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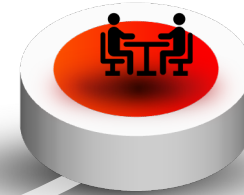


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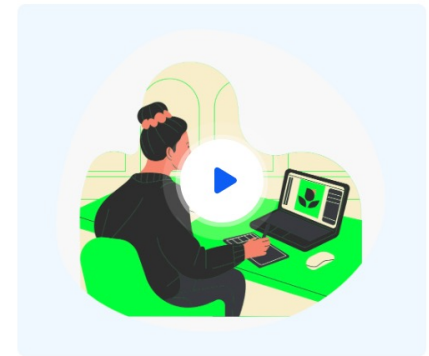


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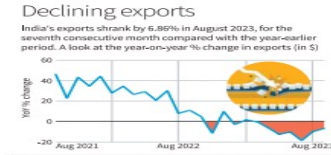
Goods trade deficit hits a 10-month high

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Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

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Nipah cases rise to six in Kozhikode

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

One more person tested positive for Nipah infection in Kozhikode district of Kerala on Friday, taking the total number of infected persons to six, as efforts continued to trace all those who came in contact with the affected individuals.

State Health Minister Veena George said the patient's condition is stable. Currently, there are more than 1,080 names on the contact list of the infected persons. Among them, 624 are in the high-risk category, including 327 healthcare workers.

Meanwhile, a Central team of officials visited Kallad near Kuttaidi in the district where the house of one of the deceased patients, E. Mohammedali, 47, is located. Mohammedali is considered the index case in the current outbreak. The team inspected his house along with the house of one of his rela-

India seeks Australia's aid

NEW DELHI

India has reached out to Australia seeking to restock monoclonal antibody doses to combat the Nipah virus, Indian Council of Medical Research head Dr. Rajiv Bahi said on Friday. » PAGE 9

atives, and the adjacent farms. They also checked fruit plants on the premises.

On Friday, lab tests confirmed that Mohammedali had been infected with the virus. His body fluid samples could not be sent earlier and the throat swab stored at a private hospital, where he had been admitted, was later recovered and sent. The spread of the infection is reported to have happened at this private hospital.

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Govt. notifies 31 Benches of GST Appellate Tribunal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry notified the constitution of 31 Appellate Tribunals across 28 States and eight Union Territories for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) late on Thursday night, setting the stage to resolve a growing number of taxpayer disputes with the Revenue Department.

The establishment of these tribunals – envisaged at the time of the implementation of the GST regime from July 1, 2017 – got a final clearance from the GST Council this July, and was much awaited by industry players.

As of June 30, the number of pending appeals from taxpayers over Central GST levies had increased sharply to over 14,000.

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Services exports, after growing at a sharp 26.7% rate in 2022-23, were reckoned to have shrunk 0.4% in August to \$26.39 billion, stoking fears about a widening current account deficit in this quarter.

Declining exports

India's exports shrank by 6.86% in August 2023, for the seventh consecutive month compared with the year-earlier period. A look at the year-on-year % change in exports (in \$)



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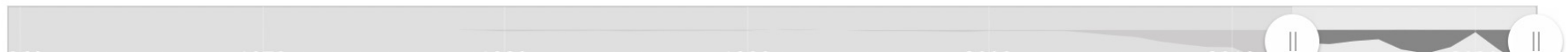
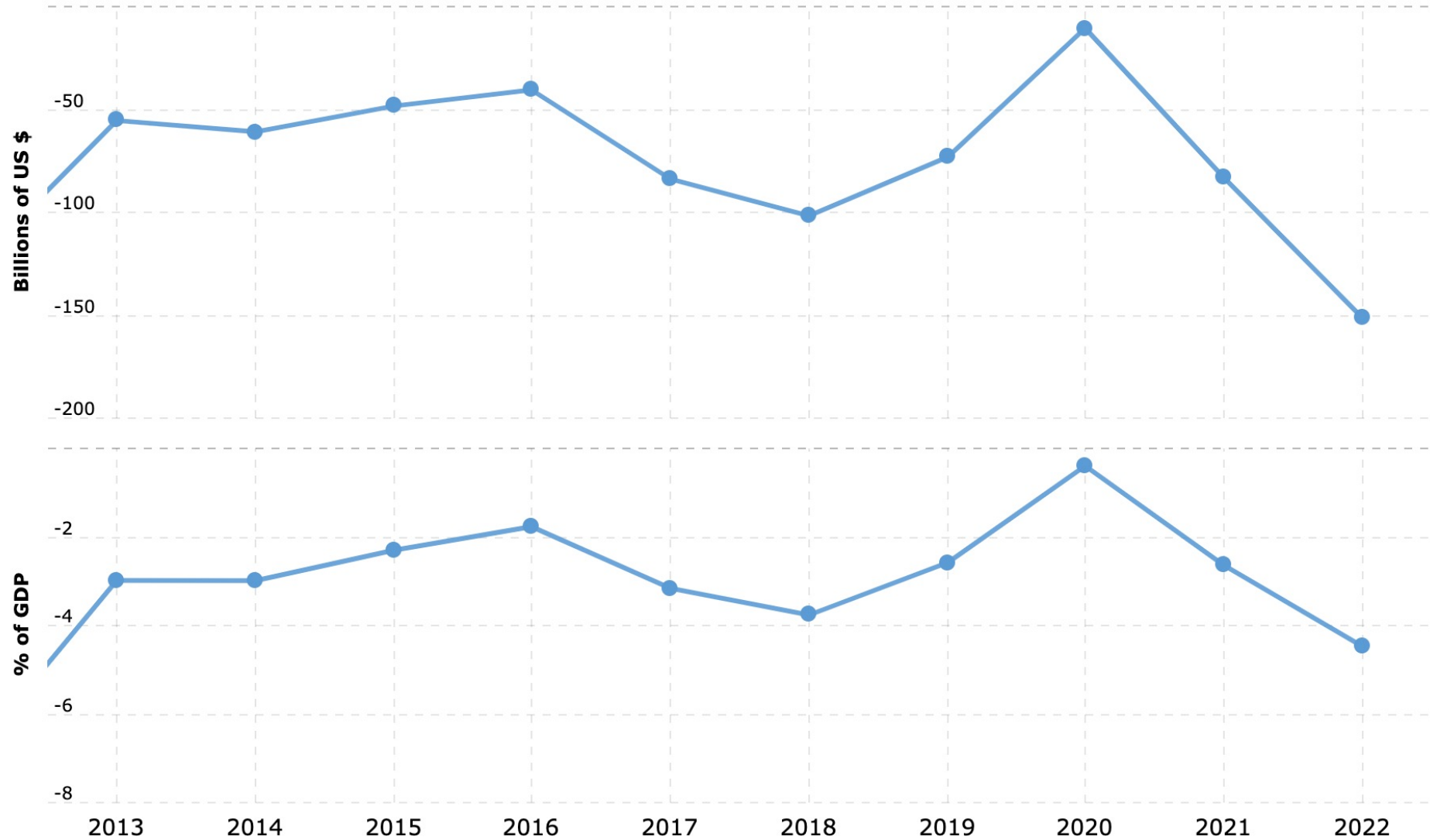
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2020	\$-10.52B	-0.39%
2019	\$-73.07B	-2.58%
2018	\$-101.67B	-3.76%
2017	\$-83.76B	-3.16%
2016	\$-40.53B	-1.77%
2015	\$-48.31B	-2.30%
2014	\$-60.89B	-2.99%
2013	\$-55.38B	-2.98%
2012	\$-122.91B	-6.72%
2011	\$-119.28B	-6.54%
2010	\$-74.62B	-4.45%

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"With the monthly merchandise trade deficit averaging much higher during July-August vis-a-vis April-June 2023, India's current account deficit is likely to widen in this quarter (Q2) from the \$10-12 billion expected in Q1," she cautioned.

Oil prices hit exports

Nearly half of the decline in exports this year has been driven by the decline in petroleum prices, senior officials said, noting that though export volumes of petroleum products were up 6% during April to July, prices were 27% lower than a year ago. "In fact, 13 commodities that accounted for about 23% of our exports in this period, have seen a rise in volumes despite a decline in the value of shipments, indicating there is strong demand for our products," an official said.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that he was more optimistic now about export prospects than he was last month, with prices of commodities like petroleum firming up, and green shoots becoming visible in the industry's export order books. While demand from the European Union — where another interest rate hike was announced on Thursday — is likely to remain inquisitive, Mr. Barthwal pointed to the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) projections of 2.4% growth in global trade in 2024 from 1.8% in 2023. "I hope exports will grow consistently from here... Global trade is looking up, especially in goods trade and items like automobiles," he said.

"Merchandise trade volume turned up in the second quarter after two quarters of decline, but still remains slightly below the trend," another official said, referring to the WTO goods trade barometer's current reading of 99.4.

31 Benches of GST Tribunals notified

This marks a 20% growth from the number of such pending cases as on March 31 this year.

While States had proposed 50 tribunal Benches to the GST Council, the Union government had signalled that they will come up in a phased manner, beginning with State capitals and cities with High Court Benches. The first set of tribunals will become operational sometime between this November and January 2024.

To start with, Uttar Pradesh will have the highest number of Benches of the GST tribunals, with three Benches proposed to be set up across Lucknow, Varanasi, Ghazalabad, Agra, and Prayagraj. Karnataka and Rajasthan will have two Benches each, while Maharashtra and Goa together will have three Benches to take up appeals.

Tamil Nadu, along with Puducherry, will have two Benches, as will Gujarat along with the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu. Disputes arising in West Bengal, Sikkim, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be taken up by two Benches of the tribunal to come up in Kolkata. For the seven northeastern States, municipalities and civic corporations, for other Backward Classes (OBCs) from 10% to 27% seats.

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Nipah cases rise to six in Kozhikode district

The 39-year-old Cheruvannur native, who tested positive for the virus on Friday morning, had contact with Mohammedali when the latter was undergoing treatment there. He had gone to the hospital as a caregiver of another person.

The second deceased patient is M. Harris, 40, of Anancheri, who died on September 11. The other affected persons are Mohammedali's nine-year-old son, his 24-year-old brother-in-law, and a 24-year-old healthcare worker.

Vigil intensified in district

Following instructions of the Health Department, intensified efforts are under way in Kozhikode district to trace all those who came in contact with the affected persons.

A majority of health personnel are busy with collection of details of those who visited hospitals in Kozhikode city where the Nipah patients had sought treatment.

Support of the police will also be sought for the preparation of an accurate list. Though voluntary reporting through a special helpline is in progress, many are still reportedly reluctant to inform authorities, according to Health Department sources, over 5,600 houses in containment zones have been covered by the squads to check for suspected symptoms. To provide effective care for suspected cases, over 50 intensive care units have been kept ready with the support of private and government hospitals in the district. Apart from secure room facilities, around 20 ventilators are also ready for critically ill patients.

Revenue officials said all villages in containment zones were found responding positively to preventive steps and cooperating with the implementation of intensified surveillance measures.

Editors Guild of India has right to free speech, says CJI

SC asks complainants to file an affidavit within two weeks on why case against EGI should not be quashed. The Chief Justice also asks how these reports are promoting enmity among groups

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday said the editors' Guild of India (EGI) may be right or wrong in its report about "partisan media coverage" of the Manipur violence, but it has a right to free speech to put forth its views in print.

The complaints, which led to the registration of FIRs against senior journalists, the members and president of the EGI, did not contain even a "whisper of the offences alleged against them", the Chief Justice said.

