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EDITORIAL

Increasing influence of Indians

The influence of Indians is increasing in many countries of the world including America and Europe. In countries like America, Britain, Canada, Mauritius and Seychelles, Indians have come to a position to influence the results of elections. In Britain, an Indian leader in the form of Rishi Sunak has also become the Prime Minister. It seems that now it is America's turn. In the US presidential election, the Democratic Party has chosen Kamala Harris as its candidate for the post of President. Kamala Harris's mother was a South Indian scientist who married an American there. Kamala Harris is proud of her mother being an Indian in her election speeches. Kamala Harris was the Vice President in the administration of Joe Biden. She has a tough competition with Republican Party candidate and former President Donald Trump. The eyes of the whole world are fixed on the competition between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump. Actually, the global equations are changing due to the strong presence of Kamala Harris. Her rival Republican Party candidate Donald Trump, who seemed to be taking an unbeatable lead in the last few months, is no longer in the same position as before. In fact, due to health issues and poor performance, the pressure on Biden from the Democratic Party to withdraw his candidature for the presidential election kept increasing. Over time, after heavy pressure, Biden withdrew his candidature for the presidential election. After which the way was paved for his Indian daughter Kamala Harris to contest the election. Trump, who till now made aggressive policies keeping the current President Biden at the center, is now having to make a new strategy after Kamala Harris entered the fray. He is in a state of confusion. He knows that he is up against a strong candidate, who will not hold back from taking him to task on the issue of his alleged involvement in sexual crimes.

seen in the Oval Office during Trump's tenure and the violent acts of his supporters in Capitol Hill after the defeat in the 2020 election are still fresh in the minds of Americans. Trump will have to do some magic to compete with the ever-increasing popularity of Kamala Harris among the American public. Trump was seen taking lead over Joe Biden in the debate of last June. Actually, Joe Biden was seen lagging behind due to health related problems, which was made a big issue in the public mind. Not only this, the pressure on Joe Biden to withdraw his name kept increasing in the Democratic Party as well. Earlier, where Biden was being shown as the oldest person in this election, now Kamala Harris is younger than Trump. Which can benefit her in the election campaign. However, there is definitely enthusiasm in the Indian community due to Kamala Harris becoming the candidate of the Democratic Party, but as far as policies are concerned, whether the President of America is Democratic or Republican, the basic policies there do not change. Similarly, the President of America has to ensure that his country remains the biggest superpower in the world. This is the reason why there is no change in the foreign, defense and economic situation of America.

Therefore, Kamala Harris's candidature for the post of President has only symbolic and emotional importance. How much benefit India will get from this will be known only after the new President takes charge. As far as Donald Trump is concerned, his personal chemistry with Prime Minister Narendra Modi is better than that with Kamala Harris. Therefore, no matter who becomes the President of America, India's interests will remain unaffected. Both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris understand India's status and importance on the world stage. Therefore, diplomatically, there is not going to be any difference in the relations between India and America.

At the same time, the chaos

Feminist world-building: Creative energies, collective journeys...

Shobha Shukla
...so goes the theme of the 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF), which will be held in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand next month. This theme is a pointer towards channelising the energies of people of all genders who work to defend human rights and promote gender equality to collectively resist the patriarchal, militarised and greed-driven world we are living in, and envisioning a feminist world order.

Sharing her personal experience, Eni Lestari, a migrant rights activist and the Chairperson of International Migrants Alliance says, "I have been involved with women migration and feminist movements for more than two decades now. I have seen how neoliberal globalisation has intensified structural exploitation,

where no one will have to migrate or get displaced just to survive. A feminist world is a world where women will lead, facilitate and ensure that everyone in society is treated with justice and equality," added Eni Lestari.

Feminist world is a joyous world
For Ivy Josiah, a women's rights

world. When we run the world, I know that it will be a more joyous and inclusive world and I hope that comes true soon," she said.

