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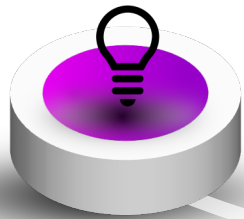


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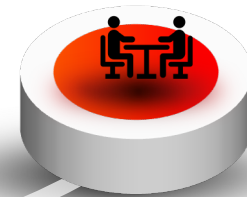


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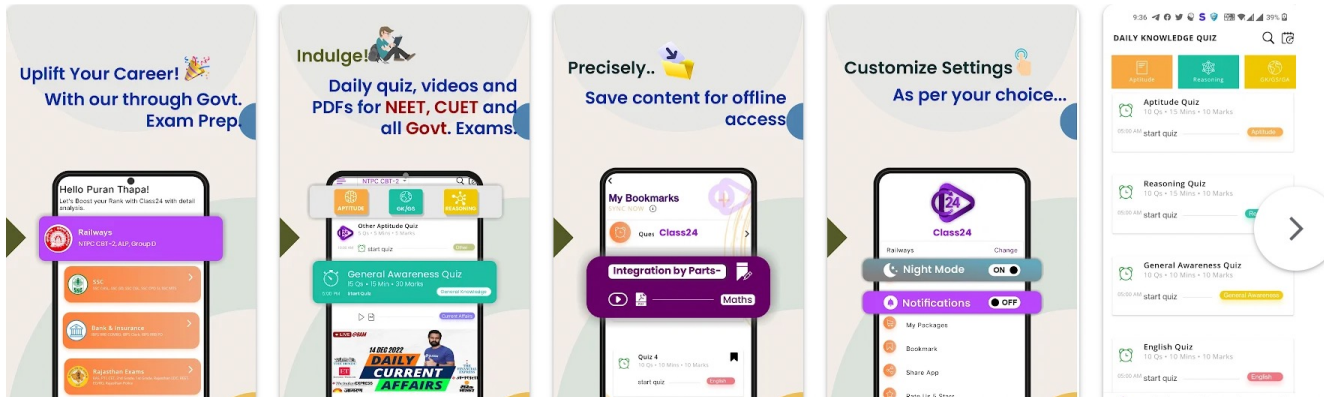
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**You don't  
have to be great  
to start,  
but you have to  
start to be great.**











## Tendulkar and Murali lead 'One Day for Children' event

**MUMBAI:** UNICEF's South Asia Regional Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar, along with Muttiah Muralitharan, led a day for children and called for gender equality during the India-Sri Lanka match in Mumbai on Thursday. The 'One Day for Children' is a milestone event under the ICC-UNICEF partnership to support children's issues and causes during the World Cup. During the second innings of the match, Tendulkar and Muralitharan pressed a button which lit up the 32,000 strong Wankhede Stadium in UNICEF's iconic cyan blue colour, as part of a long-standing partnership between UNICEF and the ICC.







## RESERVES VERDICT ON ELECTORAL BOND SCHEME

# Difficult to accept voter has no right to know source of funding: SC to Govt

Flags 'serious deficiencies' in existing scheme, asks EC to submit in 2 weeks details of all contributions via poll bonds

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN G**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

RESERVING ITS judgment on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Electoral Bond Scheme-2018, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court said Thursday it is "slightly difficult to accept" the government's contention that voters do not have the right to know the source of funding of political parties.

The Bench, presided by Chief

Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and comprising Justices Sanjeev Khanna, B R Gavai, J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, suggested that a better poll bond scheme can be formulated taking care of the "serious deficiencies" in the present scheme.

It directed the Election Commission of India to submit in two weeks the details of contributions received by political parties by way of electoral bonds until September 30, 2023.

"Why not make everything open?... As it is, everyone knows

about it (donation through electoral bond). The party knows about it. The only person who is deprived is the voter. Your contention that voters do not have the right to know, after the number of decisions of this court, is slightly difficult to accept," Justice Khanna said.

He made these remarks as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, submitted that under the 2018 scheme, the party which receives the funds via bonds

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Six years in limbo to six sessions over three days

**APURVA VISHWANATH**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

IN THE six years since the first petition challenging the electoral bonds scheme was filed, six Chief Justices of India took office and twice — in 2019 and 2021 — the Supreme Court declined to stay the legislation.

