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A view of the United Nations General Assembly Hall during the Summit of the Future in New York City on Sunday REUTERS

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Robert Lewandowski AFP

NATION

India reports 1st case of mpox strain that led WHO to declare it public health emergency

NEW DELHI: India has reported the first case of the mpox strain, which led to the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring it a public health emergency last month, in a patient from Kerala who had tested positive last week, official sources said on Monday.

They said that the Clade 1b strain has been detected in a 38-year-old man from Malappuram district who had recently returned from the United Arab Emirates.

The patient is stable, the sources said, adding "this was the first case of the current strain that led to the WHO declaring mpox a public health emergency last month for a second time".

An earlier case of mpox that emerged in the national capital was a 26-year-old resident of Haryana's Hisar who had tested positive for the

previous West African Clade 2 strain earlier this month. Since the 2022 declaration of mpox as a public health emergency of international concern by the WHO, 30 cases were reported in India.

Meanwhile, Kerala health minister Veena George has already appealed to the public, including those returning from abroad with any symptoms, to inform the health department and seek treatment at the earliest.

In a social media post, she also released a list of state-run hospitals in various districts where treatment and isolation facilities for the affected persons have been arranged.

Besides this, treatment was available in all medical colleges in the state, the minister said.

Urging people to be vigilant, George said that the state health department has already stepped up surveillance in airports in the state in accordance with the Centre's guidelines in the wake of the outbreak of mpox in many African countries.

Those arriving from the nations where the infection was reported have been instructed to report at the airport if they develop any symptoms, she said. As soon as the outbreak of the mpox was reported in 2022, the southern state had brought out a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) in this regard. PTI



First mpox Clade 1b case was reported from Kerala's Malappuram last week SHUTTERSTOCK

India's one-horned rhino numbers charging ahead: Govt

NEW DELHI: India's one-horned Asian rhino population has almost tripled in the past four decades, thanks to conservation and anti-poaching efforts, according to government figures.

Data released on Sunday - World Rhino Day - said that the number of the animals, known for their single horn and thick, armour-like skin, had surged from 1,500 four decades ago to more than 4,000 now. There were just 600 left in India in the 1960s.

An adult Indian rhino, the largest of the three Asian species, can weigh up to 2,800 kg and live for about 50 years. They are found in grasslands, swamps and riverine forests in India's east and Nepal.

The Kaziranga conservation park in Assam is home to an estimated 80% of the world's one-horned rhinos. AFP

Laapataa Ladies to represent India in Oscars 2025

CHENNAI: Kiran Rao's Laapataa Ladies has been picked as India's official entry for Oscars 2025, the Film Federation of India announced here on Monday.

The Hindi film, a light-hearted satire on patriarchy, was chosen from a list of 29 films, including Bollywood hit Animal, Malayalam National Award winner Aattam and Cannes winner All We Imagine As Light.

The 13-member select committee headed by Assamese director Jahnu Barua "unanimously" decided on Laapataa Ladies, produced by Aamir Khan and Rao, for reckoning in the best international film category at the Academy Awards.

Besides Laapataa Ladies, Hindi film Srikanth, Tamil movies Vaazhai and Thangalaan and Malayalam film Ullozhukku were among the top five in the 29-title list. PTI

CITYLIGHTS

AAP leader Atishi takes charge as Delhi's eighth CM

NEW DELHI: AAP leader Atishi took charge as the eighth chief minister of Delhi on Monday and said she would work like Bharat did by keeping his elder brother Lord Ram's 'khadaun' (wooden slippers) on Ayodhya's throne. She did not sit on the chair used by Kejriwal and said that his chair would remain unoccupied in the chief minister's office. She sat on a white chair, which was placed next to Kejriwal's chair.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva slammed Atishi, saying it was an "insult" to the post of the chief minister. Atishi has retained the 13 portfolios she held in the Kejriwal government, including those of education, revenue, finance, power and PWD.

"I will work for four months as the chief minister of Delhi like Bharat did by keeping Lord Ram's khadaun on the throne. Arvind Kejriwal has set an example of dignity in politics by stepping down. The BJP left no stone unturned to tarnish his image," she said after taking charge.

"Kejriwal was granted bail by the Supreme Court, which said his arrest was carried out



Delhi chief minister Atishi in her office on Monday PTI

with ill-intentions. Had there been somebody else, they wouldn't have even thought for a moment and sat on the chief minister's chair, but he chose to resign," she said.

Environment minister Gopal Rai and new entrant Mukesh Ahlawat, who was allotted the portfolios of labour, SC and ST, employment and land and building departments, also took charge at the Delhi Secretariat. PTI

Delhi govt to unveil Winter Action Plan on Sept 27

NEW DELHI: Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai said on Friday the Winter Action Plan to reduce pollution in the city in the coming months with steps like the odd-even scheme and artificial rain will be released on September 27.

According to a statement, the government for the first time, will use drone technology this year to monitor pollution at 13 identified hotspots across Delhi. "The Winter Action Plan, set to be unveiled on September 27, targets pollution hotspots, vehicle and dust pollution, industrial emissions, and introduces innovative emergency

measures such as the odd-even vehicle scheme and artificial rain to combat severe pollution spells," it said. The plan, based on 21 key focus points, was prepared following a meeting between the Environment Department and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPC) that was chaired by Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai at the Secretariat on Friday. "To effectively combat winter pollution, the government has intensified its preparations and identified 21 priority areas that will guide our actions in the coming months," Rai said. PTI

SCHOOL EVENT

RYAN INT'L SCHOOL, MAYUR VIHAR 3, ORGANISES INT'L MUN CONFERENCE

Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar 3, organised the International Model United Nations (INMUN) conference, bringing together the delegates from various national and international Ryan schools representing various countries to engage in diplomatic debates, negotiations, and policy-making simulations. The host school's delegation participated in the event with vigour, representing assigned countries and committees with dedication, research, and excellent oratory skills. >P2



WORD POWER

Craven

Krey-vuhn (Adjective)

Meaning: Cowardly; contemptibly timid

Origin: First recorded between 1175 and 1225. From the Middle English cravaunde, "defeated," <Old French craventé, "to crush, overwhelm", influenced by Middle English creant defeated.

Synonyms: Mean-spirited, faint-hearted, spiritless, spineless, fearful, trembling

Antonyms: Bold, brave, courageous, heroic

Usage: The craven captain abandoned ship, leaving his crew behind in the storm.

