



India and Pakistan to stop all firing and military action: MEA

New Delhi: A few minutes after US President Donald Trump announced a "full and immediate ceasefire" between India and Pakistan, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land, air and sea with effect from 5 PM Indian Standard Time, on Saturday. "The Director General of Military Operations of Pakistan called the Director General of Military Operations of India at 1535 hrs earlier this afternoon. It was agreed between them that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hrs Indian Standard Time today," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misra said in a short media briefing. "Instructions have been given on both sides to give effect to this understanding. The Director General of Military Operations will talk again on the 12th of May at 1200 hours," the Foreign Secretary added. Earlier, US President Donald Trump announced a "full and immediate ceasefire" between India



and Pakistan without sharing any details of the negotiations or the ceasefire. US Secretary of State Rubio also said in a State Department statement that he and Vice-President J D Vance conducted the ceasefire negotiations. "After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a full and immediate ceasefire," President Trump wrote on Truth Social, the social media platform he owns. "Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" he added. Secretary of State Rubio said in a separate statement: "Over

the past 48 hours, Vice President Vance and I have engaged with senior Indian and Pakistani officials, including Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, External Affairs Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar, Chief of Army Staff Asim Munir, and National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Asim Malik. "I am pleased to announce the Governments of India and Pakistan have agreed to an immediate ceasefire and to start talks on a broad set of issues at a neutral site. We commend Prime Ministers Modi and Sharif on their wisdom, prudence, and statesmanship in choosing the path of peace," he stated.

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Prime Ministers Modi and Sharif on their wisdom, prudence, and statesmanship in choosing the path of peace." In his conversations with the External Affairs Minister and Ishaq Dar of Pakistan, Secretary of State Rubio offered US mediation without mentioning the word mediation, which President Trump went ahead and used in his post on Truth Social, for conflicts in the future. "Secretary Rubio emphasised that both sides need to identify methods to de-escalate and re-establish direct communication to avoid miscalculation," Tammy Bruce, the State Department spokesperson said in an early Saturday morning statement of the call between Rubio and Jaishankar. "He further proposed US support in facilitating productive discussions to avert future disputes." To Dar he "offered US assistance in starting constructive talks in order to avoid future conflicts".

Leadership vacuum persists in Satyavedu even after Lokesh's visit



Tirupati: Despite high expectations from party workers, TDP General Secretary and Minister Nara Lokesh's meeting with party cadres in Satyavedu a couple of days ago did little to fill the persisting leadership vacuum in the constituency. The meeting, while extensive and aimed at restoring unity among the ranks, ended without any concrete announcement on the leadership front. Also Read - TDP MP Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu seeks special trains for return of Telugu students Satyavedu has historically been a stronghold for the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), having won seven out of ten assembly elections since the party's inception. However, internal factionalism and a chronic lack of strong, consistent leadership have repeatedly disrupted its dominance in the region. The leadership crisis deepened after sitting MLA Koneti Adimulam, who defected from the YSRCP ahead of the 2024 elections and won on a TDP ticket, was suspended from the party. His suspension came after he became embroiled in a criminal case involving a woman, severely denting the party's image. Although the case has reportedly been settled legally, the party has not yet revoked his suspension, leaving the constituency adrift for over seven months. YSRCP The absence of a clear leader has fragmented the cadre. Party workers and local leaders have been operating without direction, unsure of whom to approach for guidance or support. While Lokesh acknowledged the challenges the party has faced in Satyavedu, his assurance of forthcoming committee announcements was seen by many as a temporary fix.

AP assembly speaker donate one month salary to support Indian armed forces

In a show of solidarity amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, public representatives from the Telugu states are stepping forward to contribute to the military by donating their monthly salaries. Recently, Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatrudu made a noteworthy donation of ₹2,17,000 to the National Defence Fund through online payment. In a statement accompanying his generous contribution,



Speaker Ayyannapatrudu expressed pride in the courage demonstrated by the country's armed forces in their fight

against terrorism. He highlighted the importance of supporting the soldiers who bravely defend the nation's security. Emphasising the need for national unity, the Speaker remarked that the efforts of the armed forces should inspire a sense of patriotism among all citizens. This initiative reflects a growing movement among public officials to express their appreciation for the sacrifices made by military personnel during challenging times.

