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Route taken by government to scrap Article 370 isn't only constitutional, it also complies with all legal requirements

First of all, understanding the contours of the issue from a legal theoretical standpoint is essential. It has been argued that Article 370 was a repository of the contractual obligation of the Indian State with the promises that were made to the then independent princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. Although the line of argument is broadly true, however, under International Law, the contractual obligation of any sovereign State, like India, is usually towards another sovereign State, or an international organisation, and not some entity which loses its sovereignty by the virtue of signing that contract (Instrument of Accession), which is Jammu and Kashmir in this case.

The state that lost its sovereignty can't compare or claim its rights with or from a sovereign State in the same sense, the ones to which it could have been entitled had it been a sovereign. Sovereignty in its essence means absolute independence and no subordination. Moreover, it's interesting to note that the Instrument of Accession (IoA) was signed between the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir and the Dominion of India. Dominion of India was a political body created through the legislative process of the British Parliament (Indian Independence Act, 1947), in the exercise of its own sovereignty (British Parliament's) and by no legal theoretical standpoint can be called a sovereign entity (Dominion of India, that is).

Hence, it can be understood that the IoA was signed between two non-sovereign entities. With the promulgation of the Indian Constitution, the Dominion of India was vanquished and the Union of India emerged as the successor State with full sovereignty. Therefore, the contractual obligations of the Union of India towards Jammu and Kashmir, which by now had lost its autonomy of accession, could only have been claimed in good faith, and the entire basis of claiming them legally stood scrapped.

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Obama takes a slap at 'leaders' who normalize 'racist sentiments' after white supremacist motives emerge in El Paso massacre



Barack Obama appeared to take a thinly veiled jab at President Trump on Monday, calling on Americans to "soundly reject" any leader who "normalizes racist sentiments" in the wake of a horrific mass shooting in Texas.

The former president issued the rare rebuke in a statement released as authorities in the Lone Star State said the suspect in Saturday's El Paso shooting likely posted a racist manifesto online that mirrored some of Trump's rhetoric, including the claim that the U.S. is under "invasion" by Hispanic immigrants.

"We should soundly reject language coming out of the mouths of any of our leaders that feeds a climate of fear and hatred or normalizes racist sentiments; leaders who demonize those who don't look like us, or suggest that other people, including immigrants, threaten our way of life, or refer to other people as sub-human, or imply that America belongs to just one certain type of people," Obama said.

The 44th commander-in-chief said the El Paso shooter's motives "may not yet be fully known," but stressed that the massacre "follows a dangerous trend: Troubled individuals who embrace racist ideologies and see themselves obligated

to act violently to preserve white supremacy."

The suspect, 21-year-old Patrick Crucius, is believed to have posted a rambling and racist screed on the 8chan message board before storming into a Walmart with an AK-47 military-style rifle and killing at least 21 people and wounding dozens more. Many of the victims were Hispanic, and federal prosecutors are considering whether to charge Crucius with a hate crime.

Crucius' alleged manifesto didn't have any explicit references to Trump, but echoed some of the president's most controversial statements.

"They are the instigators, not me," the document says. "I am simply defending my country from cultural and ethnic replacement brought on by an invasion."

Over Twitter and at campaign rallies, Trump frequently decries an "invasion" of undocumented immigrants.

Also in his statement, Obama called on Congress to finally enact stricter gun control legislation and referenced the mass shooting that rocked Dayton, Ohio just hours after the bloodbath in El Paso.

Source : nydailynews.com

White supremacy an 'international terrorist problem,' Ocasio-Cortez says at vigil for Dayton, El Paso victims

White supremacy must be identified as terrorism under federal law, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said at a vigil Monday for victims of the El Paso and Dayton shootings.

"There are so many different issues that are weaving themselves into a braid of violence into our country. One of them is white supremacist terrorism," Ocasio-Cortez (D-Bronx/Queens) told about 500 people at the vigil held at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn.

The freshman congresswoman has argued that while terrorism by foreign groups like Al Qaeda is defined in federal law, terrorism by domestic groups is not.

"White supremacy is an international terrorist problem," Ocasio-Cortez said at the vigil, referring to the New Zealand mosque shootings that took 51 lives in March.

She also told the group that anti-immigration rhetoric

by President Trump and others "is directly responsible for what happened in El Paso."

The El Paso shooter complained in an online manifesto that the U.S. is being overrun by Hispanic immigrants.

"I'm tired of the questioning if the president is racist. He is," Ocasio-Cortez said.

Among the other speakers at the vigil was Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-Manhattan/Queens).

"We have more guns in America than anywhere on earth. And if guns made us safer, than we would be the safest nation earth. And are we?" Maloney asked. "No!" the crowd answered.

Maloney has long supported a national ban on assault weapons.



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De Blasio says Daily News 'unfair' to report NYPD helped his daughter move from Sunset Park pad - but does not deny story



Mayor de Blasio said Monday it was "unfair" for the Daily News to report that members of his NYPD detail helped his daughter move out of a Brooklyn apartment last year.

Asked about an exclusive News report about Chiara de Blasio's allegedly NYPD-backed move from a Sunset Park pad in 2018, de Blasio said that "of course" his family gets around the city in "official vehicles." "I just think there's something going on that is absolutely wrong, which is throwing this kind of allegation against my family is just unfair," de Blasio said.