WORLD

Sri Lanka's new leader says no magic solution to crisis

COLOMBO: Marxist leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Monday vowed to restore public faith in politics but said he had no magic solution to the hardships suffered following an unprecedented economic crisis. "I am not a conjuror, I am not a magician, I am a common citizen," he said after he was sworn in as Sri Lanka's President on Monday in the wake of an election that saw voters reject an old guard accused of leading the country into economic crisis. Dissanayake, 55, who ran as head of the Marxist-leaning National People's Power coalition, defeated opposition leader Sajith Premadasa and 36 other candidates in Saturday's election. Dissanayake received 5,740,179 votes, followed by Premadasa with 4,530,902. AGENCIES

Trump says he will not run again if he loses in November

WASHINGTON: Republican Donald Trump said that he will not make a fourth consecutive run for the US presidency if he loses the Nov 5 election, saying "that will be it" in an interview released on Sunday. Asked if he saw himself running again in four years if he is not successful in his third consecutive bid for the White House, the former president told Sharyl Attkisson's Full Measure program: "No I don't. I think that will be - that will be it. I don't see that at all. Hopefully, we will be successful." REUTERS

Scholz's party beats far-right AfD in east German state vote

POTSDAM: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Social Democrats narrowly beat the far-right AfD in a state election on Sunday in the formerly communist east, a rare bit of good news for his party.

Scholz's centre-left SPD won around 31% in the state of Brandenburg against the anti-immigration, pro-Russian Alternative for Germany, which scored about 29%, projections by public broadcasters said. The result offers some respite for Scholz's embattled coalition government, which has sunk in opinion polls a year ahead of national elections. AFP

SCHOOL REPORTS

Radha Krishna Public School, Lal Kuan hosts Guru Vandana Chhatra Abhinandan Samman Samaroh

Radha Krishna Public School, Lal Kuan, hosted Guru Vandana Chhatra Abhinandan Samman Samaroh on its premises. The function was organised by the members of Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP). All the students from Classes 6-8 gathered in the school auditorium. The head girl and the head boy welcomed all the BVP members with tilak and flowers.

Thereafter, the BVP members and school principal Monika Sharma arrived at the auditorium. Pre-primary teachers Mohini Chaturvedi and Anita Negi presented a welcome song. The principal and headmistress Shikha Singh welcomed all the guests with gifts. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the guests and the principal.

The anchor, Neeraj Chhaparana, introduced the students to the BVP and its works. The principal introduced the guests and explained the importance of Guru Vandana and Chhatra Abhinandan.



The students as well as the teachers were felicitated during the event

BVP member Indu Vashney introduced the organisation's members, including president Vivek Agarwal, his wife Poonam Agarwal, Puneet Gupta, Juhi Gupta, and Mahila Coor-

inator Shilpi Singhal. Vivek Agarwal explained how the BVP honors teachers and talented students in schools.

Firstly, Shikha Singh was felicitated the Guru Vandana Chhatra Abhinandan award. Then, teachers Shivangi Yadav, Nitu Chahal, Dimple Pandey, Surbhi Gupta, and Mamta Singh were felicitated. Thereafter, some meritorious students were felicitated with certificates and gifts. The students included Vedant from Class 1, Navya Pandey (Class 2), Manika Pandey (Class 4), Shlok Singh (Class 6), Sanvi Chaudhary (Class 7), Ishika from (Class 8), Ayushi Gupta (Class 9), and Anusha Pandey (Class 10).

Thereafter, Hemant Singh and Himani, students from Class 10 who became teachers, were felicitated with the Best Teacher award.

Led by Indu Vashney, teachers and students sang the BVP song. Finally, Shikha Singh thanked the BVP members and concluded the program.

UNIVERSAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, PREET VIHAR, SHINES AT COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP

The cadets' team of Universal Public School (UPS), Preet Vihar, participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) 2024, which was held at NCC Bhawan, Rohini, and secured the first position in-line area and nukkad natak (street play) events and the second position in the tug of war event. UPS cadet Agamjot Kaur Saini won the best cadet award and also secured the first position in the extempore competition.

CATC witnessed the participation of cadets from various schools and colleges. The UPS cadets underwent extensive training in key army subjects, including weapon training, firing, tent pitching, map reading, army history, and the heroic deeds of war heroes. Several guests conducted sessions on cyber security, e-waste management, POSCO Act, tips for cracking SSB and NDA examinations, as well as pathways to joining the defence forces and civil services. UPS takes pride in its students' remarkable accomplishments at the CATC.



The tour turned out to be a fun-filled and enriching experience for all the participants

Kala Niketan Int'l School, Ghazipur, organises educational tour to Dalhousie & Khajjiar in HP

Kala Niketan International School, Ghazipur, organised a five-day educational tour to the scenic destinations of Dalhousie and Khajjiar in Himachal Pradesh for the students of Classes 6-12.

The tour, designed to combine learning with adventure, turned out to be a fun-filled and enriching experience for all participants. Accompanying the students were our school chairman Er. OP Rai, Shimla Welfare Education Society president Alok Rai, director Shimla Rai, and vice-principal Divya. Their presence added great value to the journey. Students were

introduced to the rich history of the town and they explored key landmarks while learning about its cultural and historical significance.

On Day 2, the group visited Khajjiar. Students engaged in outdoor activities such as trekking and nature walks. Educational sessions were held in the open air, where students learned about the geography and biodiversity of the region.

The director and the vice-principal also played key roles in making the tour more enjoyable, offering guidance and support to both students and staff.

Art and science exhibition organised at AVB Public School, IP Extension



Students participated in the exhibition with great enthusiasm and showcased their artistic skills

The primary wing of AVB Public School, IP Extension, organised an art and science exhibition, which commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Students took part in the event and showcased models of natural phenomena, such as water cycle, plant life cycles, food chain, photosynthesis and many more.

The event's highlight was a live demonstration of seed germination.

Artsy filled the air in the literary and art section where vibrant paintings and breath-taking landscapes showcased students' artistic journey.

Students showcased their language skills through creative writing and linguistic projects. School principal Ritu Verma expressed her pride in students' achievements for making the event a successful and memorable experience for all.



The team of Universal Public School secured the first position in in-line area and nukkad natak events

Hillwoods Academy, Greater Noida, conducts annual event Eco-seminar

Hillwoods Academy, Greater Noida, conducted its annual event Eco-seminar to focus on the urgent need to adopt sustainable practices to mitigate the impacts of climate change, deforestation, & pollution.

