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EDITORIAL

Pakistan is getting nervous

The Pakistani army carried out the Pahalgam attack, but is now nervous about India's possible response. Its nervousness can be gauged from the fact that India did not directly name Pakistan in the entire matter, yet in panic it started pleading to the world. After the Prime Minister's speech in Madhubani, the entire Pakistani army is in a state of severe panic. The media there is reporting that the officers of the three armies have not slept for several hours as they do not know when India will attack. In fact, on Wednesday, the second day of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, the Cabinet Committee on Defense Affairs headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi took several important decisions, which also included suspending the Indus Water Treaty prepared in 1960 with the intervention of the World Bank. The decision given by the Cabinet's Security Committee was informed by the spokesperson of the Indian Foreign Ministry. The Indian Foreign Ministry did not name Pakistan anywhere in its entire press briefing, despite this Pakistan reacted immediately to it. In fact, the various decisions taken by India after the Pahalgam attack have created panic in Pakistan.

The Pakistani army fears that the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty will cause chaos in Pakistan's Punjab province. Keep in mind that Pakistan's Punjab benefits the most from the Indus Water Treaty because most of the Pakistani army officers are Punjabis. However, the Pahalgam attack was carried out at a time when US Vice President JD Vance was on a visit to India. Although Pakistan made a pretense of expressing condolences over the death of tourists, it refrained from condemning the attack. Now the question is, will India give rise to such a reaction after Pahalgam like

Uri (2016) and Pulwama (2019)?

On the diplomatic front, there is a big opportunity for India to expose and embarrass Islamabad in the international arena. The results of the Pahalgam investigation and the interrogation of Tahawwur Rana are expected to confirm India's stance that Pakistan still remains the center of terrorism. However, the bloody game played by Pak-sponsored terrorists in Pahalgam has shaken the entire country. No one would have imagined that people who went for a picnic would die, but the reality is that 26 tourists from India and abroad fell prey to the terrorists' bullets. The attack has shaken the soul of Kashmir along with the rest of the country. This tragedy is not only of Jammu and Kashmir, but this attack has deeply wounded the entire country.

The noteworthy fact is that after this painful incident, the people of the valley have condemned the attack in unison. For the first time in 35 years, a bandh has been organized in the valley against the terrorist attack. After the call for a bandh on Wednesday, most of the business establishments in Srinagar remained closed. People were seen expressing grief and anger on the streets. It was said that this incident is a betrayal of the spirit of hospitality and peace in Kashmir. In fact, the aim of this attack by the terrorist organization associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba was to create fear among the tourists and prevent the return of normalcy in the valley. In a place like Pahalgam, where 70% of the people's livelihood is related to tourism, it will take a long time for the situation to become normal. Tourists have cancelled their trips for the coming days. However, the action taken by the central government on a war footing after this unfortunate incident is a big sign. Its effect will be known in the coming days.

LET'S SALUTE WHO FAIL US REPEATEDLY!

KAJAL CHATTERJEE
I have a luxurious bungalow in the countryside where I venture during long holidays for relaxation and rest. The property consists of a large garden with a pond at its middle.

And a security agency has been deployed there in lieu of handsome annual payments to keep the property secure and safe.

Yet almost every year since the appointment of that security agency more than a decade ago; my vacant, but well-furnished, bungalow gets intruded and vandalized resulting in consistent loss of money and assets.

And every time following such an assault upon my property, the manager of the said security agency invariably shouts at the highest pitch from the rooftop - "I will teach a tough lesson to the vandals in such a crushing fashion that they would never dare to even have a glimpse towards the bungalow"! And the mayhem upon my bungalow remains unabated as usual almost annually.

Sometimes the manager beats his own trumpet of punishing the devils; but there lies no such proof. After all my loss neither gets compensated nor recov-

erred. As a matter of fact, once I had to experience the audacity of the intruders while undergoing vacation at the bungalow. Not only did they severely beat up myself and family members, they took possession of the large garden.

enjoy the area at the front of the pond, the water can neither be accessed nor touched. That means the intruders will not only continue to enjoy a significant share of my property, but my movement has also got restricted in my area through their diktat.

