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EDITORIAL

WHO's suggestion

The world absolutely needs the suggestion given by the World Health Organization (WHO) to increase the tax on sweet beverages like alcohol as well as cold drinks to one and a half times. Such suggestions have been made many times in the past at various levels, but they have either been ignored or have been implemented with half-hearted will. This is the reason why more than 26 lakh people die every year due to alcohol-related diseases. Are fitting in. The number of deaths due to consumption of sweet beverages and other unhealthy ingredients is more than 80 lakh. This trend is continuing. India is not among the top ten countries with the highest consumption of alcohol in the world, but the number of deaths due to alcohol is here too it is touching the limit of three lakhs every year. Therefore, there is as much need to implement WHO's advice to the entire world here as it is anywhere else. There is scope for increasing taxes for India in the form that in Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, the tax on these products is one and a half times or even more than ours. When countries with such small economies can do this, then the world's fifth largest A country with an economy should not hesitate to move on this path. The huge amount of money that common people and governments are currently spending on the treatment of alcohol-related diseases will also be saved. The most positive impact will be that the number of deaths due to such causes across the world will come down by one million every year. In India, about one lakh people will be prevented from dying every year. In this way people's lives can be saved without any extra expense. Due to increase in tax, the number of people consuming it will also reduce significantly. If diseases will

also reduce, then the expenditure on measures to deal with them will also reduce. The example of Lithuania is in front of everyone how due to increase in the price of liquor there the death rate reduced by more than six percent. Liquor and sweet drinks are not such products which are necessary for the people and increasing their price would make people feel uncomfortable. That the back will be broken or the objective of saving lives and getting rid of suffering will be hurt. Another important fact is that even small children are becoming obese due to drinking cold drinks. Many diseases are arising due to obesity. It is also happening that youth are getting addicted to the drug by adding tablets like paracetamol in drinks like Coke. These cold drinks sometimes increase excitement. Research has also shown that these drinks increase depression. According to many NGOs, diseases like cancer are increasing due to cold drinks. Apart from these, as far as the economy is concerned, most of the cold drinks are made by multinational companies, which take their huge profits out of the country. From this point of view also, the suggestion of the World Health Organization is very important. Actually, these are products of luxury and fun category and are harmful for the human body. This means that WHO's suggestion is multidimensional and versatile. Implementing this will only benefit humanity. Therefore, governments should think seriously about implementing it in all circumstances. Another important fact is that even small children are becoming obese due to drinking cold drinks. Many diseases are arising due to obesity. It is also happening that youth are getting addicted to the drug by adding tablets like paracetamol in drinks like Coke.

Are online spaces safe for women?

By Shobha Shukla
In today's world, many human interactions are taking place in the online spaces. As the internet and mobile technologies, as well as social media spaces, become more and more accessible, this is where many of our real life activities take place. Many of us find virtual spaces safe and convenient to share opinions, exchange ideas, increase our knowledge, and find entertainment, without even stepping out of our homes.

phones and smartphones, the internet, social media platforms or email, against a woman because she is a woman, or affects women disproportionately." One must not forget that online public sphere is as real and impactful as its offline counterpart and the impact of online gender based violence (OGBV) is increasingly spilling over into offline spaces, sometimes with severe consequences. Correlations between in-person abuse

to gender equality and feminism in the virtual space, reveals that various men's groups are launching online attacks against feminism and women's rights activists on social media platforms. The study specifically captured anti-feminist and anti-gender equality content on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube platforms that are used to oppose gender equality and women's rights in India, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. False narratives of online manosphere



against feminists, and rally behind political leaders who approve of sexism and violence. They share excerpts of religious texts and sermons from religious leaders to show how gender equality has led women astray and tarnished traditional institutions such as marriage, family and motherhood.

More than half of the posts in India's 'manosphere' claim that men have fallen victim to gender equality. Some of these groups propagate gender-unequal ideas of what constitutes a "good woman" according to dominant religious beliefs and ideals.

and OGBV have been documented through multiple studies. In a recent global survey by UNESCO on online violence against women journalists 73% of the participants said they had experienced online violence and 20% said they had been attacked offline in connection with online violence targeting them.