And as Ivy rightly remarks "Men and other people from gender diverse communities, can be feminists too!" In fact, anyone can be a feminist irrespective of their gender or sexual orientation or identity (if they firmly believe in development justice). Feminism is about having a different ideology (development justice) based on solidarity and care.

A feminist world will be anti-capitalism
Maximisation of profits for a tiny number of people is what drives capitalism while it forces a vast majority of our population (and our planet) to face unbridled exploitation and human rights and environmental violations.

"That is why, a feminist world will be anti-capitalism. It will not benefit just the few rich people, but will be shared equitably. The current neoliberal policies thrive on exploitation of the poor people. This shameless exploitation of people - robbing people of their lands, of their resources - will be stopped if feminists run the world," says Ivy.

Shrinking spaces for civil society
For Abia, another point of deep concern is that the current political systems are shrinking the spaces of civil society organisations. Creating an enabling environment where everyone has equal rights and opportunities is missing from the agenda of countries.

In a feminist world, there would be such an economic and political environment in every country where everyone will be treated fairly with equality and where no one will have to migrate or get displaced just to survive.

and how every new crisis brings more poverty, displacement and unemployment. I moved out of my country Indonesia as a migrant because of the 1997 Asian financial crisis. At that time, me and my colleagues had thought that this displacement would be a passing phenomenon. But sadly, since then more and more people have been forced to displace as migration has become part of the economic development project for many capitalist countries. Today, the number of migrants has reached nearly 300 million- which is equal to the whole population of my country.

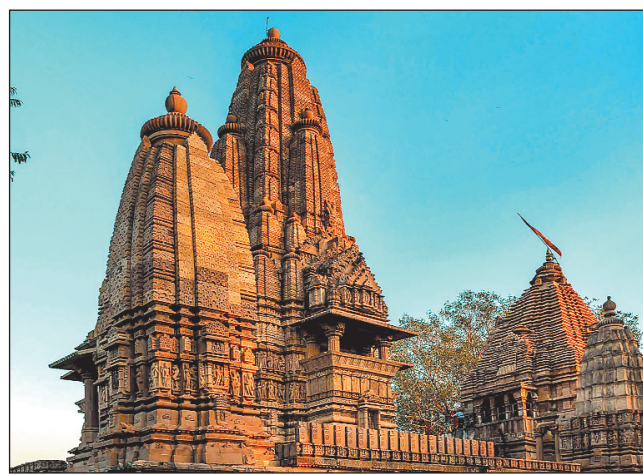
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activist and former President and Executive Director of Malaysia's Women's Aid Organisation, a feminist world is a joyous world for all, where no one will be left behind, in the real sense (and not just as a tagline).

"If feminists lead the world and we adopt feminist policies I truly believe there will be a peaceful world. War is a choice, and so is peace. Feminist policies and action plans would be inclusive - there will be consent from the people. Women (and other gender diverse people) as feminists know that, because we have been discriminated ourselves. So, we understand what it is like to be left behind. So, because of that personal political experience, we will bring in inclusiveness if we are in-charge of the

Madhya Pradesh becoming a center of spiritual and cultural tourism

Special emphasis is being laid on the development of spiritual and cultural tourism in Madhya Pradesh. The state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is moving strongly towards fulfilling the resolve of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for cultural emergence. Many decisions have been taken to preserve and protect the glory of cultural, spiritual and Sanatan tradition in the state.



Chitrakoot will be developed on the lines of Ayodhya to promote cultural and spiritual tourism in the state. Along with this, it has also been decided to prepare a complete action plan to develop all the major sites of Ram Van Path Gaman Marg including Chitrakoot and implement it in a phased manner. Similarly, it has been decided to develop the 1450 km long Ram Van Path Gaman Marg as a grand religious center in terms of cultural tourism of the state. The development of Ram

Van Path Gaman Marg will provide employment opportunities along with development in the nearby areas. There are 23 major religious places in the action plan prepared for Ram Van Path Gaman, which also includes districts like Satna, Panna, Katni, Amarkantak, Shahdol, Umaria etc. Apart from this, it was also decided that wherever Lord Krishna's feet touched, those

places will be developed as pilgrimage sites. With the aim of taking Mahakaal's city Ujjain forward on the path of business, tourism and development, various cultural, business and industrial events were organized in Ujjain this year. This year in the month of February, on the occasion of Vikramotsav, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the world's first