The special guests for the event were eco-activist Rajni Sood and environmentalist and fashion designer Nidhi Malhotra.

Prestigious schools of Delhi-NCR participated in various competitions during the event. Students showcased their creative ideas in Ananda Kuteera: Cottage of Joy; The Good Life: Brochure Making; Mindful Movements: PPT Making; and debate competition Logic Leads Us. Rajni Sood in her address urged students to be the protagonists and warriors against the use of plastic consumption and its recycling. The event commenced with the ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by a musical rendition by the choir group.

In her welcome address, the head of the school expressed gratitude to the special guests and participants. In her impactful speech, school head girl Mansi Sharma highlighted the urgent need for environmental action and presented practical ways by which people can make a difference.

Mahira Qamar, the prefect of the



The seminar stressed on adopting sustainable practices to mitigate the impacts of climate change & pollution

Eco Club, presented the eco report, summarising the achievements and progress of the initiatives and endeavors undertaken by the school throughout the session.

The focal point of the day was the dance drama titled 'The Changing Tides of Nature', which not only highlighted the beauty of the world people have lost but also served a powerful reminder of the urgent need to protect what remains.

To motivate students to be responsible environmentalists, the guests planted saplings. In the valedictory ceremony, the yearly newsletter 'Green Pages' was released by the guests. The winners of the competitive events were felicitated.

Nidhi Malhotra praised students for their efforts. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Ryan Int'l School, Mayur Vihar 3, organises International MUN conference

Ryan International School, Mayur Vihar 3, organised the International Model United Nations (INMUN) conference, bringing together the delegates from various national and international Ryan schools representing various countries to engage in diplomatic debates, negotiations, and policymaking simulations.

The host school's delegation participated in the event with vigour, representing assigned countries and committees with dedication, research, and excellent oratory skills.

The conference provided a platform for delegates to experience the complexities of international relations and develop leadership, public speaking, and negotiation skills. Dur-



The delegates from various Ryan schools participated in the MUN conference

ing the conference, the delegates actively participated in discussions, negotiations, and drafting sessions.

The delegation won several awards and commendations.

The students who received awards were as follows: Ritika (Best Dele-

gate) of the host school; GAI: Tanmay, Daksh (Best Delegate), ROK; GFEAI: Taanish (Best Delegate), ROK; AISM: Sambit Patra (Best Delegate) Divya; Harsimrat Kaur (High Commendation), Aaradhya; SC: Ishita (Best Delegate), ROK, High Commen-

dation USA, Alankrita; ECOSOC: Parth (Best Delegate), ROK; Shaurya Kakkar (Verbal Mention); IGN: Aryaman (Best Delegate), ROK; COP 29: Ayaan (High Commendation), ROK; ILC: Vansh (High Commendation), ROK; G20: Yashashwini (Special Mention), ROK; IP: Journalist, Aryan Bansal (High Commendation I); Bhavya Gupta (Verbal Mention), Caricaturist: Gauri Gupta (Best Caricaturist), Tanishka Sharma (High Commendation I), Photographer, Aakriti Bhatia (Best Photographer); EB: Sneha Shukla (Secretary General); Chairperson Ekjot Kalra, Co-chair Hrydhann Khanna; IP: Head of Caricaturists, Eesha Arora; Editors, Bhavya Bhargav, Aadhya.

BAL BHARATI PUBLIC, MANESAR, LAYS STRESS ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

At Bal Bharati Public School, Manesar, experiential learning forms the cornerstone of their educational approach. Unlike traditional methods, which often rely solely on lectures and textbooks, the experiential learning actively involves students in their own education. This is achieved through immersive activities such as field trips, workshops, science experiments, and role-playing exercises.

These hands-on experiences not only deepen students' understanding of academic subjects but also foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a sense of curiosity.



The experiential learning forms the cornerstone of students' educational approach at the school



More than 200 delegates from various schools in Delhi-NCR participated in the school's fifth MUN conference

Ahlcon Public School, Mayur Vihar, hosts 5th edition of AYMUN

Ahlcon Public School, Mayur Vihar, hosted its fifth and largest-ever edition of the Ahlcon Youth Model United Nations (AYMUN). The chief guest for the event was Ambassador Deepak Vohra. The event was attended by over 200 delegates from various Delhi-NCR schools.

The day began with the lamp lighting ceremony. The chief guest's inspiring address highlighted the contemporary relevance of the United Nations & India's pivotal role in global geopolitics. Principal

Deepak Raj Singh Bisht emphasised the MUN's role in empowering students through debates & enhancing their public speaking, negotiation, and diplomatic skills.

The chief guest highlighted the importance of understanding international politics and nurturing future leaders to address today's global challenges such as climate change, pandemics, geopolitical tensions, and need for informed & empathetic leadership. He encouraged delegates to engage fully, listen to diverse per-

spectives, and strive for consensus, asserting diplomacy is about finding common ground & fostering lasting solutions. Delegates took part in six committees: United Nations Human Rights Council, United Nations General Assembly, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, All-India Political Parties Meet, Ministry of Magic, and International Press.

The event ended with the award ceremony. DPS Indirapuram won both the Best School Delegation and Best School Participation awards.



The event's highlight was the pinning of badges & adorning of sashes to the elected council members

Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar, organises inter-school competition 'Spardha'

Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar, organised the 5th edition of Dr. A.K. Walia Memorial Inter School Competition 'Spardha: In Pursuit of Excellence' much fanfare and fervour.

The chief guest for the event was school chairperson Achala Choudhary, who inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The event witnessed an overwhelming participation from numerous schools & students. The proceedings began with the ribbon cutting

ceremony and with a prayer song.

The competition was a resounding success as it showcased a kaleidoscope of activities meticulously crafted for students across all age groups --- from the youngest prodigies of preschool to Class 12 scholars.

This spectacular celebration of talent, imagination, creativity, and vigilance brought forth the distinctive brilliance of each participant. Spardha was organised in both online and offline modes and it cov-

ered a multitude of categories spanning over the cultural, literary, sports, commerce, IT and science fields.

The competition culminated with the prize distribution ceremony which was judged by a panel of distinguished judges called in from different fields for their expertise and skill. The felicitation ceremony was followed by a cultural programme presented by Nrityamanjari, the dance troupe of the school.