"All that we would like to state for the present is that the rival contentions give rise to

weighty issues which have a tremendous bearing on the sanctity of the electoral process in the country. Such weighty issues would require an in-depth hearing which cannot be concluded and the issues answered within the limited time that is available before the process of funding through the Electoral Bonds comes to

a closure, as per the schedule noted earlier," the Supreme

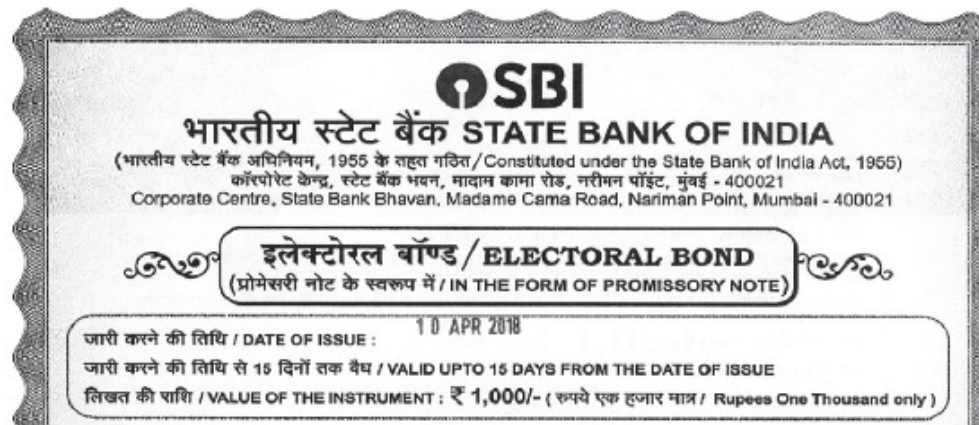
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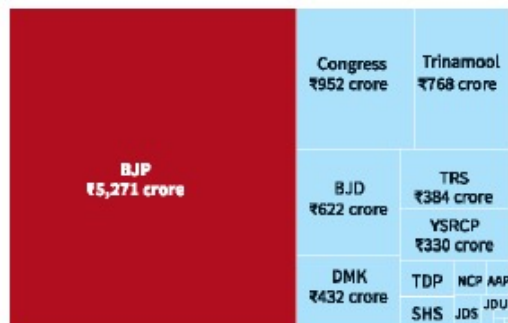
The data for the tables and chart were sourced from various annual reports published by the Association for Democratic Reforms



**Table 1:** The chart shows the income of national parties from known and unknown sources. It also shows their share in the total income of parties

Figures in ₹ crore, unless otherwise mentioned	NATIONAL PARTIES		BJP		CONGRESS	
	2014-15 to 2016-17	2018-19 to 2021-22	2014-15 to 2016-17	2018-19 to 2021-22	2014-15 to 2016-17	2018-19 to 2021-22
Total known income from donations for national parties (A)	1,314	3,340	1,046	2,620	204	458
Total unknown income for national parties (B)	2,550	8,489	1,431	5,516	757	1,823
Total income without other known sources (C)	3,864	11,829	2,477	8,136	961	2,280
Total income from electoral bonds (D)	0	6,841	0	5,062	0	947
% of known income (A/C)	34%	28%	42%	32%	21%	20%
% of unknown income (B/C)	66%	72%	58%	68%	79%	80%
Electoral bonds income as a % of total income (D/C)	0%	58%	0%	62%	0%	42%
Electoral bonds income as a % of unknown income (D/B)	0%	81%	0%	92%	0%	52%

**Chart 2:** The chart shows the party-wise income from electoral bonds in the past five years (in ₹ crore)



**Table 3:** The table shows the breakdown of the different unknown income sources for national parties in ₹ crore

Years	Electoral bonds	Voluntary contributions (< ₹ 20,000)	Coupon sales	Other unknown sources of income
2021-22	1,812	199	147	13
2020-21	74	171	170	12
2019-20	2,994	194	177	12
2018-19	1,961	217	329	6
2016-17	0	581	124	6
2015-16	0	514	173	21
2014-15	0	649	350	131

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# Developing countries need at least 10 times more funds for climate adaptation: UN report

AMITABH SINHA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 2

DESPITE RAPIDLY increasing climate risks, which necessitate greater efforts to adapt, the money being made available to developing countries for adaptation measures has been declining and is nowhere close to the scale of requirement, a new UN report has revealed.