The Bench gave the complainants two weeks to give an affidavit providing reasons why the FIRs against ECI president Seema Mustafa and senior journalists Seema Guha, Bharat Bhushan and Sanjay Kapoor should not be quashed.

SC grills complainants
The court, which in these offences are made out from their report. Show us how Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code (promoting enmity between different groups) is made out. What is happening? They



The complainant's lawyer said that his client would withdraw their complaints if the Editors Guild withdrew its report. Picture shows a rally in Manipur. RTU SAH KUMAR

[EGI] are entitled to put forth their views. This is just a report. Where did you get all these offences from? Section 153A? You have said they have offended under Section 153B (giving false declaration to a court). Where did they give a declaration to a court? How is Section 200 implicated here?" Chief Justice Chandrachud grilled the complainants, represented by advocate Guru Krishnakumar.

The court, which had initially suggested shifting the FIRs to Delhi, upped the ante when the complainants repeatedly referred to the "damage done by the EGI in Manipur by its report." "Since you raise that issue, tell us first about

Magistrates to record statement

The Supreme Court on Friday clarified that the local magistrates will record the statements of witnesses and victims in 27 cases connected to the Manipur violence. The court said the magistrates should be physically present to record the statements, ensure they are signed and send them on to the courts in Assam for the pre-trial proceedings.

interviews to the report have not been done. It is an affidavit. Tell us why the complaints and the FIRs should not be quashed. The Army wrote to the EGI saying there was no reporting that was done in Manipur. The EGI sends a team of senior journalists to the ground to intervene and find out. They may be right or wrong, that is what free speech is all about," the Chief Justice reacted.

Mr. Krishnakumar suggested that his client would withdraw their complaints provided that the EGI withdraw its report. He finally agreed to file an affidavit in response.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, for the EGI and the journalists, said that coun-

Amid walkout by Congress, Gujarat Assembly passes Bill for more OBC seats in local bodies

The Hindu Bureau
GANDHINAGAR

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Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday told a lawyer to "disabuse his mind of the notion that the Supreme Court constitutes Constitutional Benches to hear 'fancy' matters which have nothing to do with the daily travails of the ordinary people.

The Chief Justice said that in cases like the Article 370 abrogation challenge, the Bench had listened to the "voice of the nation" through stakeholders in the Valley. Chief Justice Chandrachud pulled up advocate Mathews Nedumpara for his letter to the top court's Secretary-General, saying the court was "wasting time" hearing Constitutional Bench cases.

A majority of public interest litigation petitions should focus on public interest, and not just to benefit the common man.

of thousands of drivers across the country. The issue was whether a person who holds a light motor vehicle can drive a commercial vehicle. So, please disabuse your mind of the notion that the Supreme Court is only dealing with some fancy Constitutional Bench matters which have no bearing on the lives of ordinary people," Chief Justice Chandrachud told the lawyer.

Mr. Nedumpara said he was not against the court hearing Constitutional Bench matters, but his objection was to the court venturing into issues of public policy without hearing the public.

"Even there you are wrong. In the Article 370 case, we had groups of individual intervenors on both sides who came and addressed us. We have seen you in a Constitutional Bench dealing with that case," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

Prerazda Ashli
SRINAGAR

Security forces used explosives and fired tear gas during the encounter with militants on Friday. NISAR AHMAD

The security forces suspect two to three militants may be hiding in the area. The police said two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including a local, Lizar Khan, have been trapped.

Sangeet Natak Akademi to honour 84 performers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Sangeet Natak Akademi on Friday announced the names of 84 performers commemorating 75 years of its establishment. The artists who are above the age of 75 and have not been accorded any national honours in their career. The honours are given by the Vice-President Jagdeep Dhanekar on Saturday.

Some of the awardees are Raghubir Malik and Dina Nath Mishra for Hindustani vocal, Gowri Guppaswamy and Anasuya for instrumental, Lalitha Srinivasan and Vilasini Devi Krishnapillai for Bharatanatyam, Manjula Shastri for Kuchipudi, and Kusumambika for Odissi.

The awardees also include Mahabir Nayak from Odisha, and Harishchandra Prabhakar Borhade and Dharmeswar Nath of Assam for dance.

Manipur approves compensation plan for sex abuse victims

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Manipur government has notified an upgraded compensation scheme for women victims and survivors of sexual assault and other crimes. The government has allowed applications for the compensation, ranging from ₹1 lakh to ₹10 lakh, to be filed physically before the State Legal Services Authority or the District Legal Services Authority or online from anywhere in the country.

The notification, dated September 14, set out the schedule of injuries and crimes for which women victims will be given aid.

Upgraded scheme
The scheme is being notified after being upgraded in accordance with the National Legal Services Authority's scheme. While the Manipur government said that it was notifying the upgraded scheme in compliance with the directions issued by the Supreme Court in its matter on Manipur connected to the ethnic conflict in the State, the scheme does not mention anywhere that it is specific to the victims of the violence that began on May 3.

"It shall apply to the victims of their dependent (s) who have suffered loss, injury, as the case may be,

Meitei group meets Rajnath

A Meitei group that met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday has demanded the withdrawal of Assam Rifles (AR) from Manipur. The Delhi Meitei Co-ordination Committee (DMCC) said in a memorandum to the Minister that the friendly conduct of the army and AR with kuki groups has led to mistrust among the Meitei people.

as a result of the offence committed and who require rehabilitation," it says. The government also notified the compensation amounts for about 20 different kinds of injuries and crimes.

For instance, for victims who have lost their lives or those who have been gang-raped, the compensation ranges from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh. For other crimes, including rape, sexual assault, compensation varies from ₹1 lakh to ₹9 lakh. There have also been specific categories added for victims who lost a fetus as a result of the assault, and in the case of pregnancy as a result of the assault.

Army deploys drones, sets off blasts in operation to nab hiding militants in Anantnag



Young tank Army personnel in Kollam area in Anantnag district during the encounter with militants on Friday. NISAR AHMAD

DAC gives nod to buy 12 Su-30 jets, other military equipment

Dinakar Pari
NEW DELHI

Clearing a long-pending plea, the Defence Acquisition Council which met on Friday approved procurement of 12 Su-30MKI jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF). These will be licensed to be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost under ₹1,000 crore. The IAF has been pushing for additional Su-30MKI jets as well as MiG-29s.

The DAC cleared Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for nine capital acquisition hearing issues for armoured forces worth ₹45,000 crore. During the meeting, Defence Secretary Rajnath Singh stated that it is time to upgrade our inventory towards indigenisation, a Ministry statement said.

For the Army, to enhance protection, mobility, attack capability, and survivability, the Army is pushing for additional Su-30MKI jets as well as MiG-29s. The DAC cleared AoN for procurement of Light Armoured Multipurpose Vehicles and Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System as well as High Mobility Vehicle Gun Towing Vehicles. Singh stated that it is time to upgrade our inventory towards indigenisation, a Ministry statement said.

India had contracted 272 Su-30s from Russia in batches, majority of which were assembled in India by HAL and around 11 jets were lost over the years.

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dia, staged a walkout demanding higher ratio of reservation and tabling of a report of the commission headed by former Chief Justice of Odisha KS Zaveri.

According to the State government, in 33 district panchayats, OBC seats will go up from 105 to 206, in 248 taluka panchayats, OBC seats will increase from 505 to 994, in eight municipal corporations, OBC seats will rise to 181 from 67 and in 156 municipalities, the OBC seats will increase from 481 to 1,270.

In Gujarat, OBCs are estimated to be 49.2% of the population. Last month,

the State had announced 27% reservation for OBCs in local bodies like panchayats, municipalities and civic corporations on the basis of a report submitted by the Zaveri commission.

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Bihar Minister slammed for comments on Hindu texts

ANARNATH TEWARI

Bihar Education Minister Chandra Shekhar courted controversy once more when he compared the Hindu scripture Ramcharitmanas with potassium cyanide...

Rahul Navin appointed in-charge Director of ED

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

IRS officer Rahul Navin was appointed in-charge Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday...

India seeks Australia's help in battle against Nipah virus

It has sought monoclonal antibody doses from the country; ICMR chief says there is no authorised treatment for the disease and only phase-one trials for the antibody have been completed

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN NEW DELHI

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Centre of attention: A Nipah virus area at the Government Medical College in Kozhikode on Friday. THULASI KAKKAT

He said the monoclonal antibody has passed the phase-one trial and has been administered to 14 persons globally till now. Starting with the aim of now is to ensure that the Nipah virus is contained as far as possible...

Speaking about administering the antibody, Dr. Bahl said that the final decision lay with the State government, the patient, and the doctor ad-

ministering treatment. "ICMR is only making the antibody available for a vi-rast that is known to have a high mortality rate," he said, adding that none of the 14 people who have used the monoclonal antibody so far had died due to the virus.

"Not a treatment" Currently, doses are available for only 10 patients, Dr. Bahl said. Confirming that no one in India has so far been administered the an-

MP questions mandatory test

NEW DELHI

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The Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram would be a key focus of the two-day-long brainstorming session.

On Saturday, 84 CWC members, including permanent and special invited members met for the four Congress-led

Polls on agenda as Congress Working Committee begins 2-day Hyderabad meet today

Sandeep Phukan NEW DELHI

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Headings seen along a road in Hyderabad on the eve of the CWC meeting. ANI

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After the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the formation of the INDIA alliance, the political situation in the country is changing gradually and you will see in 2024, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal told reporters at a press conference in Hyderabad.

Party leaders indicated that there could also be discussions on the second edition of the Bharat Jodo Yatra and on a joint agitation plan of INDIA bloc to unitedly take on the BJP. These plans are likely to take shape only after the five-day Special Session of Parliament gets over.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on August 20 reconstituted the CWC, in which several news faces such as Shaahi Tharoor, Sachin Pilot, Manish Tewari and Gaurav Gogoi were inducted as members.

A 'platform' will assess 'top' 50 judges before appointment in SC: CJ

THE HINDU BUREAU NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday said the top court with a young team of distinguished scholars, interns and law researchers had been considering a "platform" to assess every one of the "top 50 judges" in the country who would be considered for appointment as judges of the Supreme Court.

"One of the criticisms about the collegium system is that we have no factual data to evaluate people whom we are considering for appointment to the Supreme Court," the Chief Justice noted. He was speaking at the Ram Jethmalani Memorial Lecture's centenary edition when he unveiled the platform for research and Planning headed by an officer of the Jharkhand Judicial Services

gushed young scholars - interns, law researchers who work with us for two years, we have prepared a dossier... I should not say 'dossier', but a broad platform and law students which we have assessed every one of the "top" 50 judges in the country who would be considered for appointment as judges of the Supreme Court.

transparent by identifying and number of candidates, parameters of selection even though the process cannot be held in public. Now the team would sift through the candidates' judgments, their quality and so on. However, he did not specify one of the top 50 judges would be identified from the first 50 of the senior-most High Court judges or whether the candidates would be picked based on their merit and performance. Note that appointments are made on the basis of seniority, regional representation and merit while following a Memorandum of Procedure moulded through the Three Judges Cases.

NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICAL SCIENCES Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India NIMS Building, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 VACANCY NOTICE - A 12016/1/2023-Estt. The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences is an Autonomous body established by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to conduct Post Graduate Examinations of high standards in the field of Modern Medicine and allied specialities at National level.

INDIA GOVERNMENT MINT, MUMBAI India Government Mint, Mumbai - 400 001. Advertisement for recruitment of various positions including Assistant Mint Officer, Assistant Mint Officer (Technical), etc.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice. Invitation for tender for supply of water treatment chemicals. Tender No. KWAT/2023/01/001.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT (MANAGE) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Advertisement for recruitment of various positions including Manager, Content Developer, etc.

TRIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS & TRUPATI OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER TENDER NOTICE. Advertisement for recruitment of various positions including Chief Engineer, etc.

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OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED JAPUR REGIONAL GANDESH NAGAR, JAPUR. Advertisement for recruitment of various positions including Additional Chief Engineer, etc.

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Rahul Navin appointed in-charge Director of ED

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

IRS officer Rahul Navin was appointed in-charge Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday on the completion of tenure of the incumbent Sanjay Kumar Mishra, officials said. Mr. Navin is a 1993-batch IRS officer.

The order stated that the President “is pleased to order the cessation of tenure of Sanjay Kumar Mishra...as Director of Enforcement in the Enforcement Directorate on 15.09.2023.”

Agency overview

Formed 1 May 1956
(67 years ago)

Legal personality [Government agency](#)

Jurisdictional structure

Federal agency [India](#)

Operations jurisdiction [India](#)

Governing body [Government of India](#)

Constituting instruments [Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999](#)
[Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002](#)

General nature [Federal law enforcement](#)


Operational structure

Headquarters [New Delhi, India](#)

Minister responsible [Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance](#)

Agency executive [Rahul Navin, IRS, Director Enforcement](#)

Parent agency [Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance](#)



The Enforcement Directorate focuses on investigating and prosecuting cases related to money laundering, foreign exchange violations, and economic offenses.

Its primary objective is to curb the generation and circulation of black money and to ensure compliance with the laws concerning foreign exchange and prevention of money laundering.

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- However, the enforcement directorate has been discredited as one of the major Indian agencies that misuses powers against activists, scholars, and political rivals with a 0.5% conviction rate since its inception



- In July 2022, according to data shared by the union government in Parliament, only 23 people have been convicted in 5,422 cases registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the 17 years after the law was passed, which is a conviction rate of less than 0.5%. Whereas the national conviction rate in India for offences of the Indian Penal Code is 57.0% in 2021

The prime objective of the Enforcement Directorate is the enforcement of two key Acts of the Government of India namely,

the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and

the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA),

and The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA).

Recruitment:

Recruitment of the officers is done directly and by drawing officers from other investigation agencies.

- It comprises officers of **IRS** (Indian Revenue Services), **IPS** (Indian Police Services) and **IAS** (Indian Administrative Services) such as **Income Tax officer, Excise officer, Customs officer, and police.**

IN BRIEF



Can PM CARES benefits be extended to all orphans: SC

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre whether benefits given under PM CARES Fund to children orphaned in the COVID pandemic can be extended to other parentless children. "An orphan is an orphan, irrespective of whether the parents died in a road accident or due to an illness... You are attending to the condition, not to the parentage," Chief Justice D.V. Chandrachud addressed the Centre. The three-judge Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by Poudkomi Pavini Shukla in 2018 when she was a law student.

Bihar boat capsizes; 4 bodies recovered; search on for more

Four bodies were fished out from the Bagmati river on Friday, after more than 24 hours of search operation following a boat capsize in Bihar's Mazaffarpur district, a senior official said. Of the four deceased, two are children. The deceased were identified as Ajmal (4), Wasim (10), Mintu Sahani (22) and Shambhal (40). Divers and NDRF and SDRF personnel were continuing with the search for nine others. Mazaffarpur District Magistrate Pradyumn Kumar said the boat carrying around 30 people overturned on Thursday.

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Jal Jeevan Mission remains a pipe dream

In Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh, which has seen a dramatic spike in official tap water connections under the Central scheme, residents say they only have pipes, not taps, and there is often no actual supply of water flowing through them; officials say the shortcomings will be rectified by Nov.

Jacob Koshy MAHOBBA

On Independence Day, 2019, the water-starved Mahoba district in south-eastern Uttar Pradesh reported only 1,612 households with tap connections. Four years later, 1,29,209 households — or about 98% of all rural homes in the district — have water connections, according to the public dashboard of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), the Centre's ₹3.6 lakh crore scheme that aims to provide piped water to every village home by 2024.

No other district in India has reported such a dramatic increase in tap connections. However, a visit to some of the villages here suggests that a household certified as "connected" in the JM parlance does not always mean one with an actual water supply.

Claims versus reality Even in villages officially certified as having 100% coverage of functional household tap connections (FHTC), many households

do not actually have taps. Some do have taps, but are not getting any water through them; even in the best case scenario, such households get water for only two hours a day.

According to the scheme's definitions, an FHTC household is one where at least 55 litres of potable water per person a day is made available to every household.

A senior official in the district administration told *The Hindu* that in 100 out of the 398 villages in the district, slight household tap connections had been fully connected with running water supply. However, the JM's official dashboard reports that all 385 villages have a "100% household tap connection".

All of these households are included in Uttar Pradesh's reports that all 1.6 crore households which have functional tap connections, up from 5.1 lakh households in 2019, contributing the impression that they all have access to tap water. The State has reported a dramatic surge of such tap connections in



Wide gaps: A resident filling water from a well at Luhari village in Mahoba district, Uttar Pradesh. SWAPNAN PUNJWADIA

the past two years; they make up about 6% of the 13 crore rural households in the country connected to tap water.

Charkhari (one of four blocks in the district) has 48 villages with 24,037 households, each of which has been marked as having a tap connection. Residents say that only half the households have taps and no water actually flows through them. Noting that half the village is in a low-lying area, resident Sunil Tiwari says that without a submersible pump, which

only the rich could afford, water simply did not make it to most houses. The village is still reliant on groundwater from hand-pumps for domestic drinking purposes.

Supply challenges In Luhari village, whose 295 houses have all been marked as having tap connections, village *pradhani* (head) Bhan Singh told *The Hindu* that most of the houses have pipes, while the metal taps are present in a "few houses". Here, too, the challenge is water supply. His own house relies on groundwater drawn

from a borewell.

In the Kanata village of the adjoining Panwari block as well, all 185 households have been marked as having a household tap connection. However, conversations with villagers — and visits to some of their residences — suggest that many houses do not even have the pipes, let alone the taps, that have been promised as part of the Har Ghar Jal scheme. Many of the access roads into the village have been cleared to install the central pipeline that is expected to bring in water from the nearest water reservoir, but the pipeline itself is still missing.

Women here continue to walk to the several hand-pumps or to the village well to draw water. Water-scarce Mahoba has historically relied on lakes and ponds for irrigation, but the region's rocky sub-surface means that perennial sources of groundwater are few. The Har Ghar Jal mission's overarching aim is to wean villagers off their dependence on groundwater and handpumps, and

instead provide piped water sourced from dams and rivers. Given that such water is often contaminated, the Mahoba administration has commissioned five large water treatment plants that will draw in water from some of the large reservoirs in the district, treat them, and then supply them as piped water to households. "These treatment plants are in various stages of commissioning and the water is frequently tested for purity," said Zubeir Baig, Additional District Magistrate, Mahoba. "If the water quality doesn't meet standards, supply is stopped for cleaning."

He said that a major challenge of the mission was commissioning pipes that ran for hundreds of kilometres over undulating terrain, which could erode or leak and cause disruptions in supply. He added that the State had set itself a deadline of ironing out all the remaining issues by "full water supply" by 2024, in Mahoba itself, the deadline is November this year.

SC seeks NMC reply to plea on stipend for MBBS interns

Krishnadas Rajashekar NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the National Medical Commission (NMC) to a plea that almost 70% of the medical colleges do not pay stipend to MBBS interns or pay an amount less than that prescribed in law.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice D.V. Chandrachud said the NMC should clarify whether the statement in the petition was true and, if so, what steps were taken to ensure that the norms for payment of stipend to the young doctors had been complied with.

The court said the NMC had to provide the information in a tabulated chart in its affidavit.

The court was hearing a petition filed by a batch of medical interns who had served in the Army College of Medical Sciences (ACMS), run by the Army Welfare Education Society, in Delhi.

The petition claims that 70% colleges do not pay interns or pay less than the amount prescribed

Senior advocate R. Balasubramanian, for the plea, said the ACMS was suffering from a shortage for the children of serving and retired Army personnel, and not a commercial venture. It had also recently suffered a college fee cut, he added.

However, the court said that the mandate of the 2021 Regulations could not be breached and interns had to be paid for their services.

In its interin order, the court ordered the college to pay a monthly stipend of ₹25,000 to its interns.

Noting Mr. Balasubramanian's submission that the stipend payment might financially impact the college, the court asked the approach the State Fee Regulatory Committee in Delhi in a month.

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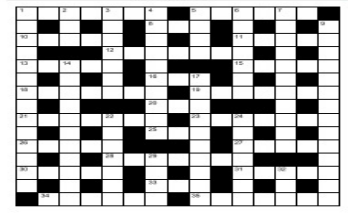
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THE CROSSWORD 13972 (set by Vidwan)



- Across: 1. The first light casting out universal grief (7) 2. Example of minor boy going south (8) 3. Gentleman's cereal (3) 4. William's husband commended by murderous beauty (5) 5. Perfume worn by Great Tartars (5) 6. The morning star misleads men (7) 7. Fuel possessing light kind of dark orange-pink colour (5)
- Down: 8. Zodiac sign of some born into money (3) 9. Knowledge that is partly oral (3) 10. State transport's profitable reuse of waste (7) 11. Doctors are needed in the edge in medical terms (7) 12. Endless walk back to the bar (3) 13. Looking forward to journey on recycled fuel (7) 14. Expert, genius, guru! Basically brains! (7) 15. Why does he had a letter from Judas? (8) 16. Groan about government agency (5) 17. Bright dot on forehead put to conform (5) 18. Talk and talk endlessly for movable property (7) 19. No calcium and iodine in pasta for this islander (5) 20. Right about money out on large note (5) 21. Back after a journey (3) 22. A quiet retreat aiding meditation mainly (6) 23. More than disgusting... like chasing new relationship? Right! (7)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site. @ <https://grps.page.link/3j972>

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Solution to previous puzzle and Solution to yesterday's Sudoku. Includes a grid for the previous puzzle and a list of numbers for the previous puzzle's solution.

FAITH Efficacy of Purattasi

Our sastras say that every month is presided over by God and Hrishikesh is the presiding deity of the Tamil month Purattasi. Hrishikesh means the lord of indriyas and praying to Him will help overcome sensory cravings and realize God. Purattasi is also the time to perform tarpan for ancestors and seek their blessings, said Prabha Snehas in a discourse. This month is also known as Bhadrpadam, meaning, divine feet. Immediately one can recall the feet of Lord Balaji. People pray to Him, specially on the Saturdays falling in this month, wherein a *maavilakku*, made of edible flour, is shaped like a mountain and a lamp is lit atop. The Venkatchala parana says that in ancient times, a hunter residing in the forest of the Tiruvengadam Hills was assigned to see a number of deers praying at an altar. When he asked them why they were praying to an altar, they replied, "This is where the Aklinalakudi Brahmantha nayakan is residing. Our extrasensory perception helps us here and we are experiencing Him." When the hunter wondered if he too could experience Him, they replied, "If you offer any of the four, *patram*, *pushpam*, *phalam*, *thozham* with utter devotion, you can also see Him."

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Abhinay Deshpande

MUMBAI

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and so far, about 25 such buses have been introduced.

“People have fond memories of this bus. They boarded it whether they were happy or sad. It had space for everyone. I love sitting on the upper deck, feeling the breeze and enjoying the view. The government should reconsider its decision to phase out the Symbol of Mumbai,” said Gajanan Khambadi, 71, who had been travelling in these buses for the past six decades.

