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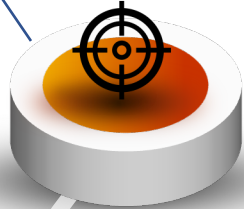


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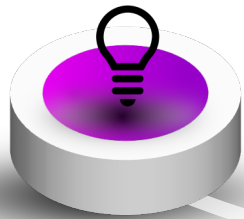


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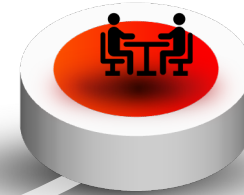


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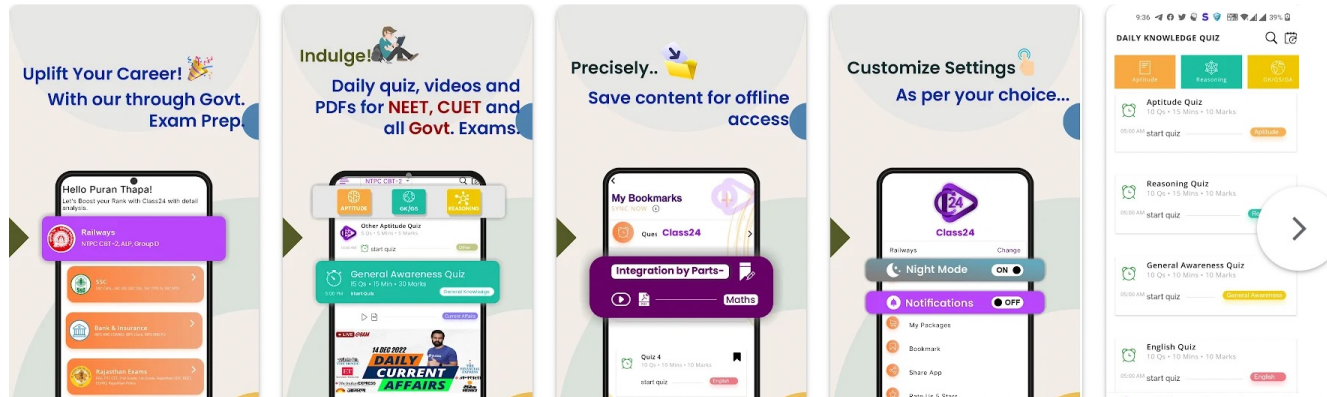
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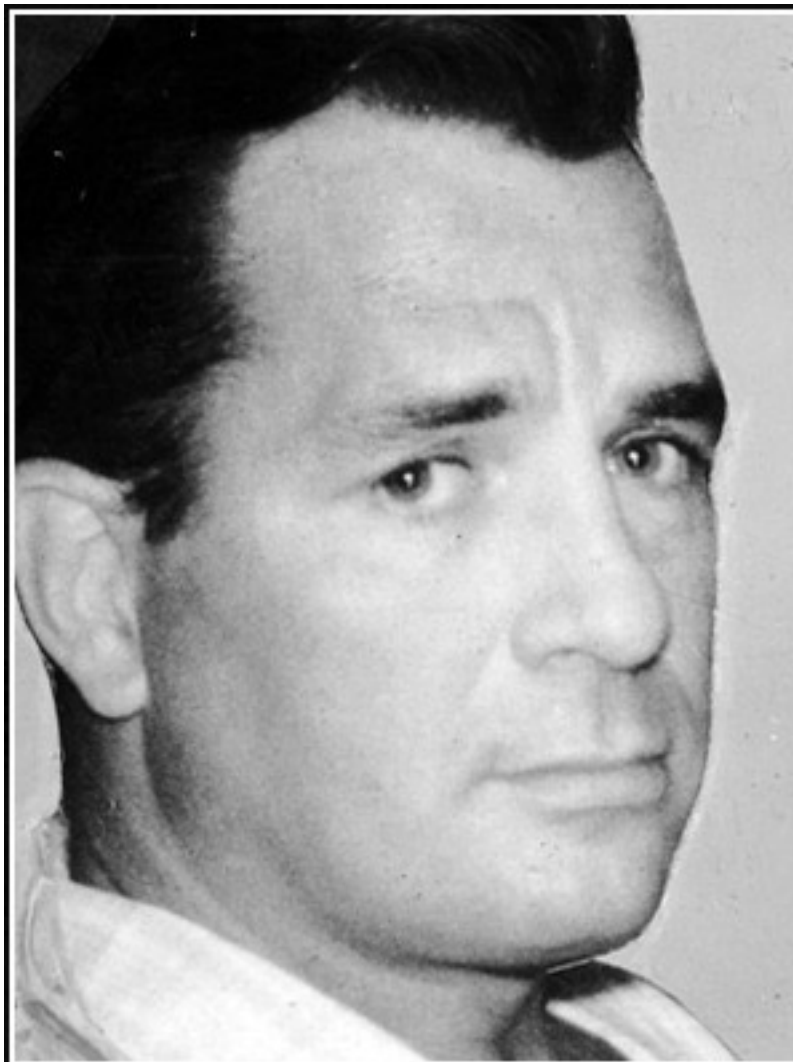
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The Hindu Bureau  
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## Bihar House passes Bill raising ceiling on caste quota to 65%