The analysis found that these groups of men, commonly called the online "manosphere", use a range of narratives and tactics that attack feminism and promote men's issues and belittle women's rights activists.

The narratives spread by them portray men as victims of gender equality and justify misogyny under the pretext of religion, culture and political ideologies. Dominant narratives used by manosphere groups in these countries justify patriarchy and violence and hostility against women. They propagate victim blaming, jokes about rape, justification of attacks

Alas! Patriarchy is spreading its tentacles in this era too, and with every passing day these spaces are getting more and more dangerous and unsafe for many- especially for women and girls and other marginalised communities.

From posting abusive and obscene messages and /or pornographic videos and sexually explicit photos of females with the intent of blackmail, to unauthorised use and manipulation of personal information, including fake images and videos, issuing life threats and trolling, stalking women who do not toe the line or dare to question the patriarchal subjugation of women, technology driven online violence against women and girls has taken myriad forms.

Online violence can be defined as "any act of gender-based violence against women that is committed, assisted or aggravated in part or fully by the use of ICT, such as mobile

The top perpetrators included anonymous people (57%), government officials (14%), and colleagues (14%), and political parties (10%).

A research study released by UN Women's Regional Office for Asia-Pacific on 'understanding opposition

Now there is race to get a place in Mohan govt

Gwalior Chambal Notes
Harish Dubey

Today, the new head of the state Mohan Yadav took oath along with two deputy CMs, with this the competition among BJP MLAs from Gwalior Chambal has intensified to get representation in his cabinet. Pradyuman Singh Tomar and Narayan Singh are contenders in Gwalior; both these leaders have been ministers several times. On the other hand, Andal Singh Kansana has a claim in Morena, while Rakesh Shukla and Narendra Singh Kushwaha are in the race in Bhind. In Shivpuri, Devendra Jain and Mahendra Yadav have a natural claim as old MLAs. Pradeep Aggarwal, the only BJP MLA from Datia district, who won for the second time, is also busy in manipulations for himself. If the Gujarat formula of making MLAs who have won for the first time as ministers is implemented, then there could be a lottery of Pritam, Ambrish or Mohan Singh, who defeated invincible Congress MLAs like KP-Govind-Lakhan. Since five ministers have lost in Gwalior Chambal in this election, the path for new contenders has become somewhat easier.

Gwalior will remain axis of power



Gwalior - Till now only Digvijay Singh has

become the CM from Chambal division. Apart from him, till now only the leaders of Malwa, Vindhya, Mahakaushal and Chhattisgarh of undivided Madhya Pradesh have been holding the governorship. At the time of the fall of DP Mishra government, Rajmata Scindia had rejected the post of CM even after being elected the leader of the Samvid Legislative Party, while Late Madhavrao's claim was eclipsed by the rival camps of Congress every time. This time too, two stalwarts of BJP, Narendra Singh Tomar and Jyotiraditya Scindia, were being considered as the possible heads of the newly formed BJP government, but both these leaders, sensing the thoughts of the top leadership, separated themselves from the competition. Had taken. The news of Scindia's resignation from the cabinet on the day of the BJP legislature party meeting raised hopes among his supporters but it proved to be a mere rumour.

It is believed that the influence of the Scindia camp in the BJP politics of the region will remain the same as before. There are chances of his camp getting proper representation in the new cabinet. The names of Silavat, Rajput and Pradyumna are considered almost certain. On the other hand, in the form of Narendra Singh, for the first time a leader from Gwalior Chambal has been given a big constitutional responsibility like Speaker. The bottom line is that Gwalior will remain the center of power for the next five years.

Chambal's old connection with post of Leader of Oppn

The policy makers of Congress had dreamed of wearing the crown of power with 150 seats, but the fate of democracy has brought Congress the situation of electing the Leader of Opposition for the fifth time. Now the party people are saying that the face of our CM was clear but they had not even thought about the name of the leader of the opposition, that is why at least half a dozen leaders of the Panja Dal are trying hard to get this weighty post.

