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EDITORIAL

Religious tourism

An economic survey report has made a big disclosure on the economics of Prayagraj Maha Kumbh and the increasing religious tourism in the country. In the first two days of Prayagraj Maha Kumbh, about 4 crore devotees have taken a dip at the confluence of the holy Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. It is estimated that in the coming 50 days, about 40 crore people will mark their presence in the Maha Kumbh of Prayagraj. The report shows that due to this, revenue of four lakh crore rupees will be generated. This figure is very shocking. The Uttar Pradesh government has kept a budget of Rs 8000 crore for the success of Maha Kumbh, most of which has also been spent in preparation.

Now if the Uttar Pradesh government gets 10 percent tax in the revenue of 4 lakh crore, that means the government earns Rs 40,000 crore. Obviously, no industry in the world can pay such a huge tax to the government in a period of just one and a half months. Apart from this, about 2 lakh people will get direct and indirect employment. Small traders and hawkers will earn so much in just 50-55 days that they can survive for the whole year. According to this report, Maha Kumbh was held in Allahabad in 2013. The budget for it was 1200 crores. Whereas the revenue generated was 12000 crores. Similarly, 16 crore people came to visit the newly built Ram temple in Ayodhya in a year. Due to this, a revenue of 80,000 crores was generated in Ayodhya in a single year.

The Uttar Pradesh government collected 8000 crores rupees in the form of direct tax. Whereas due to GST and other indirect taxes, the central and state governments got hundreds of crores of rupees separately. Apart from this, about 30,000 people are getting permanent employment and 50,000 other people are getting temporary employment. Actually, due to the Ram temple in Ayodhya, religious tourism has increased tremendously. The people of Ayodhya region have also benefited from infrastructure development. Actually, religion, culture and spirituality are the soul of India. It is this religion and culture that binds India in the thread of unity from north to south and east to west.

When we study the civilization and culture of India, it is clearly visible that religious tourism is ingrained in our tradition. Our ancestors have traversed this country on foot for pilgrimage. India's civilization and culture also attract the world community. The economic survey report shows that there are more than five thousand famous religious places in the country. However, for us every religious place is a center of faith. There are many such places in every city of India, where people from all over the country come. Mathura, Vrindavan, Ayodhya, Kashi, Ujjain, Dwarka, Trivandrum, Kanyakumari, Amritsar, Jammu and Kashmir, Puri, Kedarnath, Badrinath etc. are such places where not only Indian citizens reach in large numbers but foreigners and citizens of Indian origin also come with devotion. In the last eight-ten years, religious tourism in India has seen an encouraging growth. Religious tourism accounts for more than 60 percent of the country's total tourism. Today, the tourism industry of the country is achieving a growth rate of 19 percent. Whereas at the global level, the tourism industry is registering a growth rate of only 5 percent. According to this report, the tourism industry in India is providing direct and indirect employment to 8 crore people. The tourism industry has a share of 12 percent in the total employment of the country. Overall, the growing religious tourism in the country is very encouraging. We are getting benefits not only economically but also in terms of social harmony.

Mockery of "Education" to Constitution

By Kajal Chatterjee

If Larsen & Toubro Chairman SN Subrahmanyam comes up with a cruel demand from employees to work 90 hours per week (including on weekends) along with bizarre insensitive statement to "defend the indefensible" ("how long can you stare at your wife by sitting at home"); few years ago, then director of IIT Mandi, came up with an "inhumanitarian gem" (immediately after a major dam collapse in Himachal Pradesh claiming several lives) that these incidents happen due to "curse of God" for the "sin" of consuming non-vegetarian items like fish meat and eggs!

Not to forget the "verdict" of a certain Judge of the Rajasthan High Court that peahens get pregnant after drinking teardrops of the peahens!

All these statements of insensitive irrational "high and mighty" (in terms of professional designation and salary) bear direct testimony to the fact that the essence of education does not lie in mere academic degrees ; rather truly educated are those persons who not only follow the path of morality values principles and humanity in their personal lives, but have also uplifted their minds from all norms of superstition myths and misogyny.