Will the Dravidian model rule work for DMK in 2026?

As an effective campaign tool, there is hardly anything better than promising 'social welfare'. Over five decades and more, from the time Mrs Indira Gandhi announced 'Garibi Hatao' as one of her policies to alleviate the misery of the masses in the turbulent 1970s, political parties in India have effortlessly sailed on this bandwagon to hit the bull's eye most of the times at the hustings. The DMK government, which as expected, announced its completion of four years of Dravidian model rule last week in a grand way, highlighted its work in this regard. Three notable schemes - financial assistance scheme to women, free bus rides for the fair sex and breakfast schemes for government-aided schools are already being spoken about as game changers for the oldest regional party in south India. Tamil Nadu, which has firmly been a pocket borough of both DMK and AIADMK for close to six decades is a standout example of 'intensely local' mode of governance in this phase. It has dealt with the Centre on its own terms, not always successful, but has riled the Delhi establishment many a time with its insular and

Tamil-first approach on many issues. On the face of it, with the next Assembly elections due in May 2026, the party does not seem to have a real competitor to challenge it as it aims for a repeat performance. History may not be on its side as DMK has never returned to power despite ruling from Fort St George for the first time since 1967 as the State faced 16 elections in this period. Interestingly, Jayalalitha bucked the trend as AIADMK stormed to power, to enable her stay on as the CM till her demise in 2016. Stalin, having served for long under his mercurial and successful Dravidian politician father, M Karunanidhi got his due in 2021 after effectively dethroning the wobbling rival, the AIADMK. Having resorted to the standard campaign which regional party heads have adopted, he had kept the limelight on his party and political performance by challenging Delhi and taking on the NDA on contentious issues like NEET abolition and recently, the NEP. While this has given him better visibility in the anti-BJP bloc, which is now in a battered shape, it has alerted the alliance partners who find themselves to be in a



better position to bargain and bag more seats for themselves from either of the two formations. While the caste element is at the core of any such arrangements as described above, the AIADMK, which would be forced to enter into a tight ropewalk as far as its big ally BJP is concerned may end up being a comforting factor for its opponents. The saffron party has been quick to make the appropriate noises and also take decisive action by removing the popular state chief, Annamalai to keep the alliance on track. Analysts are quick to point out despite the Tamil media grudgingly acknowledging it, the BJP has grown from what it was to touch a decent 11 per cent vote share in the Lok Sabha polls and has kept the youth interested. DMK is still being critically assessed for its patchy track record on law and order, corruption charges against in the upper echelons of bureaucracy and a few ministers who have been jailed and a worrisome industrial relations scenario with the Samsung strike posing a few uncomfortable questions.



Hyderabad May:10 (Metro udayam)

Today, Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud held a special meeting with various Basti celebrities and colonial dignitaries at his office. As part of the event, they spoke to everyone and ordered the authorities to take their local problems, especially drainage street lights and borewells and other issues. The event was attended by Congress leaders GRaman Goud, Mahesh and Basti celebrities Priya Raj Jaiswal, Ramesh, Siva, Narasimha, Purnachander, Moshin, Srihari and others participated

Iswarya Menon rings in her birthday with glam and gratitude

After captivating Telugu audiences with her action-packed roles, Iswarya Menon continues to shine both on and off the screen. Known for her performance as Agent Vaishnavi in Spy alongside Nikhil Siddhartha and her recent role in Bhaje Vaayu Vegam opposite Karthikeya Gummakonda, Iswarya is fast becoming a notable name in South cinema. On the occasion of her birthday, the actress took to social media to share a joyful post, dressed in a dazzling black shimmering mini jumpsuit. Sharing a carousel of pictures where she's seen twirling in celebration, Iswarya wrote, "Woke up to an overwhelming outpour of love, messages, and wishes today! My heart is full of gratitude ?? Thank you to each and every one of you who took a moment to make my day special. Happy Birthday to me!" While her recent Malayalam outing Bazooka with Mammootty didn't fare well at the box office, her fans remain optimistic that 2025 will be a turning point in her career. With her elegant screen presence, striking looks, and ability to handle diverse roles, Iswarya seems poised for a promising run across South Indian cinema.

