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## EVEN IN DREAMS...': AJIT PAWAR'S JIBE OVER SHINDE, FADNAVIS NOT RESIGNING



### STOCK Nearly \$1 billion outflow! MSCI reduces weights of these 15 stocks

MSCI Inc on Thursday, reduced the weightage of 15 Nifty50 stocks as part of its May global index review, and this is likely to result in net outflows of nearly \$1 billion, according to estimates by Nuvama Alternative Quantitative Research. In the information technology pack alone, the weights of four stocks namely Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, and Mphasis, have been cut.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court had said then Maharashtra governor had erred in concluding that Uddhav Thackeray had lost majority after revolt.

Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar on Friday said there is no need to demand resignation from Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde, this in wake of the Supreme Court verdict on Sena vs Sena tussle. "Don't even dream



that the CM and deputy CM would resign on the basis of morality. There is a huge difference between former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the current people", also said that the governor had no objective about Uddhav Thackeray's Thackeray, the Supreme Court had said it could have demand for the resignation of incumbent CM.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court had said then Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Thackeray had lost the majority after a revolt by Eknath Shinde. It had have no objective no danger", he had said, triggering fresh speculations whether he and his faction would extend support to the BJP case the MLAs who joined Shinde were to be disqualified.

The Uddhav faction had termed the SC verdict a vindication and called for Shinde's resignation. "Supreme Court has said that the Shiv Sena Shinde group's Whip is illegal...The current govt is illegal and formed against the Constitution," Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut had said.

Ahead of the top court verdict, Ajit Pawar had expressed confidence that there is no threat to the Shinde-Fadnavis government as long as it enjoys the majority of 154 MLAs in the House. "Many call this government unconstitutional. But as long as they have the support of 145 MLAs, there is no danger", he had said, triggering fresh speculations whether he and his faction would extend support to the BJP case the MLAs who joined Shinde were to be disqualified.

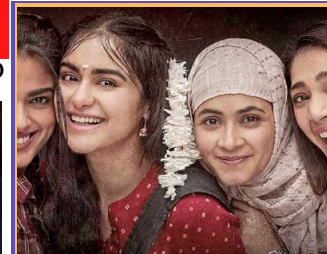
## MUMBAI: THREE HELD FOR KILLING 42-YEAR-OLD MAN IN WORLI

THE DECEASED HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RAJAN DAS ALIAS BENGALI AND THE THREE ACCUSED AS SACHIN KAVANDER, SADA KAVANDER AND BHAVESH SALVE, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE

Three persons were arrested on Thursday for allegedly killing a 42-year-old man in the Worli area, identified as Kavander by offering Rs 500, due to a conflict between them which led to the murder. "Later, the wife of accused Kavander informed her husband about the deceased's demand, after which he along with his nephew Bhavesh Salve went and assaulted Das with sticks and stones on Wednesday," added the police. The police said that after assaulting the deceased allegedly demanded deceased brutally, the accused fled from the spot.



Upon receiving the information the police reached the spot. "After this, the deceased was admitted to the hospital where doctors declared him dead," said the police. A case has been registered against



### Entertainment 'This is not just a Kerala story, but a Global story'

We should see to it that not even one woman gets radicalised.' 'We should not let even one young man become a jihadi.'

Is one of the most talked about and controversial films of 2023, *The Kerala Story*, really 'The Kerala story'? While right leaning groups cheer the film, liberals oppose the idea of taking a black and white stand on a very sensitive subject.

A P Abdullakutty, the mercurial two-time MP from Kannur, started his career with the Communist Party of India-Marxist, but was expelled from the party when he said all states in India should follow the Gujarat model.

He then joined the Congress, only to get expelled for his Facebook post applauding Narendra Modi's 2019 victory.

From 2020, he has been a national vice-president of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

"It is a big lie that this film is against Islam. Only those who have not seen the film will come out with such ridiculous criticism," Abdullakutty tells Rediff.com's Shobha Warrier about *The Kerala Story*.