In 2021, just about USD 21 billion flowed to developing countries for adaptation projects, which was down about 15% from the previous years. However, a fresh assessment of the requirements show that developing countries, together, need at least USD 215 billion every year this decade to carry out meaningful adaptation work, the latest edition of Adaptation Gap Report, released by UN Environment Programme, says.

The Adaptation Gap Report is an annual publication from UNEP, released just ahead of the year-ending climate change conference, and presents the global situation of adaptation to climate change. This year's report focuses on adaptation finance.

Adaptation is crucial to saving lives and ecosystems, especially in

EXPLAINED

**E** How gap in adaptation is assessed

THE ADAPTATION Gap Report assessed the current need for adaptation finance in two ways. It put together all the requirements put forward by the developing countries and that came to USD 387 billion every year this decade. Separately, it did a modelling exercise of the kind of adaptation that was required and the money needed for it. That exercise yielded a sum of USD 215 billion every year in this decade.

developing and most vulnerable countries with low resilience. Depending on their specific needs, countries have been taking a range of adaptation measures. These can be in the form of strengthening of coastlines, or building of sea walls, especially in island countries, experiments with newer temperature-resistant food crops, creation of climate-resilient infrastructure, securing sources of water, and a

whole lot of other efforts that help the local populations cope better with rising temperatures.

All these efforts require money. Under the international climate change architecture, developed countries are mandated to provide money, and technology, to help the developing countries adapt to climate change. Developing countries can do whatever they can with their own resources, but are entitled to seek international financial help.

Most developing countries have listed their adaptation requirements in their climate action plans, called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The NDCs seek to document every country's 'contribution' to the fight against climate change.

"The adaptation finance gap – that is the difference between estimated adaptation financing needs and costs (USD 215 billion to USD 387 billion) and (existing) finance flows (USD 21.3 billion) – has grown. The adaptation gap is likely 10-18 times as great as current international adaptation finance flows – at least 50% higher than previous range estimates," the report says.

Efforts are being made to increase the finance flows, not just

for adaptation, but for all other kinds of climate needs, together called climate finance. Developed countries had promised in 2009 to mobilise at least USD 100 billion in climate finance every year from 2020 but even three years after the deadline, that amount has not been realised. The need for climate finance, meanwhile, has skyrocketed and is now assessed to be in trillions of dollars every year.

At the Glasgow climate conference in 2021, the developed countries had committed themselves to double the money for adaptation. Separately, there is also an agreement that a new climate financing goal, over and above USD 100 billion every year, would be set by 2025.

But the report suggests that the current ambition on raising climate finance would not be enough. "While the doubling of adaptation finance by 2025 and the new collective quantified goal for 2030 that is under deliberation will be instrumental in helping to close this finance gap, the increase in international public finance alone is unlikely to close it. For example, achieving the goal of doubling adaptation finance (by 2025) would only reduce the gap by 5% to 10%," the report says.



## THE ELITE DONOR'S CLUB

India's top ten philanthropists together donated ₹5,806 crore in FY23, witnessing a 91% jump from ₹3,034 crore in FY22. The culture of giving got a boost with 25 philanthropists debuting in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023.

### TOP 5 PHILANTHROPISTS \*

#### SHIV NADAR

founder & chairman emeritus,  
HCL Technologies

**₹2,042cr**

Primary cause: Arts, Culture & Heritage



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**AZIM PREMJI,**  
former chairman,  
Wipro



