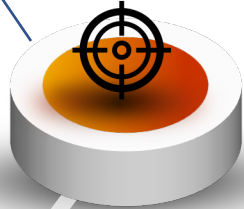


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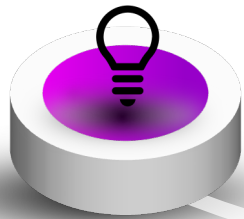


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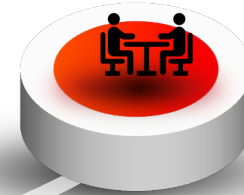


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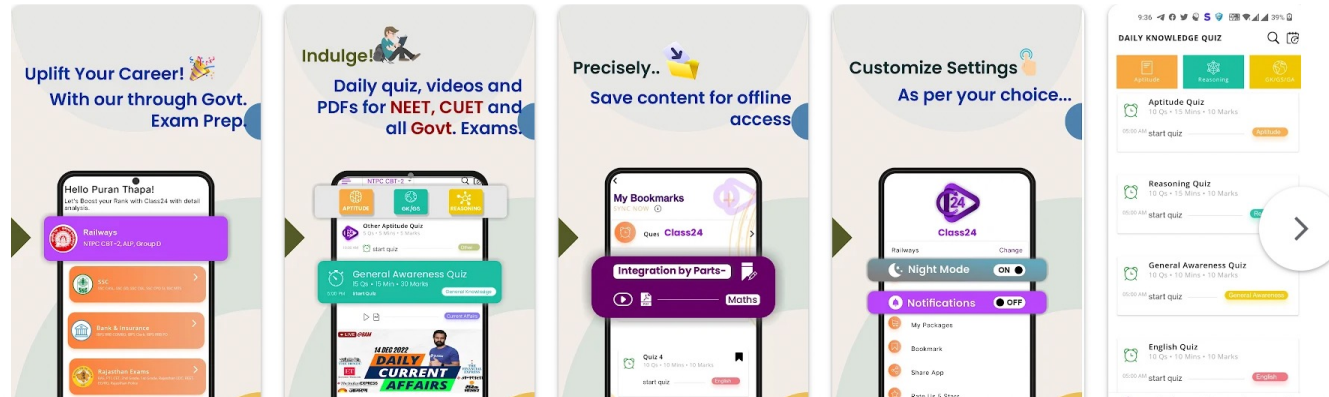
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Israel steps up attack; Gaza denied water, fuel

UN aid agency is on the verge of stopping operations; hospitals are on the brink and the death toll climbs beyond 700 a day; Israel flays Antonio Guterres, who has decried 'collective punishment'

Agence France-Presse
Associated Press
GAZA STRIP/JERUSALEM

The main UN aid agency in besieged Gaza warned it will have to stop operations by the end of Wednesday because it is running out of fuel. Hamas said the death toll from Israeli strikes had surged by more than 700 in a single day.

Alarm has grown about the spiralling humanitarian crisis in the heavily bombed Gaza Strip where one doctor said he was forced to perform emergency surgery on the wounded without anaesthetic.

Israel has cut off Gaza's usual water, food and other supplies, and fewer than 70 relief trucks have entered since the war started — "a drop of aid in an ocean of need", warned UN chief Antonio Guterres.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to "eliminate Hamas" and Israeli strikes have now killed over 6,500 people in Gaza, a rise of over 700 since Tuesday, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

Tempers flared earlier at the UN when Mr. Guterres



Mounting loss: A Palestinian man reacts during a search for casualties following an Israeli strike on a house at Khan Younis on the southern Gaza Strip. REUTERS

terres decried the "epic suffering" in Gaza and the "collective punishment" of its 2.4 million people.

"Not in a vacuum" It is "important to also recognise the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum. The Palestinian people have been subjected to 56 years of suffocating occupation. They have seen their land steadily devoured by settlements and plagued by violence; their economy stifled; their people displaced and their homes demolished. Their

hopes for a political solution to their plight have been vanishing." Mr. Guterres said in a special UN Security Council meeting.

His comments drew a furious response from Israel. "Mr. Secretary-General, in what world do you live?" replied Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen,

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A month after suspension, India partially resumes visa services for Canadians

Sahasrini Haider
NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday resumed visa services for certain categories for Canadian citizens, nearly a month after they were suspended in the aftermath of Canada's allegations of Indian involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, and a week after 41 Canadian diplomats left India, in accordance with New Delhi's demand.

While tourist visas and e-visas are still held in abeyance, the Indian High Commission in Canada announced that it would begin accepting applications for visas for entry, business, medical, and conference purposes from Thursday. Entry visa is granted to persons of Indian origin and to dependent family members of an Indian citizen or persons



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of Indian origin. Officials said that applications from Canadians in these categories would continue to be accepted at Indian missions in other countries as well.

"After a considered review of the security situation that takes into account some recent Canadian measures in this regard, it has been decided to res-

ume visa services for [certain] categories," a press release of the Indian High Commission in Ottawa said, it said emergency situations would continue to be addressed and any further decisions would be intimated.

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IN BRIEF



Modi govt. has no vision for future, says Priyanka

JAIPUR Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said the Narendra Modi government has "no vision" for the future at a rally in Rajasthan's Jaipur on Wednesday ahead of the Assembly poll. » PAGE 4

Jarange-Patil goes on hunger strike again

PUNE The Maratha reservation issue has continued to vex the Maharashtra government, with quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil launching another indefinite hunger strike on Wednesday. » PAGE 4



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NCERT panel suggests replacing 'India' with 'Bharat' in textbooks

Jahira Mishra
NEW DELHI

A high-level committee set up by the National Council of Educational Research and Training to revise the social sciences curriculum has recommended that the name of the country be changed from "India" to "Bharat" in school textbooks, with Opposition parties protesting, the NCERT on Wednesday clarified that the proposal had not been approved yet, and it was "too premature" to comment on the issue.

C.I. Issac, panel chair, told presspersons that the panel had proposed the name change in textbooks from the primary to the high school level.

"On the news in media being flashed about changing the name of India into Bharat in all NCERT textbooks, NCERT states that since the development of new syllabus and textbooks is in the process and for that purpose various Curricular Area Groups of domain experts are being notified by the NCERT. So, it is too premature to comment on the news being flashed in the media on the concerned issue," the NCERT said on X.

The Opposition parties, including the Congress, the Rashtriya Janata Dal

Oppn. parties such as Congress, BJP, and AAP criticise the move. BJP leaders welcome it

(BJD) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), criticised the recommendation. The BJP leaders welcomed it.

Mr. Issac, a member of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), is a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) sympathiser and was a faculty member in the Department of History of the Kottayam-based CMS College.

He had been with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) for a long time and is currently president of the Bharatiya Vichara Kendra, a right-wing think tank.

The committee included senior academics such as ICHR chairperson Kavayendra Tiwar, Vandana Mishra, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Vasant Shinde, an archaeologist and former Vice-Chancellor of Deccan College Deemed University.

Talking to The Hindu, Mr. Shinde confirmed that the committee had submitted its proposal to the NCERT four months ago.

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The legality of using white phosphorus

Human Rights Watch recently accused Israel of using white phosphorus munitions in Gaza, and said that such weapons put civilians at risk of serious and long-term injury. In the 2008-2009 Gaza War too, there were allegations that the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) struck the Gaza Strip with sub-munitions containing white phosphorus. The Israeli government, which initially denied this, later acknowledged that it did use white phosphorus in 2009, but only in uninhabitable areas, for the purpose of signalling and marking.

A toxic substance
In the summary of the report of the United Nations Headquarters Board of Inquiry into certain incidents in the Gaza Strip between December 27, 2008 and January 19, 2009, the then UN Secretary General said that the IDF had targeted certain UN facilities and asserted that "any precautions that were taken by the IDF were clearly inadequate in view of the firing of high-explosive shells into the compound [of a UNRWA Field Office]."

Further, the UN Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, also called the Goldstone Report (2009), condemned the IDF's use of white phosphorus in civilian areas. Due to the mounting outrage both at international and domestic levels in the case of *Yousef Hatou and others v. Chief of Staff (COIS)*, the Israeli military agreed to abandon the use of white phosphorus except in situations which they communicated to the justices at the Israel High Court of Justice. The Court recommended the consideration of alternatives. The outrage over the use of the toxic substance led to calls for investigations into whether its use constituted a violation of international humanitarian law. White phosphorus has a wide range of applications. It is useful in military operations. But it also poses environmental dangers. White phosphorus can be



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employed to create dense smoke screens in the context of combat, hindering visibility and providing cover for military manoeuvres. Additionally, it can be used in incendiary devices such as grenades and artillery shells, which can result in persistent and intense fires that are effective against people, equipment, and structures. However, the ethical concerns surrounding its use in populated areas are significant and can result in severe burns and suffering. The Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCWC) imposes restrictions on the use of incendiary weapons, including white phosphorus, with the aim of safeguarding civilians.

In addition, white phosphorus use is subject to the rules and principles of international humanitarian law, which aims to minimise harm to both civilians and combatants in armed conflicts. This includes the principles of distinction, which require differentiation between combatants and civilians, and proportionality, ensuring that military actions do not cause excessive harm to civilians.

Incendiary weapon
Protocol III under the CCWC specifically deals with incendiary weapons. Article 1 of this protocol defines an "incendiary weapon" as a weapon or munition primarily designed to set fire to objects or to cause burn injury to persons through the action of flame, heat, or combination thereof, produced by a chemical reaction of a substance delivered on the target. Article 1(b)(4) includes an exemption in this classification for munitions that may cause unintended incendiary effects, such as illuminants, tracers, smoke, or signalling systems. White phosphorus munitions are

primarily intended to produce illuminating and smokescreen effects, with the incendiary aspects being secondary or unintentional. Consequently, incendiary munitions clearly fall within the exceptions outlined in Protocol III's definition of an "incendiary weapon."