## MUMBAI: TAX OFFICER & CA ACQUITTED IN RS 2 LAKHS BRIBE DEMAND CASE

Observing that due to major lapses on the part of investigating officers, the case of prosecution cannot be proved beyond reasonable doubt, a special CBI court on Wednesday acquitted a commissioner of income tax appeal and a chartered accountant, accused of demanding a bribe of Rs 2.2 lakh from a senior manager of private company for closing a matter in 2011. The complainant was to pay tax of Rs 38 lakh with penalties. The prosecution had alleged that the chartered account was caught red handed accepting the bribe. However, acquitting public servant

## SHARE MARKET TRADER OPENS HIS CAR ON CHENNAI ROAD, FINDS MAN DEAD

CHENNAI: A share market trader found the body of an officer. Aravindh informed the man inside his car that he had control room. By the time he mistakenly left unlocked on patrol wing sub-inspector the road in front of his house Selvaraj of the Valasaravakkam in Valasaravakkam on police arrived, a few residents on Wednesday evening. Police of the area alerted the 108 ambulance service. Paramedics came with a cause of death of the man who vehicle and took the man to hospital where doctors declared him dead. The car on Monday morning and Valasaravakkam police left it on the road outside his registered a case. While the house on Kanagathara Nagar Main Road. Around 7.30 pm on whose body is now at Wednesday, he and his wife Government Royapettah Hospital, is not yet released, police after preliminary investigations and after scanning CCTV camera footage said the man may have got into the unlocked car.

## MUMBAI NEWS: MAHARASHTRA CHILD RIGHTS BODY SEEKS PROBE INTO 'ILLEGAL' PTA AT THANE SCHOOL

According to parents, the PTA Executive Committee members are appointed in an opaque draw. Mumbai: The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has directed the Education Officer (EO) at the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) to look into the allegations about a private school flouting the norms for forming its Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) over the past several years. The child rights body took up the issue after a group of parents complained that the school is packing the PTA with its hand-picked members instead of following the due process. This is done in order to get away with various arbitrary charges and decisions imposed on parents, said complaints. The commission on Wednesday issued a letter to EO, seeking an inquiry and necessary action into the matter. According to parents, the PTA Executive Committee members are appointed in an opaque draw. They also complained that the body has an equal number of teachers.



and parents, even though the law provides for more representation of parents. According to the Maharashtra Educational Institutes (Regulation of Fee) Act 2011, each school needs to have a PTA, with all the parents as its members. Its executive committee is headed by the school principal and consists of representatives of parents and teachers from all the classes. The school management is required to get the committee's approval for changes in fees. The guardian of a student said that, in the absence of a duly appointed PTA, the school has been levying various penalties and additional charges on students. The parents have been asked to pay the bus...

## 'DAD A THREAT': MATERNAL UNCLE MADE GUARDIAN OF MUMBAI BOY



MUMBAI: The Bombay high court has appointed the maternal uncle of a boy who witnessed his father killing his mother when he was 3.5 years old, as his guardian and quashed and set aside the city civil court's order that had appointed his paternal grandmother as his guardian.

It is pertinent to note that the father of the minor child had committed the murder of his mother. The minor child being an eyewitness would definitely have a deep-rooted impact of the said incident on his mind. Having suffered trauma of such a magnitude at such a tender age the minor child, it would not at all be feasible to appoint his paternal grandmother as a guardian and to allow the child to remain in the same house where his mother was murdered," said Justice Prithviraj Chavan on May 4.

He allowed the uncle's appeal against the lower court's May 3, 2018, order. The couple's relations were strained as the husband, a dentist, suspected his wife's fidelity. He also suspected the paternity of his son and compelled her to take a DNA test. The boy, now 11, testified in the sessions court about the December 11, 2016, incident. The father is in jail and facing trial for murder. Justice Chavan, having considered the rival claims and the wish of the child, after a conversation with him alone, and also taking into account his capacity to understand the entire circumstances, found that the uncle "would be the best person to be appointed as guardian rather than the respondent (grandmother)".