"Vikramaditya Vedic Clock" and introduced the Indian time calculation tradition to the whole world. This year, Vikram Samvat was started to be marked in the government calendar. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav has taken important decisions for the cultural and spiritual rise of Madhya Pradesh. Helicopter services will be started from Indore to Ujjain and Mandleshwar Jyotirling and from Jabalpur to Chitrakoot and from Gwalior to Orchha and Pitambar Peeth. PM Shri Tourism Air Service and PM Shri Religious Tourism Heli Service have been launched to provide air travel facilities to tourists. Apart from this, the state government has decided to build a Faith Building (Dharamshala) in Ayodhya for the convenience of devotees from Madhya Pradesh. To promote cottage industry, it has been decided that the materials used in temples like clothes and jewellery of God, makeup items, metal and stone idols

will be manufactured by self-help groups. Along with this, the youth of the area will be provided training from renowned artists for this and stalls will be arranged for the sale of these materials in the temples.

6 heritage sites of the state have been included by the World Heritage Center of UNESCO. These include Gwalior Fort, historical group of Dhamnar, Bhajeshwar Mahadev Temple of Bhojpur, rock art sites of Chambal Valley, Khooni Bhandara, Burhanpur and Ramnagar, Gond Memorial of Mandla. To boost tourism in Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board signed an MoU with Inland Waterways Authority of India and Government of Gujarat, under which cruise will be operated from Ekatmadham (Statue of Oneness) located in Omkareshwar to Statue of Unity located in Kevadia, Gujarat.

Satire

Milk cows or open paan shops for livelihood



Friend said to me: Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb advised the Tripura youth to not to waste their crucial time and, instead, milk cows or open paan shops for livelihood. He also suggested the youth of the state not to run behind politicians for government jobs, rather become self-employed. There should be a cow in every house. Why run after netas for government jobs? Milk is being sold at Rs 50 per litre.

I said: Graduates should get cows and milk it to earn Rs 10 lakh in 10 years. Instead of running after political parties, the Chief Minister said at an event.

The youth here runs after political parties for several years to get a government job and wastes the vital time of their life, had the same youth instead of running after parties set up a paan shop he would have by now had a bank balance of Rs 5 lakh, said Deb.

Friend said: According to him, any unemployed youth with a minimum amount of Rs 75 thousand borrowed from the bank and with a little self-effort, can

easily earn at least Rs 25,000 every month, but the hurdle in this is the culture that has grown in Tripura during the last 25 years. He said that there are narrow-minded concepts like a graduate cannot opt for farming, start poultry, or piggy because if he does so, his class will go down.

I said: Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb had recently said that students who have studied mechanical engineering should not choose civil services. Deb said in a program that people with mechanical engineering background should not choose civil services. Society has to be built. Civil engineers have this knowledge ... because those who are in the administration have to build society.

Friend said: He said that earlier arts graduates used to appear in the civil service examination and now medical and engineering graduates are joining the service. BJP leader Biplab Deb said that civil service officers should be all-rounders because experts from all fields are in the highest demand.

Science Fact

National Geographic's 'OceanXplorers' dives into the ocean's mysteries

More than 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered by ocean. But more than 80 percent of that marine realm is unknown. A crew aboard one of the world's most advanced research vessels is exploring some of that uncharted water — and you can go along for the adventure.