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a treaty that establishes a comprehensive ban on the use of chemical weapons. White phosphorus, although a chemical agent and toxic, is not covered by the CWC. When employed as an incendiary weapon and not for chemical warfare, white phosphorus falls under the regulations of Protocol III of the CCWC. However, Protocol III does not effectively regulate multi-purpose munitions such as those containing white phosphorus, which can cause harm in the same way as the incendiary weapons it defines. Strengthening Protocol III would be a progressive step in terms of legal and procedural process. In this context, it is important to consider the Advisory Opinion on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons (International Court of Justice Report 206, 1996) and Additional Protocol I of the Geneva Conventions, which assess the effects of specific types of weapons to determine their legality.

The legal consequences of employing white phosphorus in warfare emphasise the utmost importance of upholding international law, treaties, and protocols to reduce harm to both civilians and the environment. Breaches of these legal principles can lead to global condemnation, investigations, and potential prosecution for war crimes. Strengthening Protocol III would create a binding agreement for states that prevents them from engaging in uses that lack legal legitimacy. Removing ambiguity in Protocol III would also facilitate enforcement because with clearer rules, violations will become more easily identifiable.

The issues in navigating Bengaluru

The new Metro line has helped, but more needs to be done to decongest the city

STATE OF PLAY

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Two weeks after it first began operations, the Bengaluru Metro achieved a significant milestone this year by successfully connecting the city's eastern and western sectors by throwing open the full length of the Purple Line. This has brought immense relief to the passengers, marking a crucial moment in the city's public transportation history. Metro commuters, particularly those employed in the IT sectors who had patiently awaited this moment for years, were thrilled to experience a seamless journey between Challaghatta and Whitefield, the city's IT hub. Covering a distance of 43.49 km with 37 stations in between, the commute takes only about 80 minutes, for an end-to-end fare of ₹60. The line became operational on October 9 and was officially inaugurated by the Prime Minister virtually on October 20.

Following the introduction of the Purple Line, Namma Metro has experienced a notable increase of 80,000 passengers in its daily ridership, as reported by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Corporation (BMRC). This is testimony to the crying need for good public transport. The Bengaluru Metro network now spans 145 km with 66 stations in operation. It is now the second-largest Metro system in India after Delhi (150.2 km in length).

According to traffic police, there has been a noticeable reduction of 12%-14% in traffic volume, particularly along the Madras Road, one of the crucial Metro corridors and one of the busiest roads in the

Karnataka

city, since the introduction of the Purple Line. But while the Purple Line has succeeded in persuading thousands to choose the Metro as their mode of commute, last-mile connectivity issues within the city still persist. Public transport experts emphasise that addressing this issue is crucial if the city intends to encourage more people to transition to the Metro. Prioritising solutions for the last-mile challenge is essential to making Metro travel a more viable and convenient option.

The Bangalore Political Action Committee in collaboration with the World Resources Institute initiated the #Personal2Public campaign to promote reduced personal vehicle usage. As part of this effort, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Corporation (BMRC) recently introduced feeder bus services connecting multiple metro stations to the prominent tech corridor Outer Ring Road. But this is only a drop in the ocean.

Besides, although the Metro extension has provided some relief to passengers, the six-coach trains have become excessively crowded. Despite trains running every three minutes during peak hours, passengers have expressed concern about BMRC's struggling to cope with the overwhelming demand. BMRC officials have been saying that this issue will continue until they ac-

quire new coaches. Presently, BMRC operates 57 trains with 33 allocated to the Purple Line and 24 to the Green Line. Having secured a ₹2,572 crore contract in 2019 to supply extra Metro coaches, Chennai Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) encountered difficulties in manufacturing due to its inability to establish a manufacturing plant in India. BMRC issued several notices to CRRC, indicating the possibility of encasing its ₹272 crore bank guarantee. Subsequently, the Chinese company has collaborated with Kolkata-based Titagarh Wagons to fulfil the contract by supplying the remaining coaches, crucial for under-construction stretches.

Over the years, BMRC has gained notoriety for its persistent delays and unmet deadlines, causing considerable inconvenience to the public. This situation is particularly challenging in a city that is already grappling with congestion issues, exacerbated by ongoing Metro construction projects. However, BMRC officials have been saying that the delays related to land acquisitions and public interest litigations have been caused by complications in acquiring land from private individuals, the Forest Department, and other relevant authorities, according to BMRC.

In Bengaluru, though the Purple Line is now fully operational, other crucial stretches that can play an important role in decongesting the city are set to only open in phases in April 2024, March 2025 and by the end of 2026. Given that the Metro has not effectively served itself in glory in keeping deadlines, the people of Bengaluru have their fingers crossed.

Israel has an iron grip over Gaza and West Bank's economy

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DATA POINT

Sonikka Loganathan
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The Data Point published on Monday titled "Five wars in 15 years stifled Gaza's growth" describes how Gaza Strip and West Bank lagged behind many countries on several socio-economic indicators. It shows that the long conflict between Hamas and Israel and the widespread use of violence by Israeli forces on Palestinian territories have stalled Gaza's socio-economic growth. This second part of the three-part series on the conflict in Gaza and West Bank takes a look at how dependent Palestinians are on Israel for employment and basic amenities such as water and electricity. As a result, Israel controls a significant share of the territories' economy.

Monday's Data Point highlighted that the share of Palestinians who are either looking for jobs or are working was among the lowest in the world. It also showed that there are record levels of unemployment in West Bank and Gaza due to lack of industries. Reports show that even among those who are employed, a significant number of them works in Israel or in its settlements. As of early 2022, more than 1.5 lakh Palestinians were working in Israel and its settlements. This is one-fifth of the workers from the West Bank. Their income contributed a quarter of the West Bank's GDP.

Not only are many Palestinians unemployed, but many of them are also underemployed or paid inadequately. Reports show that 83% of workers from Gaza received less than the minimum wage (\$435) as of 2021. Such heavy reliance on Israel, below-par payment, and constant bombardment mean that the GDP of Palestinian territories has grown at a snail's pace over recent decades while Israel's GDP showed rapid growth. Chart shows the difference in the

GDP growth of Israel and Palestinian territories. Israel's control over Palestine's economy is more deeply felt through foreign trade restrictions. In 2021, over half of all items imported by the Palestinian territories came from Israel and over 80% of all exports went to Israel. Chart 2 shows the major sources and destinations of imports and exports, from and to the Palestinian territories in 2021. Electricity, water and fuel, which form the bulk of Palestine's imports, are largely supplied by Israel. Over 60% of Gaza's electricity supply is imported from Israel, while the power plant in Gaza supplies the rest. The plant in turn imports diesel from Israel. Due to gaps in supply inside the territories, water is imported from Israel at a higher cost, forcing Palestinians to spend 1% to 13% of their income on it. Chart 3 shows that electricity, water and fuel are among the top five imports of Palestinian territories. This dependency has potentially fatal implications for Palestine should Israel cut off access, as is the case during the ongoing conflict.

Given that Palestinians rely heavily on Israel, a war with Tel Aviv can leave them stripped of resources, necessitating foreign aid. In Gaza, 80% of people depend on international assistance. However, foreign aid, which started declining in the 2010s, touched the lowest-ever level in the 2020s. In 2021, foreign aid formed only 1.8% of Palestinian GDP compared to 27% of the GDP in 2008. Chart 4 shows the amount of donor aid as a share of the Palestinian territories' GDP.

Moreover, Israel controls most of the entry and exits in the territories which results in a "permit trap" for Palestinians who are unable to leave Gaza or the West Bank on time. This restricts their employment opportunities, access to health services and even their access to family.

Crippling dependence

The data for the charts are collated from reports prepared by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Bank, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, and the UN Comtrade.



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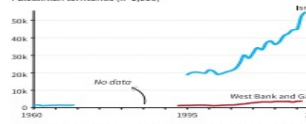


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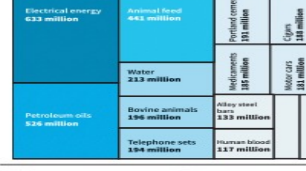


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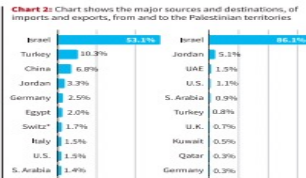


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India and Bangla to review process of repatriation

New Delhi, Oct. 24: India and Bangladesh will review the progress of the three-way repatriation under the Delhi Agreement in Dacca during the week-end. An official delegation led by Mr. A.S. Ghib, Joint Secretary in charge of the Pakistan Division in the External Affairs Ministry, is leaving for Dacca on October 26 for the purpose. The review is being made particularly in the light of the declining number of Pakistani nationals leaving Bangladesh in the course of the repatriation. Till October 21, while 7,785 Bengalees have returned to Bangladesh, only 7,286 Pakistani nationals have been repatriated to Pakistan. On the part of India, 11,031 prisoners of war have already been repatriated till October 21 and it is expected that over 16,000 of them would have left for Pakistan by October 31. The Indian delegation, in their discussions with Bangladesh officials, will exchange views on the progress of repatriation so far and also discuss the programmes and logistics for future repatriation. Plans for Pakistan already been chalked out for repatriation upto the end of this month. The delegation is likely to be in Dacca for two to three days. By the time the delegation reached Dacca, Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would have returned to Bangladesh from his visit in Japan. At a press conference in Tokyo, Sheikh Mujib had accused Pakistan of failing to carry out its part of the New Delhi Agreement for mutual repatriation of nationals stranded when the country split. He had said: "We are taking everybody who wants to come back from Pakistan. They are not giving clearance to many people who want to move to Pakistan from Bangladesh."

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In Greece

Athens, October 25: A crowd of several thousands with flags and banners marched the streets and demonstrated in favour of the Government. Col. Plastiras made a speech from the balcony of the ministry and declared that the Government would proceed with the inevitable execution of its original programme only surrendering that of power to the elected representatives of the people.