**₹1,774cr**

Cause: Education

**MUKESH AMBANI,**  
chairman,  
Reliance Industries



**₹376cr**

Cause: Healthcare

**KUMAR M BIRLA,**  
chairman, Aditya  
Birla Group



**₹287cr**

Cause: Education

**GAUTAM ADANI,**  
chairman,  
Adani Group



**₹285cr**

Cause: Education

\*with their respective families

AS INDIA'S RICHEST individuals get richer this

## INDIA'S 3 MOST GENEROUS WOMEN

**ROHINI NILEKANI**, founder,  
Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies



**₹170cr**

**Cause:**  
Ecosystem  
Building

**ANU AGA**,  
former chairperson, Thermax



**₹23cr**

**Cause:**  
Education

**LEENA GANDHI TEWARI**,  
Chairperson, USV



**₹23cr**

**Cause:**  
Healthcare

**AS INDIA'S RICHEST** individuals got richer this year, they also became more generous. The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023 enumerates 119 individuals who donated more than ₹5 crore expanded to 119 against 108 individuals. They together donated ₹8,445 crore – up by 59% compared to last year and 200% compared to three years ago. Twenty-four individuals in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023 have donated ₹5 crore or more in their personal capacity compared to 26 individuals last year.

With an annual donation of ₹2,042 crore, HCL Technologies founder Shiv Nadar with his family topped the list, followed by Wipro's Azim Premji and family at number two and Reliance Industries' Mukesh Ambani and family at third spot.

## TOP 3 DEBUTANT DONORS

**K DINESH**,  
co-founder, Infosys

**₹47cr**

**NARENDRAKUMAR BALDOTA**,  
CMD, MSPL

**₹13cr**

**RAMESHCHANDRAT JAIN**, CMD, Bhilosa Ind

**₹17cr**

**VEMBU RADHA**,  
co-founder, Zoho Corporation

**₹13cr**

Source: EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023



# President Terminates Services of an Indian Army Major





- The President of India has dismissed an Indian Army Major stationed in a Strategic Forces Command (SFC) unit due to their involvement in serious national security breaches, as determined by an Army inquiry.
- The President utilized her authority under the Army Act, 1950, along with Article 310 of the Constitution and other relevant powers, to promptly terminate his services.

- **Presidential Authority and Legal Basis:** President in accordance with the powers conferred by **Section 18 of the Army Act, 1950**, and other relevant enabling powers, issued orders to terminate the services of the Major immediately.



What are Articles 309, 310 and 311 of the Constitution of India Related to Civil Services?

**Part XIV** of the Constitution of India deals with Services under The Union and The State.

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- Article 309 empowers the Parliament and the State legislature to regulate the recruitment, and conditions of service of persons appointed, to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or of any State respectively.
  - According to Article 310, except for the provisions provided by the Constitution, a civil servant of the Union works at the pleasure of the President and a civil servant under a State works at the pleasure of the Governor of that State (English doctrine of Pleasure).



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- Article 311 (1) says that no government employee either of an all India service or a state government shall be dismissed or removed by an authority subordinate to the one that appointed him/her.
  - Article 311 (2) says that no civil servant shall be dismissed or removed or reduced in rank except after an inquiry in which s/he has been informed of the charges and given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in respect of those charges.

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- **With reference to the election of the President of India, consider the following statements: (2018)**

1. The value of the vote of each MLA varies from State to State.
2. The value of the vote of MPs of the Lok Sabha is more than the value of the vote of MPs of the Rajya Sabha.