The competition was organised in both online and offline modes

Students of Arwachin Int'l School, Dilshad Garden, shine in national tug of war competition

Under the guidance of their motivational and inspiring coach, Dinesh Chand Papnay, the students of Arwachin International School, Dilshad Garden, secured prominent positions



Students secured prominent positions in the event

in the national tug of war competition held in Agra.

In U-13 boys category, Arnav R. Nair (Class 8A) secured a bronze medal; in U-15 girls, Vridhi (Class 8A), Tanvi Manglani (Class 9A) and Prakriti Singh (Class 9C) won a silver; in U-17 girls, Srishti Sharma (Class 12D) grabbed a silver; in U-19 girls, Yashasvi Singh (Class 12D) secured the fourth position; and U-17 boys (6x6): B. Amitesh (Class 11C) won a gold medal.

Queen Global Int'l School, Dilshad Garden, celebrates 10th Founder's Day



Students took part in a series of intra-school contests during the celebration

Queen Global International School, Dilshad Garden, celebrated its 10th Founder's Day 'ANUJYOT'. Referred to as 'Globalites,' the students took part in a series of intra-school competitions like elocution, storytelling, recitation, poster & logo designing, and fancy dress, which allowed them to showcase their artistic talents.

The day's highlight was the felicita-

tion ceremony, where the winners of the competitions were to be announced. With bated breath, students and staff alike waited eagerly to hear the results. The event will be remembered as a day of joy, talent, and school spirit, celebrating both the achievements of the past decade and the promise of an even brighter future for the institution.

Students of St. Lawrence Public Sr. Sec. School, Dilshad Garden, visit an orphanage

St. Lawrence Public Senior Secondary School, Dilshad Garden, organised a small visit to an orphanage for its students under the guidance of managing director Inder Malik and authentic leader Satyam Malik with the focus on fostering the skills of empathy, responsibility, and awareness among students.

The visit made students aware about the lives of children with disabilities. It developed the feeling of brotherhood & companionship among them.

Students were warmly welcomed by the orphanage staff and children. An introductory session provided an overview of the orphanage's mission,

children's needs, & the challenges they face. The school also organised a donation during which students distributed biscuits and chips among the children there. It helped them build a sense of sharing among students. They learned to share their privileges with the children who are less privileged.



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INQUIZITIVE

ANSWERS to the quiz that appeared in the September 23 edition: 1. Shogun 2. One 3. Venus Orbiter Mission 4. Atishi 5. Charles Darwin 6. Mohana Singh 7. West Palm Beach golf course 8. Rings 9. Shogun 9. Pagers and walkie-talkies 10. Sri Lanka

CHALLENGES: FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO AI, RISING CONFLICTS AND INEQUALITY

At the UN, global leaders endorse Pact of the Future, Guterres says it must be more than talk

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations General Assembly approved a blueprint Sunday to bring the world's increasingly divided nations together to tackle 21st-century challenges from climate change and artificial intelligence to escalating conflicts and increasing inequality and poverty.

The 42-page Pact of the Future challenges leaders of the 193 UN member nations to turn promises into real actions that make a difference to the lives of the world's more than 8 billion people.

The pact was adopted at the opening of the two-day 'Summit of the Future' called by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who thanked leaders and diplomats for taking the first steps and unlocking "the door" to a better future.

"We are here to bring multilateralism back from the brink," he said. "Now it is our common destiny to walk through it. That demands not just agreement, but action."

The UN chief challenged the leaders: Implement the pact. Prioritize dialogue and negotiations. End "wars tearing our world apart" from the Middle East to Ukraine and Sudan. Reform the powerful UN Security Council. Accelerate reforms of the international financial system. Ramp up a transition from fossil fuels. Listen to young people and include them in decision-making.

The pact's fate was in question until the last moment. There was so much suspense that Guterres had three prepared speeches, one for approval, one for rejection, and one if things weren't clear, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

"No one is happy with this pact," said Russia's deputy foreign minister, Sergey Vershinin..

The summit opened with him proposing amendments that would have significantly watered down the pact. Speaking on behalf of Africa's 54 nations — which opposed Russia's amendments — the Republic of Congo countered with a motion not to vote on the amendments. That motion was approved to applause. Russia only got support from Iran, Belarus, North Korea, Nicaragua, Sudan and Syria.

Assembly President Philémon Yang then put the pact to a vote and banged his gavel, signifying the consensus of all 193 UN member nations that was required for approval.

Russia has made significant inroads in Africa — in countries like Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Central African Republic — and the continent's rejection of its amendments along with Mexico, a major Latin American power, was seen as a blow to Moscow by some diplomats and observers.



A view of the General Assembly Hall at the opening of the Summit of the Future on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, on Sunday. AFP

Yang announced ahead of speeches by world leaders that they would be muted after five minutes — a rare occurrence at the United Nations, where words are the backbone. Among those who kept talking after their mics were silenced: Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah and Irish President Michael Higgins.

The Pact of the Future says world leaders are gathering "at a time of profound global transformation," and it warns of "rising catastrophic and existential risks" that could tip people everywhere "into a future of persistent crisis and breakdown."

Yet, it says, leaders are coming to the UN at a time of hope and opportunity "to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations through actions in the Pact for the Future."

The pact includes 56 actions on issues including eradicating poverty, mitigating climate change, achieving gender equality, promoting peace and protecting civilians, and reinventing the multilateral system to "seize the opportunities of today and tomorrow."

Secretary-General Guterres singled out a number of key provisions in the Pact of the Future and two accompanying annexes, a Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations.

The pact commits world leaders to reform the 15-member Security Council, to make it more reflective of today's world and "redress the historical injustice against Africa," which has no permanent seat, and to address the under-representation of the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America.

It also "represents the first agreed multilateral support for nuclear disarmament in more than a decade," Guterres said, and it commits "to steps

to prevent an arms race in outer space and to govern the use of lethal autonomous weapons."

The Global Digital Compact "includes the first truly universal agreement on the international governance of artificial intelligence," the UN chief said.

The compact commits leaders to establish an Independent International Scientific Panel in the United Nations to promote scientific understanding of AI, and its risks and opportunities. It also commits the UN to initiate a global dialogue on AI governance with all key players.

The pact's actions also include measures "to mount an immediate and coordinated response to complex shocks" including pandemics, Guterres said. And it includes "a groundbreaking commitment by governments to listen to young people and include them in decision-making."