Justice Chavan said it would be difficult to presume that in case of his acquittal, the father would not try to access his son, more particularly as the child had deposed against him. "In that case, there could be a danger to his life and limb at the hands of his father," he added.

The HC judge said the civil court judge "utterly failed to consider the wish of the child", all facts and circumstances in its correct perspective and ignored the basic object of the Guardians and Wards Act. Also, the judge "lost sight of the fact" that since his mother's death, the boy had been staying with his uncle's family which is looking after his welfare and is physically, economically, mentally and morally fit to take proper care of him.

"On the other hand, the respondent is an aged (now 71) woman staying alone, who may not be physically fit... to take future care of the minor child," he added.

## SOLVING CRIME: HOW A SIM CARD HELPED MUMBAI POLICE SOLVE ACTOR MEENAKSHI THAPA'S MURDER CASE

MEENAKSHI THAPA'S HEADLESS BODY WAS RECOVERED FROM A SEPTIC TANK IN ALLAHABAD ON APRIL 16, 2012. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THE ACCUSED CARRIED HER HEAD IN A BUS FROM ALLAHABAD TO LUCKNOW AND THREW IT EN ROUTE.



It was their decision to retain the SIM card of actor Meenakshi Thapa that landed Amitkumar Jaiswal and Alveena alias Preeti Surin behind bars in 2012 on charges of murdering her.

Meenakshi, who was around 24 years of age, came to Mumbai in search of a job in December 2011. She appeared in several films, including the Kareena Kapoor-starrer 'Heroine' in 2012, and befriended Jaiswal (41) and Surin (32), who worked as coordinators in the film industry.

In March 2013, Jaiswal and Surin took Meenakshi to Uttar Pradesh on the pretext of work. According to the police, they had planned to kidnap her and seek ransom as they believed she came from an affluent family.

On March 13, 2012, Meenakshi called her mother and said she was travelling with Jaiswal and Surin to Uttar Pradesh by Kamayani Express. After she reached Allahabad, Meenakshi called her mother again and informed her that she was going to Surin's home, the police said.

However, from March 15 onwards, Meenakshi could not be contacted. Her phone as well as those of Jaiswal and Surin were switched off, Meenakshi's mother said. Two days later, on March 17, Meenakshi's mother received a text message from an unknown number saying that if she wanted to see her daughter safe, she should pay Rs 15 lakh within three days. The message also threatened that if she informed the police, an obscene video of her daughter would be uploaded on the internet and would be circulated in her hometown, Dehradun. The actor's mother then went to a police station in Dehradun and lodged a complaint.

On May 10, 2013, Sessions Judge S G Shete convicted Jaiswal and Surin and sentenced them to life imprisonment. The Bombay High Court rejected Jaiswal's bail plea in August 2018. The appeals filed by the duo against their conviction are pending before the high court.

## ONGC MAKES MAJOR OIL AND GAS DISCOVERIES IN MUMBAI OFFSHORE BLOCK - WHAT IT MEANS FOR INDIA

State-run oil and gas exploration company, ONGC, has announced two significant discoveries in the Arabian Sea blocks off the Mumbai coast, following auctions conducted under India's open acreage licensing policy regime. The first discovery was made in the Amrit block, covering an area of 725 sq km, while the second was found in the 4,668 sq km Moonga block.



Mumbai: **ONGC**, a state-run oil and gas exploration company in **India**, announced two major discoveries in the **Arabian Sea** blocks in the Mumbai Offshore region that it had won in auctions conducted under the open acreage licensing policy (OALP) regime.

in the first and third OALP auction rounds, respectively. Block Amrit, which is approximately 100 km from the landfall point, covers an area of 725 square km, while block Moonga is spread over 4,668 sq km and is located 30 km from the Mumbai coast. Both discoveries have been notified to the upstream regulator Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, and their potential is currently being assessed.

This news is significant for ONGC as it reinforces its commitment to unlocking India's hydrocarbon resources and increasing reserves accretion. The two discoveries were made in blocks 'Amrit' and 'Moonga', which were won by ONGC.