What a mockery of the Article 51A of the Constitution imploring citizens of the land to "develop scientific temperament and spirit of inquiry" despite surely at least the L&T Chairman and Mandi IIT Director are "man of science"! Again it proves that development of "scientific temperament" has no relationship with degrees in

after the consecration of the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on 22nd January 2024 was not bizarre enough, a certain saffron heavyweight even goes to the audacious extent of declaring that previously (pre-consecration) the country was not being run according to the spirit of the Constitution! On second thought, perhaps

muscle and also ensuring demolition of a mosque through display of crude physical power in this multi-religious heterogeneous country of all !

Neither Kshudiram Boses nor Bhagat Singhs had helped India to attain "true independence", neither Mahatma Gandhi nor Rabindranath Tagore had "awakened" our selves; rather the Ram temple "movement" --- with riot-invoking Rath on the lead, culminating in illegal demolition of a religious site and thereafter getting realized of the "ultimate dream" of building the temple right at that very spot (just because the Hindus "believed" it to be of the "birthplace" of an epic hero) -- has helped us in attaining "real" independence, thereby "breaking" our Kumbhakarna-resembling "slumber" spanning several centuries!

Yes, going back to the dark primitive ages of "Might is Right", making a mockery of all norms of Constitution law secularism and sanity, putting a section of fellow citizens their "entitled place" indeed bears testimony to "showing path to the world"!

May Ram (not of "Jai Sri Ram" threatening-call "fame", rather of Mahatma Gandhi's "Hey Ram" avatar) save India from "standing upon" such "own feet"!

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science and possession of a judicial mind has no relationship with degree in law.

So before branding any individual as "educated" just on the basis of his/her academic degree and designation; the society must ponder a bit.

And as if assertion of India turning "truly independent" only

he is "correct" to the C! Had this nation been meticulously run according to the Secular democratic spirit of the Constitution; the saffronites would have surely found itself permanently banned from pursuing their "cultural" and "political" trade for spreading communal hatred, invoking Islamophobia, flexing religious

VD prevailed over Gwalior's satraps, JP got the presidency

Gwalior Chambal Notes
Harish Dubey

After a lot of hard work and brainstorming by the judges for several days, the name of the district president was not only decided in Gwalior BJP but was also announced immediately. From Union Minister Scindia and Speaker Narendra Singh to MP Bharat Singh and Pawaiya, everyone wanted to make their special supporters sit on the seat of district president, but the party's state president VD Sharma won the game.

VD was successful in making his close aide Jaiprakash Rajoria (JP) the district president. However, he had to work a little harder to get the party's seal on his favorite name. VD Sharma himself had to come to Gwalior to get consensus on Rajoria's name at the local level and to get his appointment announced on the auspicious time of Makar Sankranti. The divisional presidents were surrounded. VD resolved some misunderstandings by sitting outgoing president Abhay Chaudhary and Rajoria in a hotel in the city and before the night was over, Gwalior in-charge Pradeep Lariya announced Rajoria's name. Earlier, Narendra Singh Tomar had put in all his efforts to make

Rameshwar Singh Bhadoria of his camp the district president, but Rameshwar's name did not fit in the local equations. The names of two more senior leaders directly associated with the Sangh, Paras Jain and Shailendra Barua, were also raised by the local satraps, but Jaiprakash's claim left them behind. It is being said that VD Sharma only wanted his favorite district president in Gwalior and the party respected his wish. Jaiprakash Rajoria was once considered close to the late Prabhat Jha. Rajoria, who made a name in the city's politics by handling the district presidency of BJYM, has also achieved the status of a minister of state in the state government as the vice-president of the MP Textbook Corporation.

Buzz of leadership change starts in city Cong
The BJP was busy in the exercise of election of Mandal and District

Presidents for the last one month, now the movement for the new District President has started in the Congress as well.

An old leader of the party Premnarayan Yadav met everyone from General Secretary in-charge Bhanwar Jitendra Singh to Jitu Patwari in Bhopal and staked claim for the post of District President of Gwalior Congress. In the politics of the city, he is considered close to Rajya Sabha member Ashok Singh and has handled the responsibility of General Secretary in the state organization. The names of big leaders of Gwalior Congress like Sunil Sharma, Maharaj Singh Patel and Sanjay Singh Rathore are also in the race for the post of District President, although Sunil and Sanjay have been made General Secretary and Secretary respectively in the state body of the party.