As for human rights, Guterres said, "In the face of a surge in misogyny and a rollback of women's reproductive rights, governments have explicitly committed to removing the legal, social and economic barriers that prevent women and girls from fulfilling their potential in every sphere."

Eighteen months of negotiations on the pact were led by Germany and Namibia. Namibian President Nangolo Mbumba said leaders must leave the summit committed to a path toward peace — not one that leads to "an environmental catastrophe, widening inequality, global conflict and destruction and the rise of dangerous technologies that threaten our security." German Chancellor Olaf Scholz warned that if countries don't unite and implement the pact's more than 50 actions, "not only would history judge us ... but also young people around the world."

"The road is rocky," he said. "But was that ever any different?"



LUNAR ART FEST

A unique Moon-themed art festival which is currently on in Tokyo has transformed parking lots and vacant spaces into unconventional art venues. The Moon Art Night Shimokita festival, that coincides with the Harvest full Moon, is on until September 29. The main attraction of the festival is the exhibit Museum of the Moon which comprises a large Moon-shaped installation created by British artist Luke Jerram. This realistic replica is based on Nasa's lunar photographs. Visitors are encouraged to touch and explore the artwork.



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Attempt to kill Ford foiled

SAN FRANCISCO - A 45-year-old woman fired a shot in the direction of President Gerald Ford as he left a downtown hotel yesterday, but her gun was deflected by an alert policeman just as it went off, a San Francisco policeman said. Mr Ford was not hurt. San Francisco Police Lt. Frank Jordan said the Secret Service had taken a woman into custody identified as Sarah Moore. "She was standing 35-to-40 feet away from the President," Lt. Jordan said. "She produced a .38-calibre revolver and fired one shot,

fortunately striking no one." Capt. William Conroy of the San Francisco police said the Secret Service had checked on the woman on Sunday night because she was on a list of potential threats to the President.

1975 "The Secret Service examined her and passed her," Capt. Conroy said. He said she was a known activist who had been involved in the massive food giveaway organised last year as an effort to free kidnapped heiress Patricia Hearst.

San Francisco policeman John Gleason said he was standing by as part of the Presidential Guard detail when he saw Mr Ford walk up to the Limousine and wave to a small crowd across the street.

"At that time somebody shot a gun in the direction of the President and I looked over across the street to see a chrome revolver pointed at the President." Mr Gleason said.



Soviet oil pipe to West is complete

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (UPI) — The Soviet Union today announced that the 4,451-km Siberian gas pipeline will pump 30,000 million cubic metres of natural gas annually to western Europe. Announcing the completion of the project, Soviet Minister for Oil and Gas Industry Boris Scherbina said the project had been completed about two years ahead of schedule despite sanctions announced against the Soviet Union by the Reagan Administration.

The completion of the project Showed, Mr Scherbina said, that all sanctions against the USSR have no future. "They will only boomerang on those who devise them."

"The embargoes only spelt political and economic losses for the US and its allies", Mr Scherbina said.

He described the successful completion of the project as the result of detente and an example of mutual co-operation benefiting all parties concerned.

1983 The US, Mr Scherbina said, had hoped the Soviet Union would be unable to build the pipeline without western technology and that European countries would become more dependent on US oil monopolies.

Research on Himalay's age

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Sri Lanka served as the basis for the investigations. The sediments consisted of the finest rock components - these products of weathering were transported from the Himalayas by the rivers Ganges and Brahmaputra down to the mouths of their deltas.

As turbidity currents they reached far into the ocean until they finally sank to the bottom. This continuous process, spanning millions of years, led to the accumulation of sediment deposits, spreading much further south from the Bay of Bengal. They lie on a hard basaltic crustal mass, which resulting from volcanic eruptions, forms the Central Indian Ridge.

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MAJORITY OF INTRODUCED SPECIES POSE NO DANGER AT ALL TO NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS

Climate change means we may have to learn to live with invasive species

Contemporary conservation practice is complex and biased against introduced species with a focus on maintaining ecosystems as they were. This policy and practice is leading us to underestimate the positive roles that introduced species can play in maintaining ecosystem resiliency. Many scientists think in this changing climate, we need a more inclusive view of biological diversity that includes all species.

The Conversation/PTI

OTTAWA : Invasive species are often looked upon with suspicion.

From non-native "weeds" to insects and aquatic invaders, introduced (or non-native) species continue to be misunderstood — and consequently often mismanaged.

Stated plainly, the vast majority of intentionally or unintentionally introduced species are not a threat to native ecosystems.

Governments and conservation organisations spend an enormous amount of their time and funding targeting the control of invasive species. Yet, most introduced species removal efforts are ineffective, time-consuming and usually unsuccessful in the long term.

Certainly, some invasive species — such as the zebra mussel or the emerald ash borer — can pose a threat to native habitats and efforts to control their spread are worthwhile. However, the vast majority of introduced species pose no danger at all to native ecosystems and in some cases can even provide new benefits.

Simply put, an over-fixation on demonising "invasive" species, and controlling their spread, is ultimately futile and limits our understanding.

Unspoken positives

Contemporary conservation practice is complex and biased against introduced species with a focus on maintaining ecosystems as they were. This policy and practice, while well-meaning, is leading us to underestimate the positive roles that introduced

species can play in maintaining ecosystem resiliency.

At worst, these policies can even have unintended negative consequences for our ecosystems.

For example, herbicide treatments designed to cull invasive plants have affected butterfly populations by unintentionally killing off native plants. What's more, some invasive species can aid local ecosystems by helping to filter the air and water of contaminants, and some introduced species can be more drought-tolerant than native species in a world of increasingly human-modified climate extremes.

More fundamentally, "fortress" conservation policies are likely ultimately futile. Introduced plants are here to stay and are already highly adapted to local habitats, making their eradication challenging and perhaps even counter-productive to overall ecosystem health.

Increasing evidence suggests that some introduced species may even be more likely to adapt to certain climate extremes than native plants in that area.

Finally, introduced plants often differ in their characteristics from native plants, meaning they can provide new roles or replace the roles formerly served by native plants. For example, the introduced Siberian elm has adapted well to river areas that are now too dry for native elms. The introduced elm has been found to contribute similar roles in the community, like photosynthesis and providing wildlife habitats.

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plants could be well-placed to support, or even buffer, current ecosystems as they undergo transitions due to climate change.

Moving forward

The reality is that the role of introduced plants in ecological communities is complex, and in a changing climate, we need to rethink the complete eradication of introduced plants in our landscapes.

