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Atlantis Israel, a cyber security company based in Tel Aviv, Israel, has written a blog post that describes a technique for creating fake news that can be used to manipulate public opinion. The technique involves using deepfake technology to create videos that look realistic and are difficult for people to distinguish from real ones. The company warns that this technique could be used by malicious actors to spread false information and disrupt public discourse.

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The Delhi High Court has allowed farmers to continue protests in the national capital, paving the way for a possible end to a months-long standoff between the government and farmers that has drawn international attention.

The court, which had reserved its verdict on Thursday, said that the Ministry of Home Affairs could not apply the “维持6-8 yard...” (maintain a minimum distance of 6-8 yards) order to the farmers' protest site.

The order comes after a series of meetings between the government and farmers, with both sides expressing readiness to reach a resolution.

The court noted that the farmers had been peacefully protesting for several months and that there was a need for a logical debate on the issues at hand.

The government, through its senior lawyer, had argued that the farmers were causing obstruction to public order and that the maintenance of law and order was essential.

The court, however, disagreed, stating that the farmers had been peaceful and that the police had failed to control the situation.

The order was welcomed by the farmers, who had been demanding the repeal of three controversial farm laws that they say benefit large corporations at the expense of small farmers.

The farmers also sought the government's assurance that they would be allowed to continue the protest in a peaceful manner.

The court's decision is likely to ease tensions between the government and farmers, who have been protesting against the farm laws for several months, with the government until recently showing little willingness to negotiate.

The farmers, however, have been demanding the repeal of the laws and the restoration of minimum support prices for their produce.

The court's decision is also likely to have implications for the upcoming elections in the state of Haryana, where the issue of farm laws is expected to be a major political issue.
Two private banks gave loans to Dilip Chhabria's company

CELEBRITY CAR DESIGNER ARRESTED

The INDIAN EXPRESS

Dilip Chhabria, who was arrested last week for alleged money laundering, has been given permission to travel abroad without a travel ban on condition that he will not use the money for any purpose other than to pay the legal fees and other expenses related to his case.

Chhabria, who was arrested last week by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a case of alleged money laundering, had been charged with violating the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

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The nationwide lockdown from March 24 and the halting of all public transport left millions of migrant workers on the streets overnight. With no savings, little or no support from the government or agencies, lakhs of workers and their families left Mumbai and its satellite towns and hit the highways, train tracks, irons, unpowered rickshaws and auto rickshaws to go back to their villages. While the starting of Shramik Express special trains in May proved some relief, the trains were packed. Many caught the infection on the way. But fear of being infected in any way was a far lesser worry than dying of hunger.

At a bustling place where people gathered for pleasure and solace, the city once again was reduced to a heartwrenching position of not only providing care but also comforting lonely patients. Infection control rules in Covid hospitals became untenable. But as they lost patients, healthcare professionals found themselves in the heart-rending position of not only providing care but also comforting lonely patients.

The Covid-induced shutdown of interstate borders left many fishermen stranded off the coast of Maharashtra. Over 600 fishermen from the state, who were stranded off the coast of Guwahati, had to spend weeks on their boats before being granted permission to disembark by the state government.

The last local that chugged out of CST, which commuters could board without any restrictions, was on March 22. Nine months since the partial closure of Mumbai’s suburban train system, it has caused immense-dollar hardship to residents of a city like Mumbai where the suburban train services play a vital role in facilitating the north-south movement of the city’s workforce and also in inter-district travel of commuters. The trains came back to the tracks. And despite dire predictions, Maharashtra held off political instability despite the difficulties of an unlikely coalition between the Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party and Congress taking charge of the state, and stood together. 2020 will go down as the year Mumbai will never forget.
Agriculture & Farmers
On the Path of Progress and Prosperity in Madhya Pradesh

Rs. 46000 crore distributed to 2.10 crore farmers in various welfare schemes in the last eight months