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The advertiser representatives are Karunesh Bajaj, ITC Ltd.; Aniruddha Haldar, TVS Motor Company Ltd.; and Shashank Srivastava, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Hormuzd Masani is the Secretary General, according to an ABC release.

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Key people	Devendra Darda (Chairman) Karunesh Bajaj (Deputy Chairman)



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Nuh violence: Cong MLA Mammann Khan held in Rajasthan



Outside a Nuh court where Mammann Khan was produced Friday. PTI

AISWARYA RAJ & VARINDER BHATIA NUH, CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 15

A SPECIAL Investigation Team of the Haryana Police arrested Congress MLA Mammann Khan in the early hours of Friday in connection with the July 31 communal violence in Nuh that claimed six lives.

Khan, the legislator from Panchsara, was arrested from Rajasthan and brought to Nuh, a day after the Haryana government told the Punjab and Haryana High Court that he had been named as an accused in an FIR linked to the violence.

Following his arrest, Khan was produced in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Joginder Singh, where police sought seven-day custody to question him about his alleged role in the violence, and on his connection with the families of Rajasthan residents Jaisal and Nasir, who were killed in February on suspicion of cattle smuggling by cow vigilantes.

The court remanded Khan in two-day police custody. The police application seeking Khan's custody stated: "On July 31, during the procession in Nuh, 60 FIRs were filed in connection with the violence. These incidents included a significant number of injuries, vehicle arson, shop arson, murder, and attempted murder. Khan is believed to be the main conspirator

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8 MONTHS BEFORE HINDENBURG

Money-laundering laws: Firm linked to Adani investors lost licences in Mauritius

In May 2022, regulator alleged breach in laws; Adani Group declines comment

JAY MAZOOMDAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 15

IN MAY 2022, a full eight months before the Hindenburg report flagged alleged irregularities in the Adani Group, Mauritius financial regulator Financial Services Commission (FSC) revoked the business and investment licences of Emerging India Fund Management Ltd (EIFM), the controlling shareholder of two Mauritius-based funds that invested in listed Adani companies and are now under probe.

The FSC Enforcement Committee's decision alleged breach by EIFM of several provisions of laws meant to curb money laundering and ensure corporate governance.

In its licence revocation notice on May 12, 2022, a copy of which is available on the regulator's website, the FSC held that EIFM "acted in breach" of various sections of the Financial Services Act, the Securities Act, the Money Laundering Regulations (2003 and 2018) and the Code on the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing.

These alleged breaches relate to non-compliance with reporting records of clients and transactions, accounting and auditing standards; safeguards against dummy officers; corporate gov-

ernance and the prescribed internal mechanism to identify risks of money laundering and terrorist financing.

This assumes significance given that under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), SBI records show, Emerging India Focus Funds and EM Resurgent Fund, two of the 13 overseas Adani investors under investigation, had declared EIFM as their controlling shareholder.

The revocation of licences means EIFM, effectively, began winding down operations.

Confirming this, a spokesperson for the FSC told The Indian Express: "When a licence is revoked, it is on a permanent basis. Following the revocation, licensees are directed to initiate the necessary action for the orderly dissolution of their business and the discharge of their liabilities."

Asked about the implication of the revocation of EIFM's licences, an Adani Group spokesperson said: "We will not be able to comment on matters pertaining to independent individual officers."

The EIFM, incidentally, found no mention in the Hindenburg report. According to the FSC, EM Resurgent Fund was dissolved in February 2022 while Emerging India Focus Funds is a live company.

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Smoke rises after a blast at a suspected hideout of the militants during the encounter in Kokernag area of Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir, on Friday. PTI

KOKERNAG: AT LEAST 2 MILITANTS HIDING IN FOREST

Security forces use mortars, RPGs to flush out militants

BASHARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15

AS THE search operation for the militants who killed two Army officers — Deputy Superintendent of Police entered the third day on Friday, security forces used heavy weapons and drones to flush them out.

As reported by The Indian Express, Israeli Heron UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) have also been pressed into service.

Besides the three officers who were killed on Wednesday — Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Aashish

EXPRESS NETWORK

HUNDREDS MOURN AS COLONEL MAJOR CREMATED
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Dhanchak and Deputy Superintendent of Police Himanshu Muzamil Bhat — defence sources in Delhi said one soldier was reported to be missing. In its statement on Wednesday, the Army had said two other soldiers were also injured in the ensuing operations.

While intermittent firing and massive explosions from the

mortar shells fired by the security forces continued through the day, there was no word on the militants who are suspected to be trapped inside the dense forests of Gadole, in Kokernag area of Anantnag district of South Kashmir.

Sources said that based on aerial surveillance by drones and quadcopters deployed in the area, at least two militants, including a local Lashkar-e-Touba (LeT) operative identified as Uzair Khan, are suspected to be hiding in the forests.

Under pressure after the casualties, J&K Police on Friday asked retired Army and police

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AFTER TRUDEAU VISIT

India, Canada hit pause on FTA talks amid strain in ties

CEPA talks will resume after political issues are sorted out: Official in Delhi

ANANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 15

DAYS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over "anti-India activities of extremist elements" in Canada, at his meeting with Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau on the sidelines of the G20 Summit, the two countries are learnt to have "paused" their negotiations on a bilateral free trade agreement.

Confirming this, a senior government official said on Friday that India-Canada talks on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) are expected to resume after the resolution of the issues between the two countries.

"There were certain political developments in Canada on which India has also raised its objection... for the time being (IT) these political developments are settled, we have paused the negotiations with Canada. But the moment these political issues are sorted out, the talks will resume. It is only a pause. There is no break, there is only a pause," said the official.

Ties between the two coun-

EXPLAINED

Bilateral trade ties

IN 2022, India was Canada's 10th largest trading partner. India's total exports to Canada added up to US\$ 4.10 billion in 2022-23, up from US\$ 3.78 billion in 2021-22. India's imports from Canada added up to US\$ 4.05 billion in 2022-23, up from US\$ 3.13 billion in 2021-22.

Ties have been strained over the activities of pro-Khalistan groups in Canada. In July, India had summoned the Canadian envoy and issued a demarche, days after posters naming senior Indian diplomats posted in Canada came up in some areas there.

Before the start of the G20 Summit, Canada and Canadian media had reported that Ottawa had sought a pause in the trade negotiations.

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ED: Gambling app kingpin spent Rs 200 cr on his UAE wedding

JAYPRAKASH NAIDU & MOHAMED THAYER
RAIPUR, MUMBAI, SEPT 15

ONE OF the two main promoters of the Mahadev online gambling app, Sourabh Chandrakar, spent Rs 200 crore on his lavish wedding in the UAE, where his family members arrived in private jets from Nagpur, according to the Enforcement Directorate.

The probe agency, which is investigating money laundering charges of an estimated Rs 5,000 crore in connection with the Mahadev Online Book app, has also said that celebrities were hired to perform at the marriage



Sourabh Chandrakar, one of the two kingpins of the Mahadev online gambling app, at his wedding in UAE

motor Ravi Uppal. Both Chandrakar and Uppal

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Manipur HC's long wait for a CJ leads to logjam in Delhi HC

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 15

A THREE-MONTH delay in appointing the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court has led to a logjam in appointments in the Delhi High Court. The Indian Express has learnt.

"It is basically a logjam in Delhi because the governors cannot decide on Manipur. Delhi HC cannot send any names un-

til this is resolved," sources said. Sources said that as per convention, a judge expecting transfer orders does not participate in the Collegium deliberations. The High Court Collegium, apart from Justice Mridul, also comprises Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Manmohan.

The Delhi High Court is the seventh largest High Court in terms of number of judges.

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Ties with mother 'complex' but Kuno's only cheetah cub has many guardians

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

ANAND MOHAN J
DHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 15

MOTHER'S LOVE may be elusive, but Kuno's only cheetah cub has the entire wildlife department dotting on it.

As the yet-to-be-named cub turns six months old on September 24, veterinarians and wildlife officials are putting all their energies into ensuring the "future of Kuno" survives. More



The cub and his mother Jwala (in the backdrop)

so since the female cub is being "neglected" by its mother, Namibian cheetah Jwala, who doesn't answer to its cries.

"We are working towards ensuring the survival of the cub. I saw it 15 days ago. It is healthy and in a year's time, it may learn to hunt on its own. Since it was separated from its mother, it will take time. We have experience with tiger cubs learning to hunt on their own within two years."

Cheetah Steering Committee head Dr. Rajesh Gopal told

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Govt launches one-stop portal to host data on agriculture

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 15

THE CENTRE on Friday launched the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg), an online platform for management of agricultural data.

The UPAg, developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA & FW), was launched by NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand. He described it as an investment and a "giant step" in the realm of agriculture data management.

Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja said that the UPAg Portal was being envisaged as a public good wherein users will benefit by reduced search costs and frictions and access to credible, granular and objective data. He also highlighted the other initiatives currently being undertaken by the ministry like Krishi Decision Support System, farmer registry, and crop survey.

The platform is designed to generate crop estimates and integrate with other systems generating agriculture statistics such as price, trade, procurement, stock, said an official. The Agriculture Ministry said the UPAg portal will address various challenges including lack of standardised data, dispersed data etc.

तैयारी

आगामी रविवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी करेंगे उद्घाटन

भारत मंडपम के बाद भव्य यशोभूमि बनकर तैयार

जनसत्ता संवाददाता
नई दिल्ली, 15 सितंबर।

अभी लोगों के मन से भारत मंडपम की भव्यतम तस्वीरों की चकाचौंध खत्म भी नहीं हुई थी कि भव्य आधारभूत संरचना के साथ 'यशोभूमि' के प्रथम चरण का उद्घाटन आगामी रविवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी करने वाले हैं।

'इंडिया इंटरनेशनल कन्वेंशन एंड एक्सपो सेंटर' (आइआइसीसी) यानि 'यशोभूमि' विश्व के सबसे बड़े प्रदर्शनी हाल में से एक होगा। यहां पहुंचना सुलभ हो इसीलिए इसके ठीक सामने द्वारका सेक्टर 25 मेट्रो स्टेशन का उद्घाटन भी प्रधानमंत्री करेंगे। जोकि दिल्ली एअरपोर्ट मेट्रो एक्सप्रेस लाइन का विस्तार है और नई दिल्ली से यहां

अधिकारियों ने बताया कि देश में बैठकों, सम्मेलनों और प्रदर्शनियों की मेजबानी के लिए एक विश्वस्तरीय बुनियादी ढांचा तैयार करने का प्रधानमंत्री मोदी का एक दृष्टिकोण है।

भव्य बालरूम लगभग 2,500 मेहमानों की मेजबानी कर सकता है।

तक आने में मात्र 21 मिनट का समय लगेगा। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि देश में बैठकों, सम्मेलनों और प्रदर्शनियों की मेजबानी के लिए एक विश्वस्तरीय बुनियादी ढांचा तैयार करने का प्रधानमंत्री मोदी का एक दृष्टिकोण है। जिसके तहत द्वारका में यशोभूमि के निर्माण से इस कवायद को बल मिलेगा। 8.9 लाख वर्ग मीटर से अधिक के कुल



परियोजना क्षेत्र और 1.8 लाख वर्ग मीटर से अधिक के कुल निर्मित क्षेत्र के साथ, यह दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी एमआइसीई (बैठकें, प्रोत्साहन, सम्मेलन और प्रदर्शनी) सुविधाओं में अपना स्थान बनाएगा।