To move the needle on this challenge, scientists need to better understand cases where introduced plants have the potential to contribute to our ecosystems. Through regular study, monitoring and a holistic ecosystem-wide viewpoint, we can prioritise which introduced plants we need to try to remove and which we may be able to leave. Or, indeed, whether supplemental additions of native (or introduced) species may be needed in a particular case.

Subjectively, we as a society need to decide how to weigh the relative importance of competing aspects of ecosystem functions over others.

In the deciduous forests of the eastern United States, introduced shrub and liana species have increased carbon sequestration, although they've also reduced the abundance of flowering plants.

In another example, the introduced humulus japonicus vine in river habitats in southern France reduced vine diversity but increased height of the plants, resulting in more photosynthesis. How we weigh the various pros and cons is as much a cultural and philosophical question as it is purely scientific.

Managing introduced plants

I am not suggesting that introduced plants do not have negative impacts on our ecosystems. Nor that we should abandon our efforts to miti-

gate serious problems caused by some introduced species or that governments should stop trying to prevent potentially harmful species from entering their jurisdictions.

Rather, I urge conservation practitioners and policymakers to organise and prioritise the management and restoration of habitats based on the net benefit (or harm) of a species to an ecological community, instead of on the origin of the species.

Restoration plans could also better consider the potential ramifications of introduced species removal on the community. For example, legumes which are a source of high quality pollen for bees and nitrogen for the plant community, are often removed in tallgrass prairies. In this changing climate, we need a more inclusive view of biological diversity that includes all species. What if some of our introduced plants are part of the solution and not the problem?

SPACEX PLANS TO SEND 5 UNCREWED STARSHIPS TO MARS IN 2 YEARS: MUSK

Reuters

SpaceX plans to launch about five uncrewed Starship missions to Mars in two years, CEO Elon Musk said on Sunday in a post on social media platform X.

Earlier this month, Musk had said that the first Starships to Mars would launch in two years "when the next Earth-Mars transfer window opens."

The CEO on Sunday said that the first crewed mission timeline will depend upon the success of the uncrewed flights.

If the uncrewed missions land safely, crewed missions will be launched in four years.

However, in case of challenges, crewed missions will be postponed by another two years, Musk further said.

Musk, known for providing changing timelines on Starship's readiness, said earlier this year that the first uncrewed starship to land on Mars would be within five years, with the first people landing on Mars within seven years.

In June, a Starship rocket survived a fiery, hypersonic return from space and achieved a breakthrough landing demonstration in the Indian Ocean, completing a full test mission around the globe on the rocket's fourth try.

Musk is counting on Starship to fulfill his goal of producing a large, multipurpose next-generation spacecraft capable of sending people and cargo to the moon later this decade, and ultimately flying to Red Planet.

Nasa earlier this year delayed Artemis 3 mission and its first crewed moon landing in half a century using SpaceX's Starship, to September 2026.

It was previously planned for late 2025, Nasa said.

Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa in June cancelled a private mission around the moon he had paid for, which was to have used SpaceX's Starship, citing schedule uncertainties in the rocket's development.



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CRICKET

SA win 3rd ODI but lose series to Afghanistan

SHARJAH: South Africa denied Afghanistan a series sweep with a seven-wicket win in the third and final cricket ODI.

Aiden Markram's unbeaten 69 led South Africa to 170-3 with 17 overs to spare in the one-day international after Afghanistan collapsed for the first time in the series and was bowled out for 169 in 34 overs.

Afghanistan won the series 2-1. An inexperienced South Africa was dismissed for 106 and 134 in the first two games, but Markram paced the chase well on yet another slow wicket at Sharjah Cricket Stadium with a gritty 67-ball innings.

"Feeling very happy with the series win," Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi said. "I would be more happy if we would have won this match." He called the three runouts of his team's batters "a big reason why we didn't finish on top." Afghanistan was missing its ace leg-spinner Rashid Khan because of a hamstring injury.

Earlier, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who made a century in the last game, held the innings together by contributing 89 runs in 94 balls after Afghanistan chose to bat first. But none of the other top eight Afghan batters could score more than 10 with three of them run out.

No. 9 batter AM Ghazanfar made a whirlwind 31 not out off 15 but South Africa always looked in control through the disciplined bowling of Lungi Ngidi, Ngqabayomzi Peter and Andile Phehlukwayo, who all picked up two wickets each.

South Africa finally got used to the conditions in the UAE as their pace bowlers Ngidi and Phehlukwayo were well supported by some superb fielding. Ngidi tested the batters upfront through his cutters and slow balls and pinned debutant opener Abdul Malik leg before wicket inside the power play. Ngidi then had Rahmat Shah run out when Gurbaz's drive clipped his fingers in the follow through and hit the stumps.



Aiden Markram (left) top-scored for South Africa in the third ODI.

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CRICKET

India tighten grip on top spot in WTC table

DUBAI: A dominant India tightened their grip on the top spot in the World Test Championship table with a 280-run victory over Bangladesh, while Sri Lanka saw off New Zealand in Galle to help their move towards a potential spot in the final at Lord's next year.

The two results have led to shifts in the race for the two final spots, with Sri Lanka leapfrogging their current opponents into third spot.

India's win in Chennai and the 12 WTC points reasserts their status at the top of the table, moving to a per-

centage of 71.67%, extending their lead on Australia in second (62.50%).

Bangladesh, who had jumped to the fourth position following an exceptional 2-0 win against Pakistan, drop to sixth place place (point percentage of 39.29%) behind Sri Lanka and England after the defeat.

Bangladesh started the fourth day at 158/4 in pursuit of India's 515, with skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto and Shakib Al Hasan at the crease. The duo resisted briefly before India's spin duo of R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja wiped off the six wickets.

SHOOTING

Shooters gear up for Jr World C'ship in Peru

NEW DELHI: India would hope to top the medal tally when its huge shooting contingent competes in the ISSF Junior World Championship (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun) scheduled to commence in Lima on September 26.

The first batch of 40 shooters, 14 coaches and five support staff is set to leave for the Peruvian capital soon and would hope to improve upon the 17 medals, including six gold, it won at the Junior World Championship in Changwon, Korea.

China had topped the tally in

Changwon.

The squad comprises several established and talented names including Abhinav Shaw, Gautami Bhanot, Parth Rakesh Mane, Shambhavi Kshirsagar, Vibhuti Bhatia, Shardul Vihan, Sabeera Haris, Bhavya Tripathi, Harmehar Singh Lally and Bhavtegh Singh Gill among others.

