During this special operation, 11 individuals were arrested, and police confiscated one

pistol, two live cartridges, and 10 other weapons under the Arms Act. The Shivajinagar, Bharti Vidyapeeth, Khadki, Vishrantwadi, Chatushringi, Chandannagar, Yerwada, Airport, Lonikand, Hadapsar, Mundhwa, and Kondhwa police stations issued warrants against these culprits.

Also, local police stations set up 28 checkpoints and screened 3,282 suspected motorists. Among them, 475 individuals were penalized, resulting in fines amounting to Rs 1,22,000. Additionally, the traffic branch checked 1,129 drivers, with 496 of them facing penalties totaling four lakh rupees. The Crime Branch also took action against 13 criminals.

WOMAN'S DECOMPOSED BODY FOUND IN GUNNY BAG IN MUMBAI'S WORLI

MUMBAI: The body of a woman was found in a gunny bag in Worli area of Mumbai on Tuesday.

The identity of the woman is yet to be established. The woman was aged between 20 years and 30 years.

Worli police have registered a murder case against an unidentified person.

A senior officer said that police went the spot soon after learning about the incident.

"The body is decomposed and it seems it came from the sea water to Worli area," said the officer.

Investigators suspect that the body might have been thrown in the sea somewhere and it came to Worli.

PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN SLAMS UNIFORM CIVIL CODE WEEK AFTER AAP BACKED IT



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann slammed the BJP-led Centre on Uniform Civil Code, accusing the party of raising religious issues for electoral gain. This comes a week after AAP MP Sandeep Pathak said the party backed UCC "in principle". After AAP's 'in principle' support, Mann slams UCC

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann criticised Tuesday the BJP-led government at the Centre over UCC, accusing the party of raising religious issues close to elections for political gain. His comments came a week after AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak stated that the party supported UCC "in principle".

Questioning the necessity of UCC, Mann emphasised the diversity of the country, stating that people of different faiths have different cultures and religious practices, and he didn't understand why there was a need to tamper with it.

ANDE BHARAT PASSENGER UPSET OVER 'NOW VS THEN' QUALITY OF FOOD, IRCTC RESPONDS TO VIRAL TWEET

Afrustrated traveller aboard the Vande Bharat Express recently expressed their dissatisfaction with the food quality on the luxury train. In a tweet that quickly went viral, the passenger shared images to illustrate a comparison between the food served during the train's inaugural run and the "stale" food currently being provided. The tweet caught the attention of IRCTC, who responded accordingly. On Twitter, the user @Railfan9971 posted a photo of the "pathetic" meal they were served while travelling on the Vande Bharat train from Madgaon Junction to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. The individual also shared an old picture of the meal they were served at first, stating, "The delicious food from Ahuja Caterers you all were served for free on the inaugural run of 22230 Vande Bharat." Subsequently, they elaborated on the poor quality of food during their recent journey, stating, "Today in 22230 MAO-CSMT Vande Bharat... Pathetic is the only explainable word for it. Stone hard Paneer, Cold Food, Stale Salty Dal all dumped on to the enthusiastic passengers paying hefty Rs. 250 for this food." The passenger also pointed out some issues as a regular traveller on this train, stating, "the missing Dahi, Sanitizer, and importantly, quality." Expressing disappointment, they further questioned, "Please lend me a good explanation if your invited guests enjoy such good food, why can't a common paying passenger receive the same quality food... All such work has already created a worst impression on the passengers."



POLICE IN AUSTRALIA RELEASE VIDEO OF CRIMINALS SETTING HOUSE ON FIRE

The majority of the damage was reported to be localised to the garage and the front section of the residence.

The police in Australia have released the security camera footage of the shocking moment two criminals set fire to a home in Perth. The fire erupted in a garage located on Fitzgerald Road in Morley, Perth's north-east, at approximately 4am on Wednesday, according to The West Australian. Firefighters promptly arrived at the scene and launched an operation to douse the blaze, the outlet further said. Fortunately, the occupants of the house, including two adults and a child, managed to evacuate safely.



The majority of the damage was reported to be localised to the garage and the front section of the residence. The police received a call about the fire at the house around 5:15am and classified the fire as suspicious. The West Australian said in its report. They later established a perimeter around the area to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident.