Amarnath Tewary  
PATNA



Nitish Kumar

The Bihar Assembly on Thursday unanimously passed a Bill to increase reservation for Backward Classes, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes from the existing 50% to 65%. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar assured House members that his government would implement the provisions of the Bill as soon as possible. Together with the 10% Economically Backward Class (EWS) quota, the Bill will push reservation in Bihar to 75%, well past the 50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court.

According to the legislation, named the Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill, quota for Extremely Backward Class (EBC) will be raised from the existing 18% to 25%; for Backward Class (BC) from 12% to 18%;

for Scheduled Caste (SC) from 16% to 20%; and for Scheduled Tribe (ST), the quota will be doubled, from 1% to 2%. The existing 3% reservation for BC women has been scrapped.

Bills providing for the same increase in reservation in educational institutions and government jobs, which were drafted based on the recent caste survey in the State, too were passed unanimously through voice vote in the State Assembly.

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## What is Lok Sabha's Ethics Committee?

### About:

- The members of the Ethics Committee are appointed by the **Speaker for a period of one year.**
- The **15-member** Committee's function is to examine every complaint relating to unethical conduct of a Member of Lok Sabha referred to it by the Speaker and make such recommendations as it may deem fit.



# History of Evolution of Ethics Committees

**1996**

In 1996, Presiding Officer's Conference held in Delhi first mooted the idea of ethics panels for the two Houses (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha).