From James Cameron, OceanXplorers is a documentary series on the National Geographic channel that follows researchers and explorers aboard the OceanXplorer, a ship outfitted with a helicopter, deep-sea submersible, remotely operated vehicle and even a holographic virtual reality lab that helps the team visualize the goings-on in the deep sea. OceanXplorer is owned by the nonprofit organization OceanX. Over six episodes, viewers tag along for expeditions to study marine life in the shallow, tropical waters of the Caribbean, the seemingly unending depths of the Atlantic Ocean and along the frigid shores of the Arctic Ocean. Not surprising for a series executive-produced and narrated by Cameron, OceanXplorers takes every stereotype of the calm, relaxing nature documentary, secures it to a baited camera trap and tosses it out for the sharks. The vibe is definitely more Shark Week than David Attenborough, but the science is still front and center. In the second episode, for example, the team hopes to observe how sperm whales near the Azores islands in the North Atlantic dive. The blocky-headed whales can plunge a mile deep for up to an hour at a time, the documentary explains. But the buoyancy of their huge lungs and blubber should make that feat nearly impossible.



Spiritual

Quantum State Is Simultaneously Dualistic, Non-dual

The advent of quantum physics in the 20th century shifted scientific paradigms significantly. Quantum computing applies concepts like superposition and entanglement to revolutionize technology. Unlike classical binary computing, qubits in quantum computers can exist in multiple states simultaneously, enabling exponentially faster processing and reshaping the tech industry. The 20th century marked a significant paradigm shift in scientific thought with the advent of quantum physics. A new era of exploring, understanding and demystifying the subatomic realm was being ushered in. The laws and principles governing the subatomic world were mired in abstractions, contradictions, and were radically different from the far more predictable domains of classical physics.

Science became much more aware of its limitations. Concepts like superposition, entanglement that initially were restricted to thought experiments were now being verified and even applied commercially.

Quantum computing is one such domain that uses these abstruse characteristics and fundamentals to revolutionise computing. It is now the next big leap that will redefine and reshape the information and technology sector. Conventional computing depends on all data being encoded to a binary code. All data was reduced to variable combinations of 1 and 0. The value of one bit could either be 1 or 0. Each bit in a byte is assigned a specific value, which is referred to as the place value. Eight bits constitute a byte. A byte's place values are used to determine the meaning of the byte as a whole, based on the individual bits. In other words, the byte values indicate what character is associated with that byte. What if the bit could simultaneously be 0 and 1? Values lingering in the grey zones of yes and no? A superposition of both possibilities.



Quotes



I look forward to being among the people of Maharashtra... I will be in Palghar for the foundation stone laying programme of the Vadnvan Port project. This is a very important project, signifying our commitment to port-led development and to the progress of Maharashtra.

PM Narendra Modi (On Maharashtra visit)



There has been "certain lack of consistency" in India's approach to Maldives and Bangladesh issues.

S Jaishankar (during an event in Delhi)



You may kindly recall my letter, regarding the need for stringent Central legislation on incidents of rape and meting out exemplary punishment to perpetrators of such crimes. No reply was received from your end on such a sensitive issue.

CM Mamata Banerjee (in her letter to PM Modi)

Tech

RBI, NPCI launch UPI feature that lets customers make cardless cash deposits at ATM

Customers can now use any UPI app to deposit cash at ATMs, without the need of debit cards or any other physical cards. The UPI Interoperable Cash Deposit (UPI-ICD) feature was launched by T Rabi Shankar, the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, on Thursday, August 29.

With UPI-ICD, customers have the option of cardless cash deposits via UPI. However, the feature is only available at ATMs that can be used to deposit and withdraw cash (cash-recycler machines). Cardless cash withdrawals via UPI had been enabled back in 2023. UPI-ICD leverages a customer's mobile number linked to UPI, virtual payment addresses (VPA), and account IFSCs, allowing them to deposit cash either in their own account or any other bank account, according to a press release by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which operates UPI. RBI had initially teased UPI-ICD in April this year without providing a rollout date. "Consumers will be able to access these features as the banks gradually roll them out," NPCI said.

Besides cash deposits, RBI said that ATMs are being turned into digital banking units (DBUs) with the latest capability of hosting bank apps. Customers can also open bank accounts, apply for credit cards, initiate fixed deposits, apply for safe deposit lockers, etc, through an ATM.

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) serves as the guardrails for digital payments apps to enable peer-to-peer transactions, bill payments, merchant transactions, and more.



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