Are applying. Among them is Chambal's Ramnivas Rawat, who is currently the executive Suba Sadar of the party and was the minister of important departments in the Digvijay government. However, in the case of Leader of Opposition, Chambal's political power has remained satisfied, in the outgoing assembly also the chair of Leader of Opposition was in Chambal's account, but due to the defeat of Dr. Govind Singh, this chair also went away from Chambal.

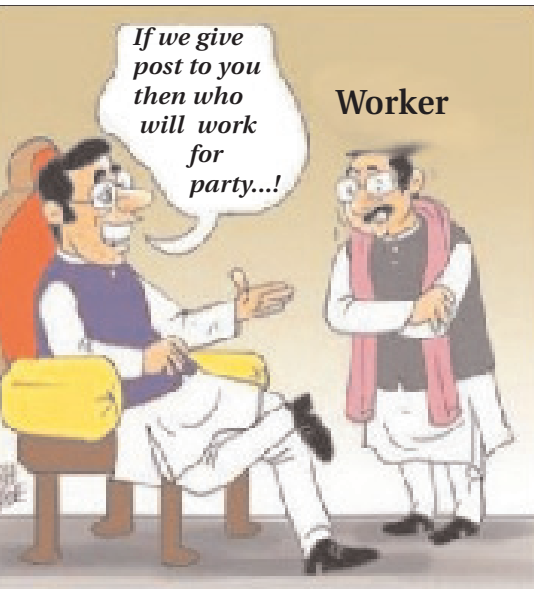
Earlier, Rakesh Choudhary of Chambal had also been the Deputy Leader of Opposition but Choudhary has also been defeated this time. In such a situation, the path of Ramnivas Rawat seems a bit easy but he may have to compete with Ajay Singh, Umang Singhar and Bala Bachchan to reach this chair. Jaivardhan Singh's name has also emerged from Gwalior division. If Kamal Nath leaves the leadership of the party and takes up the responsibility of Leader of the Opposition, then other claims for this post will automatically end, although this is unlikely because Nath's focus is now on the Lok Sabha elections to be held after five months.

Satire

Why crave for post, work selflessly

The friend told us, "After the elections, Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers are being made in the states. Cabinet will also be formed. It would be great if we also get some small post, it would be satisfying if we become PA to a

such that horses do not get grass, donkeys are eating Chyawanprash! You don't know about our actions. People come to us with their problems. We give them bundles of false assurances. By telling about their high connections,



Worker

minister without doing anything.

We said, "You serve the party wholeheartedly. Don't crave for position. There are many leaders in the country, you remain a selfless worker. Becoming a minister is a matter of luck. It has been said - the method of loss-profit, life-death, success-failure is a matter of destiny! When everything is in the hands of the Creator then why do we cry? No one gets more than time and luck!"

The friend said, "You are not able to understand our anxiety. We are jostling for position. What do people do to get a position? For this they use all kinds of tricks. The times are

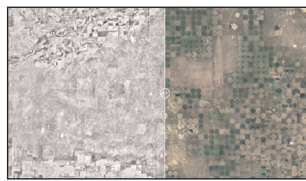
connections, they travel to Delhi - Mumbai with their money. We dress a dozen idle people in khadi kurta-pajama and present them as our supporters in front of some big leader. Recently, we had taken a contract to run an old age home, the grant for which started coming. When officials of the Social Welfare Department came to visit, we trained some old people from the slum and brought them there and made them sit there. There is nothing to be gained from such small earnings. Introduce us to some power broker who will give us a profitable position.

We said, "There is a lot of fuss about the office of profit or office of profit. Therefore, it would be better if you write auspicious results on the door of your house. If you have an immense desire to attain a position, then sing the hymn of Bhimsen Joshi - Only the one who worships Hari will attain the supreme position!"

Science Fact

Landscape Explorer shows how much the American West has changed

With the click of a mouse, a new mapping tool shows how places in the American West have changed over the last 70 years.



With just a Web browser, anyone can open Landscape Explorer, which will pull up a modern Google map of the United States beside a black-and-white aerial image of the western states circa 1950. A slider button allows for scrolling back and forth between past and present.