**1997**

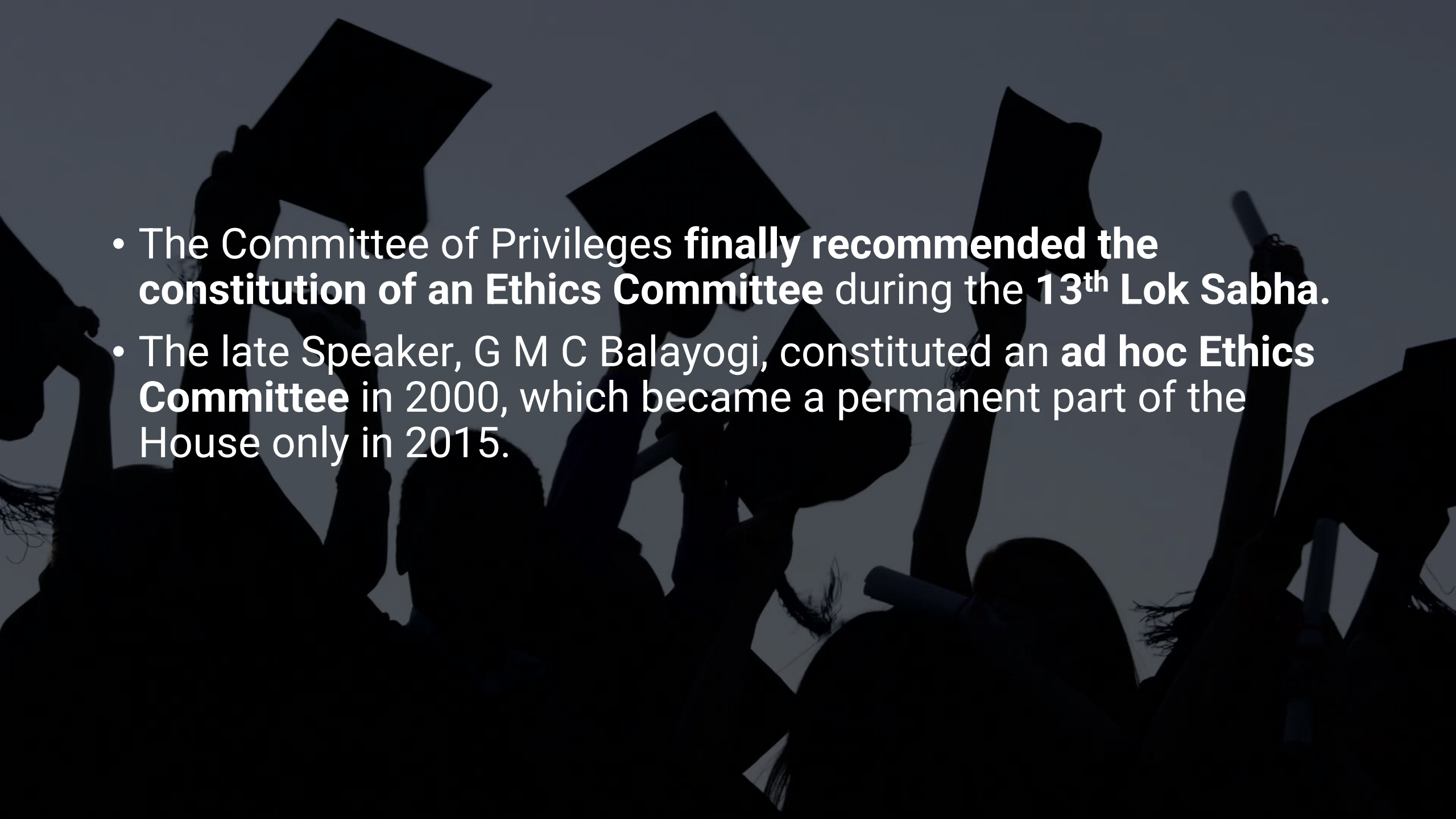
On 4th March 1997, the Vice President (and Rajya Sabha Chairman) K R Narayanan constituted the Ethics Committee of the Rajya Sabha to oversee the moral and ethical conduct of members and examine cases of misconduct referred to it.

**2000**

In 2000, an ad hoc Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha was constituted by the late speaker G.M.C. Balyogi on the recommendations of the Committee of Privileges.

**2015**

In 2015, the Lok Sabha Ethics committee became a permanent Committee.

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- The Committee of Privileges **finally recommended the constitution of an Ethics Committee** during the 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha.
  - The late Speaker, G M C Balayogi, constituted an **ad hoc Ethics Committee** in 2000, which became a permanent part of the House only in 2015.



## Overlap with Privileges Committee:

The work of the Ethics Committee and the Privileges Committee often overlap. An allegation of corruption against an MP can be sent to either body, but usually more serious accusations go to the Privileges Committee.

The mandate of the Privileges Committee is to safeguard the “freedom, authority, and dignity of Parliament”.

**IN BRIEF**

**KCR files nomination papers from Gajwel and Kamareddy**

Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) president and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao filed his nomination papers for Gajwel Assembly constituency in Siddipet district and Kamareddy on Thursday. He contested for the Gajwel seat and won it here in 2014 and 2018 elections. Mr. Rao opted to contest from Kamareddy in addition to Gajwel this time.

**'Ayyan' app in 5 languages set to help Sabarimala pilgrims**

In order to help devotees visiting the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple navigate the forest routes, the Forest Department on Thursday unveiled a mobile app 'Ayyan'. Developed by the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary West division, the app provides information on all aspects of the pilgrimage, including the services available at Pampa and the Sannidhanam routes. The app, which can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, is available in five languages: Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Hindi. The app will be functional in both online and offline modes.