Yet it forms my religious duty to worship the management of the said agency and dance to their bankrupt rhetoric tunes instead of demanding accountability from them. No, never should I point accusing fingers towards the manager and his team for failing me repeatedly despite charging a huge annual fee to award security to my bungalow. After all, I can never afford to dilute my unquestionable awe towards the management of such an "efficient" security agency! And this is called the epitome of Bhakti!

My security manager, as usual, started bragging about his "might" and that the intruders will be thrown out from the entire property. After much sound and fury, the manager has arrived at an excellent deal! The intruders will step back a bit and station themselves in the area at the back of the pond.

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No wonder why legendary immortal poet Sukumar Ray, in his poem 'Sat Patra' (Honest Groom), continued to sing the praise of a certain Gangaram while recommending him as an "ideal" Groom! And what attributes of Gangaram were being promoted zealously! Pitch-dark complexion, owl-faced, failing to pass Matriculation exam even on 19 attempts, poor enough failing to get ensured of 2 meals per day, having 4 brothers (one mad, another foolhardy, the third lodged in jail for counterfeiting currencies with the youngest earning 5 Rupees by playing Tabla in a folk drama group), suffers from hepatitis with his ancestor being King Kangsha of Mathura!

Yes, actually when I have already made up my mind that I will not see the fault or failure of X at any cost, my contracted security agency would naturally continue to laugh all the way to the Bank despite absolute failure in accomplishing its job!

CEO's threat and Panchayat Minister Prahlad Patel's letter

Where there is no control on crimes against women, now people sitting on the chair of administration have started giving threats. Will the public servants bound by the limits and dignity of civil conduct become so independent that they can dare to threaten a female public representative? The minister of the department also had to be publicly embarrassed by the act of the officer who tore apart the dignity of the post. The opposition also got a chance to target the government without doing anything. Whether it is a female public representative or any common woman, she deserves respect. One should not be intoxicated by the chair like the CEO sahab has. The woman president of Amarpatan Janpad Panchayat of Maihar district, Mrs. Maya Pandey, was threatened of being shot by CEO OP Asthana over the phone. The matter came to light when the head of the department,

Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Prahlad Patel was on a tour of Vindhya. In this case, he said that being the minister of this department, 'I am ashamed'. The Panchayat Minister, who is not very clear about his point, said that the suspension has happened along with the FIR and now further service needs to be terminated. There will be no lack of respect for the public representatives and the common people.

Public awareness for the sanctuary

There has been a demand for a long time to create the Sarabhanga sanctuary in Satna district and now public awareness pamphlets are being distributed along with the door-to-door campaign. The tribals are being told the reality that no one will be harmed by the creation of the sanctuary. Apart from tigers,

nature also plays around in Sarabhanga. There is everything here that is needed for a sanctuary. Some people started opposing the Sarabhanga sanctuary by spreading rumors, whereas no one is harmed by the sanctuary. Along with development, tourists will start coming here and the area will get a new identity. Through public awareness, the people of the village are being made aware by giving them the right information.

Netaji was shown the door

Molesting a girl proved costly for a BJP leader of Sidhi. Intoxicated with power, Netaji dared to molest a girl, but he probably did not know that the result would not be good for him. The matter was trolled heavily on social media and when the matter reached the headquarters, Netaji was shown the door. Actually, BJP District Vice President Suresh



Singh of Sidhi district was accused of molestation, after which the BJP State President expelled him from the primary membership of the party with immediate effect. It is another matter that after staying out of the party for four-eight months, he will return to the party with new responsibilities. For now, he has been expelled. This act is bringing a grave disrepute to the party and its image is getting tarnished.