But when pressed by NY1 journalist Errol Louis, de Blasio did not deny The News' report. "I wasn't there. I just honestly cannot go into something I didn't see," de Blasio said. Multiple sources told The News that members of the NYPD's Executive Protection Unit helped Chiara de Blasio move out of a basement apartment at Fourth Ave. and 56th St. under the cover of night roughly one year ago.

The cops loaded Chiara's belongings into a couple of unmarked Sprinter vans and delivered them to Gracie Mansion, according to the sources. First Lady Chirlane McCray personally oversaw the move, the sources said.

De Blasio's EPU has been in hot water before, including for trying to cover up a car crash involving the mayor in 2015.

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Rev. Al Sharpton hits back at Trump - vows to force firing of Officer Daniel Pantaleo

Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a soaring rebuke to President Trump on Saturday for branding him a “troublemaker” — and vowed to keep fighting for the firing of NYPD Officer Daniel Pantaleo.

Invoking the Scripture, Sharpton warned the president that the black church taught him not to back down from a fight with the rich and powerful.

“(Trump) is mad at me because I fought when others wouldn’t fight, he’s mad at me because I stood up when others didn’t stand up,” Sharpton told an emotional crowd at his National Action Network headquarters in Harlem. “He’s mad at me because I believe there is a God that will fight my battles and there is a God that sits higher than the White House.”

Sharpton called Trump’s attacks a badge of honor for a fellow New Yorker.

“They remember you in other parts of the country for putting your name on buildings. We remember you for the (Central Park) 5,” Sharpton intoned,



referring to the black teens who were cleared of raping a white jogger in Central Park. At the time, Trump called for the death penalty for the teens, who were later cleared.

An overflow crowd packed the NAN headquarters and supporters repeatedly rose to their feet to cheer on Sharpton.

The rally was billed as a show of support for the civil rights leader just days after Trump denounced him on social media as a “con man” who hates cops and whites.

“Keep your hands off the Rev. Al Sharpton. He is ours,” said state

Sen. Brian Benjamin (D-Harlem). “He is not the con man, Donald Trump. You are the con man.”

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It quickly pivoted to the case of Pantaleo, the NYPD cop who killed Eric Garner with a chokehold on a Staten Island street in 2014. A department judge ruled Friday the city should fire Pantaleo. Garner’s daughter, Emerald Snipes-Garner, angrily addressed Pantaleo directly: “You’re not a police officer, you’re a murderer... we’re coming for you.”

The grieving daughter reminded the accused cop that he is still alive and walking free — unlike her dad.

“Pantaleo, your family is here, they can see you,” Snipes-Garner said. “I will never see my father again.”

Flanked by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and other political allies, Sharpton promised to lead mass rallies until Pantaleo is ousted from the NYPD.

Source : nydailynews.com

Narinder Kapoor holds a Master Degree in Economics and Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B.). He served United States Treasury Department for 22 years and retired in 2009. He has two sons, Sachin and Sandeep and they both are physicians. His wife, Urmila, is a health profession (RN) and was with North-Shore LIJ Hospital at Syosset for 26 years and retired in 2010. He lives in Syosset, New York.



NARENDER KAPOOR

Great researcher and preacher of Shreemad Bhaawat Geeta (Narinder Kapoor and Geeta Paranandiat at the Sai Temple, Grand Ave, Hempstead, NY)

Narinder is an initiated disciple of Swami Hariharji Maharaj, founder president of Geeta Ashram (Head Quarter at Delhi-Cant, India). Since 1981, Narinder has been sharing the wisdom of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta to various strata of American society. He has been visiting Universities, Colleges, High Schools, Churches and temples of different denominations. He has profound conviction in the elitist teachings of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta. He has been holding Srimad Bhagwad Geeta Havan, Satsang and Jeeyan Jyoti Mantra Meditation in the first Sunday of each month on a rotational basis at the residence of Geeta Devotees. He was also deeply involved in the teachings of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta to the students of Gurukul students organized by Sadhu Vasvani Trust. He made numerous presentations on Srimad Bhagwad Geeta at Sai Temple, Baldwin, NY, Hindu Temple, Flushing, NY. He is a regular speaker on the wisdom of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta at Sri Ram Sharnam Temple, Hicksville, New York. He also attended and participated in many International Geeta Conferences. The latest one was in May 2018 at Houston. India Association of Long Island, New York, appointed Mr Narinder Kapoor, as a Chair of Meditation Forum in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Mr Kapoor has been conducting Mantra Meditation Sessions twice a month (every second and fourth Saturday) from 11:00 am to 12:30 noon at the Head Office of India Association of Long Island, New York. These sessions are extremely popular and folks are looking forward to participate. Mantra

Meditation Sessions are also being conducted during Monthly Satsangs of Geeta Ashram of New York since many years.

Mr Kapoor is a Board Member of Long Island Multi-Faith Forum. He has been making many presentations in the capacity of Moderator and Panelist. He has been involved in various community projects and activities. He is also involved in Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations (Shanti Fund). Recently, he accepted an assignment with Gayatri Gyan Kendra, in Melville, NY, to share the wisdom of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta to the parents as well as to the students of GGKLI. To foster Vedic Culture and ingrain awareness to the younger generation about the phenomenal expertise of Srimad Bhagwad Geeta by using the Computer illustrations, physics, chemistry and mathematical skills, is the sole objective of Narinder Kapoor.

Mr Kapoor's articles are published in Newsday periodically. He is also a frequent visitor on ITV as well as JUST TV. Narinder is an accomplished speaker in the art of Meditation, motivation and inspiration. Srimad Bhagwad Geeta is his passion and mission.z

Why is humility considered a virtue for people of faith?