Roadmap for Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh

Steps taken for Advance Farming

- Madhya Pradesh is leading in Agriculture Infrastructure Development Fund; Atmanirbhar Krishi Mission has been set up for development of infrastructure.
- State government is giving Rs. 4000 per year (two installments) additional assistance to eligible farmers getting Rs. 6000 per year under Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi. In total, the farmers in Madhya Pradesh are getting Rs. 10,000 per year.
- State government has given Rs. 3500 crore, while the Union government has disbursed Rs. 5348 crore to the eligible farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. Under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana total payment of Rs. 8646 crore has been made.
- 1.29 crore metric tonnes of wheat procured from 16 lakh farmers in 50 days during the lockdown period. Madhya Pradesh became the top state in the country in wheat procurement.
- Over Rs. 27000 crore transferred to the accounts of farmers during procurement work in the state.
- The zero rate of interest loan scheme executed in 2019-20 and a decision is taken to extend it for 2020-21.
- Historic amendments in Mandi Act: Mandi tax reduced from 1.5% to 0.5%.
- Rs.100 crore fund allotted for horticulture crop insurance.
- Under MNREGA, water conservation, watershed management, irrigation, forestry, land improvement and development, livelihood activities like shed construction, animal husbandry and fishery work started at large scale. Over, Rs. 2748 crore disbursed for more than 10.26 lakh work projects.
- Approval granted to 7 irrigation projects worth Rs.8000 crore in past 8 months.
- In 15 years irrigation budget increased from Rs. 1035 crores to Rs. 10928 crores.
- In 2002-03 total irrigated land was only 7 lakh 50 thousand hectare in the state which has been increased to 40 lakh hectare in 15 years.
- One District, One Product Scheme launched in the state. Export-based cluster created for international market in Madhya Pradesh to empower the farmers.
- To make agriculture more comprehensive and profitable, new techniques like bio technology, remote sensing, GIS, Data Analysis, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics to be used in the state agriculture information technology and best mobile applications being used to disseminate relevant information amongst the farmers.
- Rs. 800 crore allocated to improve financial condition of the cooperative banks.

Efforts to be done in next three years

- Increased production and diversification of crops.
- To promote immediate usage of advanced techniques and risk management practices in agriculture.
- To build agriculture infrastructure to get support in production and effective distribution system for domestic and foreign consumers.
- Increase in certified organic agriculture production.
- Amendment in agriculture marketing rules to achieve the target of One Nation, One Market.
- Value enhancement of agriculture and horticulture produce.
- Development of animal husbandry.
- Development of dairy business in villages.
- For additional employment, development of fisheries and sericulture.
Khade skirts ED visit, cites Covid symptoms
Ex-state revenue minister summoned over Pune’s Bhosari land deal case

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday produced former Maharashtra state revenue minister Eknath Khadse in court over the poaching charges in connection with the purchase of land in Poisar, a satellite town in Pune city. ED sources said Khadse, a senior NCP leader who was considered to be close to former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, had spent Rs 4 crore on the deal without the necessary permission from the government.

One possibility to appear before the ED on Wednesday was that the NCP leader had been under pressure from the Thackeray-led government.

Since Thursday, Khadse has been staying in a friend’s house to buy a house. She, her father-in-law, and two other members of her family were being questioned by the ED.

Khadse told the ED that she had purchased the property in Poisar with the help of her friend, not for her own name. She said she had bought the property with the help of the friend to buy a house for her father-in-law, who had died in 2020.

In an interview with HT, Khadse had said charges are groundless. There was a description of a missing woman, Nandini Rai, who was against her wedding.

The police said that Kamal Rai had left for his native village in Bhojpur (near Varanasi) to attend a family function. After Nandini, who hails from the same caste, went missing, her friends told the police that they had visited her house but she was not there.

She was later traced at Madhubani in Bihar last month to attend the wedding of her in-laws at Poisar and was brought to Mumbai, police said.

The police said that Kamal Rai told them that Nandini had been staying in a friend’s house in Mumbai, which was maintained by her mother, but the police could not trace her until Thursday.

BARC orders 550 km of Piscine for Rs 79.9 crore

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Govt promises eight hours of electricity to farmers during the day with help of solar power

SHUBHANGI KAMRE
The Indian Express

AMID GRIMING demand by farmers for regular power supply, the state government has turned to solar power to fulfil its promise to Maharashtra. Farmers most recently chased off Chancellor’s Jodhpur, who assured them that they would get free electricity and oil to run agricultural operations in agriculture and allied activities.

Since solar power is not an area in a rural, farmers are said to be on the lookout for a reliable source of electricity, and have remained unimpressed with the government’s efforts towards this end.

According to Ravi, "To the next five years, the state would have in a position to generate 1703 MW from solar energy, and 7500 MW from wind energy. The project will be undertaken through a competitive bidding process.

The state has solar energy potential of 4000 MW of power. Hence, solar energy can be used in small, medium and large scale projects.

Ravi said that since power supply to farmers is a crucial factor in the state’s agricultural activities, the government needs to ensure that there is a sufficient and reliable source of electricity.