Vindhya Notes
Dr. Ravi Tiwari

Culture

Shakespeare Festival concludes with panel on Sustainable Shakespeare at Club Literati



Club Literati concluded the 11th edition of its annual Shakespeare festival, Shakespearana 2025, with a compelling panel discussion hosted at the Banquet Hall, Arera Club, Bhopal. This year's theme, Sustainable Shakespeare, was inspired by the line from Troilus and Cressida: "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." The evening opened with Paritosh introducing the panelists: environmentalist Lokendra Thakkar, IAS officer Sufiyah Faruqui Wali, filmmaker and academic Rajula Shah, educator Joyce Pandit, and Vivek Tripathi, who is studying Physics and Psychology. The session was moderated by Dr. Seema Raizada, President and founder of Club Literati. Joyce Pandit, an English educator at Billabong High School, spoke about Shakespeare's unique ability to make theatre accessible, drawing people from all walks of life into stories that continue to

resonate across time. Lokendra Thakkar, State Coordinator at SKMCCC-EPCO, Government of Madhya Pradesh, offered a pointed critique of current sustainability paradigms. He argued that frameworks like the circular economy often clash with natural rhythms. "Science alone won't do," he said. "Culture and the arts must carry part of the burden." IAS officer Sufiyah Faruqui Wali reflected on the moral clarity in Shakespeare's work, noting how nature is often portrayed as a repository of virtue, while destructive traits like greed and dominance stem from humanity. Visual artist and filmmaker Rajula Shah and founder of Nomads Films, explored the intricacy of Shakespeare's narratives, emphasizing how even peripheral characters are given voice and space — demonstrating inclusivity, balance, and sustainability not just in theme, but in the very way the narratives unfold.

Science Fact

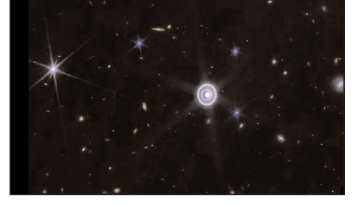
Uranus 'rings' in the New Year in stunning James Webb telescope image

This photo of Uranus, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, reveals the ice giant planet in exquisite detail. The wide-field image shows Uranus' rings, a polar ice cap, 14 of the planet's 27 moons, background stars and galaxies.

The close-up image, snapped by JWST's Near Infrared Camera and released by NASA this week, is a follow-up to a set of photos taken in February. The new image features an extra wavelength of light, revealing a hidden ring. Although Uranus is known to have 13 distinct inner and outer rings, NIRCAM revealed the planet's elusive "Zeta ring," a faint, diffuse ring nestled close to the planet.

Of Uranus' 27 moons, 14 are featured in this image: Oberon, Titania, Umbriel, Juliet, Perdita, Rosalind, Puck, Belinda, Desdemona, Cressida, Ariel, Miranda, Bianca and Portia.

It's a much more detailed view of Uranus than humankind's first close-up of the seventh planet, taken by NASA's Voyager 2 probe in 1986. That featureless image showed a solid bluish orb with no detail. JWST, by contrast, has captured atmospheric features such as a north polar cloud cap. That growing and receding cap is fascinating to planetary scientists because it's visible evidence that Uranus spins on an axis tilted by 98 degrees, producing seasonal and meteorological effects that create storms.



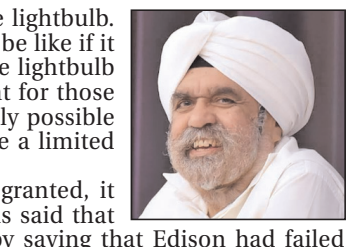
Spiritual

Failures are Stepping Stones To Success

Thomas Edison was the inventor of the lightbulb. We can well imagine what our lives would be like if it were not for this marvelous invention. The lightbulb makes it possible for us to utilize the night for those activities that through the ages were mostly possible only in the day. Candlelight and fires have a limited lighting capacity.

While we may take this invention for granted, it was invented through relentless labor. It is said that one day, a critic tried to belittle Edison by saying that Edison had failed 25,000 times while experimenting with a storage battery. The great Edison replied, "No, I did not fail. I discovered 24,999 ways that the storage battery does not work."