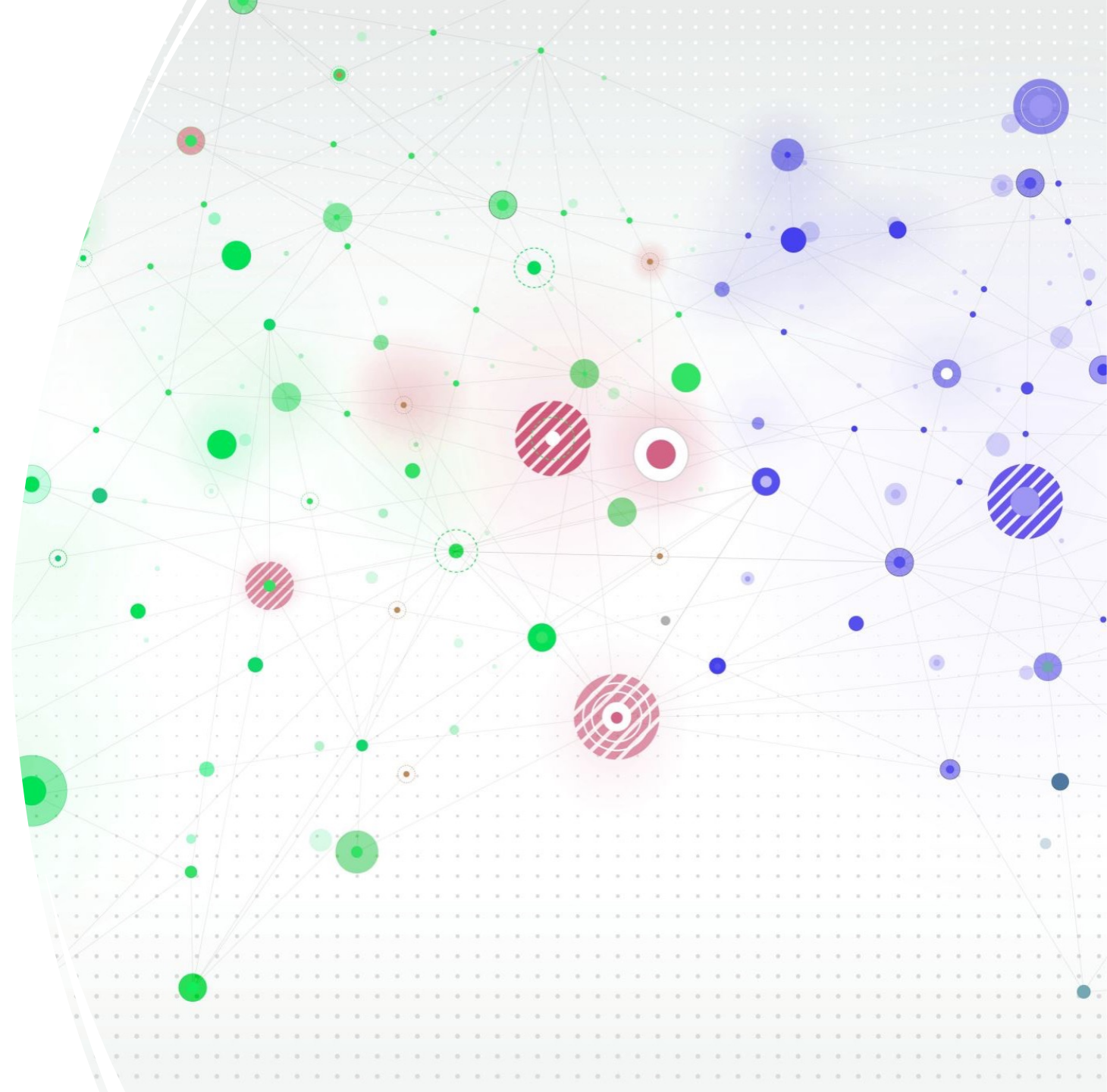
- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2



# Foundation Day of Indian States

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- The Foundation Day of the eight states and five union territories, namely Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated on 1st of November.
  - The Foundation Day programme was organized as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India.



It was stressed that the foundation of four dharma peethas by Adi Shankaracharya in different corners of the country united the nation from Kashmir to Kanyakumari through the bonds of shared culture.

Formation Years: 1956: Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala

1966: Haryana was carved out of Punjab

2000: Chhattisgarh

Politicians, tech  
leaders gather  
for U.K.'s AI  
summit

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- Politicians and tech leaders gathered in the U.K. on Wednesday for the first Artificial Intelligence (AI) Safety Summit which sought to build a framework to mitigate the risks of AI while maximising its potential.
  - The two-day event, is being held at Bletchley Park, a country estate where Alan Turing and other scientists broke the Nazis' 'Enigma' code during the Second World War , has resulted in a 'Bletchley Declaration'.

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- Microsoft-backed OpenAI, Anthropic, Google DeepMind, Microsoft (MSFT.O), Meta (META.O) and xAI attended sessions at the summit on Thursday, alongside leaders including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres





Rooster drones

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- The features of these drones enable them to gather critical intelligence and conduct surveillance missions in urban areas, dense forests, and mountainous regions, where rolling proves advantageous.