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. People of faith means people who profoundly believe that all are children of one GOD. Such people practice mindfulness and focus on present. They are always grateful for what they have. Their mind-set is to love others. Humility is an ornament and is the greatest virtue for people of faith. Humility is to accept the whole creation as it is. There are billions of galaxies, trillions of stars and milky ways. This humongous and mystic display of creation make the mind of people of faith very humble. They perceive themselves as a tiny part of this phenomenal creation. Their ego is subdued and their humility is proportionally increased. According to the wisdom embedded in

Srimad Bhagwad Geeta Chapter XII, verse XIII to verse XVIV, there are almost thirty-nine characteristics which elaborate the mental faculty of people of faith. The foremost is, "Goodwill to everybody and ill will to none". Then comes, don't excite others and don't get excited by others. Focus your mind on the merits of others and let go the demerits of others. These are the divine qualities which must be practiced by the people of faith.

People of faith who practice these qualities become very peaceful, very sensitive, very empathetic, very positive and extremely compassionate. Their perception changes and for them the world becomes one family. They start perceiving others as their own projection and extension. They become epitome of humility.

Modi Makes Impossible, Possible

What a master stroke to make impossible, possible with Articles 370 and 35A. Amit Shah and Modi ji have changed the face of India and many Indians all over the world are rejoicing this victory like an Independence Day. The momentum of relief and hope of rebuilding, re inhabiting and rejuvenating with a sense of justice served is paramount among Indians, specially those who are now looking forward to going back to where they belong and have their long lost rights restored.

The result of this life changing decision may take some time to be visible but the effect on future generations will surpass the struggle of decades. The demography is set to change as

well as the fear factor. Too many lives have been suffering for too long and too many lives lost.

Provoked conflict, cross-border terrorism, separatist movement in Kashmir, religious and ethnic minorities-based violence are but an underline to the subject. Reasons and build up of strategies both internal and external are too many on the timeline but, what it translated to in terms of layman lives was compelling and the smart decision made by the current government cannot be applauded enough.

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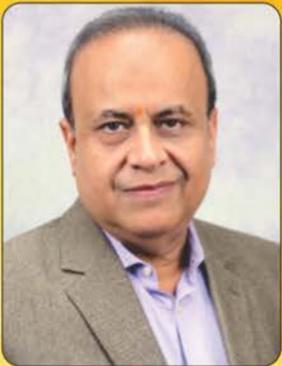
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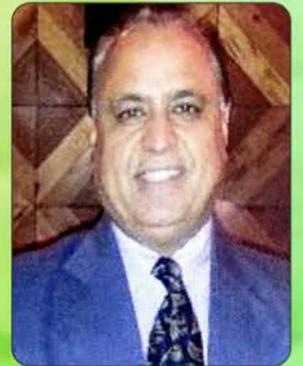
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Article 370 revoked

Narendra Modi, Amit Shah demonstrate ability to move stealthily, confidently on major policy decisions

Since the time Article 370 was introduced in Constitution about seven decades ago, giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir, a vast mass of people in the country felt that a gross injustice was committed to the nation. Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder and MP from Calcutta Shyama Prasad Mukherjee led a movement for the abrogation of this article and came out with a catchy slogan "ek desh do vidhan, do pradhan, do nishan nahi chalega".

Mukherjee died in custody in Kashmir under mysterious circumstances in June 1953. Since then the slogan given by him had become an article of faith for the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and its later avatar, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the ruling party at the Centre. But then a large number of BJP and Sangh Parivar workers and an overwhelming number of people in the country who wished that Article 370 be abolished never believed this would happen in reality any time soon.

Based on doomsday predictions made by Kashmiri party leaders and hue and cry made by liberals, it was said that no government, no national political party will ever have the courage to abrogate the special provisions of Article 370, which give a special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Sixty-six years after the death of Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday displayed what a strong full majority government with a strong political will could do. It did not just take away the special status of Jammu and Kashmir by repealing the most contentious provision of the Constitution of India, but also bifurcated the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The move speaks volume of the style of functioning of Modi and the newly made home minister Amit Shah. This was BJP's pre-poll promise as well as was part of the party's vision documents. But it was beyond the expectations of even seasoned BJP leaders within and outside of the government that the decision would come so soon after Modi's return to power at the Centre.

Modi has by now acquired the reputation of introducing a surprise element in all big decisions, be it related to major appointments or major policy decisions. He and Shah have done the same with respect to stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its statehood and abolishing Article 370 of the

Constitution. Consider this: first, from the turn of events, one can assess how swiftly the government moved and that while maintaining the confidentiality of major decisions. About half an hour after the Cabinet met and Amit Shah rose to speak in the Rajya Sabha, the Presidential Order was notified in the Official Gazette in Hindi and English, and the over 115-page-long Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, dividing the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, was ready to be moved on the floor of the Parliament. While all this was being prepared, and the decision went through multiple stages and multiple places, there was no leakage. Despite the security build-up, everyone was taken by surprise by the enormity of what Shah read out from a prepared speech in the Upper House.

Second, till a week ago, it was considered that the Government was on a weak footing in the Rajya Sabha and no matter how strong majority the Modi government had in Lok Sabha, it had difficulty in meeting the Upper House challenge. Under the circumstances, the fact that Modi-Shah decided to move four bills on Kashmir including perhaps the most contentious bill of Independent India in Rajya Sabha, speaks of the kind of confidence they had in their ability to manoeuvre and the response the Bill would ultimately elicit from various parties.