**Bengaluru to prepare DPR on utilising extra Cauvery water**

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will soon be preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on utilisation of the additional 6 tmcft of Cauvery water allocated for the drinking water needs of Bengaluru. The Karnataka government has issued an order to utilise 24 tmcft of water as against 18 tmcft, which was being used earlier.

**More than 15 products from Uttarakhand bag GI tags**

**Sangeetha Kandavel**  
CHENNAI

From a local brick-tea to textiles made from a Himalayan plant, over 15 products from Uttarakhand have been given the coveted GI tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.

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**Police in T.N., Karnataka to quiz Maoists held in Kerala**

Anti-naxal squads from two neighbouring States are in touch with Special Operations Group of Kerala to get probe details; ballistic experts to track the source of weapons seized from them

The Hindu Bureau  
KOZHIKODE

The anti-naxal squads from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka will soon interrogate three suspected Maoists - Srimathi alias Umimaya, Chandru, and Aneesh Babu alias Thampi - who were arrested by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Kerala Police recently. Officers from the two States are in touch with the SOG to gather the preliminary investigation details.



In the net, Aneesh Babu, suspected Maoist accomplice, being brought to Kozhikode District Sessions court, K. KOZHIC

Police sources reveal that the two main Maoist functionaries, Srimathi, a native of Karnataka, and Chandru, a native of Tamil Nadu, who were nabbed

after a firefight in Wayanad on Tuesday night are suspected to be the brains behind a series of attacks in southern States. The two have been remanded in police custody but are yet

**Party will support BJP, Modi with all its might: JSP chief**

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

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**SC may decide on Naidu's plea after Deepavali break**

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it is likely to pronounce a judgment on a plea by former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to quash criminal proceedings against him in the 'skill development scam' case after the Deepavali vacation. The YSRCP leader who is in separate petition for anti-

patory bail in the FiberNet case. A Bench of Justices Anirudha Bose and Bela M. Trivedi had reserved the judgment in the skill development case on October 17. On Thursday, when the FiberNet case was taken up, the Judges said the verings against him in the skill development 'scam' case after the Deepavali vacation. The YSRCP leader who is in separate petition for anti-

**80 fishermen released by Pak. to be brought to Gujarat today**

Press Trust of India  
AHMEDABAD

Eighty fishermen from different parts of Gujarat were released from a jail in Karachi in Pakistan on Thursday and a State government team from here has reached Punjab to receive them, a senior official said.

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Mr. Sangwan said, "The fishermen were caught by Pakistani authorities nearly three years ago after accusing them of fish-charge."