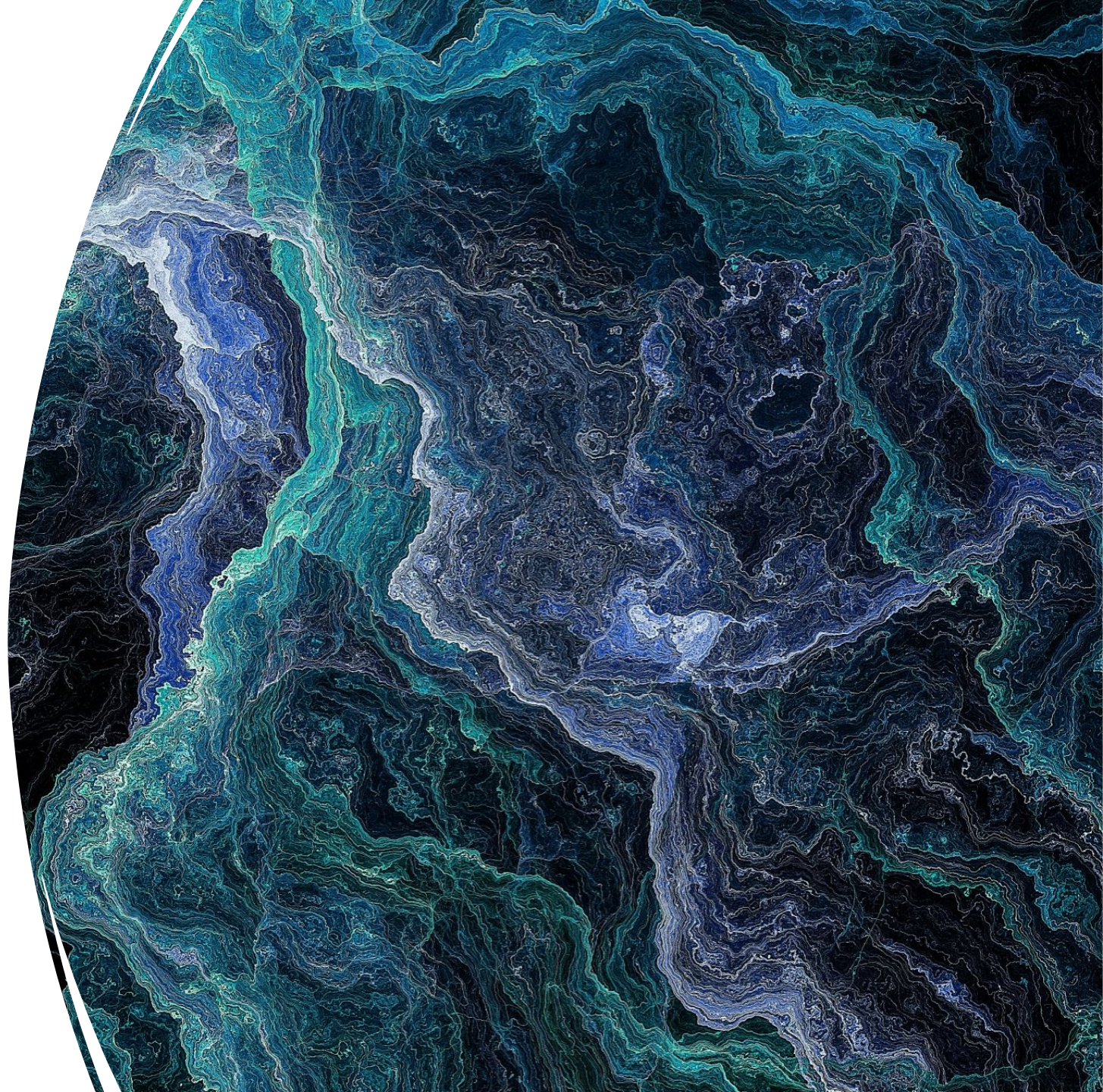
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- Rooster drones, indigenously developed devices that can roll as a robot and fly as a drone, will be handed over to the Northern Command of the Indian Army at an event at Gandhinagar-based Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)

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- Enabled by GPS, three surveillance drones have been developed in collaboration between Hyderabad-based firm Brane Services, the Indian Army, and RRU.”