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Fuel shortage: A Palestinian man gestures at a closed petrol station at the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza. AFP

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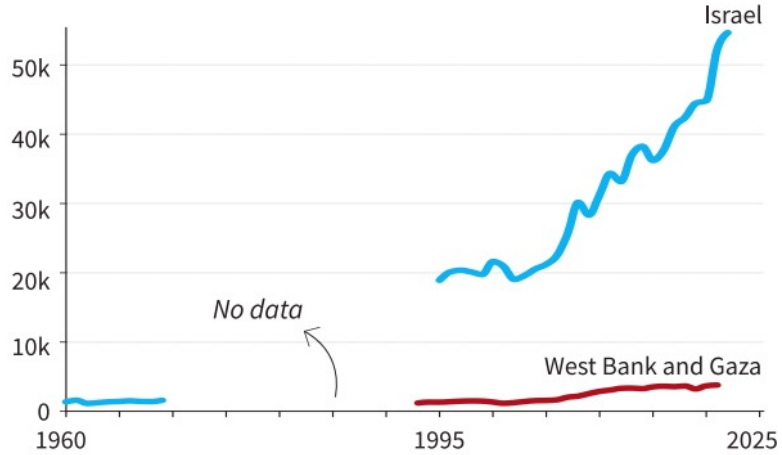


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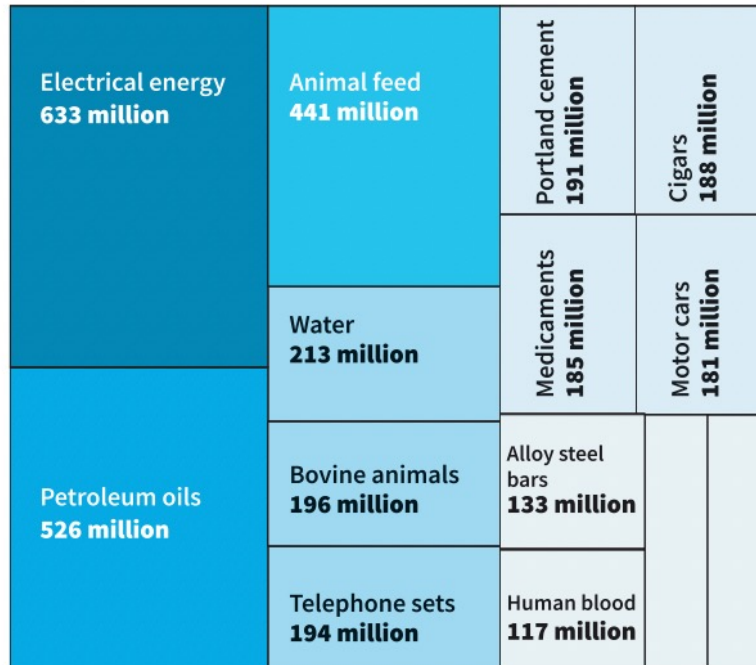
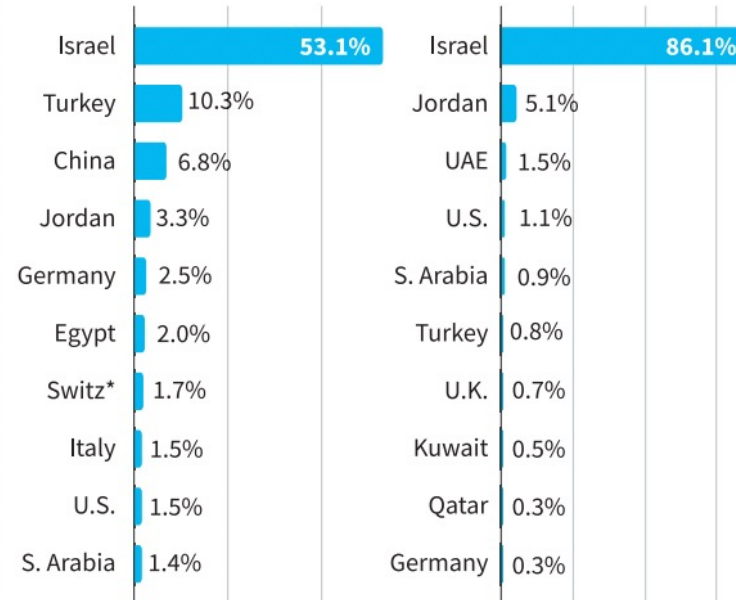
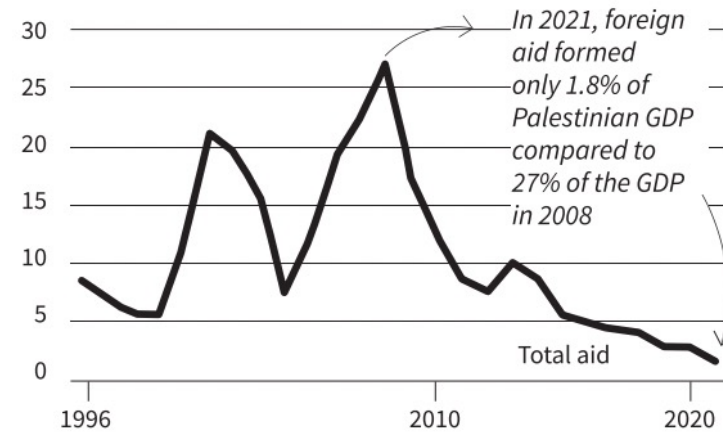


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Reel to real, *Newton* actor is a national icon



Actor Rajkummar Rao, whose portrayal of an official tasked with conducting polls in the Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh in the film *Newton*, will be inducted as a national icon by the Election Commission (EC).

The EC appoints prominent Indians as national icons to motivate voters to participate in the elections.

The official logo of the Election Commission of India

Constitutional Body overview

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IN BRIEF



Plaques in Santiniketan are temporary, says Viswa-Bharati

The Viswa Bharati University has called 'absolutely wrong and ridiculous' the 'politically motivated' the voices being raised against the placing of two plaques in Santiniketan to mark the heritage area of the campus. The plaques mention Chancellor Narendra Modi and Vice-Chancellor Bidyut Chakrabarty but not founder Rabindranath Tagore, something that detractors term "self-advertisement".

Man allegedly beaten to death over garba contest in Gujarat

A dispute, allegedly over the awarding of prizes at a garba event, has led to the murder of a 40-year-old man in Porbandar, Gujarat. He was reportedly beaten to death by the organisers of a garba function in Gujarat after he argued with them because his 11-year-old daughter said that she was given only one prize despite winning two. According to the FIR, the victim, Sarman was allegedly attacked with sticks and other objects by seven men on Tuesday.

Medical college rejects report of botched blood transfusions

After a media report which quoted a doctor at a State-run Kanpur hospital as saying that 14 children who underwent blood transfusion later tested positive for HIV and Hepatitis viruses, the Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial Medical College on Wednesday rejected the allegations. "Not a single patient has been infected in the last four years through blood transfusions at the medical college or its affiliated hospitals. These blood transfusions occurred elsewhere," said Dr. Sanjay Kalia, principal of the college.

Govt. to hold Hackathon on 5G tech for law enforcement

The government is organising a Hackathon to develop applications and tools that would help law enforcement agencies leverage 5G technology for better policing. The Hackathon would be exploring "360-degree surveillance", "predictive policing" and other topics. Rajesh Kumar, CEO of the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), said that 5G enables faster data transfer and it will help the police make better decisions at a scene of crime.

ISA to release report on global adoption of solar technology in November

The stocktake will also look at ways to broaden manufacturing of solar energy equipment, which is currently concentrated in China; the International Solar Alliance will meet in Delhi this month

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The International Solar Alliance (ISA), a gathering of 116 member countries formed to accelerate the global adoption of solar technology, will for the first time compile and release a 'global solar stocktake report'.

This is inspired by the first ever 'Global Stocktake' of the United Nations Conference of Parties, scheduled to be held in Dubai later this year. Here countries are expected to give an account of the actions taken until now to transition their economies away from fossil fuel and lay out plans to course correct, if their commitments are insufficient to prevent runaway global warming.

The 'solar stocktake' would be released in mid-November, said Ajay Mathur, Director-General, ISA. It would take stock of the progress made by countries. "In 2020, nearly \$300 billion of investment in solar has taken place and around \$380 billion in 2022. However, manufacturing is uneven with most of it concentrated in China.



Green energy: The alliance was formed to accelerate the global adoption of solar technology. (IIS/ICFO)

enter this month. A key focus area for the organisation is expanding solar installations in Africa and to that end the organisation has set up the Global Solar Facility. The aim is to boost the scale of solar investment there and following that expand to West Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

The Global Solar Facility will have three funds: a payment guarantee fund, an insurance fund to mitigate project risks, and an

investment fund for technical assistance.

Solar photovoltaic installations globally touched 1,133 gigawatts (GW) as of 2022, with 191 GW being added in 2022. Nearly a fourth, or about 350 MW, is installed in China, which is not a member of the ISA. China is followed by the United States, member country, at 111 GW. India ranks among the top five countries globally with 62 GW.

"We believe that the ISA has a seminal role to play in energy transition as it is focused only on renewable and solar. India's experience in this regard has been substantial. The rate of growth of renewable energy capacity in our country has been among the highest in the world. We find that among the various renewables, solar energy has the edge. It is much more reliable, it is much more dependable and it is available for more months in a year. For universal energy access, solar energy is the solution," R.K. Singh, Union Minister for Power and Renewable Energy, said.

Modi to attend inauguration of Ram Temple in Ayodhya scheduled for January 22

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that he would attend the inauguration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on January 22.

The office-bearers of the Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi Trust in Ayodhya and other religious leaders invited the Prime Minister. "The foundation stone of the temple was laid by Mr. Modi on August 5, 2020. Expressing happiness on receiving the invitation, Mr. Modi said on Twitter, "I feel very blessed. It is my good fortune that in my lifetime, I will witness this historic occasion."



secretary of the temple trust, said the idol of Lord Ram would be installed in the temple on January 22. The trust plans to invite over 4,000 Hindu religious leaders for the consecration ceremony. In addition to that, 25,000 dignitaries would also participate in the event. "The temple complex — which is being built after the Supreme Court's 2019 order — is spread over 71 acres of land. The area will have the temple on 2.77 acres which is divided into six parts. They are the main sanctum sanctorum (garbh greh) and the five pavilions — gan mandap, rang mandap, arjya mandap, kirtan mandap and prarthna mandap. Once complete, the temple will be 161-foot-tall, with three floors.