Mukesh Nelavalli will be the only shooter who will compete in two events — men's 10m air pistol and 25m rapid-fire pistol.

TENNIS



Players of Team Europe celebrate after winning the 2024 Laver Cup in Berlin, Germany. Team Europe won 13-11 against Team World.

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LA LIGA

Barca rout Villarreal, extend winning run to six matches

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BARCELONA: Robert Lewandowski and Raphinha struck twice each as La Liga leaders Barcelona romped to a 5-1 win at Villarreal on Sunday but were left fearing a "huge" knee injury to goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Atletico Madrid, fourth, were held to a 1-1 draw at city rivals Rayo Vallecano as Conor Gallagher netted his second goal for the Rojiblancos.

Barcelona's sixth league triumph in six games was marred by Ter Stegen being taken off on a stretcher after falling awkwardly having collected a cross, with early reports suggesting he could miss the rest of the season.

"I think it will be a huge injury, when he laid down on the field... you can see it directly," Barcelona coach Hansi Flick told DAZN.

Lewandowski netted Barcelona's first two goals and later missed a penalty in a thoroughly entertaining battle on Spain's east coast at Villarreal's Estadio de la Ceramica.

Ayoze Perez pulled his team back into the game shortly before half-time and the previously unbeaten hosts had two goals disallowed, with Pablo Torre and Raphinha's strikes cementing Barcelona's victory.

After second-placed Real Madrid thrashed Espanyol 4-1 on Saturday the Catalans were able to restore a four-point lead on the champions.

"It's very important for us that we played a game away from home, we scored five goals and in the end we have three points," said Lewandowski.

"In the end it doesn't matter how, as long as we win that's perfect."

Flick gave Eric Garcia another start in defensive midfield despite his early red card against Monaco in the Champions League midweek defeat.

The German coach also started reserve team players Gerard Martin and Sergi Dominguez, as well as playmaker Torre in place of the injured Dani Olmo.

Teenage star Lamine Yamal hit the post early on before Lewandowski slotted home in the 20th minute after Torre slipped him in.

Villarreal goalkeeper Diego Conde did well to keep out a bundled effort from the Polish striker but Lewandowski pounced after 35 minutes for his second.

Conde saved Garcia's header well but the former Bayern Munich hitman converted the rebound with an acrobatic finish from close range.

It was his sixth La Liga goal of the season, taking him two clear of Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe in Spain's



Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski celebrates at the end of a La Liga match against Villarreal in Villarreal.

AP

golden boot race. Villarreal were frequently threatening on the counter and Perez gave them a lifeline after the electric Nicolas Pepe set him up.

Ter Stegen thwarted Pepe with a sensational save one-on-one before half-time but the German Barca captain was soon stricken as he fell badly after catching a corner before the break and was replaced by Inaki Pena. Pepe finished brilliantly early in the second half but his effort was

disallowed for a marginal offside call, and Jeremy Pino hit the bar with a header as Marcelino Garcia Toral's side drove Barcelona back.

Torre extended Barca's lead with a deflected strike from the edge of the box, a killer blow given Villarreal's momentum.

Lewandowski hit the post from the spot after Eric Bailly scythed down Yamal and Villarreal's Thierno Barry had a goal ruled out for offside.

Raphinha ended any hopes of a home comeback, first with a deflected shot and then finishing after a superb Yamal pass left him with just Conde to beat.

"(Ter Stegen) is a very special and important person in the dressing room, this victory is 100 percent for him," Raphinha said.

Athletic Bilbao overtook Atletico to move into third with a 3-1 win against Celta Vigo.

CHESS OLYMPIAD

Dream comes true, say India's chess heroes after two golds

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NEW DELHI: A dream come true, a nice feeling. The maiden Chess Olympiad gold meant different things for the members of the five-strong Indian men's team, spearheaded stupendously by the youngest ever challenger to the world title -- D Gukesh.

The 18-year-old issued a statement of sorts ahead of his eagerly-anticipated world championship clash in November against Ding Liren of China by registering one of the best ever individual performances in the just-concluded 45th Olympiad.

"I am just super happy right now," Gukesh said after winning his final round game against giant-killer Vladimir Fedoseev of Slovenia on Sunday.

It was a sensational display by the teenager on the top board for India as he notched up nine points out of his 10 games conceding just a couple of draws besides eight victories.

This phenomenal performance helped the team clinch gold as India scored a dominating 21 points out of a possible 22, winning 10 and drawing just one match against last Olympiad winners Uzbekistan.

"It was a very nice experience for me personally and for the team...this was basically a dream (come true)," Gukesh said in the final press conference of the Olympiad.

The women too won gold and both the teams were seen jumping with joy at the podium. Another key contributor to the men's success was Arjun Erigaisi, who scored 10 points playing all the 11 games in the event. He has now elevated himself to num-



Indian teams on the podium at the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest.

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ber three in live world rankings behind Magnus Carlsen of Norway and American Hikaru Nakamura.

With a rating of 2797 currently, Arjun is just three points shy of the magical 2800 mark and totally five behind Nakamura. Carlsen, on 2830, is still some distance away.

Humble as he is, Erigaisi quickly pointed out that it did not matter too much. "It's a nice feeling but there are about 10-15 players with similar strength, so I don't want to care too much about being number three or number four," he said.

On why he played on board three despite being the highest rated player in the Indian team at the start of the Olympiad, Erigaisi said it was part of strategy. "We thought Gukesh would

do well on board one and I would do good on board three, because it worked out well, obviously no regrets," he said.

While both Gukesh and Erigaisi won an individual gold for their best performances on board one and three respectively, one player who missed out on personal glory by a whisker was Vidit Gujrathi who scored 7.5 points from his 10 games but could only finish fourth in performance rating on board four.

Captain N Srinath was delighted. "I don't have to give them a lot of advice as these guys are professionals, they know what to do. Basically it was some preparation, bringing them together but mostly just sitting back watching them flow," he said.

ANAND PRAISES INDIAN TEAMS FOR GOLD MEDALS AT CHESS OLYMPIAD

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NEW DELHI: Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand led the country's sporting fraternity in hailing the Indian men's and women's teams for their historic gold medal winning feat at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest.