Since there is no solar power plant in the state, the government should consider purchasing solar power from other states, he said.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

HC extends interim relief to performing rights organisation; restaurants and hotels can't operate

OMAR DOXALE
The Indian Express

The Bombay High Court has ordered that restaurants and hotels cannot operate on New Year’s Eve and also extended interim relief to performing rights organisation, the Copyright Association of Metropolitan Theatres (CAMP), which has been challenging a court order in the Maharashtra HC to sell a single licence to B irre, a new dance music brand.

A single-judge bench of the HC has ordered that the two entities continue to be restrained from operating until December 31, on similar legal grounds, and has rejected CAMP’s application for permission to operate on the New Year’s Eve.

The HC had on December 21 granted interim relief to B irre, a new dance music brand, against the order passed by a single-judge bench of the HC on December 17, restraining it from operating, and had extended the interim relief to December 31.

The HC had held that the two entities were restrained from operating until December 31, and the HC has granted an order in the same matter.

The HC had ordered that there was no pending order authorising the two entities to operate on New Year’s Eve, and that the order passed by the HC on December 17 was not valid in law, as the HC had already granted interim relief to the two entities.

"There is no pending order authorising the two entities to operate on New Year’s Eve, and the order passed by the HC on December 17 is not valid in law, as the HC had already granted interim relief to the two entities," the HC said.

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The HC had held that the two entities were restrained from operating until December 31, and the HC had granted interim relief to the two entities on December 21, authorising them to operate until December 31.

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Dairies hike milk prices, cites shortage
VIVEK DESHPANDE

The Indian Express, Nagpur

The Covid-induced lockdown has been affecting consumers as they miss the daily salads and snacks in which milk products are used. The daily demand for milk has been witnessed to increase as we enter the middle of the lockdown period.

However, this year, the flush has been losing its demand due to the lockdown. While the flush started in October and March, animals in-

fareduring the lockdown. "We expect the demand to come back once the lockdown is over as the flush is a major demand driver," said a dairy official.

The demand for milk has been increasing as people are consuming more at home. "There is a significant increase in demand for milk, especially for those who are not on flush," said another official.

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Nagpur: Assistant labour commissioner arrested by CBI for 'demanding bribe'

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Commissioner and Assistant Labour Commissioner, Nagpur, has been arrested by the CBI for demanding bribe in a matter regarding irregularities related to the safety site of a firm in Nagpur.

"It was alleged that the Regional Labour Commissioner and Assistant Labour Commissioner, Nagpur, demanded the bribe to settle the matter," said a CBI official.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused in the act. He has been arrested and will be produced in the court soon.

The CBI has been investigating the matter for the last few months and has seized documents and evidence that will be produced in the court.

The accused is a senior official in the department and has been involved in the investigation.

The CBI has been working on the case and has been trying to get all the evidence before producing the accused in court.

The accused is expected to be produced in the court next week.
**BJP begins campaign for one nation, one election — this time with local bodies in its sights**

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REALITY CHECK

The project is under consideration by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to create an alternate plan for the defence sector in the country... The Defence Acquisition Council, headed by the Chief of the Defence Staff, will soon consider the project.

The export version of Akash, made in collaboration with state-of-the-art technology, can be deployed by friendly countries... The government is now also looking into the possibility of co-opting these platforms, as a Committee of Experts (CoE) is currently looking into the possibility... The cabinet cleared the project after a high-level meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh... The system, a co-operative India-US venture, is expected to be deployed in India by 2020.

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What is the ED role in the enforcement of a money laundering case?

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is an arm of the Ministry of Home Affairs, tasked with investigating cases of economic crime, including money laundering. It has the authority to attach, seize, and sell assets of individuals or entities suspected of violating laws.

What are the implications of the ED attachment on a person's property?

The implications of an ED attachment on a person's property are significant. The attached property is considered查封 (shuancha) by the ED, meaning it is under their legal control. The owner of the property may not sell, transfer, or dispose of it without the ED's permission. The ED may also freeze the owner's bank accounts or other assets as part of the investigation. Any funds or assets that are attached by the ED are held as collateral until the investigation is complete.

What is the process for an individual to contest an ED attachment?

An individual who believes they have been wrongfully attached may contest the ED's decision through legal channels. This typically involves filing a petition in court, challenging the ED's decision based on the grounds that it was unlawful, procedurally incorrect, or based on insufficient evidence. The court will then review the case and decide whether to uphold or overturn the attachment.

What is the significance of the ED attaching a property? How does it impact the owner?