करीब 73,000 वर्ग मीटर क्षेत्र में बने सम्मेलन केंद्र में मुख्य सभागार, भव्य 'बालरूम' और 13 बैठक कक्ष सहित 15 सम्मेलन कमरे शामिल हैं, जिनकी कुल क्षमता 11,000 प्रतिनिधियों की है। मुख्य सभागार सम्मेलन केंद्र के लिए पूर्ण हाल है, जो लगभग 6,000 मेहमानों की बैठने की क्षमता से सुसज्जित है। भव्य बालरूम लगभग 2,500 मेहमानों की मेजबानी कर सकता है। इसमें एक विस्तारित खुला क्षेत्र भी है, जिसमें 500 लोग बैठ सकते हैं। जबकि आठ मंजिलों में फैले 13 बैठक कक्षों में विभिन्न प्रकार की बैठकें आयोजित करने की परिकल्पना की गई है।






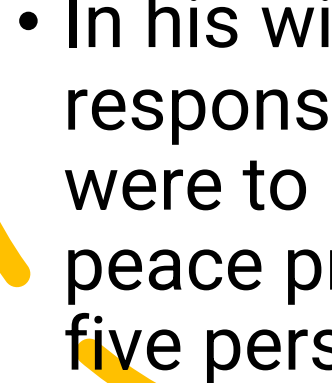


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- With a total capacity of holding 11,000 delegates, it comprises 15 convention rooms including the main auditorium, the grand ballroom and 13 meeting rooms.
 - The convention centre's campus has received Green Cities Platinum certification from CII's Indian Green Building Council.
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नोबेल पुरस्कार राशि बढ़कर होगी 1.1 करोड़ क्रोनर

स्टाकहोम, 15 सितंबर (एजंसी)।

नोबेल फाउंडेशन ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि वह इस साल के नोबेल पुरस्कारों के लिए पुरस्कार राशि को 10 लाख क्रोनर (90,000 अमेरिकी डालर) से बढ़ाकर 1.1 करोड़ क्रोनर (986,270 अमेरिकी डालर) कर देगा क्योंकि हाल में स्वीडिश मुद्रा में गिरावट आई है। नोबेल फाउंडेशन के एक संक्षिप्त बयान में कहा गया, 'फाउंडेशन ने पुरस्कार राशि बढ़ाने का फैसला किया है क्योंकि ऐसा करना आर्थिक रूप से व्यवहार्य है।' फाउंडेशन ने कहा कि पिछले 15 वर्षों में राशि को कई बार समायोजित किया गया है। वर्ष 2012 में, नोबेल फाउंडेशन के वित्त को मजबूत करने के लिए व्यापक कार्यक्रम शुरू होने के कारण इसे एक करोड़ क्रोनर से घटाकर 80 लाख क्रोनर कर दिया गया था।

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- The Prize can be shared by up to three individuals, or in the case of the peace prize, it can also be awarded to an organization.
 - Nobel Prize cannot be awarded posthumously. However, since 1974, if the recipient dies after the prize has been announced they can still be awarded it.
 - In his will, Alfred Nobel laid out who he wanted to be responsible for the selection of the Nobel laureates. The prizes were to be awarded by Swedish institutions – apart from the peace prize, whose award was to be decided by a committee of five persons elected by the Norwegian Parliament.
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It's not possible to revoke a Nobel medal as it is mentioned in Alfred Nobel's will or in the statutes of the Nobel Foundation.

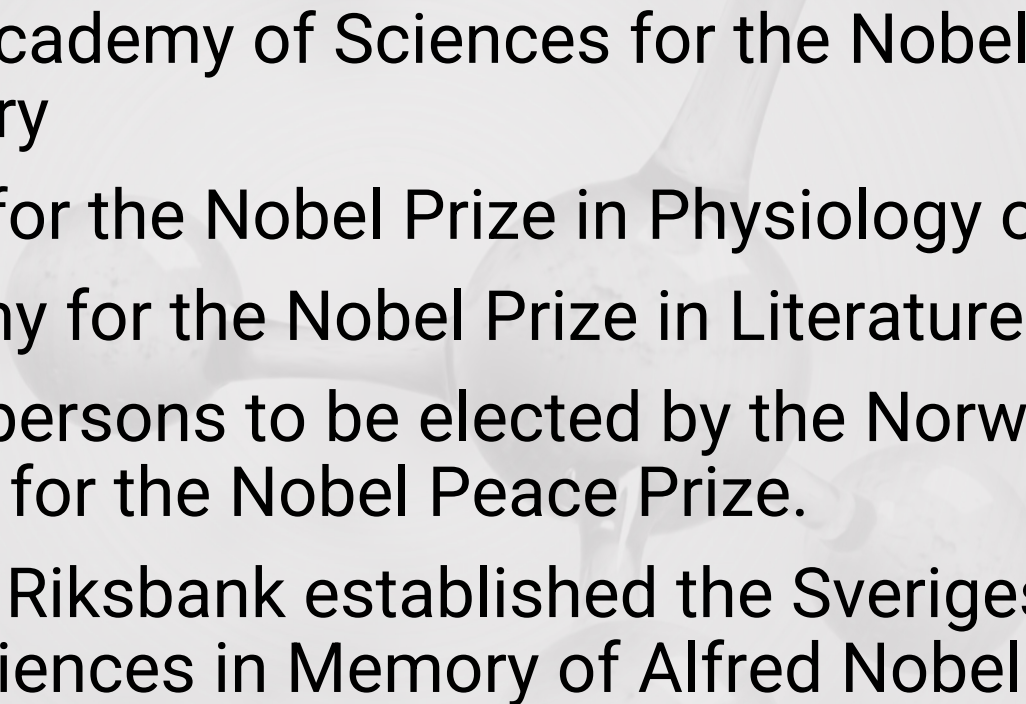
In order to become a Nobel Prize laureate, you must first be nominated for a prize by an eligible nominator. Self-nomination is not allowed.

Except for the Nobel Peace Prize, the nomination is by invitation only and nominators must fulfill the criteria set out by the awarding institutions.

Malala Yousafzai is the youngest Nobel Laureate who got the Peace Prize in 2014 at the age of just 17 years.

John B. Goodenough is the oldest recipient of this prize in Chemistry 2019 at the age of 97 years.

Marie Curie is the only woman who has been honored twice, with the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics and the 1911 Prize in Chemistry.

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- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for the Nobel Prize in Physics and Chemistry
 - Karolinska Institutet for the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
 - The Swedish Academy for the Nobel Prize in Literature
 - A Committee of five persons to be elected by the Norwegian Parliament (Storting) for the Nobel Peace Prize.
 - In 1968, the Sveriges Riksbank established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.



Nobel prize winners 2022



Physiology or medicine: Dr. Svante Pääbo, a Swedish geneticist, won for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution.



Physics: Shared by three men, Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser, and Anton Zeilinger, for their work in quantum technology.

- **Chemistry:** Carolyn R. Bertozzi Morten Meldal and K. Barry Sharpless for the development of click chemistry and bio-orthogonal chemistry.
- **Literature:** Annie Ernaux, a French novelist
- **Peace:** Ales Bialiatski, a jailed Belarusian activist; Memorial, a Russian organization; and the Center for Civil Liberties in Ukraine.



RBI to Discontinue I-CRR

- Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that it would discontinue the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) in a phased manner.
- The central bank will release the amount that banks have maintained under I-CRR in stages.

How Will the RBI Implement Discontinuation of I-CRR?

The discontinuation of the I-CRR will be **implemented in stages** to ensure a smooth transition and **prevent sudden shocks to the system's liquidity.**

- In the first and second stages of the I-CRR reversal, 25 % of each of the Banks' impounded funds will be released. The remaining 50% of the balance will be released in the third stage.

Background:

On 10th August 2023, following the announcement of the monetary policy and the demonetization of Rs 2000 notes, the RBI declared that banks would be required to maintain an Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) of 10% on the increase in their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL).

NDTL is the difference between the sum of demand and time liabilities (deposits) of a bank (with the public or the other bank) and the deposits in the form of assets held by the other banks.

Purpose of Introducing I-CRR:

The RBI introduced the I-CRR as a temporary measure to manage excess Liquidity in the banking system.

Several factors contributed to the Surplus Liquidity, including the demonetisation of Rs 2,000 banknotes.

- **Impact of I-CRR on Liquidity Conditions:**

- The I-CRR measure would absorb over **Rs 1 lakh crore of excess liquidity** from the banking system.
- As a result of the I-CRR mandate, the banking system's **liquidity temporarily turned into a deficit on 21st August 2023**, exacerbated by **outflows related to Goods and Services Tax (GST)** and central bank intervention to stabilize the rupee.
- However, liquidity conditions returned to Liquidity from the system.

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- **When the Reserve Bank of India announces an increase of the Cash Reserve Ratio, what does it mean? (2010)**
- **(a)** The commercial banks will have less money to lend
- **(b)** The Reserve Bank of India will have less money to lend
- **(c)** The Union Government will have less money to lend
- **(d)** The commercial banks will have more money to lend



Leopard Sterilisation

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- A leopard is walking through tall, dry grass in a savanna-like environment. The leopard has a distinctive spotted pattern on its fur and is looking directly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing more grass and some trees in the distance.
- Recently, the Maharashtra Government has decided to sterilize Leopards for the sustainable management of population for leopards in the State. Gujarat's forest department has also proposed sterilisation of leopards, especially in and around Gir National Park.

A leopard with a distinctive spotted coat is walking through tall, dry grass in a savanna environment. The leopard is the central focus of the image, moving from left to right. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the natural habitat.

- **Need:**

- In 2019-20 alone, Maharashtra saw **58 human deaths due to leopards**—over half the 97 casualties in 2010-18.
- Maharashtra has decided to sterilize leopards as a response to the increasing **leopard-human conflicts**, rising leopard population, and the need to protect both leopards and human communities.
- The proposed sterilisation program aims to address these challenges while complying with environmental conservation laws and regulations.