To avoid overcrowding in Ayodhya, the temple trust has urged people to avoid visiting the temple in the initial days after the inauguration. They have also asked VIPs to refrain from visiting Ayodhya on the day of the inauguration as this could lead to mismanagement.

Centre approves ₹22,303-cr. subsidy on key fertilizers

Press Trust of India NEW DELHI

The government on Wednesday announced a ₹22,303-crore subsidy on phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the current rabi season, and said the farmers will continue to get key soil nutrient DAP (di-ammonium phosphate) at the old rate of ₹1,350 a bag (50 kg).

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for fixing the nutrient-based subsidy (NBS) rates for the rabi season of 2023-24 (from October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024) on P&K fertilizers.

Rabi boost Briefing spokespersons, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said the Modi government is committed to ensuring adequate availability of fertilizers to farmers at affordable prices. Mr. Thakur said, "We estimate an expenditure of ₹22,303 crore as subsidy on P&K fertilizers for the rabi season."

In India, the Union Cabinet approved a subsidy of ₹38,000 crore on P&K fertilizers for the kharif season of 2023-24.

Similarly, NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus, and po-

Modi govt. will ensure adequate quantity of fertilizers at affordable prices, says Minister.

assium) will be available at the old rate of ₹1,470 per bag and SSP (single super phosphate) at around ₹500 per bag. The MoP (marure of potash) rates will come down to ₹1,655 per bag from ₹1,700 per bag. Mr. Thakur said.

The Cabinet has fixed the NBS rate of nitrogen (N) at ₹47.02 per kg, phosphorus (P) at ₹20.82 per kg, potash (K) at ₹2.38 per kg and sulphur (S) at ₹1.89 per kg.

For the kharif season of 2023-24, the government had a fixed per kg subsidy rate on N at ₹76 per kg, ₹41 per kg on P, ₹15 per kg on K and ₹2.8 per kg on S. Asked about the reduction in per kg subsidy rate of N, P, K and S, Thakur said the international prices of finished products and raw materials have come down largely, but it is still high, and therefore, the government is providing subsidies to maintain the old rate.

He said the fertilizer subsidy stood at nearly ₹2.55 lakh crore in the last fiscal as against around ₹3,000 crore in 2018-19.

Simultaneous polls: Law Commission shares strategy

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Law Commission on Wednesday suggested a road map, which includes proposed changes to the Constitution for holding simultaneous elections, before a high-level committee headed by former cabinet minister Ram Nath Kovind.

The panel has been officially renamed the High Level Committee on One Nation, One Election, a Law Ministry release said. The statement also said the HLC had "noted" the resignation of Congress leader Rajan Choudhury from membership of the committee. Sources indicated that it would be invited again as some aspects are yet to be examined.

In a first, Army gets vertical wind tunnel to train special forces

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

To augment the training infrastructure of special forces and combat free-fallers, the Army has installed its first vertical wind tunnel (VWT) at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS) at Bakhil in Himachal Pradesh. Army chief General Manoj Pandey had inaugurated the facility on Wednesday.

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MOSCOW Russia's Shoigu says Moscow is exhausting Ukrainian Army



Russia claimed on Wednesday that it was exhausting Ukraine's Army, 20 months into a conflict in which neither side has made recent significant gains...

TEHRAN Iran bans 12 actors from working in movies over hijab violations



Iran banned a dozen women actors from working for failing to observe the Islamic republic's strict dress code which includes wearing a headscarf...

BRUSSELS Poland's Tusk meets von der Leyen, vows to 'rebuild' EU ties



Polish Opposition leader Donald Tusk vowed to "rebuild" ties with Brussels as he met EU chief Ursula von der Leyen after claiming victory in an election...

COLOMBO Chinese research vessel arrives in Colombo port for replenishment



Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that Chinese research vessel Shi Yan 6 had arrived at the Colombo port...

Palestinian death toll in West Bank crosses 100

More than 100 Palestinians have been killed across the occupied West Bank since war erupted between Israel and Gaza's Islamist rulers...

World leaders seek pause to fighting to allow aid into Gaza

Leaders worried about conflict spreading across a region key to global energy supplies; Biden and Saudi Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman agree on diplomacy to maintain stability across region

The U.S. and Russia led the international calls for a pause in fighting between Israel and Hamas to allow aid into the besieged Gaza Strip...



Scramble for food: People distribute food at a camp for those displaced at Khan Yunis on the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

trucks with water, food and medicine entered Gaza from Egypt. UN agencies said more than 20 times current deliveries were needed for the narrow coastal strip's 2.3 million people.

Lebanon's Hezbollah holds talks with leaders of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad

Associate Press BEIRUT

The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah group held talks on Wednesday in Beirut with senior Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad figures in a key meeting of three top anti-Israel militant groups amid the war raging in Gaza.

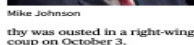


Hezbollah's Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah meets Islamic Jihad's Ziyad al-Nakhhalah and Hamas's Sheikh Saleh al-Arouri.

Hezbollah's Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said an Israeli airstrike hit the international airport in the northern city of Aleppo on Wednesday, damaging its runway and putting it out of service.

Republicans end weeks of gridlock as U.S. House elects new Speaker

Republicans finally rallied behind a new standard-bearer on Wednesday as the U.S. House of Representatives elected its 56th Speaker...

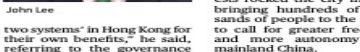


Mike Johnson

'Hong Kong will have own national security law in 2024'

Agence France-Presse HONG KONG

Hong Kong leader John Lee said on Wednesday the semi-autonomous city would create its own national security law in 2024, four years after Beijing imposed sweeping legislation aimed at silencing dissent.



John Lee

Japan's top court rules in favour of transgender people

Japan's Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that a law requiring transgender people to undergo sterilisation surgery in order to officially change their gender is unconstitutional.



Partial victory: A 2003 law mandating sterilisation surgery in order to officially change gender in Japan was declared unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the high court to further examine the requirements for gender-affirmation surgery.

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Associated Press

TOKYO

Japan's Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that a law requiring transgender people to undergo sterilisation surgery in order to officially change their gender is unconstitutional.

The decision by the top court's 15-judge Grand Bench was its first on the constitutionality of Japan's 2003 law requiring the removal of sex organs for a state-recognised gender change.

The decision, which requires the government to re-



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consider the law, is a first step toward allowing transgender people to change their identi-

ty in official documents without getting sterilised. But it was not a full victory because

the Supreme Court sent the case back to the high court to further examine the requirement for gender-affirmation surgery.

The decision comes at a time of heightened awareness of issues surrounding LGBTQ+ people in Japan and is a partial victory for that community.

The judges unanimously ruled that the part of the law requiring sterilisation for a gender change is unconstitutional, according to the court document and the claimant's lawyers. But the top court ordered the case to be sent back

to the high court for further review of the requirement for gender-affirmation surgery – a decision the claimant's lawyers said was regrettable because it delays the settlement of the issue.

Under the law, transgender people who want to have their gender assigned at birth changed on family registries and other official documents must be diagnosed as having gender dysmorphia and undergo an operation to remove their sex organs.

Other requirements are that they are unmarried and do not have children.

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LIGHTNING

Maxwell breaks Markram's mark, scores fastest World Cup hundred



R.V. MOORTHY

Glenn Maxwell scored the fastest hundred in the World Cup, reaching the landmark off just 40 balls against The Netherlands in New Delhi on Wednesday. The Australian eclipsed South African Aiden Markram's effort, that came off 49 balls versus Sri Lanka, which was also achieved in this edition.

Fastest hundreds



Runs	Balls	6s	4s	Player	Match	Venue	Date
149	31	16	9	AB de Villiers	South Africa v West Indies	Johannesburg	18/01/2015
131*	36	14	6	CJ Anderson	New Zealand v West Indies	Queenstown	01/01/2014
102	37	11	6	Shahid Afridi	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	Nairobi	04/10/1996
106	40	8	9	Glenn Maxwell	Australia v Netherlands	Delhi	25/10/2023
101*	41	11	4	Asif Khan	UAE v Nepal	Kirtipur	16/03/2023
147*	44	10	8	MV Boucher	South Africa v Zimbabwe	Potchefstroom	20/09/2006
117	45	4	18	BC Lara	West Indies v Bangladesh	Dhaka	09/10/1999
102	45	9	10	Shahid Afridi	Pakistan v India	Kanpur	15/04/2005
104	46	5	12	JD Ryder	New Zealand v West Indies	Queenstown	01/01/2014

Records for T20I Matches

Fastest hundreds



Player	Balls	Match	Venue	Date
Kushal Malla	34	Nepal v Mongolia	Hangzhou	27/09/2023
DA Miller	35	South Africa v Bangladesh	Potchefstroom	29/10/2017
RG Sharma	35	India v Sri Lanka	Indore	22/12/2017
S Wickramasekara	35	Czech Republic v Turkey	Ilfov County	30/08/2019
S Periyalwar	39	Romania v Turkey	Ilfov County	29/08/2019
Zeeshan Kukikhel	39	Hungary v Austria	Lower Austria	05/06/2022
Johnson Charles	39	West Indies v South Africa	Centurion	26/03/2023
K Kadowaki-Fleming	40	Japan v South Korea	Sano	15/10/2022

Records for Test Matches

Fastest Hundreds (by balls faced)



Balls	Player	Match	Location	Season
54	BB McCullum	New Zealand v Australia	Christchurch	2015/16
56	IVA Richards	West Indies v England	St John's	1985/86
56	Misbah-ul-Haq	Pakistan v Australia	Abu Dhabi	2014/15
57	AC Gilchrist	Australia v England	Perth	2006/07
67	JM Gregory	Australia v South Africa	Johannesburg	1921/22
69	S Chanderpaul	West Indies v Australia	Georgetown	2002/03
69	DA Warner	Australia v India	Perth	2011/12
70	CH Gayle	West Indies v Australia	Perth	2009/10
71	RC Fredericks	West Indies v Australia	Perth	1975/76

Antil and Gurjar win javelin golds with WR efforts

Dhama, Rakshitha, Haney and Nimisha also take home the yellow metal on a profitable day in athletics; India now has 64 medals including 15 gold and 20 silver



Double delight: Sumit Antil and Sundar Singh Gurjar took the honours with a new mark. SAI

MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AFTER EXPRESS REPORT FLAGGED HOW BMC TOOK EYE OFF WASTE MOUNTAIN

Mumbai civic body bans garbage burning in the open, sends notices to 6,000 construction sites

PRATIPACHARYA MUMBAI, OCTOBER 25

ON the day The Indian Express published a report on how Mumbai's civic body took its eyes off the garbage dumping and its burning, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation ordered a complete ban on burning of garbage in the open...