Third, most political parties in the Opposition except Congress, Trinamool, SP, Left parties and DMK couldn't muster the courage to oppose the Bill. JD(U) and NCP orally opposed the bill but decided to walk out, a move that effectively helped the government in passing all four resolutions and bills. Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was first to come in the support of the government on this critical issue, YSRCP, TDP, BJD, Aam Admi Party quickly followed the suit. The thinking among these parties was clear that the parties opposing the Bill would be at the receiving end and they didn't want to be on the wrong side of that growing nationalist mood.

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal who has been rooting for full statehood of Delhi was one of those who made their position on the issue known without loss of time. Delhi is to go for Assembly election in the next few months and Kejriwal surely didn't want to lose all the goodwill he had created through his education and



health schemes and freebies that he had lately offered.

The newly created Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will broadly have the same powers as that of the NCT of Delhi and Puducherry. If that be the case, the Lieutenant Governor will be the administrative head of Jammu and Kashmir and the chief minister as and when elected will only have to deal with issues like education, health, road, power, sanitation. Law and order will be a Union subject. It

should also be noted that there are panchayat and municipal corporations whose elections were recently held.

The leaders from Kashmir who till other day had been talking of autonomy now have a more mundane issue to ponder.

The 'temporary, transitional and special provisions' of Article 370 is now gone for the good of the nation.

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Route taken by government to scrap Article 370 isn't only constitutional, it also complies with all legal requirements

The argument that Article 370 contained contractual obligations of the Indian State arising out of the IoA, therefore, lacks any legal basis. This then begs the question, what actually is the constitutional intention behind Article 370. This question can only be answered politically, not legally. The provision intended to guard the politics of the day of its enactment, which meant the unstable political situation of the state, resulting from the Pakistani invasion. The Constitution-makers, through Article 370, just intended to make sure that the condition is eased through such a measure.

As it turned out, even after 70 years, the political situation was hardly influenced in the positive sense through the provision. Hence, doing away with it or preserving it remained a political choice and not a legal one. In US Constitutional Law, such situations are governed by an explicit legal mechanism, known as the doctrine of political

question. The doctrine stipulates that there are certain situations or disputes that are best settled by politics and not through the process of the court. These matters are essentially 'non-justiciable'. The Indian Supreme Court has on various occasions not dismissed the doctrine, but has imported it with limitations.

In the Indian context, the apex court has also time and again, and as recently as in the Aadhaar verdict, held that matters pertaining to State policy are non-justiciable and hence out of the domain of legal scrutiny and judicial review.

A non-justiciable measure can be understood as simply as the increase or decrease of monetary policy rates by the Reserve Bank of India, as adverse they might be on occasions, one just can't imagine challenging them in a court of law. The situation of Jammu and Kashmir and its dynamics with the Indian State are again exclusively matters of policy and politics and there is



nothing much the legal system can do about it. The important ramification of understanding the situation as that of policy and politics rather than that of law and Constitution, is that the entire debate on the legality of the action of the government is rendered infructuous.

The issue had to be decided through an executive action simply because, executive exclusively wields and manifests the real sovereign authority of the State, and when it has signalled through a proclamation, its intent, the requirement of legality is that of prima facie relevance.

That said, the legal requirement was also satisfied in the sense it was required. There are doubts that since Article 370 (3) required the consent of Constituent Assembly of the state, which had long been abolished, how can a proclamation be issued? This is a very weak legal standpoint to sustain. It is a settled position of constitutional law, globally,

that any legislative body having the power to amend the Constitution, has constituent power and functions as a Constituent Assembly while doing so.

One only has to go through Article 368 of the Indian Constitution, which reads as Constituent Power of the Parliament, meaning that the Parliament functions as a Constituent Assembly while amending the Constitution. Since Jammu and Kashmir had the power to amend its own Constitution, it can very well be regarded as the Constituent Assembly. When Parliament assumed the legislative function of the State, it naturally also assumed the constituent function of the Assembly.

Hence, all the questions pertaining to the legality of the government's action do not stand up to legal scrutiny; it is only a matter of time before the same will be iterated by the Supreme Court, if the action is at all challenged.

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Sonbhadra DM, SP shunted out as Yogi Adityanath cracks down on errant officials after inquiry report into violence over land dispute



Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh government on Sunday shunted out the district magistrate and superintendent of police of Sonbhadra, besides ordering action against 13 other officials after they were indicted in an inquiry into the killing of 10 Gond tribals last month over a land dispute.

Addressing a press conference at his residence, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said FIRs will be registered against several police and administration officials for alleged irregularities and members of Adarsh Krishi Sahkari Samiti, Umbha on charges of land grabbing.

The disputed land in Umbha and Saphi villages also be transferred back and registered in the name of gram sabha, he said, while announcing that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) will look into the matter.

Adityanath said departmental proceedings have been initiated against Sonbhadra District Magistrate Ankit Kumar Agrawal and Superintendent of Police Salman Taj Patil for taking "one-sided decision" against the villagers. Directives have been issued to attach Agrawal and Patil to the personnel department and the DGP Headquarters, respectively, he said.

S Ramalingam has been made the new district magistrate of Sonbhadra, while Prabhakar Chaudhary is the new superintendent of police, officials said.

"The entire matter will be probed by an SIT. The SIT will be headed by DIG SIT J Ravindra Gaud, and will have Additional SP Amrita Mishra along with three inspectors. DG SIT RP Singh will be monitoring the work of the SIT," the chief minister said.