- **Scientific Name:** Panthera pardus

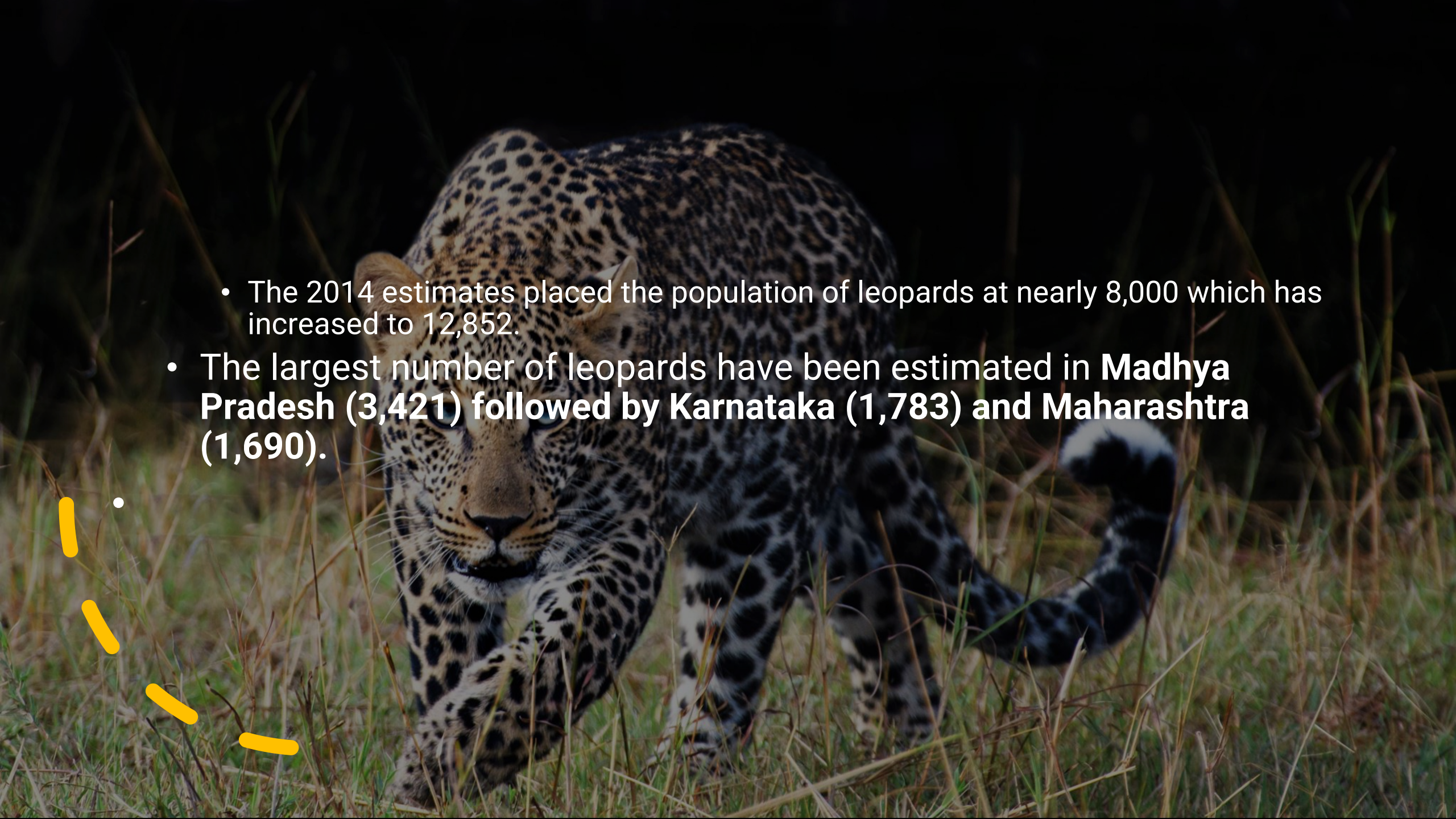
- **About:**

- The leopard is the smallest of the Big Cats (Of genus Panthera namely the **Tiger, Lion, Jaguar, Leopard, and Snow Leopard**), and known for its ability to adapt in a variety of habitats.
- A nocturnal animal, the leopard hunts by night.
- It feeds on smaller species of herbivores found in its range, such as the chital, hog deer and wild boar.

A leopard with a distinctive spotted coat is walking through tall, dry grass in a savanna environment. The leopard is the central focus, moving towards the viewer. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the natural habitat.

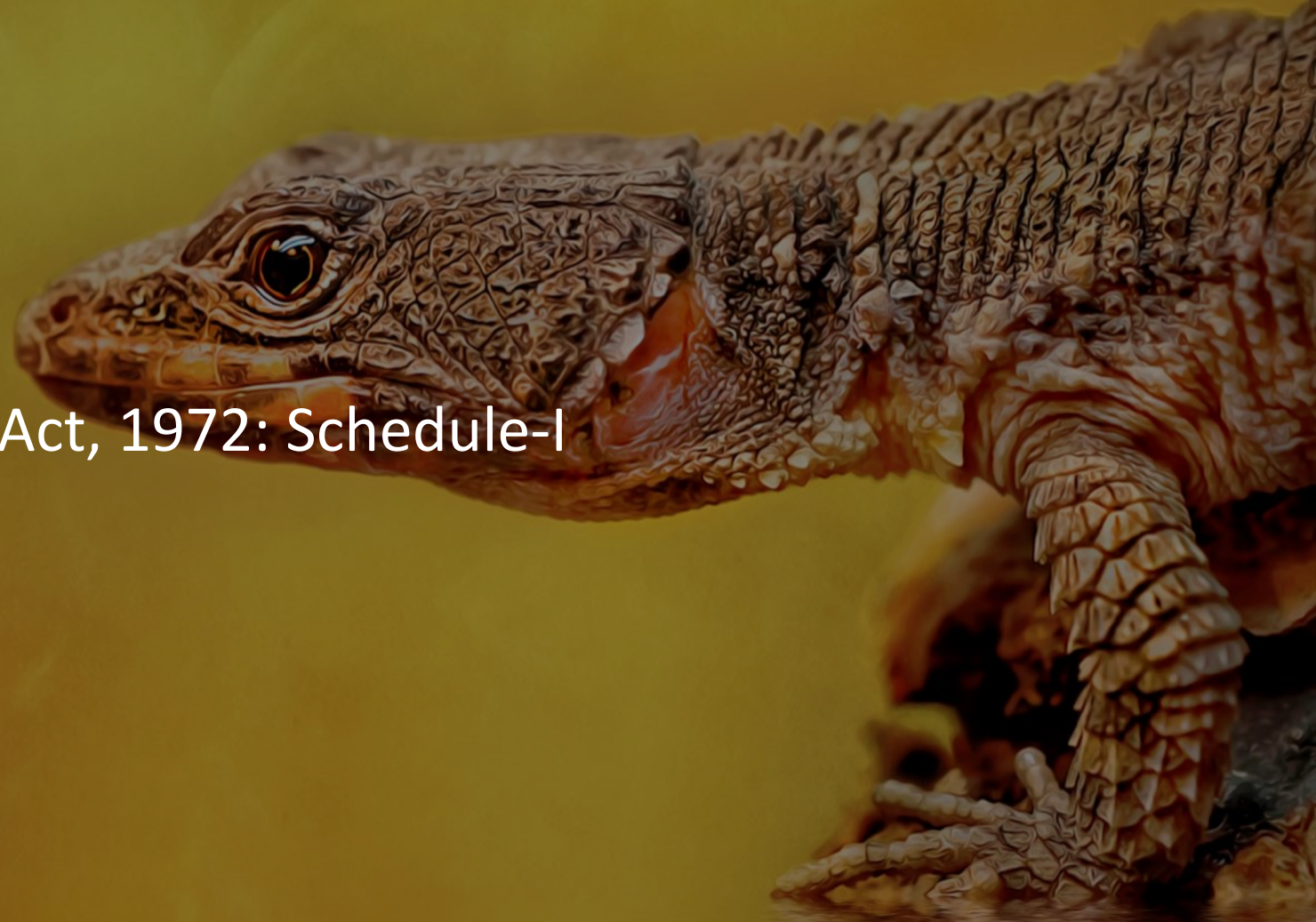
- **Habitat:**

- It occurs in a wide range in sub-Saharan Africa, in small parts of Western and Central Asia, on the Indian subcontinent to Southeast and East Asia.
 - The Indian leopard (*Panthera pardus fusca*) is a leopard widely distributed on the Indian subcontinent.

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- The 2014 estimates placed the population of leopards at nearly 8,000 which has increased to 12,852.
 - The largest number of leopards have been estimated in **Madhya Pradesh (3,421)** followed by **Karnataka (1,783)** and **Maharashtra (1,690)**.

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- Conservation Status:
- IUCN Red List: Vulnerable
- CITES: Appendix-I
- Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule-I





- **Consider the following: (2012)**

1. Black-necked crane

2. Cheetah

3. Flying squirrel

4. Snow leopard

- **Which of the above are naturally found in India?**

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only

- (c) 2 and 4 only

- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

The background features a series of overlapping, wavy, paper-like layers. On the left, the layers are in shades of blue, ranging from a deep, dark blue to a lighter, sky blue. On the right, the layers transition into shades of yellow and orange, with some layers appearing as a bright, clean yellow. The overall effect is a sense of depth and movement, reminiscent of a stylized landscape or a modern graphic design.

Bhoj Wetland

The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** recently ordered the MP state govt to stop the **operation of cruise vessels as well as other motor-propelled boats in the Bhoj wetland** on account of the drastic damage being done to water bodies.



The Bhoj Wetland, also known as **Bhopal Lake** is a **designated Ramsar site** and hence, a **wetland of international importance (Ramsar Convention 1971)**.



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- It consists of two contiguous human-made reservoirs -
 - "**Upper Lake**" - created in the 11th century by construction of an earthen dam across the Kolans River.
 - "**Lower Lake**" - constructed ~200 years ago, largely from leakage from the Upper lake. It is surrounded by the city of Bhopal.

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Largest Ramsar Sites in India

	Ramsar Site	State	Area (km ²)
1	Sundarban Wetland	West Bengal	4230
2	Vembanad-Kol Wetland	Kerala	1512.5
3	Chilika Lake	Odisha	1165
4	Satkosia Gorge	Odisha	981.97
5	Kolleru Lake	Andhra Pradesh	901

Smallest Ramsar Sites in India

1	Renuka Lake	Himachal Pradesh	0.2
2	Vembannur Wetland Complex	Tamil Nadu	0.2
3	Vedanthangal BS	Tamil Nadu	0.4
4	Nanda Lake	Goa	0.42
5	Udhayamarthandapuram BS	Tamil Nadu	0.44

Oldest Ramsar Sites in India

1	Chilka Lake – 1981
2	Keoladeo Ghana NP – 1981



Muthulakshmi Reddy's efforts to
abolish the Devadasi system



MUTHULAKSHMI REDDY


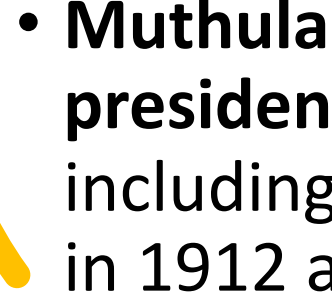
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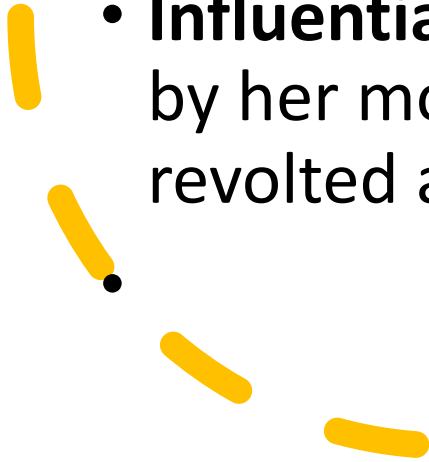
“Constantly breaking barriers throughout her life, Reddy was a trailblazer, who devoted herself to public health and the battle against gender inequality, transforming the lives of countless people, especially young girls,”


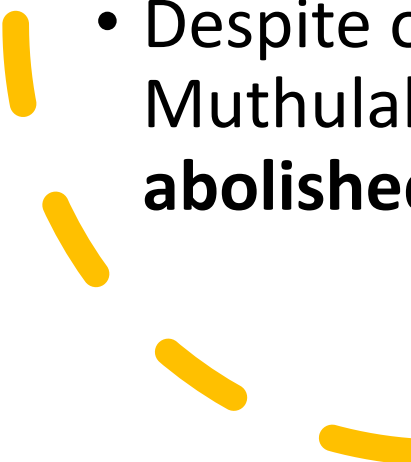
Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy earlier proposed the Devadasi Abolition Bill to the Madras Legislative Council in 1930, which was later enacted on 9 October 1947 after independence in Madras Presidency.