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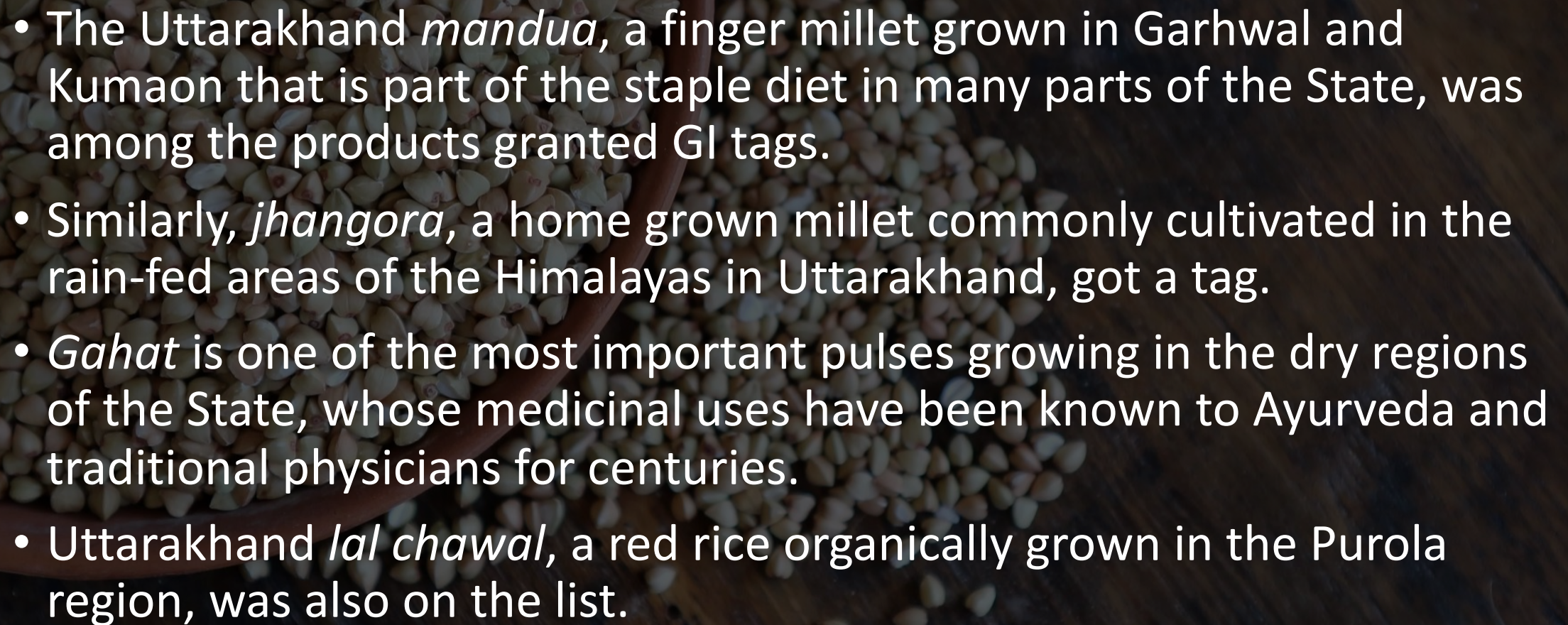
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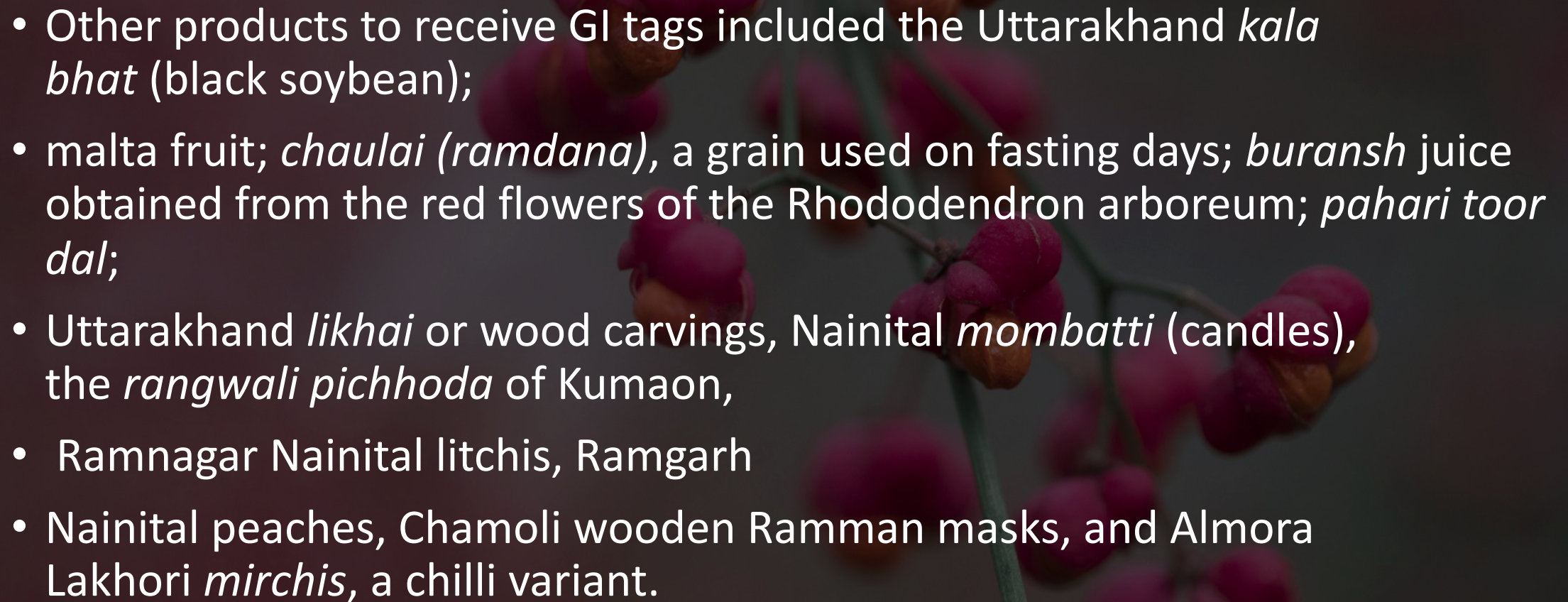
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  - Similarly, *jhangora*, a home grown millet commonly cultivated in the rain-fed areas of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand, got a tag.
  - *Gahat* is one of the most important pulses growing in the dry regions of the State, whose medicinal uses have been known to Ayurveda and traditional physicians for centuries.
  - Uttarakhand *lal chawal*, a red rice organically grown in the Purola region, was also on the list.