# Gaurav train tour





- Indian Railways to operate Bharat Gaurav train tour to North Eastern States on November 16 from Delhi



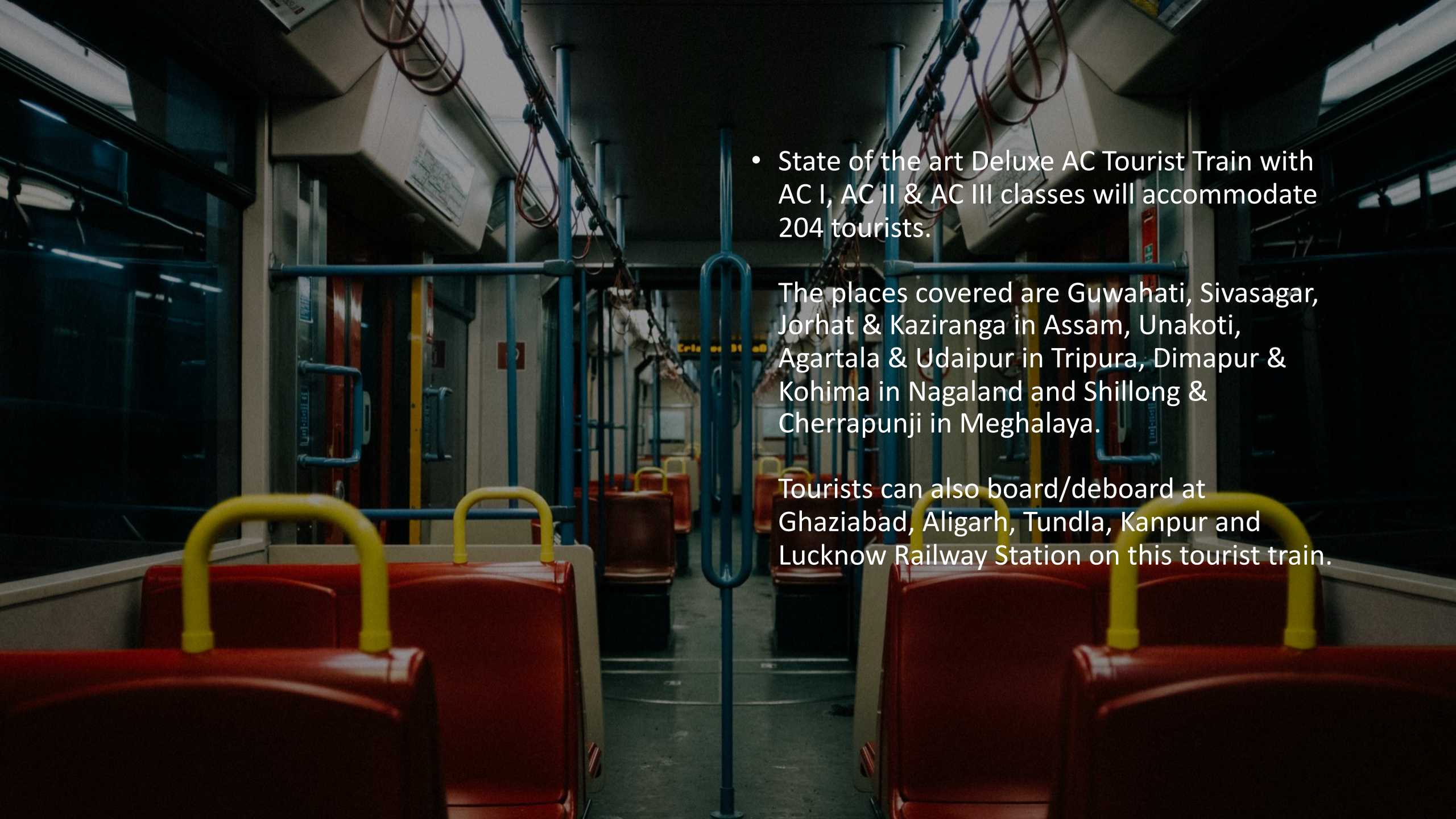


- IRCTC's special tour offering to India's North East covering Assam, Arunanchal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura and Meghalaya.