The personnel department has initiated action against Ghorawal SDM Vijay Prakash Tiwari, and an FIR will be registered against him, according to an official statement. Disciplinary action has also been initiated against Ghorawal circle officer Abhishek Singh, Sub-Inspector Lallan Prasad Yadav, Inspector Arvind Kumar Mishra and Constable Satyajit Yadav, it said.

The Goonda Act has been slapped against the circle officer for allegedly exerting pressure on the affected families and an FIR has been registered against him, it added. A case has been registered against the sub-inspector, inspector and the constable for allegedly not reaching the incident spot in time.

According to the statement, an FIR has also

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been filed against Additional Superintendent of Police Arun Kumar Dikshit for allegedly taking Rs 1.42 lakh from the village pradhan to free the disputed land without proper orders of the court.

In 1955, the then tehsildar of Robertsganj had passed an order for registering 1305 bighas of land in the name of Adarsh Krishi Sahkari Samiti, according to the statement.

"The possibility of the then tehsildar of Robertsganj Krishna Malviya being alive is very slim. Even if he is alive, he will not be in a position to be charged in a case. Hence, the committee did not recommend any action against him," Adityanath said.

He said an FIR will be filed against pargana adhikari of Robertsganj in 1989 Ashok Kumar Srivastava and tehsildar Jai Chandra Singh. Cases will be registered against Asha Mishra, the wife of IAS officer Prabhat Kumar Mishra and Kiran Kumari, the wife of IAS officer Bhanu Pratap Sharma, for allegedly getting the land registered in their names in 1989.

In July, 10 people were killed and 28 injured in the clash after a village headman and his supporters opened fire on a group of tribals over a land dispute.

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International Gateway Cities Enjoy Worldwide Resurgence of Office Investment in 2019

According to commercial real estate advisor CBRE, global commercial real estate investment volume increased from Q1 2019 across all regions but overall fell by 7.5% year-over-year in Q2 2019, including entity-level deals. Only the Americas region reported year-over-year growth (0.7%). Activity was down from last year by 17% in EMEA and 14% in APAC.



Despite the increase in office transactions, industrial and hotel sector activity leveled off. The multifamily sector was the most active in the U.S.

CBRE's Global Chief Economist, Richard Barkham tells The World Property Journal, "The Americas, EMEA and APAC markets all reported a rebound in commercial real estate investment from the first quarter but a drop in H1 activity from the same period last year, in part due to fewer ultra-large transactions and a lack of quality assets for sale. With some slight improvement in the U.S. economy and central banks cutting interest rates, prospects for the remainder of the year are good. A continued buoyant U.S. market, coupled with restored fiscal expansion and monetary easing around the world, potentially supports a stronger second half of global investment activity."

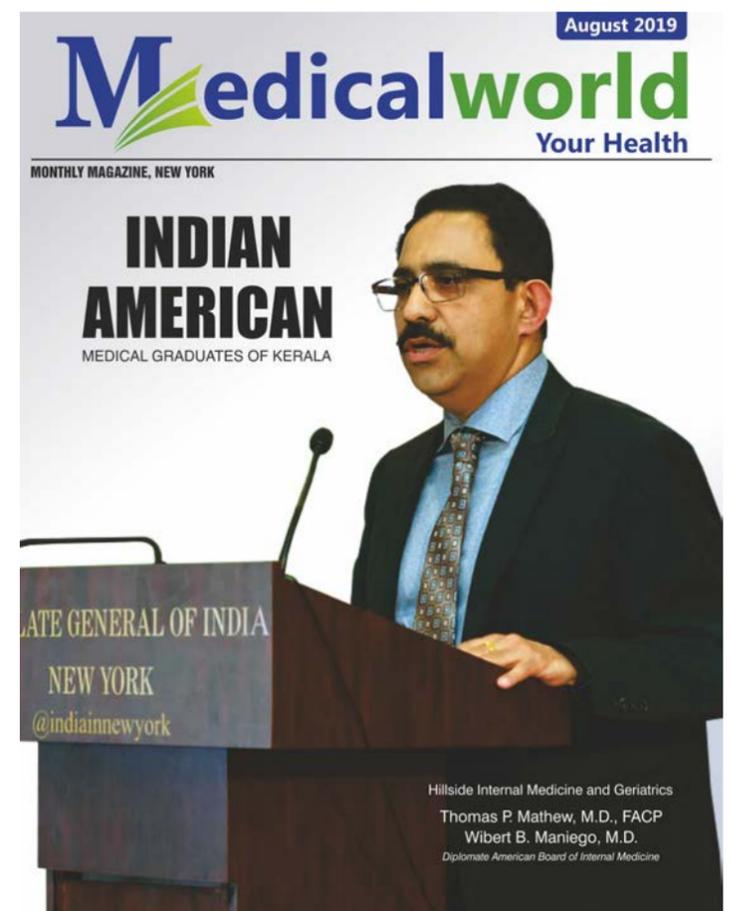
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Global investment volume totaled \$428 billion in H1 2019, down by 10.6% from H1 2018. Nevertheless, with some slight improvement in the U.S. economy and central banks cutting interest rates, prospects for the second half of the year are good.

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- Strong leasing activity underpinned renewed investor demand for office assets.

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Rising Seas Place Over 800,000 U.S. Coastal Homes in Chronic Flood Risk Areas by 2050

By 2100, the number of at-risk U.S. homes jumps to 3.4 million

at striking rates in areas that face high risks of future flooding.