Under the OALP regime, companies are allowed to select acreages for bidding based on data analysis. Therefore, the discoveries are a clear indication of the quality of ONGC's data analysis and exploration capabilities. The company's director of exploration, Sushma Rawat, stated that these discoveries

## IMD ISSUES HEATWAVE WARNING IN MUMBAI, THANE, OTHER DISTRICTS; PRECAUTIONS ADVISED

Indian Meteorological Department has issued a heatwave warning for Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, and Raigad due to an anti-cyclone circulation that has formed increasing temperatures. The IMD has recorded 36.9 degrees in Santacruz, and according to the experts, this condition is expected to persist for two days before easing on April 13.

Mumbai: The **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)** has issued a heatwave warning for Mumbai, **Thane**, **Palghar**, **Raigad**, and other districts in Maharashtra's Konkan area. A heatwave warning has been issued for Mumbai for the first time this month and the fourth time this season. The IMD's **Santacruz** observatory recorded 36.9 degrees, which was a three degree jump in the past 24 hours. **34.2 degrees was observed.**

## MEGA WATER CUT IN THANE FOR 24 HOURS, TODAY FROM 12 PM

THANE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (TMC) ON THURSDAY SAID THAT THE WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED IN SOME AREAS FOR 24 HOURS DUE TO COMMISSIONING OF THE NEWLY LAID WATER PIPELINES ON MAY 12. THE CIVIC BODY, THANE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS ALSO ADVISED CITIZENS TO SAVE WATER AND UTILISE IT WISELY.

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"WATER IS SUPPLIED THROUGH MAHARASHTRA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MIDC) IN MUMBAI, DIVA, KALWA, MAJIVADA MANPADA AND PARTS OF WAGLE WARDS IN THANE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AREA. WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SHUT OFF FOR 24 HOURS FROM MAY 12 (FRIDAY) AT 12:00 PM TO MAY 13 (SATURDAY) AT 12:00 PM DUE TO URGENT WORK OF COMMISSIONING THE NEWLY LAID WATER MAIN LINES," THE CIVIC BODY SAID.

ALL PARTS OF THE DIVA, MUMBAI, AND KALWA WARDS ARE IMPACTED. WATER WILL ALSO BE HALTED IN SOME AREAS OF WAGLE WARD, INCLUDING RUPADEVI PADA, KISAN NAGAR NO. 2 AND NEHRU NAGAR. WATER WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FOR 24 HOURS IN KOLSHET VILLAGE, WHICH IS MANAGED BY THE MANPADA WARD COMMITTEE

## GOOGLE AI SEARCH VS BARD CHATBOT: HOW THE TWO DIFFER, HOW TO ACCESS BARD IN INDIA AND MORE

At its annual conference in Mountain View, California, Google showed an updated core search product that embeds more artificial intelligence (AI) in its answers as the company looks to remove doubts that it is losing ground to Microsoft's OpenAI-powered Bing search. Google said that it has now embedded its latest AI technology into 25 products, including the search updates and a feature to help users write emails in Gmail. "Seven years into our journey as an AI-first company, we are at an exciting inflection point," Sundar Pichai, Google's CEO, said at the conference. "With generative AI, we're taking the next step, with a bold and responsible approach, we are reimagining all of our products." The company has a Bard chatbot that competes with ChatGPT, the chatbot from OpenAI, but the company is not bringing it to its search. Google appears to be taking a more measured approach. The company did not include a chatbot, as they can pose the risk of making up false information, in its search engine. Instead, Google said it will use AI to provide some answers, which will be corroborated by authoritative websites, and it will also continue including ads in responses. The AI technology coming to Google search is called Search Generative Experience. When do users Google and when to use Bard The company said that traditional Google search should still be used for finding and seeking information, such as finding a place or looking for something to buy or a place to go. Bard is a chatbot with a persona that can hold human-like conversations. So it is intended to be used for creative collaboration, for example to write captions for a photo, welcome speech for an event or more.



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