Another working District President Veer Singh Tomar is also exploring his possibilities in the district. The current District President Dr. Devendra Sharma has spent a long time of seven years on the post of District President. Although many

achievements are recorded in the profile of his tenure, but now the buzz of leadership change has started.

Fair gets exemption in road tax

After a long wait, gazette notification for 50% exemption in road tax in automobile sector has been issued in Gwalior Trade Fair. Last year this notification was issued in the first week of January but this time there was extraordinary delay and road tax exemption had to be waited till the evening of Makar Sankranti. If the Transport Department is to be believed, it may take three more days to get the benefit of exemption on vehicle purchase in the fair. It is obvious that there is resentment among automobile traders. They believe that when the decision of exemption in road tax was already taken in the cabinet, then there was deliberate delay in making gazette notification so that the government does not suffer much loss of revenue. Anyway, better late than never. Vehicle dealers, who have decorated their showrooms a week in advance in Gwalior Fair, are thanking the state government.

Satire

If the fire gets intense, run away to save your life



frustrated hero of old films used to sing- Desires are burning in my heart, sadness is shining in my eyes."

We said, "Look at the fire in the Indian perspective. In our c o u n t r y , Draupadi was the daughter of

The friend said to us, "Property worth billions of dollars was destroyed in the fire in Los Angeles. This is a very big loss for Los Angeles and even the angels could not save it. When the forest fire spreads, it goes very far. It is called daavanal in Hindi."

We said, "Fire has contributed to the development of human life since the primitive age. The primitive man used to eat raw meat earlier but when he ate the meat of animals roasted in forest fire, he found it tasty. He learned to produce fire by rubbing flint stone which was the first invention of the world."

The friend said, "The fire of love burns in the hearts of lovers. Raj Kapoor had made a film called 'Aag'. Sippy made the film Sholay. Dharmendra's first film was called Shola Aur Shabnam. You must have heard the song from 'Albela' filmed on Bhagwan Dada and Geeta Bali - Shola jo bhadke dil mera dhadke, dard jawani ka sataye badh-badh ke! The

fire who was born from the fire pit of King Drupada. Lord Krishna had burnt the Khandav forest to build Indraprastha for the Pandavas. When the land was available, the architect Vishwakarma had built such a unique palace there that even the Kauravas were stunned to see it. The Kauravas had built Lakhshagriha or a house made of lacquer to burn the Pandavas. On receiving information from Vidur, the Pandavas escaped from the fire of Lakhshagriha in time. There is mention of Agneyastra in the Puranas."

The friend said, "The job of some people is to spread the fire of hatred, animosity and communalism. They do not want to see anyone happy. Pakistan fuels the fire of terrorism. The fire of the Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Hamas war has not been extinguished yet. No one knows when they will feel some peace in their hearts!"

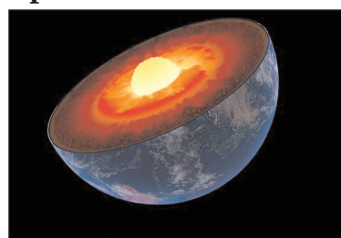
Science Fact

Scientists Say Earth's Mantle Is Split Into Two Halves

A new study reveals that Earth's mantle is divided by the Pacific Ring of Fire, a geological scar reflecting the formation and breakup of the supercontinent Pangaea.

One of Earth's regions, known as the African domain, encompasses most of the planet's landmass. It extends from the east coasts of Asia and Australia, across Europe, Africa, and the Atlantic, to the west coast of North America. In contrast, the Pacific domain primarily covers the Pacific Ocean. According to new research, the mantle beneath the African domain contains a greater diversity of elements and isotopes compared to the Pacific domain.

This distribution reflects the last two supercontinent cycles over the past billion years, explained Luc Doucet, a senior research fellow in Earth and planetary sciences at Curtin University, in an interview with Live Science. During this period, two supercontinents emerged: Rodinia, which formed approximately 1.2 billion years ago and broke apart about 750 million years ago, and Pangaea, which formed around 335 million years ago and began breaking up 200 million years ago. "What we observe today is essentially the result of transitions from Rodinia to Pangaea, followed by the breakup of Pangaea," Doucet noted. Both supercontinents formed over what is now the African domain. As oceans closed between landmasses, the oceanic crust was forced beneath the continents in a process called subduction, occasionally dragging pieces of continental rock into the mantle.