Burning trash, choking air: How Mumbai civic agencies took their eyes off waste mountain



The Indian Express report on Wednesday highlighted how garbage burning continues due to the civic body's inaction

At a press conference Wednesday, Kesarkar also said the BMC is putting in place a process to soon start segregation of waste — extraction of pollutants from the garbage — at its two landfills in Deonar and Kanjurmargin.

The new set of guidelines to mitigate air pollution announced by the BMC said, "There shall be complete ban on open burning anywhere in the geographical area under BMC, especially garbage dumping grounds and possibilities of trash burning."

ACROSS 52 DISTRICTS

On UP govt radar, 200 ailing health centres: missing infra, dodgy finance

80% commissioned before Yogi govt came to power, SIT set up in many cases



53-year-old 'ward boy' Jharkhande Yadav at Kandharapur primary health centre in Azamgarh district. Vishal Srivastava

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DHEERAJ MISHRA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

FROM A building with no doors and windows to one where stairs are missing, projects whose finances are under a cloud, where construction work is abandoned because the agency has lost interest. These are some of the key reasons why more than 200 community health centres (CHCs) and primary health centres (PHCs) in 52 Uttar Pradesh districts are stuck, some from as far back as 2005, information accessed by The Indian Express under the Right to Information Act shows.

Working to finish projects in a timely manner: health minister

DHEERAJ MISHRA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

UTTAR PRADESH Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who also holds the health portfolio, has told The Indian Express that the state government is cognizant of alleged financial irregularities in some under-construction primary health centres (PHCs), and community health centres (CHCs), and action has already been initiated.

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JAYPRAKASH NAIDU RAIPUR, OCTOBER 25

EVERY ELECTION throws up the challenge of Abujhmad, an almost impenetrable forest region whose name stands for "unknown hills", holding within it the last of the Maoist bastions in the country. Located in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been insisting the BJP government has almost tackled the Maoist threat, but on the ground, officials are on their toes as the five state Assembly elections kick off with voting here as part of Chhattisgarh's first phase on November 7.



'I FEEL VERY BLESSED'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets office-bearers of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust in Delhi on Wednesday. In a post on X, the Prime Minister said they invited him to Ayodhya for the Ram Temple idol consecration ceremony. "I feel very blessed," he posted.

Law Commission meets Kovind committee on one-nation, one-poll

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

THE LAW Commission, chaired by Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi (retired), on Wednesday made a presentation to the high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind on its "suggestions and viewpoints" regarding simultaneous elections. The second meeting of the committee on Wednesday was attended by all the members — Kovind, Home Minister Amit Shah, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, former Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Chhannu Nishi Azad, 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh, former Lok Sabha Secretary General Subhash C Kashyap, senior advocate Harish Sahe and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kotliar. The committee was set up on September 2 to "examine and make recommendations for holding simultaneous elections" to Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies.

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Contours of joint theatre commands ready await Govt nod before tweaks

One each for Pak, China frontiers, third for threat via sea; early talks on a fourth



The proposed national defence committee is likely to be headed by the Defence Minister. ite

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

THE ARMED Forces have narrowed down the final contours of the integrated theatre commands with a proposal for theatre commanders under a national defence committee likely to be headed by the Defence Minister, top officials have told The Indian Express.

Month after services suspended, Indian visas down, restores some visa services in Canada

Visa services for categories such as entry, business, medical, conference resume today, but not tourists



A file photo of S Jaishankar with Canada Foreign Minister Melanie Joly

SHUHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

A MONTH after it suspended Indian visa services in Canada and asked Ottawa to reduce its diplomatic presence in India following the diplomatic firestorm over Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation of a potential Indian link to the killing of a Canada-based Khalistan separatist, Delhi moved to reduce tensions between the two countries by restoring visa services in some categories with effect Thursday.

Citing absence, Bihar schools strike 20 lakh off rolls; 1.5 lakh may miss Boards

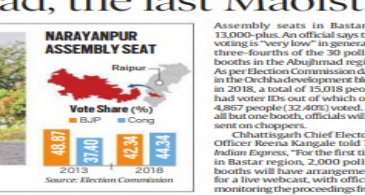
SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, OCTOBER 25

BIHAR GOVERNMENT schools have struck off the names of more than 20 lakh students from their rolls for remaining absent, with more than 1.5 lakh at risk of missing their Board exams. Officials said the move is aimed at making sure government resources are efficiently utilised and benefits reach deserving students. It is also aimed at streamlining the day-meal scheme, and ensuring that school managements don't face the presence of students during mid-term, official said.

Why all eyes are on lone seat in Abujhmad, the last Maoist fortress

Assembly seats in Bastar is 13,000-plus. An official says that voting is "very low" in general at three-fourths of the 20 polling booths in the Abujhmad region. In the Election Commission data, in the Dakhshadeshpur block in 2018, the total of 2018 people had voter IDs out of which only 4,867 people (32.40%) voted. For all four blocks, officials will be sent on choppers. Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer Renua Kangale told The Indian Express, "For the first time in Bastar region, 2,000 polling booths will have arrangements for a live webcam, with officials monitoring the proceedings from the control room. Overall, 12,000 polling booths in Chhattisgarh will have live webcasting. However, the facility will not be available in Abujhmad. In 2018, the Dakhshadeshpur block in Abujhmad saw 74,885 turnout among the lowest of 2018 people only around 32,400 turning up, less than half of the state's average of 76.45%. Narayanpur block, overall, saw 74,885 turnout. Every vote-nominee will be the parties as... in 2018, Chandan Dhanraj was the first time defeated two-time minister and three-time MLA Kedar Kashyap of the BJP by a margin, with officials CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

NARAYANPUR ASSEMBLY SEAT



CUBISM

On Pablo Picasso's birth anniversary, a look at the revolutionary visual art movement he pioneered

ALIND CHAUHAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 25

OCTOBER 25 marks the 142nd birth anniversary of the renowned Spanish artist Pablo Picasso (1881-1973). In partnership with French painter George Braque (1882-1963), Picasso pioneered Cubism, a revolutionary visual art movement that began in 1907.

What is Cubism?

The name 'cubism' seems to be derived from a snide comment by French artist Henri Matisse (1869-1954), who called one of Braque's paintings "a picture made up of small cubes".

Unlike its predecessors, Cubism involved artists seeing an object not from a single viewpoint but from every conceivable angle. It was the rejection of the traditional approach to making art, where



Pablo Picasso's painting *Girl with a Mandolin* (Fanny Tellier), created in 1910.

Wikimedia Commons

By doing this, Picasso and Braque thought their art would invoke "a much stronger feeling of recognition" about the box or any other subject that artists might create.

Cubism was meant to make people pay more attention to everyday objects that were usually overlooked and present a more precise representation of how people actually perceive an object.

Pablo Picasso



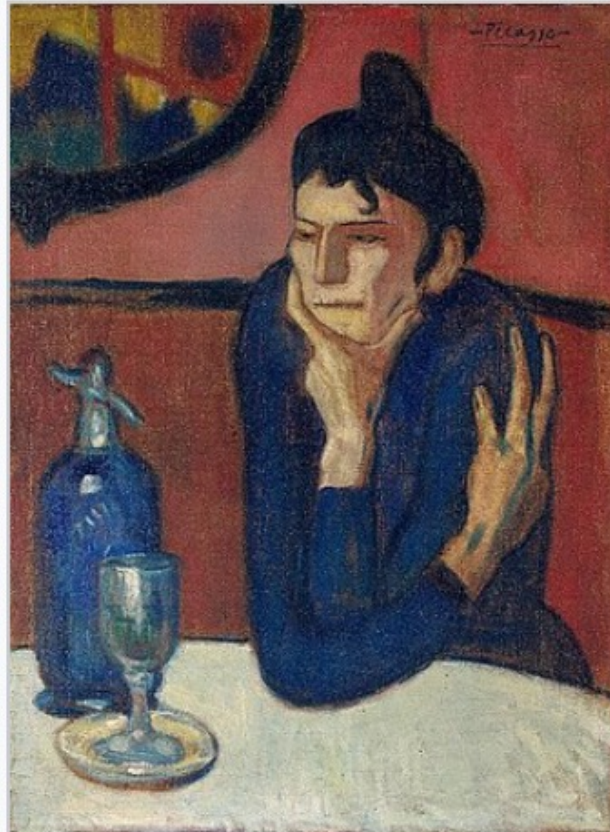
Picasso in 1908

Born	<div>Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso^[1]</div> <div>25 October 1881</div> <div>Málaga, Kingdom of Spain</div>
Died	<div>8 April 1973 (aged 91)</div> <div>Mougins, France</div>
Resting place	<div>Château of Vauvenargues</div> <div>43.554142°N 5.604438°E﻿ / ﻿43.554142°N 5.604438°E</div>
Education	<div>Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando</div>
Years active	<div>1897–1973</div>
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Movement	<div>Cubism, Surrealism</div>
Spouses	<div>Olga Khokhlova (m. 1918; died 1955)</div> <div>Jacqueline Roque (m. 1961)</div>
Partners	<div>Fernande Olivier (1905–1912)</div> <div>Eva Gouel (1912–1915)</div> <div>Gabrielle Depeyre (1915–1916)</div> <div>Irène Lagut (1916–1917)</div> <div>Marie-Thérèse Walter (1927–1935)</div> <div>Dora Maar (1935–1943)</div> <div>Françoise Gilot (1943–1953)</div>
Children	<div>Paulo Picasso</div> <div>Maya Widmaier-Picasso</div> <div>Claude Picasso</div> <div>Paloma Picasso</div>
Family	<div>José Ruiz y Blasco (father)</div> <div>Marina Picasso (granddaughter)</div> <div>Bernard Ruiz-Picasso (grandson)</div>
Awards	<div>Lenin Peace Prize</div>



Pablo Picasso, 1901, *Old Woman (Woman with Gloves)*, oil on cardboard, 67 x 52.1 cm, [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#)



Pablo Picasso, 1901–02, *Femme au café (Absinthe Drinker)*, oil on canvas, 73 x 54 cm, [Hermitage Museum](#)

CHINA LAUNCHES NEW MISSILE SUBMARINE: WHY THIS IS SIGNIFICANT

CHINA HAS launched its first nuclear-powered guided missile submarines, according to a recent report by the Pentagon. This gives it land and sea attack options, once the sole province of the US and Russia.