GENERAL MANAGER SHRI PARMESHWAR FUNKWAL INSPECTED ELECTRIC LOCO SHED VISAKHAPATNAM



GM Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal along with Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer Shri Alok Sahai, Chief Administrative Officer/Construction Shri Ankush Gupta, Shri Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (ELS) Shri B Shanmukha Rao inspected the various maintenance facilities, units and staff amenities etc at the Electrical Loco Shed, Visakhapatnam today

(10.05.2025). He interacted with the staff, technicians and took feedback on activities, amenities. GM, ECoR has inspected auxiliary motor section, wheel shop, Traction converter power module repair/testing section, Traction motor bearing testing arrangement, Traction motor rotor balancing machine. He further continued inspection of Mechanical section, Boroscope arrangement for detection of abnormalities at critical



locations, Hotel load converter full load testing arrangement, Rain water testing facility, Heavy lifting bay extension works. Later GM ECoR held elaborate discussions with the Divisional Officers, Construction officials on various issues of developmental activities, works in progress, expansion works and reviewed sheds performance indices.

Aishwarya Rajesh faces backlash over peace message amid India-Pakistan tensions

Actress Aishwarya Rajesh has stirred controversy after sharing a peace-themed post on social media amidst escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. While the nation is rallying behind the Indian Army following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of several innocent people, Aishwarya's message has sparked mixed reactions. In her Instagram post, the actress wrote, "Say no to war. As a citizen of a democratic country, I appeal to both the Indian and Pakistani governments to choose peace over conflict. Let's take steps towards understanding and avoid unnecessary loss of life. Soldiers, skilled people, and innocent



citizens must not die. Let this message reach everyone." Although the post appeared to advocate for non-violence, it drew heavy criticism from netizens who felt her statement failed to address the root cause of the current unrest. Many pointed out that she

did not directly condemn Pakistan for the terror attacks and accused her of equating both sides, despite clear evidence of aggression from across the border. Social media users expressed disappointment, stating that at a time when the Indian Army is retaliating in defense, such neutral messages can be misleading. Some even questioned whether Aishwarya was aware of the gravity of the situation. With public emotions running high, the consensus among many Indians is that solidarity with the armed forces is crucial, and public figures should be mindful of their words during times of national crisis.

Difference between probiotics, prebiotics

Both probiotics and prebiotics are said to encourage a healthy microbiome. That's a healthy community of different microorganisms that live in or on your body. When your microbiome is less diverse or when the number of unhealthy microorganisms outgrow the number of healthy ones, this is known as dysbiosis. This can lead to problems including diarrhoea or constipation, irritable bowel syndrome, bleeding gums, atopic dermatitis (eczema) or acne. Probiotics and prebiotics are marketed as ways to support a healthy, diverse microbiome, and help to reduce the chance of dysbiosis. Adelaide: If you walk through your local pharmacy or supermarket you're bound to come across probiotics and prebiotics. They're added to certain foods. They come as supplements you can drink or take as a pill. They also occur naturally in everyday foods. You might have a vague idea that probiotics and prebiotics are healthy. Or perhaps you've heard they're good for your "microbiome". But what actually is your microbiome? And what's the difference between probiotics and prebiotics anyway? First, some definitions: The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation, and the World Health Organisation, define probiotics as "live microorganisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit". These microorganisms are the bacteria and yeasts in food such as yoghurt, sauerkraut and



kombucha, and in supplements. But prebiotics refer to the "food" probiotics need to survive and replicate. Prebiotics are better known as dietary fibre. They include specific types of fibres called inulin-type fructans, galacto-oligosaccharides, resistant starch and pectin. Prebiotics occur naturally in plant foods, are added to foods (such as bread and breakfast cereals) and come as supplements. Dietary fibre remains undigested in your stomach and small intestine until it reaches the large intestine. There, microorganisms (probiotics) break down (or ferment) the fibre (prebiotics), converting it into metabolites or nutrients linked to better health. How are they related to your microbiome? Both probiotics and prebiotics are said to encourage a healthy microbiome. That's a healthy community