According to the CCTV footage, two individuals were observed igniting a broom and subsequently throwing it into the garage. The pair hastily fled as the part of the house became engulfed in flames, accompanied by billowing smoke.

Detective Sergeant Chris De Bruin stated that the arson squad is in the initial stages of its inquiry.

MUMBAI: POLICE BOOK MAN FOR MISSING TRAIN ENGINES WORTH ₹5 CRORE



The accused took the engines in a trailer, via road, to Haryana, and unloaded them there. But he never returned the locomotives back to the Parel shed in Mumbai, as promised.

Mumbai: The police have booked a man named Pavan Sharma, owner of Radha Roadways, for allegedly cheating another company, a registered transporter for the railways that handle cargo and transport work.

The accused was given a sub-contract for transporting railway engines (locomotives) worth ₹5 crore from Mumbai to Kalka and back. Sharma is accused of failing to return the locomotives.

The crime The complainant in the case, Anilkumar Gulabchand Gupta, is an employee of Shree JB Grains Dealer, a company associated with the railways since 2018. According to him, in April they got work from the railways to transport railway engines from Mumbai to Kalka and back. Shree JB Grains Dealer hired another contractor for this work, which is when Sharma entered the scene. The two made a contract to undertake the work and Gupta promised Sharma ₹4.25 lakh. Gupta alleged that Sharma took the engines in a trailer, via road, to Haryana, and unloaded them there. But he never returned the locomotives back to the Parel shed in Mumbai, as promised. The engines were transported from Parel to be used on the Kalka-Shimla toy trains. Gupta further alleged that when contacted, Sharma said due to a delay in payment, he wanted ₹60,000 more. He threatened to keep the engines if the money was not paid.

According to a Central Railway spokesperson, CR did not know Sharma as its original contract was with Gupta and his company. After a probe, CR got to know that Gupta had hired Sharma as a sub-contractor.

MANDIRA BEDI ALMOST LOST HER LUGGAGE AT THE MUMBAI AIRPORT, WRITES 'MY KIDS AND I LANDED IN A NIGHTMARE'

Mandira Bedi shared a harrowing experience when she arrived at the Mumbai Airport after spending two weeks in three different countries for summer vacation with her kids. The actress also posted reels from her trip which encapsulated her whole journey in barely 30 seconds. Each city that she visited had its own speciality.

Mandira Bedi recently went on summer vacations with her kids to three countries. She chose Geneva, Denmark and Greece for her vacation spots. While returning from her long vacay, Mandira faced bad service at Mumbai airport where she had to search for each and every suitcase that they carried on the trip on different conveyor belts.

Mandira took to her Instagram story and wrote a long note on the inconvenience she faced early in the morning when she landed in Mumbai.

Mandira wrote, "And so after two weeks, three countries and six airports. My kids and I landed in a nightmare at Mumbai's Terminal 2. Not a single arriving flight is displayed on the screen or on the conveyor belts. Absolute chaos reigns with the hapless passengers not having a clue where to go."

PAK WOMAN SEARCHED YOUTUBE FOR WAYS TO ENTER INDIA, FOUND LIVING IN GREATER NOIDA

Police have arrested a Pakistani woman who entered India illegally in May. The woman, Seema Gulam Haider, reportedly turned to YouTube for ideas on gaining entry into India.

Police have arrested a Pakistani woman who entered India illegally in May and was found living in Greater Noida with a man she met online. The 27-year-old woman had searched YouTube for ways to gain entry into India, police told Indian Express.

Seema Gulam Haider, a resident of Rind Hajiana village in Pakistan's Sindh province, met an Indian man named Sachin Singh while playing the online game PUBG. As their friendship grew, Seema decided to travel to India so they could get married.

The Pakistani woman was already married to one Gulam Haider, and they had four children together. Gulam Haider went to work in Saudi Arabia in 2019, and Seema came into contact with Sachin the same year. Their friendship started on PUBG and the two soon began exchanging messages on WhatsApp and Instagram. In March this year, Seema travelled to Nepal to meet Sachin for the first time. The two stayed in a hotel for a week before the woman went back to her family in Pakistan and came up with a plan to enter India through Nepal.