The much sought-after train tour "North East Discovery" is ready to depart on November 16, 2023 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on a 14 nights/15 days itinerary.







- State of the art Deluxe AC Tourist Train with AC I, AC II & AC III classes will accommodate 204 tourists.

The places covered are Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat & Kaziranga in Assam, Unakoti, Agartala & Udaipur in Tripura, Dimapur & Kohima in Nagaland and Shillong & Cherrapunji in Meghalaya.

Tourists can also board/deboard at Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Tundla, Kanpur and Lucknow Railway Station on this tourist train.





# Pichwai Painting

Source: TH



**Chennai's Collage** is hosting an **art exhibition** showcasing **Pichwai [paintings](#)**, some of which **date back 350 years**.

**Pichwai art** originated in **Nathdwara**, near **Udaipur**, and is traditionally created on **cloth**, typically **khadi**.




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- The **paintings use stone pigments for gold and silver tones and vegetable dyes for vibrant colours like orange, red, chrome yellow, and kesari.**
  - The **detailed work is meticulous and time-consuming**, taking several months to complete a single piece.
  - The art form has evolved over time, **with modern themes and influences incorporated by artists.**




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**Foist (verb) : to offer (something fake, useless, or inferior) as genuine, useful, or valuable**



**Synonyms: impose, inflict, fake**



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- **Parlous (adjective):** involving potential loss or injury
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  - **Synonyms:** risky, serious, dangerous
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  - **Antonyms:** beneficial, harmless, safe

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**Trammel (noun): something that makes movement or progress difficult**

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**Synonyms:** obstacle, obstruction, hurdle

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**Antonyms:** incentive, spur, stimulus



**Append (verb) : to join (something) to a mass, quantity, or number so as to bring about an overall increase**



**Synonyms:** add, introduce, attach



**Antonyms:** subtract, deduct, separate



**Calumny (noun) : the making of false statements that damage another's reputation**

**Synonyms : defaming, criticism**

**Antonyms : praise, applause  
,commendation**

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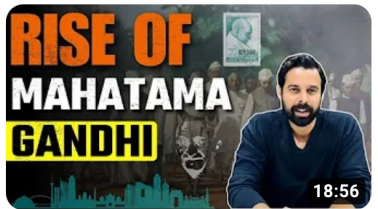
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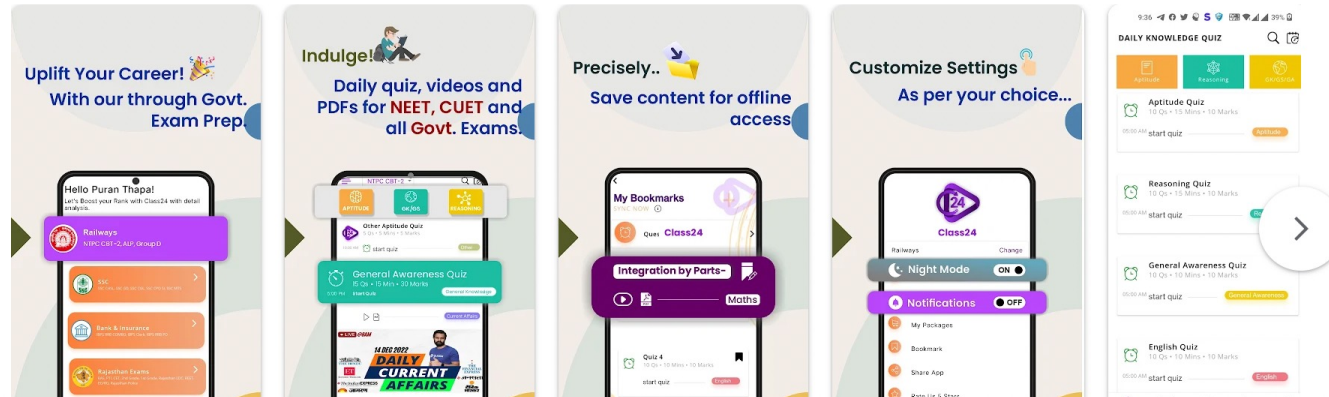
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