of different microorganisms that live in or on your body. This includes those in the mouth, gut, skin, respiratory system and the urogenital tract (which handles urine, and has reproductive functions). Everyone's microbiome is different and varies throughout your life. For instance, changing your diet, physical activity, hygiene, taking antibiotics or having an infection all affect your microbiome. These factors can change the diversity of your microbiome, that is how many different types of microorganisms you have. These factors can also alter the ratio of healthy microorganisms to unhealthy ones. When your microbiome is less diverse or when the number of unhealthy microorganisms outgrow the number of healthy ones, this is known as dysbiosis. This can lead to problems including diar-

rhoea or constipation, irritable bowel syndrome, bleeding gums, atopic dermatitis (eczema) or acne. Probiotics and prebiotics are marketed as ways to support a healthy, diverse microbiome, and help to reduce the chance of dysbiosis. As taking antibiotics can alter your microbiome, they're also marketed as a way of improving its microbial diversity when taking antibiotics or afterwards. Also Read - Boost nutrition levels while Do probiotics work? The microbiome plays a crucial role in our health. For instance, a healthy microbiome has been linked to reduced risk of cancers, cardiovascular (heart) diseases, allergy diseases and inflammatory bowel disease. But how about taking probiotic supplements to boost your microbiome? A review of clinical trials looked at probiotic supplements in healthy people. It found no increase in the diversity of their microbiome. Another review of clinical trials looked at the impact of probiotic supplements while people were taking antibiotics. The diversity of their microbiome did not improve. Another study not included in these two reviews found probiotics could make microbial diversity worse in the short term. It found probiotic supplements delayed restoring the microbiome after taking antibiotics. What about prebiotics? There have been few studies on the impact of healthy people just taking prebiotic supplements. However, there are studies of people taking prebi-

otics with probiotics on particular aspects of health. For instance, one large review looked at various neuropsychiatric outcomes, including dementia, Parkinson's disease and mild cognitive impairment, when people took prebiotics and probiotics (together or separately). Another review looked at the effect of prebiotics, probiotics or synbiotics (supplements that contain both prebiotics and probiotics) on people with diabetes. But their findings are not conclusive. So we need more research to routinely recommend these supplements. They are also no replacement for standard medication and a healthy, balanced diet. So how do I keep my microbiome healthy? Naturally occurring probiotics and prebiotics are in everyday foods. Probiotics are found in fermented foods such as cheese, sauerkraut, yoghurt, miso, tempeh and kimchi. Prebiotics are in the foods that contain fibre – all plant foods. It is important to have a variety of plant foods in your diet. This will ensure you get all the different types of fibre needed to keep your healthy bacteria alive, and to increase the diversity of your microbiome. Eating foods rather than consuming supplements also means you get the extra nutrients in the food. The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends a diet rich in plant foods, and promotes eating fermented foods (in the form of cheese and yoghurt). This combination is ideal for maintaining a healthy microbiome.

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आदमी जब अपनी अक्ल (बुद्धी) खो देता है तो फिर उसे अंधविश्वासी बनाने में देर नहीं लगती, जो अंधविश्वासी बनता है फिर वह गुलाम (दास) भी बन जाता है।.. (शकील उवाचा - 356)

यह बात सच है के आदमी जब अपनी अक्ल (बुद्धी) खो देता है तो फिर उसे अंधविश्वासी बनने में देर नहीं लगती, जो व्यक्ति अंधविश्वासी बनता है फिर वह गुलाम (दास) भी बन जाता है। अंधविश्वासी व्यक्ति को कपोल कल्पित भूत, प्रेत डरा - डराकर, सता - सताकर मारते हैं। और झूठे मात्रिक - तांत्रिक, झूठे पीर - फकीर, झूठे बाबा लोग और झूठे पाखंडी अधार्मिक लोग आदमी के इसी डर को आधार बनाकर लूटते हैं। जब आदमी अपनी बौद्धिक क्षमता को खो देता है तो फिर उसे गुलाम (दास) बनने में देर नहीं लगती। धर्म हर तरह की दासता से मानव को मुक्ती देना चाहता है।