The Pentagon report, published October 20, marks the first apparent confirmation that modified submarines seen in Chinese shipyards over the last 18 months are Type 093B guided missile submarines.

Previously, satellite images from northeast China's Huludao shipyard in May 2022 had shown a new or upgraded class of submarine, possibly with vertical tubes for launching cruise missiles.

Threat to aircraft carriers

Known as SSGNs, conventionally armed missile submarines were first de-

veloped by the Soviet Union during the Cold War to target US aircraft carriers with cruise missiles — long-range, precision weapons that are jet-propelled at subsonic speeds throughout their flights.

Unlike ballistic missiles, which are rocket propelled only in the initial phases of their flight, cruise missiles fly at low altitudes, skimming the surface of the sea and thus avoiding radar detection.

Singapore-based security scholar Collin Koh said the SSGNs were an important new capability for the Chinese navy which “potentially allows them to carry out saturated land and anti-ship attacks” from a far greater range than before.

Three new Chinese SSGNs could be operational by next year, as part of a wider expansion of China's submarine fleet amidst recent escalation of tensions with the US.

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10 Indian institutes in top 250, IIM-B best in country: QS rankings

THE INDIAN INSTITUTE of Management (IIM) Bangalore is the top B school in India and has ranked 48th in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings (WUR) 2024 for Global MBA and Business Master's.

The Stanford GSB's MBA has topped the list while The Wharton School and the Harvard Business School have been placed in the second and third positions. As many as 10 Indian MBA colleges are among the top 250 institutes in Asia.

The QS World University Rankings were released on Wednesday for the MBA programmes. In the QS Global Full-Time MBA Rankings 2024, IIM Bangalore has improved its rank from 50th in 2023 to 48th in 2024. IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Calcutta have been ranked 53rd and 59th, respectively.

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As many as two Indian MBA institutes are among the world's 50 best for employability. IIM Bangalore is placed 39th globally and fourth in Asia, followed by IIM Calcutta in 46th, ranking seventh in Asia. IIM Ahmedabad and Indian School of Business are placed in the top 50 for QS' entrepreneurship and alumni outcomes indicator. While IIM Ahmedabad is ranked 33rd, second in Asia, the Indian School of Business has been ranked 43rd, the fifth best in Asia.

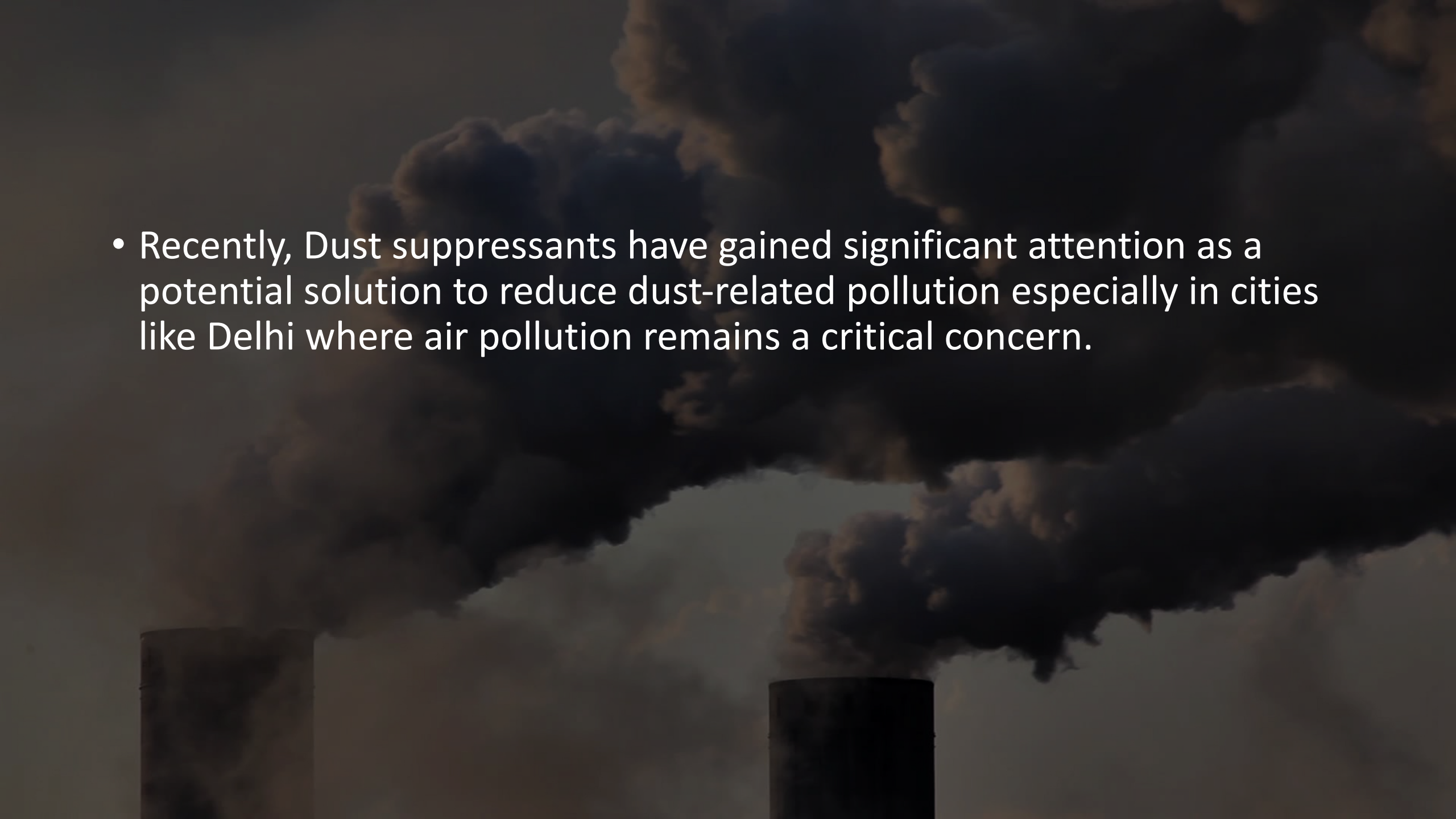
IIM Bangalore is the only Indian MBA among the top 50 for return on investment, in which it is placed in the 31st rank. It is also the national leader for thought leadership, but does not find place among the top 50, ranking 57th overall.

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DESK

The image shows two industrial smokestacks at the bottom, emitting thick, dark plumes of smoke that rise and spread across the sky. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, some of which are illuminated from the side, giving them a golden or orange hue. The overall scene depicts a significant source of air pollution.

Role of Dust Suppressants in Mitigating Air Pollution



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- Recently, Dust suppressants have gained significant attention as a potential solution to reduce dust-related pollution especially in cities like Delhi where air pollution remains a critical concern.

A daisy flower with white petals and a yellow center is growing out of a crack in a dark asphalt surface. The background is a blurred, dark asphalt road.

- **About:**

- Dust suppressants are typically composed of calcium or magnesium salts, which are mixed with water and then sprayed on roads.
- This mixture effectively suppresses dust, providing longer-lasting relief from particulate matter in the air.



Efficacy:



The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) study indicated that the application of dust suppressants, when mixed with water, is more effective at controlling pollution than traditional methods, such as water spraying.

- The study observed up to a 30% reduction in dust concentration (including PM10, PM2.5, and PM1) for construction sites and roads following the use of dust suppressants.
- In 2019, the CPCB recommended the use of dust suppressants on excavated earth surfaces, construction and demolition waste piles, and access roads in construction areas.

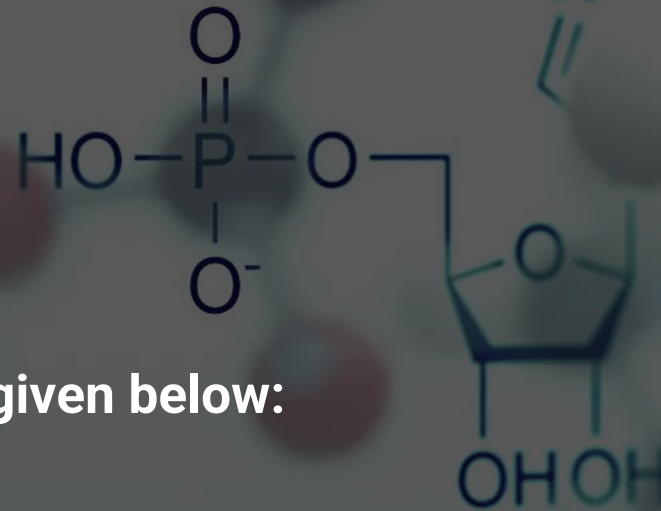


- In the cities of our country, which among the following atmospheric gases are normally considered in calculating the value of the Air Quality Index? (2016)

1. Carbon dioxide
2. Carbon monoxide
3. Nitrogen dioxide
4. Sulfur dioxide
5. Methane

- **Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5





Marsquake

Recently, scientists have revealed the causes of the **largest recorded marsquake**.