According to new analysis by Climate Central and Zillow, as America's coastal communities continue to build homes in flood-risk zones, nearly 20,000 U.S. homes built in the past decade are at significant risk of chronic coastal flooding by 2050.

If sea levels continue to rise at the current rate, more than 800,000 existing U.S. homes worth \$451 billion will be at risk in a 10-year flood by 2050. Those numbers jump to 3.4 million existing homes worth \$1.75 trillion by 2100, the analysis shows.

The nationwide analysis that pairs Zillow's housing data with Climate Central's sea-level rise expertise identifies the number of new homes -- and homes overall -- in low-lying coastal areas, projecting how many will become exposed to chronic ocean flooding over the coming decades, depending on the choices the world makes around greenhouse-gas pollution today. It expands on analysis done last year that showed some 386,000 current U.S. homes are likely to be at risk of regular annual flooding by 2050 because of sea-level rise from climate change, and that new homes are being built

As sea levels rise, the intermittent floods that coastal communities now experience once a decade on average are projected to reach farther inland than they do today. Those floods can damage and devalue homes, degrade infrastructure, wash out beaches, and interrupt transportation systems and other aspects of daily life. They also put homeowners, renters and investors in danger of steep personal and financial losses. "This research suggests that the impact of climate change on the lives and pocketbooks of homeowners is closer than you think. For home buyers over the next few years, the impact of climate change will be felt within the span of their 30-year mortgage," said Skylar Olsen, Zillow's director of economic research and outreach. "Without intervention, hundreds of thousands of coastal homes will experience regular flooding and the damage will cost billions. Given that a home is most people's largest and longest-living asset, it takes only one major flood to wipe out a chunk of that long-growing equity. Rebuilding is expensive, so it's doubly tragic that we continue to build brand new units in areas likely to flood."

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U.S. Home Builders Applaud President Trump's Commitment to Workforce Development

Marking the one-year anniversary of the White House executive order on workforce development this week, Greg Ugalde, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders issued the following statement:

"The NAHB applauds President Trump for his tireless commitment to expand job-training and apprenticeship opportunities for students and mid-career workers alike so that they will develop the skills and tools needed to secure well-paying jobs and succeed in the American workforce.

"As a representative of an industry that is vital to the U.S. economy, it is my honor to attend this White House event marking the first

anniversary of the president's executive order that established the National Council for the American Worker.

"With the housing sector grappling with severe labor shortages, NAHB is pleased to do its part to help in this vital initiative by pledging to train 50,000 new workers over a five-year period for a career in the residential construction trades.

Our commitment to workforce training starts with the Home Builders Institute, a member of the NAHB federation, and a national leader in workforce training for the construction industry.

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The life of Sri Krishna



Radha-Krishna

In fact, Krishna never returned to Vrindavan. The pain of separation was unbearable for the gopis. It drove their minds into a fever pitch, wherein their every thought was of Krishna. Through this, their minds were purified and they slowly became able to see their Beloved in all things: in the trees, in the rivers, in the mountains, in the sky, in all people, and animals—even in their own selves. This was the realization that Krishna had intended to bring about within them from the very beginning.

The devotional fervor Krishna created in the gopis is perhaps best exemplified by the rasa-leela dance, wherein each of hundreds of gopis perceived the eight-year-old Krishna to be dancing with them alone. Amma says, “The rasa-leela did not take place on the ordinary plane of the senses, the way people today interpret it. During the rasa-leela the gopis experienced the beatitude of the jivatma merging in the Paramatma. Because of their divine love, the Lord appeared to each of the gopis. With his power, he blessed each

gopi with a vision of the Self.” Radha is said to have been the most devoted of the gopis. Theirs was the highest love—a love to inspire mankind forward on the path to God. Amma has even said: “Krishna’s lifting of the Govardhana Mountain as a child was not the real miracle; the real miracle was the gopis’ love for Krishna.”

The next major role in Krishna’s life was as a friend to the Pandavas, five devoted and dharmic brothers whose kingdom was usurped by their 100 half-brothers, the egoistic and adharmic Kauravas. In the eventual war between the two, Krishna served as the charioteer of the Pandava Arjuna. And it was also to Arjuna that he advised the 701 verses of The Bhagavad-Gita (the centerpiece of The Mahabharata). It is the Gita that stands as Krishna’s most important gift to the world. In fact, some people believe that the whole purpose of Krishna’s birth was to deliver this “Song of the Divine.” It comprises Krishna’s advice to Arjuna on the cusp of the Mahabharata War. The Gita

delivers the essence of spirituality in a way that the common man can understand. As the great Swami Chinmayananda often said, “With the Gita, Sri Krishna took the knowledge of the Upanishads down from the Himalayas and into the marketplace.” Here was a true handbook for life delivered by the Lord himself. Amma herself says, “One studies the Gita to become Krishna.”