ईश्वर ने हर आदमी को आजाद (स्वतंत्र) बनाकर पैदा किया है। इसी बात को उल्लेखित करते हुए पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब (अ.) फर्माते हैं के, "(ऐ लोगों!) तुम दूसरे के गुलाम न बने जब के अल्लाह (सु.) ने तुम्हे आजाद करार दिया है।" (हदीस कुतुबखाना, मुंबई द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक तजल्लियाते हिकमत, बाब आजादी 60, हदीस क्रमांक 02, पुष्ट क्रमांक 135)।

सभी ग्रह अपनी अपनी कक्षा में घूम रहे हैं। वह अगर अपनी कक्षा से बाल बराबर भी इधर उधर होजाये तो विनाश तय है, ये हम सब जानते हैं। फिरभी पांच सौ, हजार रुपए लेकर उन ग्रहों की दिशा, दशा बदलने वाले पाखंडी अपने भारत में ही पाए जाते हैं। और इन पाखंडियों पर विश्वास रखने वाले भोले भाले लोग भी हमारे भारत में



ही सबसे ज्यादा पाए जाते हैं। इस अंधविश्वास के चुंगल में कई राजकीय नेता, कई डॉक्टर, कई वकील और हर क्षेत्र के कई लोग फंसे हुए हैं।

और पवित्र कुरान में आया है के, "क्या तुमने उन लोगों को नहीं देखा जिन्हें किताब का एक हिस्सा दिया गया था? वे जिब्त और तागूत में विश्वास करते हैं और अविश्वा. सियों के बारे में कहते हैं कि वे विश्वास करने वालों की तुलना में बेहतर मार्गदर्शित हैं।" (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 4, सुराह अन निसा, आयत क्रमांक 51)।

जिब्त व तागूत का अर्थ है किसी भी असत्य, झूठ और सभी उद्योगिता से रहित बातें। और आसान भाषा में समझा जाए तो जिब्त व तागूत याने निराधार अंधविश्वासों जादू-टोना, करनी-धरनी, शकुन-अपशकुन, भूत-प्रेत और भविष्यवाणियों के विभिन्न रूपों, सभी अंधविश्वासों को और काल्पनिक, धर्म विरोधी उपासना आदि बातों को जिब्त व तागूत कहा जाता है। धर्म में ऐसे काम करने वालों को लानती (धिकांश और श्रापित) लोग कहा है।

जिन लोगों को परमात्मा ने धर्मग्रंथों के द्वारा ज्ञान का कुछ हिस्सा दिया था लेकिन वह लोग ईश्वर की न मानकर शैतान का कलमा पढ़ने लगे (याने ईश्वर की न माना) है ऐसे लोगों को उद्देशित करते हुए पवित्र कुरान कहता है के, "यही वह लोग है जिन पर खुदा की लानत (धिकांश) है। तुम उनका मददगार हरगिज किसीको न पाओगे।" (पवित्र कुरान, अध्याय क्रमांक 4, सुराह अन निसा, आयत क्रमांक 51 और 52)। उपरोक्त आयत में साफ साफ कहा गया है के जो ज्ञान पाकर भी परमात्मा की नहीं सुनते उनपर अल्लाह (सु.) ने लानत (श्राप) की है और जिस पर अल्लाह (सु.) लानत करे उसकी मदद के लिए कोई नहीं आता।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत..

SUNDAY BOOK REVIEW

MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL (11/05/25)

It needs no saying that mothers play very big, decisive roles in our lives. It is not an exaggeration to say that the only thing that is not contaminated in this world is perhaps a mothers love, care, protection and concern for her children. English author Rudyard Kipling in one thoughtful sentence said about the divine role and undefiled love of mother that God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers

On this 111th Mothers Day the entire world pays encomiums to Mother and her invaluable role in our family and societal structure. But I want to talk about single mothers today. When a woman loses her spouse for any reasons, decides to lead life on her own terms and takes up the responsibility and care of her children to boot, she is called a single mother.

There are many women who against all odds and hurdles have succeeded in life and become famous single mothers. Actors Ekta Kapoor, Neena Gupta, Raveena Tandon, Pooja Bedi are some of our well-known single mothers. This single mother concept is not a new one and in fact our Sita is the first known single mother in our human history. J K Rowling is one such single mother whose success story has inspired many a mother/woman

On June 26th 1997, Rowling released her first novel of a seven-book series titled Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone. Initially about 12 publishers had turned down the

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novel. Yes the story of how Harry Potter, the boy wizard, came into being is very fascinating.

