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Japanese Princess leaves Royalty for love

Abhimanyu Sharma

BENGALURU: Princess Mako of Japan gave up her Royalty to marry her long time civilian boyfriend Kei Komuro. The wedding took place on Tuesday without any traditional royal ceremonies due to financial disputes from Komuro's side of the family. Princess Mako and her now-husband had been engaged for four years and have struggled with the controversies surrounding their relationship. Mako had refused a customary dowry worth \$1.3 million due to the scrutiny they had to face after getting engaged. The couple intends to move to the US where Mr. Komuro works as a lawyer.

"I am very sorry for the inconvenience caused and I am grateful to those who have continued to support me," she said, according to a report by the Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK). "For me, Kei is irreplaceable - marriage was a necessary choice for us," she added.

As per Royal Japanese tradition, Mako had to leave the imperial house the same day she got married. The exit leaves the Japanese Royal house with only 17 members including 12 women and five men with only three heirs in an already thinning line of Royals. Japan allows only male heirs to the throne.

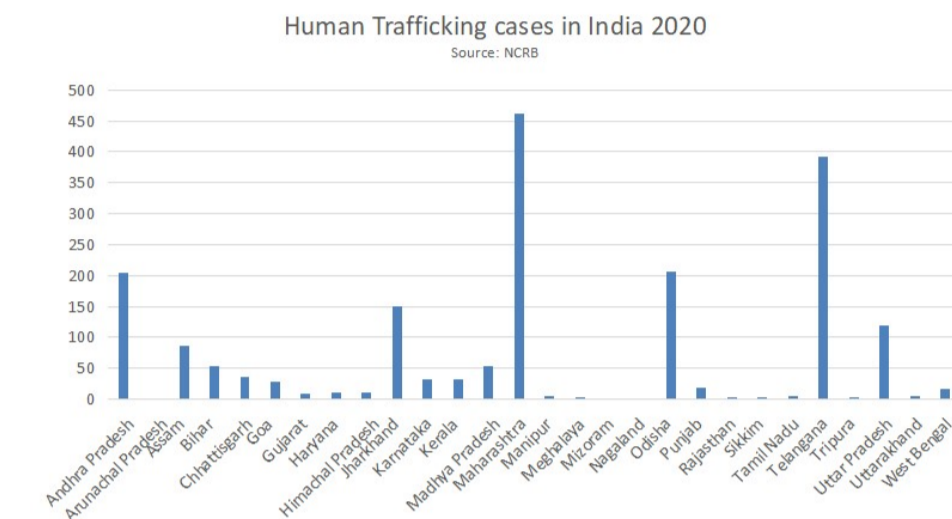
Human trafficking highest in Maharashtra in 2020

Vandana Nampoothiri & Nandita Narayanan

BENGALURU: Maharashtra recorded the highest number of female human trafficking cases in India in 2020. This was revealed in the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report released last month.

As per the report, Maharashtra reported 462 cases in 2020, followed by Telangana with 393 cases. Yet, in terms of conviction, Maharashtra was at the bottom with zero convictions along with several other states like Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Kerala.

Women and Child Welfare Society, an NGO in Uttar Pradesh, said that women are



Human Trafficking cases in India 2020

NCRB

afraid to file a case against the perpetrators, especially if they belong to the victim's family, fearing the customs and beliefs in society. "Be it

rural areas or in cities like Meerut and Agra, people in general, do not file a complaint. They either move out of the city or choose to

remain silent," Kishan Singh, a member of the NGO said.

According to a research paper titled "Pushing for the same thing on the same set of

tracks: a qualitative study exploring the anti-trafficking response in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh", Uttar Pradesh traffic women both in and out of the state to Nepal, as nine districts share borders with the country.

In order to tackle the situation, the government launched schemes such as Ujjawala Scheme and Swadhar Scheme to help the victims. However, the standard procedures of these schemes were not monitored, said the paper.

Paper also notes that traditional livelihood options and the systematic gender and social discrimination faced by women and children puts them in a vulnerable situation of being sexually exploited and trafficked.

Cricketers lend support to Shami

Varsha Benedict

BENGALURU: Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami, the only Muslim player in the T20 World Cup Indian squad, faced a lot of hate speech and abuse online after the team was defeated in the match against Pakistan on Sunday, where the latter won by 10 wickets.

The 31-year-old received multiple hate comments and was also trolled online. However, many Twitterati stood in his support.

Former Indian cricketer

Virender Sehwag tweeted, "The online attack on Mohammad Shami is shocking and we stand by him. He is a champion and anyone who wears the India cap has India in their hearts far more than any online mob. With you Shami. Agle match mein dikado jalwa (Show them the magic in the next match)."

"There is actually no nice way of putting this. People who abuse players on social media because of a rough performance are IDIOTS! Neither the players nor real

sports-loving fans appreciate that kind of behaviour. You're a champ... keep your head held high" said South African spin bowler Tabraiz Shamsi.

Punjab Kings joined in on the support by tweeting "8 years, 355 international wickets and so many match-winning performances. We are immensely proud of what @MdShami11 has done for us every time we needed it! We stand with #Shami Bhai. More power to you".

VVS Laxman and Harbhajan Singh also chimed in to support Shami.

Apex Court to deliver judgement on Pegasus probe

Pranav Shriram

BENGALURU: A Supreme Court bench led by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana is scheduled to deliver a judgement on a series of petitions that calls for an inquiry into the Pegasus spyware scandal. The judgment is expected to be delivered on Wednesday, October 26.

This comes after the apex court had deferred pronouncing any order in the matter last month. The CJI had also announced on September 23, the formulation of an expert committee to investigate the scandal.

The verdict, if ruled against the union government, could turn the tables against the Modi government and put them on the shaky wicket. Ashwini Vaishnav, the

Minister of Communications and Electronics & Information Technology of India had earlier said that there were limitations on the government's ability to carry out surveillance and that there was little credence to the reports on the spyware.

In a collaborated effort, The Wire, with multiple other news outfits, investigated and revealed many names of individuals - political figures, journalists, and political leaders from opposition parties who were "forensically identified" to be targeted by the spyware, a product of an Israeli organisation called the NSO Group.

The Wire editors Siddharth Varadarajan & M.K. Venu, Prashant Jha of HT media & political strategist Prashant Kishor were few among the many listed in the report.

Audience upset over Marakkar's OTT release

Jesly Pulikotil

Cinephiles are disappointed with the news of the Mohanlal starrer 'Marakkar: Lion of Arabian Sea' being geared up for release on Over-The-Top (OTT) media platform. In an interview at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, on the occasion of the National Film Awards 2021 presentation, Antony Perumbavoor, the producer of the film said that they may consider releasing the film on Amazon Prime.

Naveen Thachil, a finance professional from Kochi said, "I have been looking forward



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to this film for over a year now. They postponed its release multiple times in the last two years to ensure that

the fans get the ultimate experience on a big screen. Theatres are opening up now, they should not be thinking

about OTT at all." Jeline Gralan, a media student from Ernakulam said, "Marakkar is appreciated for its special effects and costumes at the National Film Awards alongside being the best feature film. Visual elements like these are to be watched and admired on big screens and not via OTT platforms."

Perumbavoor also stated that the production house Aashirvad Cinemas cannot afford postponing the film's release anymore and are considering a release on Amazon Prime. That way, the film will not have any theatrical release, he said.



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