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- The Devadasi system was a **traditional practice in India** where young girls were **dedicated or married to deities or temples**. However, over time, it degenerated into a system where some Devadasis were **forced into a life of prostitution**.
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 - **Muthulakshmi Reddy** was a prominent figure in the **Madras presidency** and had achieved several milestones in her career, including being the **first Indian woman medical graduate** in Madras in 1912 and holding various **legislative positions**.
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- **The Trigger for Her Campaign:** Her campaign against the Devadasi system began in 1927 after she received a poignant letter from a **13-year-old girl, Shanpakvalli**. Shanpakvalli came from a family of Devadasis and wanted to avoid her fate as Devadasi.
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 - **Influential Women and Movements:** Muthulakshmi was influenced by her mother, who was also from the Devadasi community and had revolted against the system.
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- **Empowering Women:** Muthulakshmi advocated for education as a means to liberate women from the system and proposed **granting lands to those women entitled to economic benefits** from the temples.
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 - Despite opposition, including **within the Congress party**, Muthulakshmi persisted. The Devadasi system was **eventually abolished in 1947 by the Madras Legislative Assembly**.
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- - **Her Legacy:** Muthulakshmi Reddy's campaign against the Devadasi system remains an enduring and **inspiring example of social reform.**





Divya Kala Mela

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- A 10 day Divya Kala Mela will be organized in Varanasi.
 - **About**
 - Divya Kala Mela is an initiative of the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)** towards economic empowerment of PwD/Divyangjan.
 - It will showcase the products and craftsmanship of Divyang (PwD) entrepreneurs/ artisans from across the country.

So far **six Divya Kala Mela** have been organized in Delhi (2022), Mumbai (2023), Bhopal (2023), Guwahati (2023), Indore (2023), Jaipur (2023) and **Varanasi** is the **seventh one in the series**.

Product category: Home Décor & Lifestyle, Clothing, Stationery and eco-friendly products, packaged food and organic products, Toys & Gifts, Personal Accessories – Jewellery, Clutch Bags.

Significance: It will be an opportunity for all to go **‘vocal for local’**. Also products made by Divyang craftsmen with their extra determination can be seen/purchased.

The image features a complex, abstract visualization of planetary boundaries. It consists of numerous thin, glowing blue lines that swirl and curve across the frame, creating a sense of dynamic movement and interconnectedness. These lines are set against a dark, almost black background, which is punctuated by small, bright blue particles or dots. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and scientific. At the bottom of the image, there is a gradient bar that transitions from a light blue on the left to a warm orange on the right. The text 'Planetary Boundaries' is positioned in the lower-left area, overlaid on the blue portion of this gradient.

Planetary Boundaries

- The world has **breached six of the nine planetary boundaries** necessary to maintain Earth's stability and resilience, according to a new study.

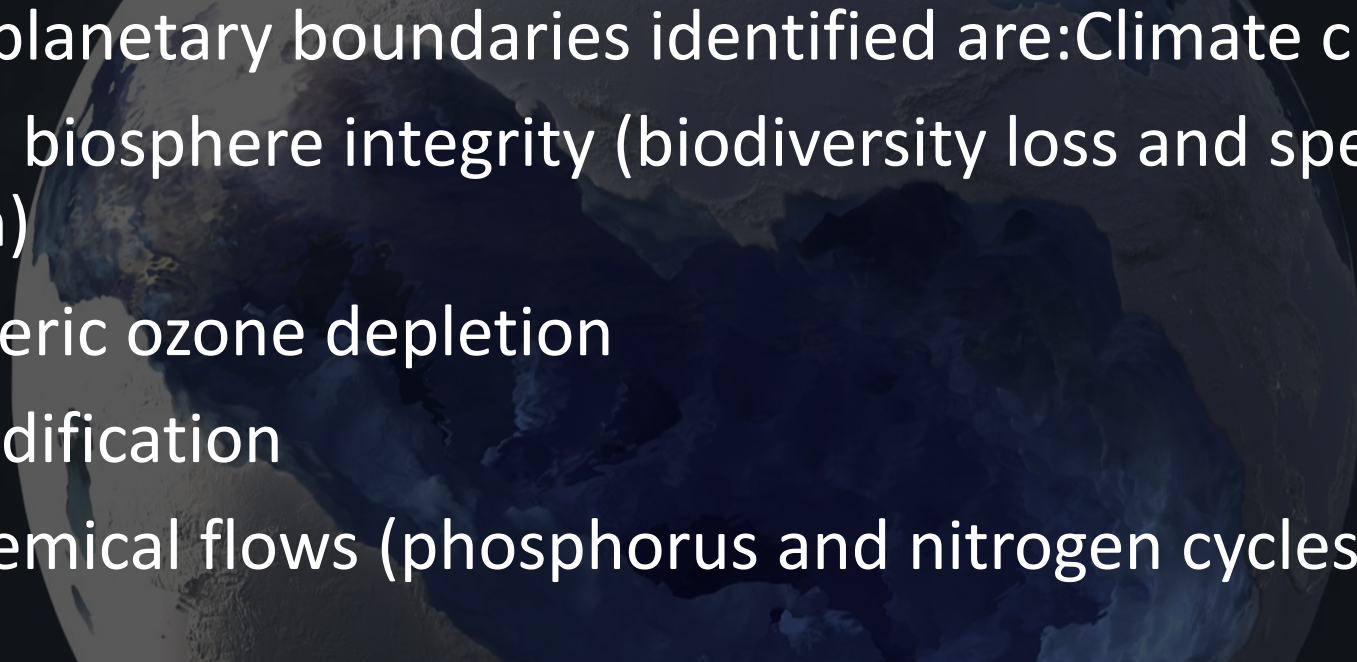
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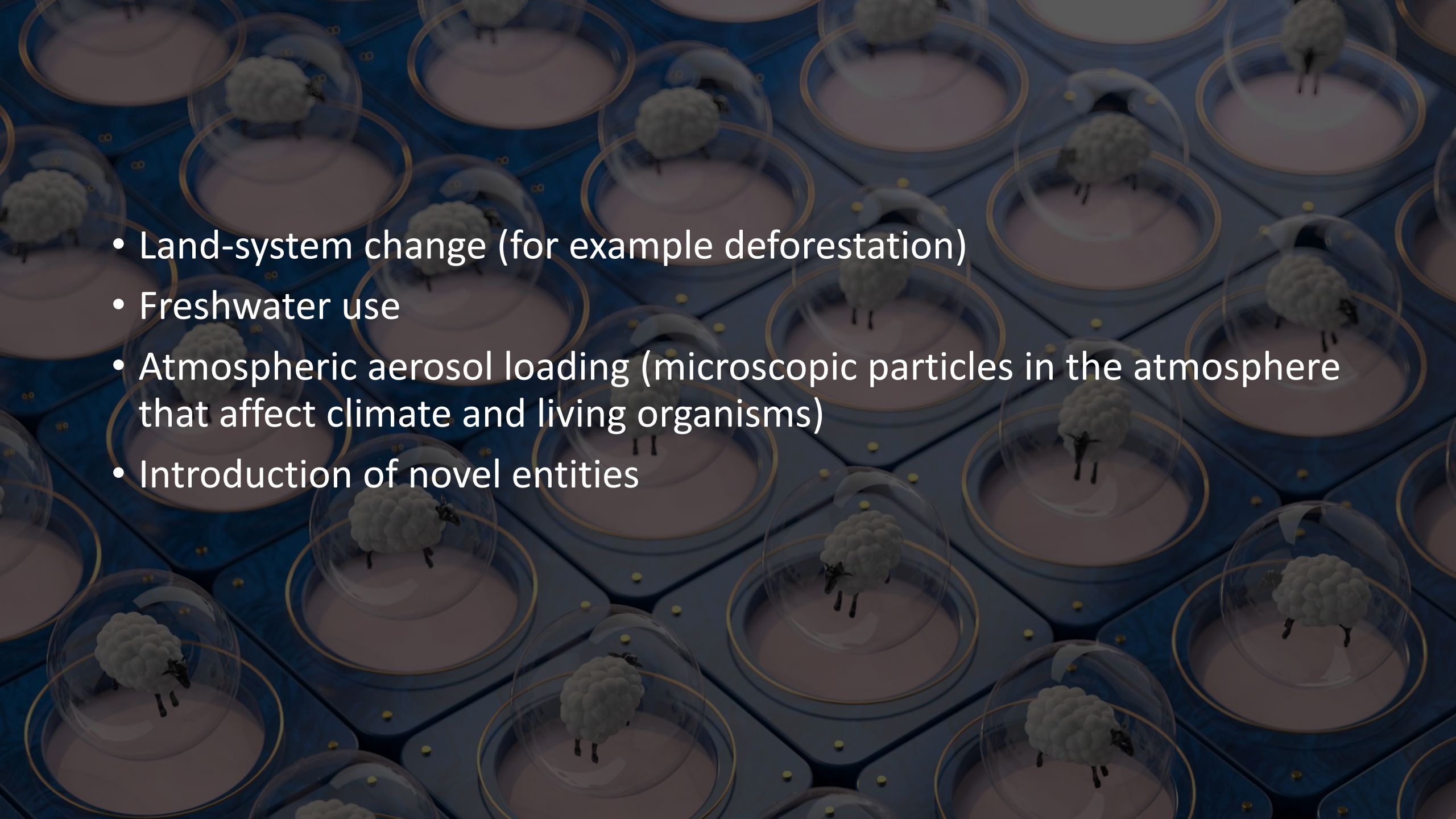


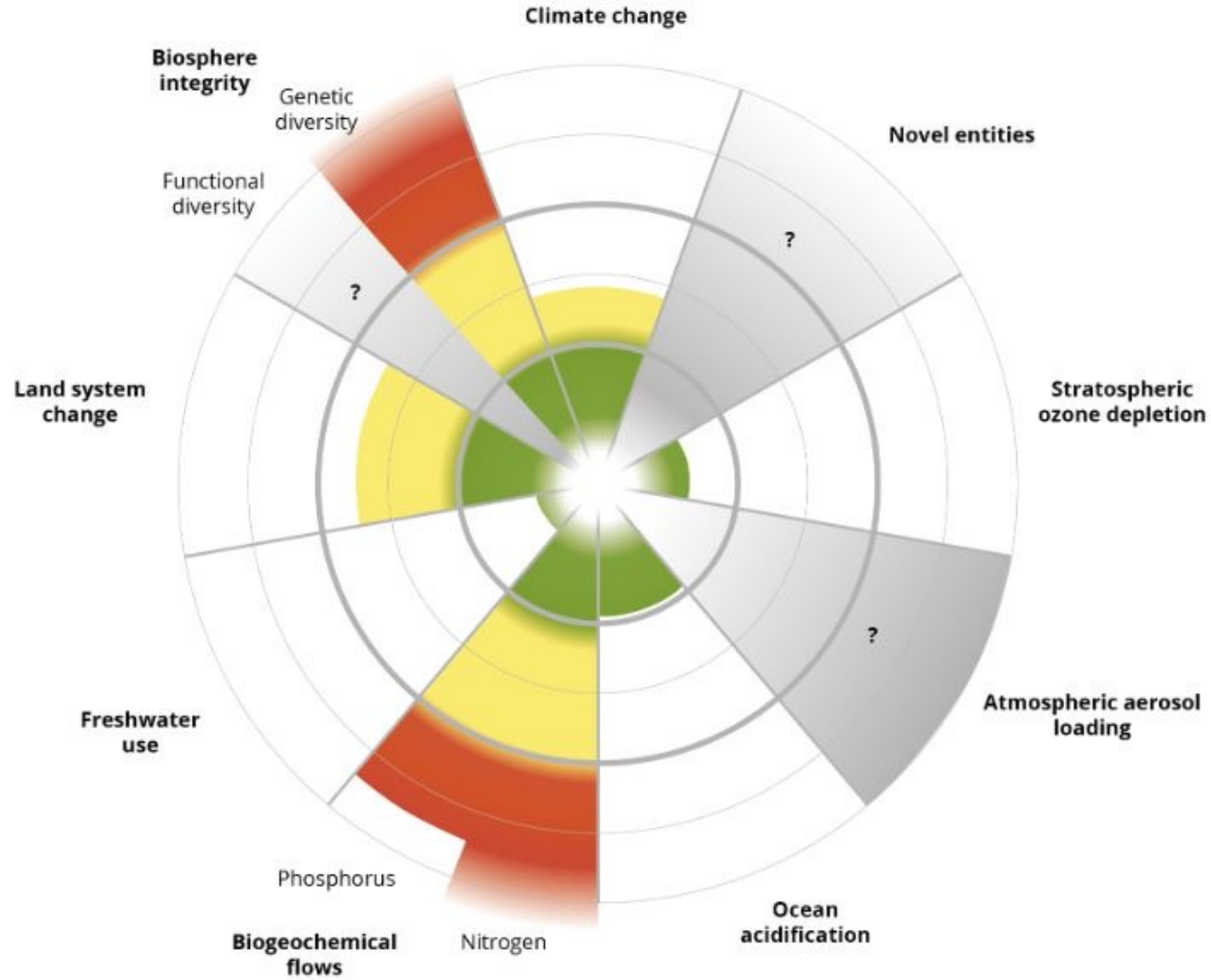


- What are Planetary Boundaries?