After reading the manuscript, one leading publisher in London felt that children would love the book but he couldn't foresee the future of the book. Another leading publisher took the manuscript home and asked his eight year old daughter to read it. She read it in an hour and gave her father a short note which said that it would be one of the best books children of her age would love to read. Many publishers hesitated to invest in the book because they felt that children books wouldn't get good returns and space in newspapers in the form of reviews. Some publishers had their own doubts about the reception of the book by the targeted audience, young boys. Influenced by the mindset of the people then, these publishers felt that young boys might not like a book written by a woman.

In her personal life, Rowling suffered a lot before becoming a writer. Born in Yate, England, Rowling lived on doing temporary odd jobs besides completing her graduation. She lost her mother early in life, moved to Portugal and married there. Soon Rowling became a mother of a daughter but, alas, her marriage was a big let down. During this time she obtained a teacher certificate and lived on the help of the Government as a single parent after her

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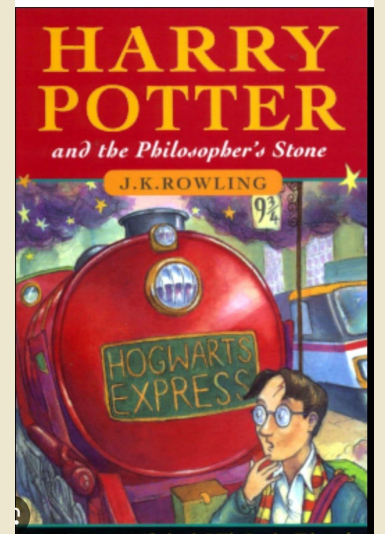
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divorce. The idea of creating the Harry Potter character came to her while waiting for a train one late night. The rest is history.

Many publishers initially chose not to reveal her identity and they deliberately prefixed the two initials J K to her name. But Rowling was so confident that even before her first novel published, she spoke with her prospective publishers about writing sequels. Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone proved her right and from then she never looked back. Rowling went on writing book after book, enthralled millions of her young readers, fans, and admirers.

With that came name and money. Though she wrote the seventh and the last book in the Harry Potter series in 2007, Rowling became very opulent and prosperous by 2012. So far Rowling has written 24 works in all and 50 crore copies of them have been sold in 70 languages!

However Rowling has never forgotten her painful past and festering poverty. She has started a Charitable Trust in the name of her mother and helped many mothers, single parents, girls and others. Anybody can make huge money and wealth but only a few of us know how to use it for the welfare and upliftment of others. She is now very rich and her magnanimity reminds me of the last words in the story, The Model Millionaire by Oscar Wilde. Millionaire models are rare enough



but model millionaires are rarer still

N B— J K has again married and like her all single mothers, if chances come, can also try their luck and take a cue from poet John Milton who married three times and every time he said that it was a triumph of hope over experience.

Some excellent books on Single Mothers:

- 1) Empowering Single Mothers By C P Kumar
- 2) Single Mothers By Choice By Jane Mattes.
- 3) Happy Single Mother By Sarah Thomas.

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India to treat terror strike in future as 'Act of War'

New Delhi: India has decided that any future act of terror will be considered an 'Act of War' against the country and will be responded to accordingly, a decision which aligns with the Narendra Modi government's zero tolerance for terror, official sources said on Saturday. The decision holds a warning for Pakistan against backing terror strikes in the country and reminds Islamabad of a possible hit-back on the scale of 'Operation Sindoor' in case of any misadventure in the future. PM Modi's reported insistence to treat all future terror strikes as 'Acts of War' was endorsed by top military officials and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a meeting earlier in the day. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, the three service chiefs and chiefs of IB and RAW were also present to assess the success of the anti-terror 'Operation Sindoor' amid little signs of Pakistan trying to de-escalate tensions. Chiefs of the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) shared details about the terrorists - including those wanted in the IC-814 flight's hijack to Kandahar in 1999 - killed in 'Operation Sindoor' so far. Interestingly, even the Council of