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- Other products to receive GI tags included the Uttarakhand *kala bhat* (black soybean);
  - malta fruit; *chaulai (ramdana)*, a grain used on fasting days; *buransh* juice obtained from the red flowers of the *Rhododendron arboreum*; *pahari toor dal*;
  - Uttarakhand *likhai* or wood carvings, Nainital *mombatti* (candles), the *rangwali pichhoda* of Kumaon,
  - Ramnagar Nainital litchis, Ramgarh
  - Nainital peaches, Chamoli wooden Ramman masks, and Almora Lakhori *mirchis*, a chilli variant.

- Geographical Indications (GI) are a form of intellectual property rights that protect the products or goods that originate from a specific geographical region and have distinctive qualities or reputations associated with that region.
- GI can be applied to agricultural, handicraft, industrial, or food products.



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- Geographical Indication tags in India are valid for 10 years, and after this period, they can be renewed to continue safeguarding the product's unique identity and reputation.
  - India is one of the leading countries in terms of GI registration and protection. India enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act in 1999, which came into force in 2003.



- Launched a logo and tagline for its GI products in 2018 to create a common identity and branding for its GI products across the world. The logo features a "tricolour" flying wheel with "G.I." written on it along with "Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India" as the tagline.

## Geographical Indication (GI) Tags



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India has also signed bilateral agreements with several countries such as Switzerland, Chile, Japan, Bhutan, etc. to protect its GI products in those countries.

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India has also joined multilateral agreements such as the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration under the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to protect its GI products globally.



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Apoello Hospitals consolidated net rises 17% to ₹249 crore

Apoello Hospitals Enterprise Ltd.'s consolidated net profit for the September quarter rose 17% to ₹249 crore from the year-earlier period...

Indo-National Q2 net more than doubles to ₹4.8 crore

Indo-National Ltd.'s (formerly Nippo Batteries) Q2 standalone net profit more than doubled to ₹4.8 crore from the year-earlier period on strong sales volume...

Airbus partners HAL to set up maintenance and repair unit

French aerospace manufacturer Airbus said on Thursday it was partnering with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for commercial aircraft service support...

Ramco Cements net rises ninefold to ₹101 crore

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'Coffee output to slip 30% on untimely rains'

Midi Tejasvi CHIKKAMAGALURU

Untimely rains have adversely hit India's coffee production this year. Information shared by coffee industry groups and planters in India's coffee heartland of Chikmagalur in Karnataka suggests that yields are likely to be 20-30% lower compared with the Coffee Board's post-blossom harvest estimate of 3.74-200 metric tonnes for 2023-24...

'Food price shocks, a risk to inflation'

Headline inflation is projected to fall from 6.7% in 2022-23 to 5.4% in 2023-24 but it remains prone to food price shocks, says RBI Governor Das. Developments in West Asia have added to the litany of challenges for the global economy, he observes

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

Even though CPI inflation has been projected at 5.4% for 2023-24 by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), a moderation from 6.7% in 2022-23, headline inflation remains vulnerable to recurring and overlapping food price shocks...

Persisting threats

RBI Governor notes that policymakers have managed to temper price gains, but risks to inflation still remain

RBI Governor says the global economy continues to face multiple macroeconomic and geopolitical shocks. Policymaking in the current scenario is extremely challenging given a difficult trade-off between growth and inflation, he adds...

etary policy remains watchful and actively disinflationary to progressively curb inflation to the target, while supporting growth," he said. Stating that the global economy continued to face multiple macroeconomic and geopolitical shocks, Mr. Das said the prediction of a global recession had not come true...