- In 2009, 28 internationally renowned researchers identified and quantified a set of nine planetary boundaries **within which humanity can continue to develop and feel good in the future.**
 - If we cross these limits, **abrupt or irreversible environmental changes can occur** with serious consequences for humankind.

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- The nine planetary boundaries identified are: Climate change
 - Change in biosphere integrity (biodiversity loss and species extinction)
 - Stratospheric ozone depletion
 - Ocean acidification
 - Biogeochemical flows (phosphorus and nitrogen cycles)
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- The background of the slide is a repeating pattern of a blue grid. Each cell in the grid contains a small, white, woolly sheep standing on a light-colored circular base. The sheep are enclosed within a transparent, dome-shaped structure that sits on the grid. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on the individual sheep as symbols of the concepts listed in the text.
- Land-system change (for example deforestation)
 - Freshwater use
 - Atmospheric aerosol loading (microscopic particles in the atmosphere that affect climate and living organisms)
 - Introduction of novel entities





Fake News and Misinformation

- Recently, police in various states have opened investigations against a large number of people for allegedly spreading misinformation and fake news
- About Fake News (Yellow Journalism)
- **Meaning:** Fake news, broadly termed as false news or misinformation that is created or spread with the deliberate intent of causing harm; in the case of misinformation, the element of intent is thought to be absent.

Fake news can be propagated through any media: **print, electronic and social.**

Fake news can be **related to anything** –

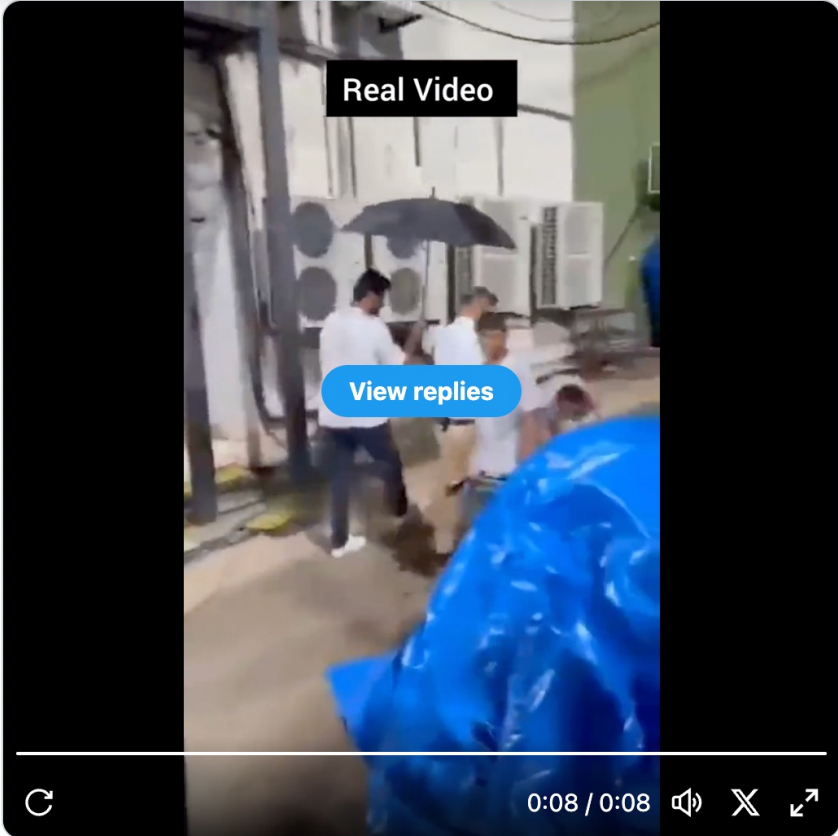
- Commercially driven sensational content
- Nation-state sponsored misinformation
- Highly partisan news site
- Social media itself
- Satire or parody

- **Legal remedies to tackle Fake News**

- Indian Broadcast Foundation (IBF)
- The Press Council of India
- IPC Sections 153A and 295
- Broadcasting Content Complaint Council (BCCC)
- Defamation Suit
- The Information Technology (IT) Act
- Contempt of Court laws
- Constitution



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We discovered that Twitter user @xTripti was the creator of the viral video with the anti-India slogans, who has now deleted their account. However, before the deletion, they clarified in several tweets that the video has been edited. [Here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) are archives of those tweets.



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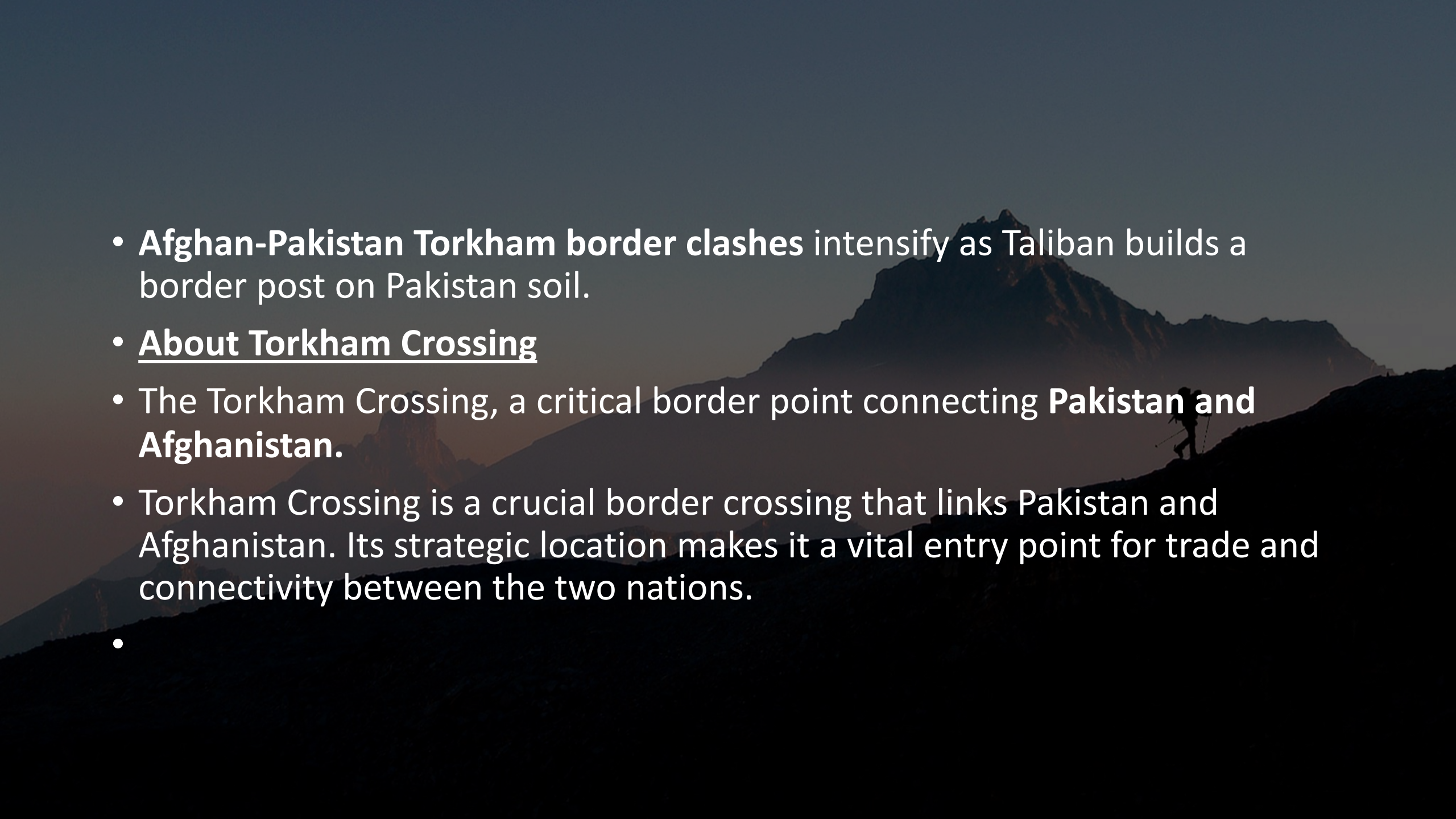
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Afghan-Pakistan Torkham Border

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- A silhouette of a hiker with a backpack and trekking poles is visible on a mountain ridge. The background features a range of mountains under a clear, light-colored sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric.
- **Afghan-Pakistan Torkham border clashes intensify as Taliban builds a border post on Pakistan soil.**
 - **About Torkham Crossing**
 - **The Torkham Crossing, a critical border point connecting **Pakistan and Afghanistan.****
 - **Torkham Crossing is a crucial border crossing that links Pakistan and Afghanistan. Its strategic location makes it a vital entry point for trade and connectivity between the two nations.**

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Torkham border crossing



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- Durand Line

- It is an **important international boundary line** between Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- The Durand Line was drawn up by **Sir Henry Mortimer Durand**, a British diplomat, to safeguard the interests of the British Empire from Tsarist Russia.
- The single-page Durand Line Agreement was signed by the **King of Afghanistan, Amir Abdur Rahman, in November 1893.**
- The line was drawn up to ensure that strategic regions such as the Khyber Pass remained on the side of the British Empire.





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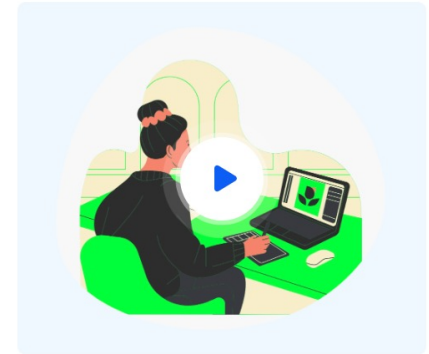


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A group of people are clapping in a dimly lit room. The focus is on the hands and forearms of several individuals, some in the foreground and some blurred in the background. The lighting is soft and moody, with a blueish tint. In the top left corner, there is a small orange horizontal bar. The text "Thank you guys." is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, sans-serif font, with a thin white horizontal line underneath it.

Thank you
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