Europe's human rights manual treats Acts of War and terrorism on an equal scale. The COE's Manual for Human Rights Education with Young People states, "In many ways, war and terrorism are very similar. Both involve acts of extreme violence, both are motivated by political, ideological or strategic ends, and both are inflicted by one group of individuals against another. The consequences of each are terrible for members of the population - whether intended or not." In a related development, top global security analyst Michael Rubin told NDTV that India should adopt a tough stand against terror and take a leaf from Israel's book in its "war against terror". While agreeing that India must continue its military operation - Operation Sindoor - to respond to each of Pakistan's escalations and misadventures along the Line of Control and International Border, Rubin said that in the long-run, PM

Modi should consider what Israel's former PM Golda Meir had done after the 1972 Munich Olympic Games massacre. Israel, he said, "quietly, over subsequent years, went out anywhere in the world to eliminate the terrorists who were responsible for that massacre. It took them over seven years", but they were relentless in their pursuit and pledged to hunt down the terrorists and kill them. "I do think that Prime Minister Modi needs to take a playbook out of the late Golda Meir of Israel's hands," he said. The 1972 Munich massacre was a terrorist attack during the Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany. The terror attack was a religiously motivated one against Jews. On September 5, 1972, eight members of the Palestinian terror group Black September invaded the Munich Olympic Village, taking 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team hostage. A failed rescue attempt the following day left all 11 Israeli athletes, five terrorists, and one German policeman dead. Israel vowed to eliminate the terrorists, no matter where they were in the world. Mossad covert operations followed. Operation Bayonet, also known as Operation Wrath of God, took more than seven years of worldwide covert operations to kill the terrorists and their backers.

A LOT TO LEARN!

In general people think they are perfect in all aspects! Really not, in most cases they lag behind! Even simple formalities not observed!

Take for example a dog! Small food we give, get abundant service! Round the clock loyal to us! As far faithfulness concerned none equal to it!

Many instances we see! When master in danger, the dog even sacrifice its life! With the grief of master demise not touch food and water, at times breathe its last!



See the crow, learn the unity! No crow eats single, it calls near one to join! When a crow was hit by hunter, all crows round it to pay homage! That is the lesson we must learn from a dog and crow which are models for faithfulness and unity!

Composed by:
B. Satyanarayana Rao,
(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

Ilaiyaraaja to contribute concert fee and one month's salary to National Defence Fund

Chennai: Stating that he was very confident that the country's armed forces would bring the enemy to their knees, one of the country's finest music directors and a Member of Parliament Ishaigani Ilaiyaraaja on Saturday announced that he would be contributing his concert fee and a month's salary to the National Defence Fund. Taking to his X timeline on Saturday, Ilaiyaraaja said, " 'VALIANT' - Earlier this year, I composed and recorded my first symphony and named it 'Valiant', unaware that in May our real heroes, our soldiers, would need to act with bravery, boldness, courage, precision and determination at the borders to counter the cold blooded killing of innocent tourists in Pahalgam. Am very confident that our selfless bravehearts will bring the enemies to their knees." Quoting verses from a famous poem by revolutionary poet Bharathiyar, the music director said, "Jaya Bherigai Kottada, Kottada, Jaya Bherigai Kottada - Bharathi. As a proud Indian and a Member of Parliament, I have decided to make a modest contribution of



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Vashu, Jackky Bhagnani not associated with film titled 'Operation Sindoor'



Mumbai: After the news of producer Nicky Bhagnani making a film titled "Operation Sindoor" started doing the rounds, an official statement from Puja Entertainment stated that producers Vashu Bhagnani and Jackky Bhagnani are not associated with the project. An official statement was shared on the Instagram handle of Puja Entertainment, which read: "We would like to address the recent news reports and social media chatter regarding a film titled 'Operation Sindoor'. Mr Vashu Bhagnani & Mr Jackky Bhagnani are not associated with this project in any capacity, whatsoever." The statement also mentioned that they stand firmly with the Indian Armed Forces during this sensitive time "Our hearts and minds stand firmly with the Indian Armed Forces during this sensitive time. We are praying for each and every one of our soldiers fighting to keep India safe. Jai Hind Puja Films," it read. Nicky Vicky Bhagnani Films, in collaboration with The Content Engineer, officially announced a new film titled Operation Sindoor along with a poster featuring an image of a female soldier. She is shown in uniform, holding a rifle, while applying sindoor. The background has tanks, barbed wire and fighter jets flying overhead, reinforcing themes of bravery, sacrifice and nationalism. The film was announced amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. Escalation followed India's launch of Operation Sindoor -- a series of focused and precise strikes on nine camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) — in response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 people. Pakistan deployed between 300 and 400 drones, identified preliminarily as Turkish-made Asisguard Songar models, on the night of May 8 and May 9. Many were intercepted using a combination of kinetic and electronic warfare systems, including the Barak-8 and S-400 Triumph missile defence platforms, Akash SAMs, and indigenous anti-drone technologies. Among the locations targeted were Srinagar airport, the Awantipora airbase, Nagrota, Jammu, Pathankot, Fazilka, and Jaisalmer.