This finding holds scientific importance and carries **implications for forthcoming Mars exploration** by providing fresh insights into the **geology and seismic events of the Red Planet**.

- What are the Recent Findings Related to Marsquake?
- Space agencies like **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), European Space Agency, China National Space Administration, and the UAE Space Agency** collaborated on a groundbreaking project to search for a crater on Mars.

The search found **no impact crater**, leading to the conclusion that the **marsquake resulted from internal tectonic forces**, indicating increased seismic activity.

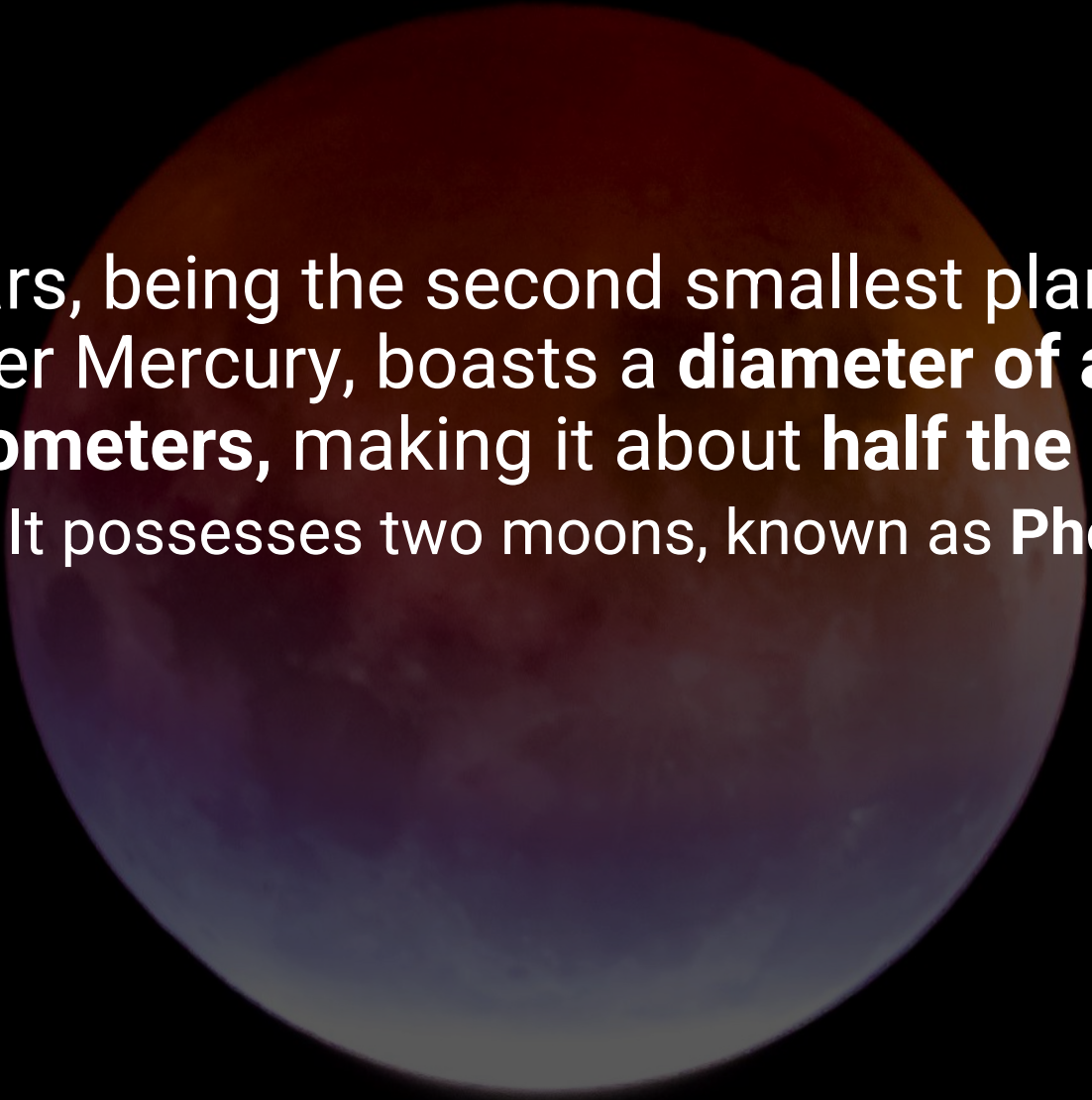
This discovery has implications for future Mars exploration, aiding in the identification of **safe landing sites** and areas to avoid for astronauts.

What are the Major Facts Related to Mars?

Mars, the **fourth planet from the Sun**, takes its name from the Roman God of war.

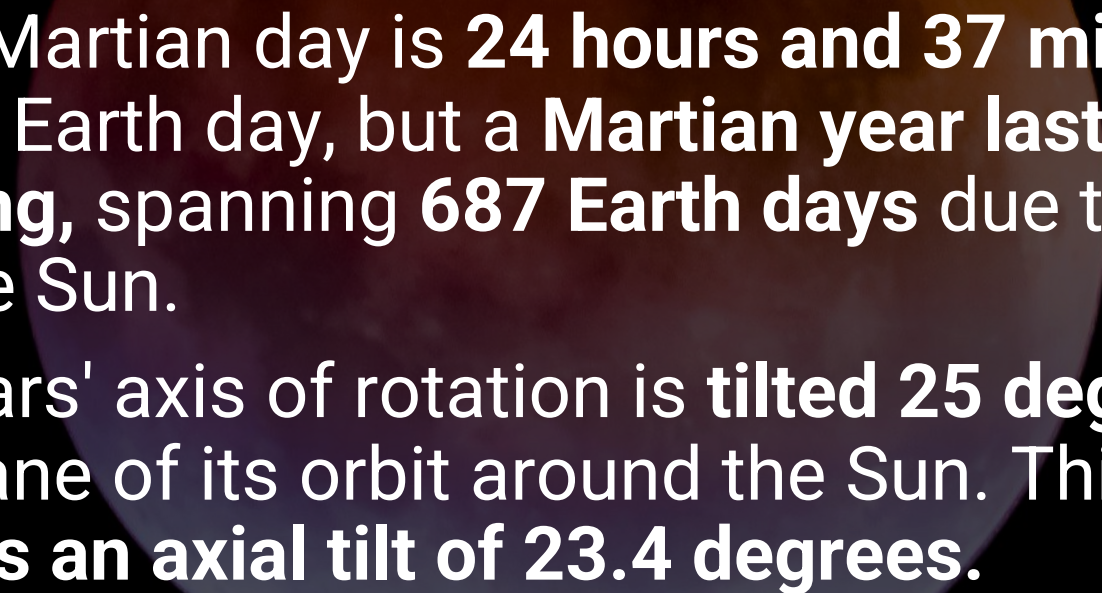
It is often referred to as the "**Red Planet**" due to its **distinctive reddish appearance**.

This reddish coloration is primarily attributed to the **presence of a significant amount of iron oxide, commonly known as rust**, in its surface rocks and soil.

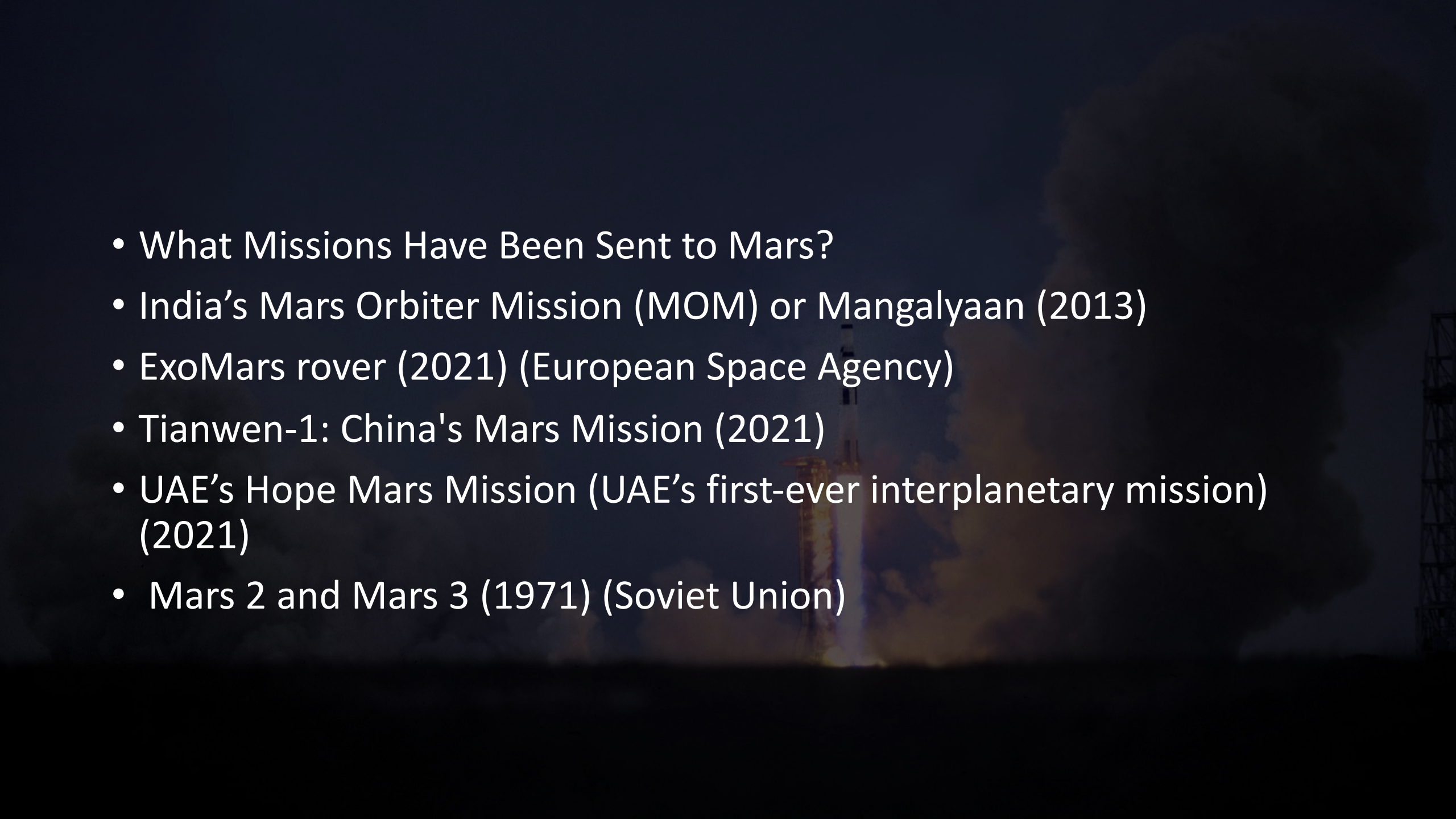
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- Mars, being the second smallest planet in our solar system after Mercury, boasts a **diameter of approximately 6,791 kilometers**, making it about **half the size of Earth**.
 - It possesses two moons, known as **Phobos and Deimos**.