The significance of the ED attaching a property is that it effectively takes possession of the asset, making it unavailable to the owner for their own use or disposal. This can result in significant financial consequences for the owner, as they may lose the asset's value or potential sale proceeds. The owner may also face difficulties in accessing funds linked to the attached property, as the ED may seek to freeze related accounts or funds.

What happens if the ED attaches a property belonging to someone who is not the owner?

If the ED attaches a property belonging to someone who is not the owner, the actual owner retains legal title to the property. However, the ED may seek to freeze related accounts or funds, and the owner may face difficulties in accessing those funds. The owner may also have to provide documentation proving their ownership to the ED to ensure the attached property is not misappropriated.

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) plays a crucial role in the process of property attachment. It investigates and identifies assets linked to illegal activities, such as money laundering or fraud. The ED then attaches these assets as part of its investigation,冻结 (jingtou) them until the investigation is complete. The ED's actions are governed by the laws related to money laundering and other financial crimes.

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The growth we serve

2020 has been a strange interruption and reversal. Unless we act now, we will have a stunted recovery

RAJASHEKHAR

STAR AND STYLE
Cardin broke tradition and built an empire.

He was a banker.Himself,Cardin started designing collects and made rich profits selling them in Europe — a fashion world that was not used to such a man.Fashion was meant to trick people, Cardin says, not to just be about the clothes. His products were not just a product, but an idea of who he was.

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MOSCHINO WAS created in 1983. Piero Ferrari started designing clothes that were different from the usual haute couture offerings. His clothes were not just about fashion, but about breaking the rules and defying expectations. He was the first to use images instead of models to convey his ideas. The clothes were not just about dressing, but about making a statement. This approach was revolutionary and it made Moschino one of the most successful brands in the world.

FASHION FOR ALL

CRÉÃ DE NAUSHAD FORBES

FASHION is synonymous with beauty and style. It is about expressing oneself and being confident in one's own skin. Fashion is not just about wearing clothes, it is about creating a statement and expressing oneself. And this is where Moschino comes in. His clothes were not just about fashion, but about breaking the rules and defying expectations.

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The Indian government's response has been largely praised in the West, with many lauding its efforts to control the spread of the virus. However, some observers have raised concerns about the effectiveness of certain measures, particularly in rural areas.

The government has implemented a strict lockdown, which has been in place since March 2020. This has significantly reduced the number of new cases, but there are concerns about its impact on the economy and the welfare of the population.

The lockdown has affected both rural and urban areas, but its impact has been more severe in rural areas. Many farmers have faced difficulties in selling their produce, and small businesses have struggled to survive.

Despite these challenges, the government has continued to implement measures to support the economy. These include providing financial aid to small businesses and farmers, and implementing a nationwide vaccination campaign.

The government has also taken steps to improve the healthcare system, including increasing the number of hospital beds and hiring more healthcare workers.

Despite these efforts, there are concerns about the sustainability of the lockdown, particularly in rural areas. Many farmers have expressed concerns about the impact of the lockdown on their livelihoods.

The government has been praised for its efforts to control the spread of the virus, but there are concerns about the long-term impact on the economy and the welfare of the population. It remains to be seen how the government will balance these competing priorities in the future.
US detects Covid variant in man with no travel history, raising host of questions

Kamala Harris gets Moderna vaccine shot on live TV; US congressman-elect Letlow, 41, dies of Covid

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel arrive for the signing ceremony of the EU trade deal with Brazil on Wednesday.

Britain’s lawmakers approve Brexit trade deal with EU

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BRITAIN’S HOUSE of Commons voted resoundingly on Wednesday for a free-trade agreement between the EU and Brazil, clearing the way for an deal with the world’s largest nation in Latin America for its first major post-Brexit trade deal.

With just a few anomalies, including one from Sinn Fein, the deal received broad support, with 394 lawmakers voting for it and 62 against. But it has some hurdles, with the EU’s executive arm, the European Commission, expected tolay out rules for implementing the deal in the coming months.

A group blocks the road at theDarwin Airport in Darwin in Australia’s Northern Territory. Australia has tightened border controls after finding a new Covid-19 variant in the UK.

Chinese drugmaker says vaccine is 79.3% effective in final tests

China clamps down on hunting for hunting birds in Vietnam

CHINA

A groupigetsthecallforborders crossing.

A Chinese court sentenced 16 Vietnamese to between seven months and three years in jail on Wednesday for illegally crossing the border, in a case that highlights the importance of border controls for Vietnam.