Sanjay Dutt on Ind-Pak tension: We are not backing down this time

Mumbai: Amid the growing tensions between India and Pakistan, Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt has expressed his unwavering support for the nation's fight against terrorism and praised the bravery of the Indian Armed Forces. He also asserted that the battle is not against any nation but against those who spread fear and violence. Sanjay took to his Instagram Stories, where he wrote: "The relentless attacks on our people will no longer be tolerated. We will respond, not with hesitation, but with full force and unshakable resolve." Foreign Minister, discusses efforts to de-escalate tensions Sanjay said that the fight is against terrorism and this time, Indians are determined to stand their ground. "The world



must understand, our battle is not against a people or a nation, but against the terrorists who thrive on fear, chaos, and destruction. Let there be no doubt, we are not backing down this time," he added. He asserted that despite terrorist attacks, India's resilience, unity, and strength will always overcome hatred and violence.

"These terrorists are nothing but cowards hiding behind the veil of violence. They strike from the shadows, but they will learn that we are a nation that does not bow. We rise stronger every time they try to break us. Our unity, our spirit, and our will to fight back are far greater than their hate. Sanjay said that he is extremely "proud of our

armed forces." "They stand tall at the frontlines, fearless and focused, answering every act of terror with courage and fire. They are not just defending borders; they are defending every child's dream, every family's peace, and the soul of this nation. They are the true heroes and I salute each one of them." He added: "This is not just their fight. It is our fight. As citizens, we must stand together. We will not be intimidated. This battle may not end today. But our strength, our determination, and our unity are eternal. "We stand ready and if the need arises, will serve in any way possible. We are one. We are strong. And we will not stop until peace is restored and justice is served."

Harshvardhan Rane declines 'Sanam Teri Kasam 2' amid India and Pakistan tensions

Mumbai: Amid the ongoing escalations between India and Pakistan, actor Harshvardhan Rane, whose film 'Sanam Teri Kasam' received a massive audience response during its re-release in theatres, has now decided to step down from the sequel to the film if the producers go ahead with the same cast. The actor took to the Stories section of his Instagram on Saturday, and wrote, "While I am grateful for the experience however as things stand, and after reading the direct comments made about my country, I have made a decision to respectfully decline to be a part of 'Sanam Teri Kasam' part 2 if there is any possibility of the previous cast being repeated". The actor referred to the casting of Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane in the film, and her fans being drawn to



the actor's Instagram after the two nuclear armed nations launched escalations. Earlier, the actor added a new bike to his collection. He took to his Instagram, and shared a video in which he unveiled his dream bike, a custom made Royal Enfield Shotgun 650. He said in the video,

"Hi, my name is Harshvardhan Rane, and we are sitting right in front of my dream which has now taken a shape thanks to Royal Enfield. Like Rome wasn't built in a day and careers don't get made overnight, similarly this beauty has been in the process and it's still a work in progress and I couldn't stop myself from coming and taking a look at how beautiful this is". The bike has been cast in aluminium, and resembles a MacBook Air in terms of aesthetics. The bike boasts of a powerful 648 cc air-cooled engine, and a 13.8 liter fuel tank. The bike is a bobber, and a single seater, and has a short rear fender. The bike is one of the heaviest bikes from the house of Royal Enfield standing at 240 kgs, one kilogram lighter than the heaviest RE bike - Super meteor 650.