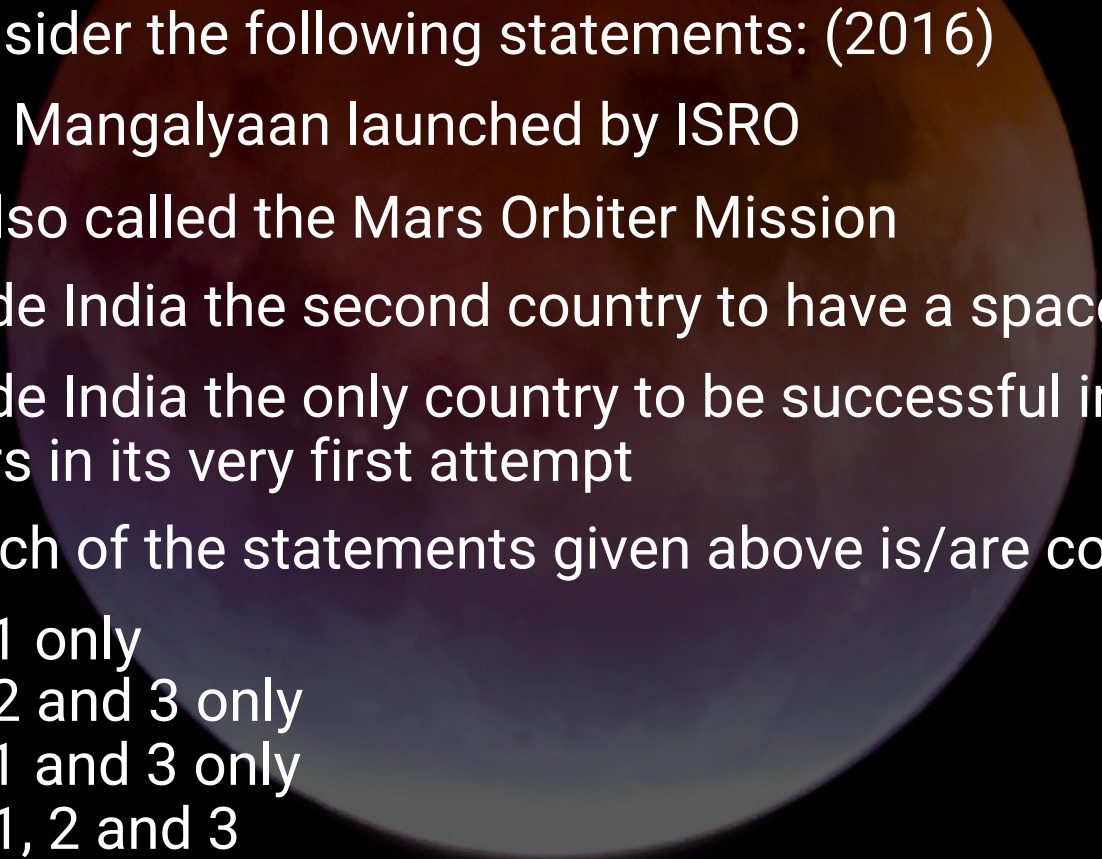
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- The planet experiences **extreme cold**, with **equatorial temperatures reaching 20°C** and **polar regions plunging as low as -140°C** due to its greater distance from the sun.
 - Mars is home to **Olympus Mons**, the **tallest volcano in our solar system**, roughly three times the height of Mount Everest.

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- A Martian day is **24 hours and 37 minutes**, slightly longer than an Earth day, but a **Martian year lasts nearly twice as long**, spanning **687 Earth days** due to its extended orbit around the Sun.
 - Mars' axis of rotation is **tilted 25 degrees** with respect to the plane of its orbit around the Sun. This is similar to Earth, **which has an axial tilt of 23.4 degrees.**

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- What Missions Have Been Sent to Mars?
 - India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) or Mangalyaan (2013)
 - ExoMars rover (2021) (European Space Agency)
 - Tianwen-1: China's Mars Mission (2021)
 - UAE's Hope Mars Mission (UAE's first-ever interplanetary mission) (2021)
 - Mars 2 and Mars 3 (1971) (Soviet Union)

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- Consider the following statements: (2016)
 - The Mangalyaan launched by ISRO
 1. is also called the Mars Orbiter Mission
 2. made India the second country to have a spacecraft orbit the Mars after USA
 3. made India the only country to be successful in making its spacecraft orbit the Mars in its very first attempt
 - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
 - (a) 1 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3

The background features a complex, abstract pattern of purple and yellow dots and lines on a black field. The dots are arranged in various clusters and lines, creating a sense of movement and connectivity. The lines are thin and wavy, weaving through the dots. The overall effect is a vibrant, digital-looking aesthetic.

ICT Labs for PM Shri Schools



Information and Communication Technology (ICT) labs and Smart Classrooms for PM Shri schools are to be introduced in Haryana for adopting modern technology in the classrooms which will enhance the quality of education and provide a better learning experience to the students.



ICT labs and Smart Classrooms bridge urban-rural digital gap, providing equal education opportunities.

PM Shri is a centrally sponsored scheme for upgradation and development of more than 14500 Schools across the country which aims at strengthening the selected existing schools from amongst schools managed by Central Government/ State/UT Government/ local bodies.

It will showcase all components of the National Education Policy 2020 and act as exemplar schools and also offer mentorship to other schools in their vicinity.

Strike for Gender Equality : IE



- Iceland, known for its gender equality, witnessed a one-day strike by women, including Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdóttir, to protest gender discrimination.
- Despite topping global gender gap rankings for 14 consecutive years, two major issues persist:
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- Gender pay gap, where women earn 21% less than men in some professions
 - Gender-based violence affects over 40% of women
 - The goal is to **challenge societal mindsets that perpetuate these inequalities**. In 1975, Iceland's women staged their first strike, **leading to a law granting equal rights regardless** of gender a year later.

Purple economy
Source: Business Line

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- A blue award ribbon with a gold laurel wreath emblem is visible in the background, partially obscured by the text.
- **Shanti Raghavan, the recipient of the Business Line Changemakers Award in 2020, leads the organization EnAble India.**
 - **They are working on creating a ‘purple economy,’ which promotes disability inclusion and job opportunities on a large scale**



- **What is the Care Economy?**

- It refers to the economic activities related to providing **care and support services**, often in **healthcare, childcare, elderly care, and other areas** aimed at improving people's well-being. It encompasses both **paid and unpaid care work** and is a critical aspect of social and economic development.

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- **What is Purple Economy?**

- The purple economy is an **economic order that focuses on the sustainability of caring labour**. It's an **alternative vision that complements the green economy**. The purple economy aims to:

1. **Organize the system around the sustainability of caring labour**

Address

Address the inequalities created by the disproportionate reliance on women's unpaid and underpaid labour

Contribute

Contribute to sustainable development by promoting the cultural potential of goods and services

Contribute

Contribute to a richer and more diverse cultural environment



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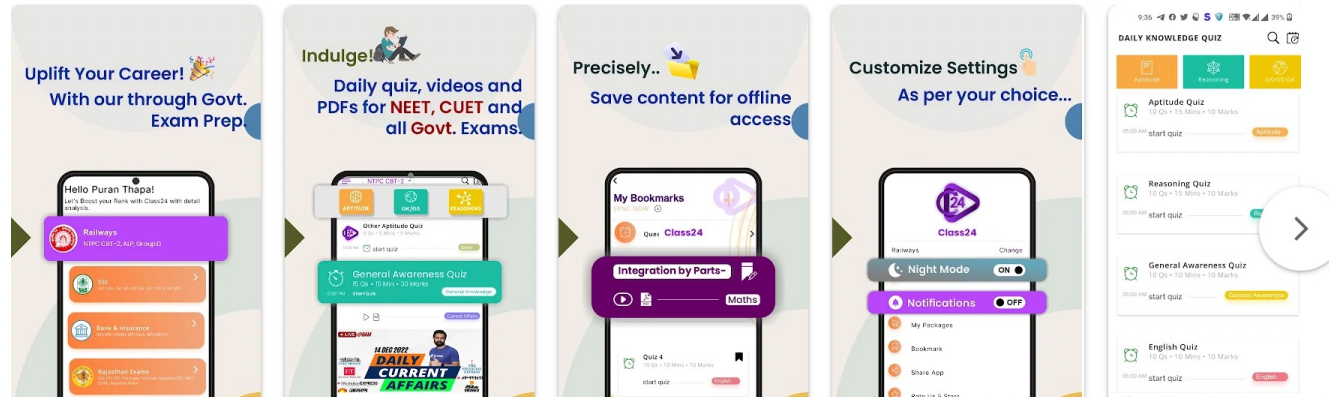
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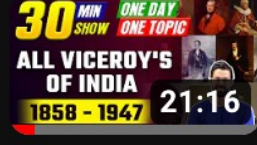
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