You can type a place or address into the search bar, then zoom in or out. Search for "Lake Powell" and watch the Colorado River's red rock canyons of the past turn into a reservoir. Type in "Las Vegas" and see Sin City's sprawling grid of streets disappear into desert arroyos as you swipe back in time.

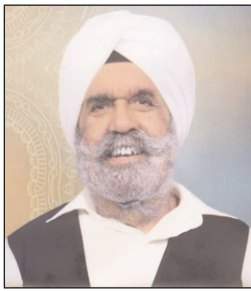
The free tool is an easy way for anyone with an interest in the American West to peruse the past.

But Landscape Explorer also has a loftier purpose: helping government agencies, landowners and conservation professionals make complex decisions about how to manage land. The powerful visual contrast between the historical snapshot and modern-day satellite imagery "allows us to go from zero to 100%" in terms of understanding ecosystem changes, says Scott Morford, an applied spatial ecologist at the University of Montana in Missoula who led the development of Landscape Explorer.

Spiritual

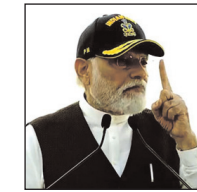
Bring Light into Your Life through Meditation

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by lighting lamps illuminating the night. This is a happy festival when people gather and enjoy the beautiful candles. Each one of us has the Light of the soul within us. But we are not aware of it because we identify ourselves with the outer world of darkness and illusion. If we would invert our attention within through meditation, we would discover this illuminating Light. Whenever the dark spells of life threaten to bring us down, we could invert, find the Light within, and bring it forth into the darkness to dispel it. Whenever we find we are faced with sickness, financial problems, ignominy, or loss, we can remember that these are but passing clouds in the brilliant sunlight sky.



Challenges are a part of life. Sometimes, we let them get the better of us and we find ourselves succumbing to them. However, there is always hope, which will bring light to the dark spells that come our way. We just have to know where to look for it. In life, we are faced with numerous challenges. We may have illnesses, financial or relationship problems, or loss of our reputation. We may experience some dark patches. But we do not have to be blinded by the darkness. Whenever we feel we are in a dark spell of our life, we need only tap into the Light of our soul. We are Light. Our soul is Light. Our true nature is Light. If we would only identify with our true nature, we would find there is no darkness. If we would also bring our own innate goodness and Light into our daily life, we would never be overcome by the darkness of life again. Each one of us has the Light of the soul within us. But we are not aware of it because we identify ourselves with the outer world of darkness and illusion.

Quotes



Today, we remember and pay heartfelt tributes to the brave security personnel martyred in the Parliament attack in 2001. Their courage and sacrifice in the face of danger will forever be etched in our nation's memory.

PM Narendra Modi



Devotees, who could not come in the early days due to reasons like floods in Chennai and Telangana elections, are now coming in droves

Pinarayi Vijayan



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Nitin Gadkari

Tech

E3 Is Officially Dead After a Series of Failed Attempts at Reinvention

E3, what was once the biggest video game expo, is officially dead. The Entertainment Software Association (ESA) confirmed the news on Twitter, thanking the fans and developers who attended and supported the in-person show for over two decades. Its closure was only a matter of time, slyly signalled in March, when the 2023 edition got cancelled due to a lack of interest from several publishers including the big three - PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo - all of which pulled out. Add to that pandemic-era disruption which caused global lockdowns, competitors such as Summer Game Fest, and the general audience preferring to catch up on game reveals from the comfort of their homes, eventually leading to its demise.



"We know the entire industry, players and creators alike have a lot of passion for E3. We share that passion," ESA President and CEO Stanley Pierre-Louis told The Washington Post in an interview.

"We know it's difficult to say goodbye to such a beloved event, but it's the right thing to do given the new opportunities our industry has to reach fans and partners." Several attempts were made to revive and reinvent E3, but online digital events became a go-to favourite for both fans and developers, who didn't want to deal with the hassle of travelling long distances to attend a crowded physical show and spending large amounts to secure booths at the event. During the peak COVID-19 period, industry giant Geoff Keighley decided to quit working with E3 and took the opportunity to kickstart his own online season of games called the Summer Game Fest, allowing developers to switch on their webcams and promote games.

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