Spiritual

Mahakumbh opens doorway to transformation

The Mahakumbh is a grand confluence of India's vast culture and ancient heritage. Just as a vast ocean gathers within its depths a treasure trove of precious gems and profound mysteries, preserving them over centuries, similarly, calling the Mahakumbh a custodian of India's eternal traditions, dharm, devotion, worship, and diverse philosophical schools is no exaggeration.

This magnificent gathering, which has been ongoing for ages, is a unique amalgamation of numerous ideologies.

Pulsating with diverse energies, Mahakumbh opens the doorway to transformation. The origins of the Mahakumbh festival are linked to the story of the churning of the ocean, Samudra Manthan, described in the Puranas. To obtain the nectar of immortality, amrit, devas and asuras collectively churned the ocean.

When the pot of nectar emerged, a fierce struggle ensued between gods and demons to claim it. During this tussle, drops of nectar fell at four locations, and these four places became the sites for the Kumbh Mela.

Adi Shankaracharya also established the tradition that rishis, sages, and devotees of dharm should gather at these four sacred locations. Some scholars even suggest that Shiv himself organised the first Kumbh festival.

Shiv is associated with wisdom, science, and dharm. He represents the eternal principle, Shiva tattva and, in his manifest form, is the Adi Yogi - the first yogi. His vehicle, Nandi, bull, symbolises the active form of dharm. The significance of Mahakumbh is magnified as it provides a sacred space for deep contemplation on these pillars, ensuring their harmonious progression.



Letters to the Editor

150 years of India Meteorological Department

Sir, The Prime Minister on the 150th anniversary of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), has targeted zero-error weather forecasting up to three days, and 90 per cent accuracy in forecasting up to five days by 2047. The IMD's aim is zero loss of life by 2047 for all types of severe weather events by enabling disaster managers, stakeholders, and the general public to take early action following early accurate warning.

The IMD, the nations weather life line institution established in 1875 by the British government to centralize weather data collection in India is one of the oldest meteorological department in the world and as had a steady growth and in recent years progressed by leaps and bounds . An institution that got established to predict and collect climatic conditions and calculations after a cyclone that struck Kolkata in 1864 and a famine that hit Odisha in 1866 has now now taken the role of a saviour not only for India but the whole of South Asian region giving timely warnings of weather changes and also plays a fundamental role in disaster risk reduction by protecting communities from extreme weather events. Its expertise also supports key sectors such as agriculture, water resource management, energy, tourism, aviation, and public health.

On this historic occasion, the PM launched 'Mission Mausam', an initiative aimed at transforming India into a 'Weather-ready and Climate-smart' nation through advanced weather surveillance technologies, high-resolution atmospheric observations, next-generation radars, satellites, and high-performance computing systems. Accurate forecasts and warnings have saved countless lives not just in India, but in the entire region. IMD in collaboration with the ISRO is doing a commendable job redefining the study and prediction of climate in class of it's own.

Pradyu Mukund

Tech

OnePlus 13 vs iQOO 13: Which Snapdragon 8 Elite-powered phone should you buy?

Cheaper isn't always better, and neither is the most expensive option. The OnePlus 13 (review) and iQOO 13 (review) are currently two of the hottest contenders in the high-performance Android smartphone space. Powered by the Snapdragon 8 Elite chip, these devices offer top-notch performance, premium design, and excellent camera capabilities. However, with a price difference of Rs 10,000, these two smartphones cater to different types of users.

The iQOO 13 and OnePlus 13 feature 2K-resolution screens that are sharp, colour-accurate, and bright. However, the iQOO 13 has a flat display with a higher refresh rate of 144Hz, but can only be unlocked in gaming mode. In contrast, the OnePlus 13 features an advanced quad-curved 120Hz display that combines the practicality of a flat screen with the premium aesthetic of a curved display. For gamers, the iQOO 13 might be more appealing, while for everyday use, the OnePlus 13 has a slight edge.

Both the iQOO 13 and the OnePlus 13 sport a triple 50 MP camera setup, but the tuning makes a difference. The iQOO 13 includes a 2x telephoto lens, whereas the OnePlus 13 offers a 3x telephoto lens. Additionally, the OnePlus 13 benefits from Hasselblad tuning, giving it the upper hand in terms of overall camera performance.



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