India made history as both its men's and women's teams clinched first-ever gold medals at the 45th Chess Olympiad. The men's team defeated Slovenia and the women's side prevailed over Azerbaijan in the final round.

"Congrats to Team India for winning the last round as well! Sensational @DGukesh and @ArjunErigaisi, but also congrats to @viditchess on an impressive result. Great captaincy by @srinathchess," Anand wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

"Congrats to India's Women's team. Great result by the whole team and captain @chessgmunte and a special mention to @DivyaDeshmukh05 and to @vantikachess for her performance."

The Indian men had previously won bronze medals in 2014 and 2022, while the women's team had claimed bronze in the 2022 edition held in Chennai.

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya also lauded the historic achievement.

"India makes History in Chess! Huge congratulations to our Men's Chess team - @DGukesh, @ArjunErigaisi, @praggchess, @viditchess, and @HariChess for winning GOLD at the Chess Olympiad," Mandaviya tweeted.

Imagined lives: Crossings of literature & history

The second part of a series on the Classics of English literature focuses on what is a classic and how the classical canon changes as power changes hands. Also, a close look at Charlotte Brontë's mid-19th century classic Jane Eyre, that portrays the odysseys of the main character and of Bertha Mason.

Saswati Sengupta

Read the classics, we are told. But what is a classic? The canon is created by those who have the power to arbitrate taste.

But historically as power changes hands, the classical canon changes too. And thus, the kings and the aristocratic heroes of earlier classics are jostled by a lady's maid or coal-miner's son; the epic makes way for the novel.

And yet something endures.

A classic is not moral science in the guise of fiction but explorations of the ways in which lives, loves, failures and successes are shaped at a certain period in time. They constitute our memory, even of lives quite forgotten in official history. To



Charlotte Brontë

know them is to understand our own times better.

Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre (1847) is held a classic novel of an orphan girl's growth. She is English at a time when the British ruled the world.

Her triumph rests on the death of another: a girl named Bertha Mason from Jamaica.

In time, the Empire writes back to give the colonised a voice: Jean Rhys's Wide Sargasso Sea (1966) recuperates Bertha Mason's experience. Opal Palmer Adisa's It Begins with Tears (1997) foregrounds wounded women and their healing. Toni Morrison's Tar Baby (1981), explores the brutal inequalities that shape identity. The list mercifully, is endless. It intertwines with other expressions of cultures, like the songs of Bob Marley, the iconic reggae singer from Jamaica.

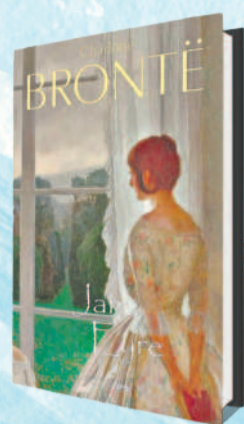
Jane Eyre's story carries on too and no, not all plucky girls end up marrying their 'boss' unless it's a Mills and Boon or a Harlequin production and now there are African American-oriented romance series such as Arabesque and the Caribbean Caresses too.

But that's a tale for another time.

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The apparent and the hidden: Pulsating tale of an unusual heroine and of another marginalised

By Charlotte Brontë (1847)



It is the story of a person who was kept in an attic.

The boy who lived with a lightning mark on his forehead and vanquished the dark using a magic wand? Not quite.

It is the story of Bertha Antoinette Mason; a child of Jonas Mason, English planter and merchant in the West Indies and Antoinette, identified only as a Creole, the ethnic groups which originated from the colonisation of their lands by Europeans. Bertha lived in Jamaica.

Jamaica.

Columbus reached the island in 1494. In 1509, Esquivel founded the first perma-

nent European settlement on its north coast and called it Sevilla la Nueva or New Seville. More than names got wiped out in this Spanish 'discovery' of Jamaica. Its earlier inhabitants, the Tainos, were enslaved; most died from European diseases or from brutal overwork. Africans were brought in as slaves. And then in 1655, a British expedition captured Jamaica and made it one of the world's busiest slave markets and a valuable British colony. The Europeans called it a civilising mission and cloaked the violence.

Young Bertha's life was shaped within this welter of history;

of the empowered who wrote it and the exploited who lived it.

An Englishman, who needed a wealthy marriage to prop up his family estate back home, arrives in Jamaica. Bertha's father gives £30,000 to Rochester to cover the Mason family's taint of Creole blood. This trading is called marriage. Bertha leaves sunny Jamaica for cold and wet England.

And they lived happily ever after? Not quite. Bertha is kept in a windowless room. It is claimed that she is mad. Hushed whispers encircle Rochester's estate: "In the deep shade... a figure ran backwards and forwards. What it was, whether beast or human being, one could not, at first sight tell..."

No Hagrid comes with a birthday cake for Bertha; no letter to say that a steam engine

would take her away to a wizarding world. Indeed, Bertha's story is not even named after her. It is called Jane Eyre after an English girl; an orphan who undertakes a journey from a cruel aunt's custody to become the wife of Rochester.

Jane has been celebrated since her creation in 1847 as a plucky plain girl whose triumphal progress is possible for every woman!

Jane tells her own story. And Bertha? She is not even allowed coherent speech.

Ironically perhaps that is what makes Charlotte Brontë's novel a classic that pulsates with the apparent and the hidden as the times, and the readers, change. Lurking in the margins of this tale are those who were not given a voice in their time. Today even history comes to these stories to find the neglected ones.



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- Name of work: FDR & Mtc. of Kamalpur-Maracherra- Ambassa road from Ch. 13.675 km to Ch. 28.709 km (Durga Chowmuhani to Kachucherra Bazar) during the year 2024-25 / SH Supplying & laying of mixed class brick bats & other allied works. (Length Considered- 15.034 km).
Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,00,28,798.00
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Please read the name of work as "FDR & Mtc. of Kamalpur-Maracherra-Ambassa road from Ch. 13.675 km to Ch. 28.709 km (Durga Chowmuhani to Kachucherra Bazar) during the year 2024-25 / SH :- Supplying & laying of mixed class brick bats & other allied works. (Length Considered- 15.034 km)." in the BOQ Sheet instead of "FDR & Mtc. of Kamalpur-Maracherra- Ambassa road from Ch. 13.675 km to Ch. 28.709 km (Durga Chowmuhani to Kachucherra Bazar) during the year 2024-25 / SH :-Stripping, Supplying & laying of mixed class brick bats, bamboo palasiding & other allied works. (Length Considered- 15.034 km)."

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