Edison's persistence produced wonderful inventions. His attitude toward failure was what made him successful. He looked upon failure as a learning experience leading him closer to success. Had he given up on the first, the tenth, the hundredth, or the 24,999th try, he never would have succeeded. We can apply Edison's attitude toward failure to our own spiritual life, including our practice of prayer and meditation. Many sit for meditation and prayer day after day, and sometimes feel discouraged if they have not reached their spiritual goal by the tenth time they meditate. Instead of pursuing our goals and persisting in our meditation, many people give up. They feel that if they did not attain their goal right away, they have failed. This attitude causes them to give up too early. If Edison put in the time to keep designing a lightbulb 25,000 times until he succeeded, couldn't we sit for meditation 25,000 times to turn on the inner lightbulb? Failure should not discourage us. If we sit for meditation and receive some flashes of light, or some colors of lights, we should not be disappointed.



Letter to the Editor

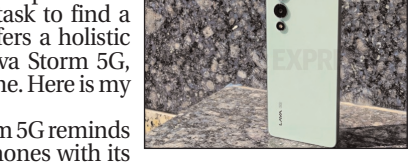
Neeraj Chopra breaks silence on inviting Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem for NC Classic

Sir, A man of few words, javelin star Neeraj Chopra addressed criticism for inviting Pakistani athlete Arshad Nadeem to the Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru, scheduled for May 2025. He clarified the invitation preceded the Pahalgam attacks and condemned the ensuing hate directed at him and his family. The two-time Olympic medallist emphasised his patriotism and the event's aim to promote Indian sports, stating Nadeem's participation is now impossible. No doubt anyone like Neeraj Chopra has been hurt to read lots of such inflammatory messages in social media by so called Hindu fanatics. None of these fellows will actually volunteer to fight for the country. But Neeraj, please do not get disheartened and should not worry about such trolls because this was a reaction after the horrific Pahalgam attack on Hindus! It's right as you had clearly given the invite prior to the attack and now you have clarified it. Hence, these trolls are useless. Your mother is the pride of India just as you are our pride. You are sons of the soil and no doubt your intentions were good. When you bring laurels to the nation, sadly there are so called fans who never know what to do and how to respond. I wonder, how can one dare question you on your love for India? They may have forgotten that you are an inspiration for the Indian youngsters. Truly, it hurts to see you in pain. Neeraj, it's best, if you would like to not to respond. You shall always remain on a high pedestal. Neeraj, we are with you! No one should ever doubt your nationalism as you are an army man and a proud athlete of our country. We do not doubt your patriotism and condemn any social media backlash over this issue, against the pride of India! Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

Tech

I ditched my high-end smartphone for the Lava Storm 5G for a week

While there is no shortage of good smartphones in the budget segment, it's still a tedious task to find a device that gets the basics right and offers a holistic user experience. I recently tried the Lava Storm 5G, and it felt like the right budget smartphone. Here is my review.



Design- The subtle-looking Lava Storm 5G reminds me more of the latest Samsung smartphones with its unique-looking camera array, which includes a dual-camera setup and an LED flash designed to resemble a camera. This is clearly one of the simplest and cleanest-looking smartphones in this segment, looking nothing like any of the previously launched smartphones from the company. Unlike the recently released Blaze 2 (review) with its ring light, the Storm has nothing unique to offer in terms of design, and the device seems to cater to those who value substance over style. The phone features a glass sandwich design, making it a bit heavier than its contemporaries, weighing 214 grams. The phone has a microSD card slot, a 3.5mm headphone jack, and dual nano SIM card slots with support for a 5G network on both slots.

Display- The Lava Storm 5G features a 6.78-inch FHD+ resolution IPS display with a 120Hz refresh rate, which becomes adequately bright under daylight conditions. By default, the display mode is set to vivid, making everything look a bit saturated. Thanks to the higher refresh rate, the phone feels snappy while scrolling through the UI. However, the bezels on this phone aren't even, and the slightly thick bottom bezel makes the phone look a bit dated. If you love binge-watching movies or videos, then the Lava Storm 5G is a great device to consider.