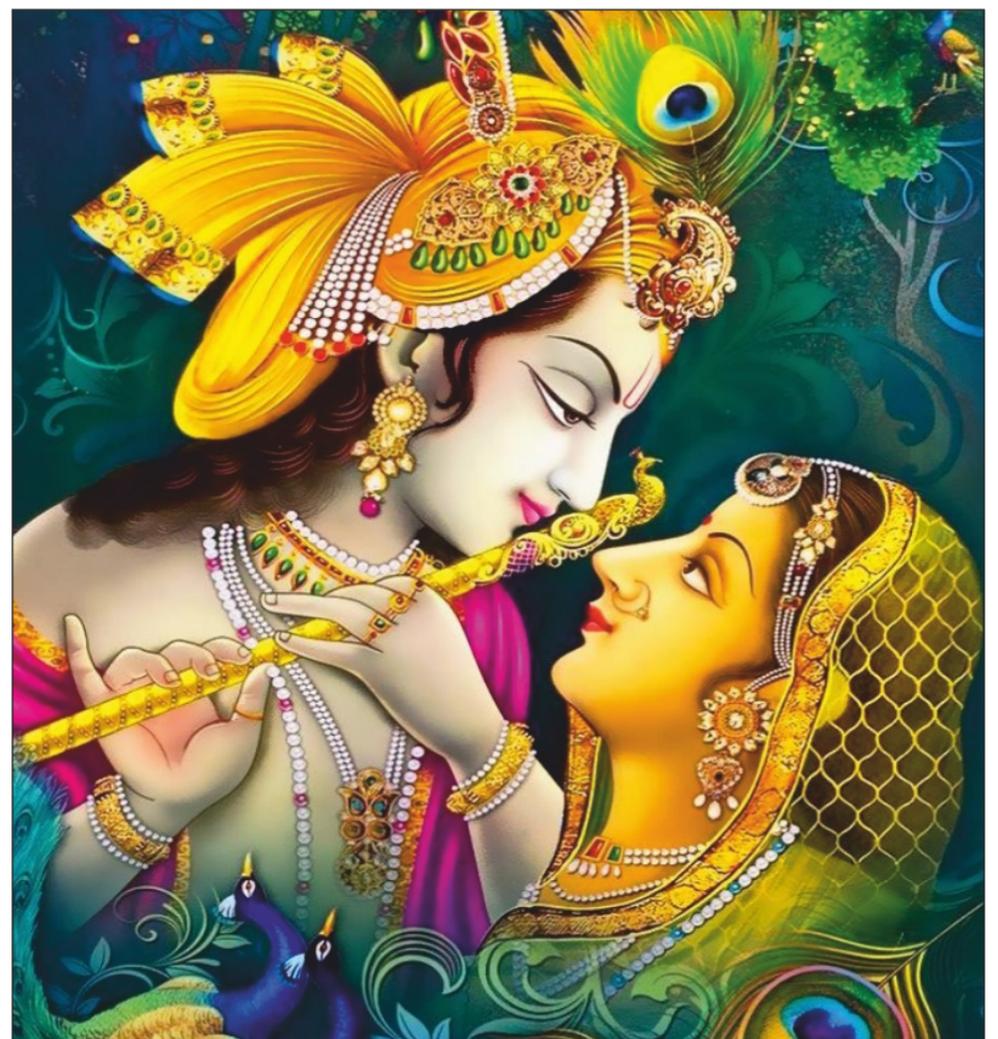
“Lord Krishna’s teachings are suitable for everyone,” Amma says. “He didn’t come just for the sake of a particular section of society. He showed everyone—even prostitutes, robbers and murderers—the path toward spiritual progress. He urges us to live according to our true dharma, to remain steadfast in it, and thus advance in life toward the ultimate goal.”

Krishna’s instructions were not just for monks. He advised everyone to his capacity. His instruction to Arjuna, in fact, was to remain in the world, performing his dharma. “His life was a perfect example of how to remain unscorched in the midst of worldly fire,” Amma says. “It is like keeping a piece of chocolate on your tongue without salivating.

... He shows how to succeed in life while remaining in the midst of obstacles. The Lord doesn’t advise us to turn away from our relationships in order to attain Self-realization. He explains that we should be free from all attachments while still maintaining loving relationships and upholding our family responsibilities.”

Lord Krishna left his physical form at 125 at the hands of a hunter. But he died as he was born and as he lived—with a beatific smile upon his face. In fact it is said that his final act was to bless the hunter who had accidentally shot him. Such was his love.

Amma says, “Throughout his life, Lord Krishna had to face different crises that arose like waves, one after the other. Even then, not once was his countenance clouded by sorrow. He faced every difficulty under the sun, but there was no place for sorrow in Sri Krishna’s presence. He was the embodiment of bliss. In his company everyone rejoiced, forgetting all else. In his presence they tasted the bliss of the Self. Even now, after all this time, doesn’t the mere thought of him fill us with bliss?”



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Aayush Sharma on Kwatha co-star Isabelle Kaif: 'She is hard working and dedicated, we are currently discovering each other'

Actor Aayush Sharma, who will begin shooting for his second film Kwatha with Katrina Kaif's sister Isabelle, has said that she had begun working on her character ever since she joined the project. The film will mark her Bollywood debut.

Talking to Mid Day, Aayush said, "Ever since she joined the project, she has been working on her character. She is hard working and dedicated. Isabelle and Arpita [Khan, wife] know each other, so, I have obviously heard so much about her. We

are currently discovering each other as actors." Aayush made his Bollywood debut with Salman Khan's production Love Yatri where he was seen as a Gujrati lover boy alongside Warina Hussain. Talking about his next role, Aayush further told the tabloid, "When I heard it, I instantly connected to the story. The film is inspired by true events, and I was surprised that something like this had happened, and that most of us are unaware about it. The film has a different take on stories revolving around the Indian Army. I am trying to transform

my body to look like an officer. Also, I will train with soldiers at base camps. I want to get the mannerism on point."