The group had all faced anti-government protests in their home country, with most claiming to have been forced to leave their homes for political reasons.

They were found guilty of illegally crossing the border and of being involved in an armed conflict.

A dozen Vietnamese men and women were arrested and charged in the southern province of Gia Lai on Tuesday.

The most prominent case is that of Luong Thi van, who was among the defendants. She has been charged with organizing and directing an illegal armed group.

The trial was held behind closed doors and no details of the case were released. The defendants are expected to be sentenced after the trial.

The court is expected to hand down its verdict on Wednesday.

A large-scale operation attacking the city of Ankara on Wednesday morning was thwarted by Turkish armed forces, according to the Turkish state-run Anadolu Agency.

The operation was aimed at stopping a potential attack by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which the group has been linked to.

The operation involved a team of Turkish security forces, including special forces, who managed to intercept and arrest the suspects.

They were planning to attack a government building in the city and were carrying weapons and explosives.

The suspects were detained and will be questioned by police.

The operation is part of a larger security operation launched by the Turkish government to prevent potential attacks by the group.

The operation shows the government’s resolve to prevent any potential attacks and to protect its citizens.

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WORK AND MONEY
This year, your financial concerns will be at the forefront of your mind. However, there are some opportunities to make extra money, so ensure you take advantage of them. The beginning of the year will bring financial rewards, but there will also be challenges, so be prepared to work hard to achieve your goals.

Venus will be in your sign, which is great for your finances. You will have a lot of money coming in, but there will also be opportunities to spend it wisely. You may want to think about investing some of your money, as this will help you to grow your wealth.

LOVE AND ROMANCE
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Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 23)

Cancer is known for being sensitive and emotional. They are not afraid to express their feelings and will do so in a vulnerable way. This year, your love life will be full of emotional connection and deep feelings. You will be looking for a partner who can help you to feel safe and supported.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 23)

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Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Scorpio is known for being mysterious and intense. They are not afraid to express their feelings and will do so in a powerful way. This year, your love life will be full of passion and intensity. You will be looking for a partner who can help you to feel alive and fulfilled.

What's in Store

Your year will be full of excitement, adventure, and new opportunities. You will meet new people and have plenty of opportunities to travel and explore. You may want to consider taking a trip with someone special, as this will help you to bond and create lasting memories.

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Rahane's rollercoaster
Finding inner strength

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Of trials, tribulations and triumphs
Sydney Test squad: Warner, Pucsyki in, Burns out

REUTERS

MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 30

OPENING GATEWAY David Warner and Will Pucskky were named in the Australia Test squad for the first time against India after both players incurred a charge following a ball tampering incident in the Cape Town Test.

Planes were grounded for the tour after Warner deleted the fire extinguisher from the team’s bus with his front two fingers before the match. Pucskky had tested positive for a banned substance before the tour.

All-rounder Ashton Turner was also included after recovering from a calf injury.

The Australian team is not fretting over the replacements of Glenn Maxwell and Marcus Labuschagne as they are “anytime replacements” in the 16-man squad. Labuschagne was ruled out of the third Test.

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What did Rahane say?

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Away from the bio-bubbles put in place by those with deep pockets, sport had its lockdowntales of angst, uncertainty and apprehension. THE INDIAN EXPRESS talks to those who missed out on their breakout year or had to delay their retirement.

Kiwis clinch thriller, skippers laud Wagner for denying broken toes

New Zealand’s win in the first Test against Pakistan have made the on-field controversy around the controversial elbow injury suffered by New Zealand skipper Tom Latham irrelevant. Wagner had played the past three days of the match with the broken toes, and also bowled with an interesting bowling action for New Zealand’s win in the Test.

How NZ win impacts India’s WTC chances

New Zealand are now placed third on the WTC points table, which means they have missed their chances of winning the World Test Championship title.

World not at their feet

Teenage dreams of playing in a youth World Cup in front of home crowds lie in tatters for 27 youngsters after cancellation of the FIFA U-17 Women’s tournament.

World Test Championship: India need a win against England and UAE for 100 per cent points

India are placed second on the World Test Championship points table with 366.54 per cent points (560 points). Pakistan are third with 297.58 per cent points (459 points).

In the U-17 World Cup, the Indian women’s team had qualified for the World Cup final, which was scheduled to be held in Qatar in December. But the tournament was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic and finally canceled.

HIFA’s decision to cancel the U-17 World Cup dashed the dreams of several India girls. Not only did they lose the chance to play in the World Cup, but they also lost the opportunity to prove their abilities on the international stage.

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