Kwatha will be directed by Karan Lalit Butani and the producers describe it as a human adventure based on true events of the Indian Army with a twist. Presented by Purple Bull Entertainment and Cult Entertainment, it will be produced by Sunil Jain, Omprakash Bhatt, Aditya Joshi, Alok Arbind Thakur and Sujay Shankarwar.

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Dwayne Johnson sends Varun Dhawan love for appreciating his film Hobbs & Shaw

Varun Dhawan says watching Hobbs & Shaw was great fun and the action film's star Dwayne Johnson is glad the Bollywood actor had a good time at the movies. Varun has often said he is the biggest fan of the WWE wrestler-turned-actor and he took to Twitter on Saturday to praise The Rock for paying homage to Samoan culture.

"Watched #HobbsAndShaw. It's great fun in the cinema. @TheRock really brings its. Loved the homage paid to the Samoan culture. The London chase sequence has to be the best (sic)" tweeted Varun.

Johnson expressed his gratitude in Samoan-Hawaiian, saying "Mahalo brother and glad you loved it. You're the best



@HobbsAndShaw." Varun later took a screenshot of the Hollywood star's response and shared it as an Instagram story. The caption read: "Childhood dreams come true".

Hobbs & Shaw registered the year's second biggest opening for a Hollywood film in India after Avengers: Endgame. It made Rs 13 crore on Friday while Endgame made Rs 53 crore. Hobbs & Shaw ranked above Spiderman: Far From Home, The Lion King and even Captain Marvel.

Source : hindustantimes.com



Anushka Sharma on Virat Kohli's aggression: 'He's like that on field because he's so passionate, he's the most shaant person I know'

Actor Anushka Sharma has often been referred to about her influence on husband and cricketer Virat Kohli, be it before or after their wedding. The actor has claimed that unlike his on-field demeanour, Virat is the calmest person she know.

Talking to Filmfare about Virat's on-field image, Anushka said, "He's one of the calmest persons I've met. Off the field, he's so relaxed. You can ask my friends, my team. He's like that on field only because he's so passionate. He's not aggressive in real life. That's only his demeanour on the field. He's the most shaant person I know. I look at him and I'm like, 'Wow! You're so chill.'"

Talking about how they sometimes see off and pick each other at the airport, Anushka said, "Those are the moments you steal when you lead lives that are

so demanding. For that, your priorities have to be set. I'm never going to be like, 'Oh please spend more time with me at the cost of your work'. No, please do your work. He's the same with me. When you respect each other's work and your own, there's respect in the marriage."

Anushka had joined Virat for the ICC Cricket World Cup in the UK. The actor returned with him post the final though India couldn't make it through. She is currently working on her production ventures which include a Netflix Original series, titled Mai. The series will revolve around a middle-aged woman who finds her ferocity in the underworld when she accidentally kills a notorious mafia leader. How she is pulled deeper into the criminal and political underworld with the growth of her cult will form the crux of the story.

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Sanjay Dutt in KGF: Chapter 2, Suniel Shetty in Pehelwan: Why South is casting '90s stars as villains

Suddenly, the South Indian film industry has welcomed the '90s Bollywood actors with open arms. Actors like Suniel Shetty, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Raveena Tandon, and Mandira Bedi are playing pivotal characters in some of the big South films this year.

Suniel Shetty plays a pivotal role in Sudeep's Pehlwan, and Sanjay Dutt is the villain in KGF: Chapter 2. Besides, Abhay Deol plays Sivakarhikeyan's antagonist in Hero.

But why filmmakers and producers from the South keen on roping these actors (mostly as antagonists), and not someone within their industry, which is the usual norm (more feasible in terms of remuneration)? Are these actors considering the South market as a part of their retirement plan? On throwing these questions to industry experts, we got some clarity on this ongoing trend.

"I won't call the South film industry as a retirement plan for the Bollywood actors because they are not approaching our producers and director for film chances.

It's us who are offering them strong characters mainly because of the North market. These days, the Hindi satellite rights and North dubbing rights for the South films are booming market for our producers. The moment your film have names like Jackie Shroff, Sonu Sood, and Suniel Shetty, the offer is huge so there is nothing wrong in exploring this side of the market," says Dhananjayan, who used to head UTV in the South, and has now become an individual producer through films like Kaatrin Mozhi and Mr. Chandramouli.

When asked why most of the South producers prefer casting '90s Bollywood actors, who are no longer getting offers in Hindi and not the in-demand top league stars from North, Dhananjayan says "Not all South films can afford stars like Akshay Kumar and Ajay Devgn. Producers are roping in Hindi actors who are affordable to the budget so names like Jackie Shroff and Sonu Sood are often seen in the South these days," adds Dhananjayan.

Karthik from Hombale Films, producers of the KGF franchise, says, "We approached Sanjay Dutt and



Raveena Tandon for KGF: Chapter 2 mainly because we needed two aged yet talented actors for our film. As our film got a pan-Indian appeal, casting actors like Sanjay Dutt and Raveena will help us to reach audiences across the five languages. Yes, casting Hindi actors will give the extra push in the Hindi dubbing market but we didn't cast them for business reasons".

Producer K Sathish, who is also a celebrity manager, says "Yes, we are casting Hindi actors mainly to attract the buyers from the North market. As soon as a South film pooja gets done, the first business area we lock is Hindi dubbing rights, so when our project has names like Abhay Deol, Suniel Shetty, and Jackie Shroff, there will be more buyers quoting fancy rates."

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