'Carbon emissions yet to fully decouple from GDP growth'

Lalendu Mishra MUMBAI

While the growing recognition of the adverse effects of climate change had led to some recent actions that were weakening the correlation between carbon emissions and GDP growth globally, an absolute decoupling was yet to happen, Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Michael Madhuchandra Patra said at the New York Fed Central Bank Seminar...

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Dr. Patra said that central banks had expressed reservations about engaging with climate-related issues to avoid mission creep, while others had expressed inability in view of lacking the instruments...

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"Physical and transition risks can affect the balance sheets of financial institutions and banks, limiting the flow of credit to the real economy. These destructive forces interact with each other to form a vicious feedback loop...

but there were indications that global growth was slowing down amid tightening financial conditions and still elevated inflation.

"Even as the fallout of the pandemic and the Ukraine war and the unprecedented tightening of monetary policy reverberate across the world, the recent developments in West Asia have added to the litany of challenges for the global economy," he said.

"Policymaking in this scenario becomes extremely challenging with difficult trade-offs between growth, price stability versus financial stability; and current exigency versus future sustainability. There is always a risk of doing too little or doing too much," he emphasised.

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While ample reserves, solid domestic growth and largely contained inflationary pressures offered the RBI space to calibrate monetary policy, the persistence of elevated external risks would constrain the central bank into keeping interest rates high, Moody's observed in a note.

It also noted that even as robust GST collections, as well as sales and consumer optimism suggest urban demand is likely to stay strong during the ongoing festive season, rural demand remains vulnerable to uneven monsoons that could lower crop yields and farm incomes...

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

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Table listing various stocks and their prices and changes

EXCHANGE RATES

Table listing exchange rates for various currencies

Chola Financials Q2 net rises 47% to ₹888 crore

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Ltd.'s (CFHL) consolidated net profit for the September quarter rose 47% to ₹888 crore from the year-earlier period. Revenue from operations rose to ₹2,298 crore from ₹1,784 crore. Raw materials cost increased 78% YoY to ₹897 per tonne due to inflationary impact on procurement cost...

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The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

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## The tie-up involves purchasing 200 aircraft, building infrastructure, and training pilots

finance and build vertiport infrastructure, and train pilots and other personnel needed for these operations.

Archer's Midnight aircraft is a piloted, four-passenger electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft designed to fly up to 100 miles.

The aircraft, however, will require approximately 12 minutes of charge time in between.



# CP to Gurugram in seven minutes

FE BUREAU

New Delhi, November 9

**THE USUAL TIME** taken for a 27-kilometre-long road trip from Delhi's Connaught Place to Gurugram in Haryana is 60-90 minutes. Come 2026, that may reduce to just about 7 minutes. At least that's what InterGlobe Enterprises, the parent firm of IndiGo, is promising on its electric air taxis.

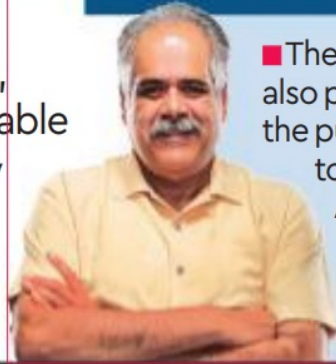
InterGlobe Enterprises, the parent firm of IndiGo, on Thursday announced its entry into the segment across the country in partnership with California-based electric air taxi firm Archer Aviation.

Separately, on Thursday, it also lined up collaboration with lifestyle brand Mokobara, to launch an exclusive collection of premium luggage, catering to the modern Indian jetsetters.

InterGlobe is not the first company to announce air taxi service in the country. Last September, FlyBlade India which offers urban helicopter services, announced a non-binding order for up to 200 electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) from Embraer-backed Eve. In March, it signed an MoU with Jaunt Air Mobility to launch eVTOL operations in the

**RAHUL BHATIA**  
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"In addition to urban air taxi services, the parties plan to pursue a variety of other use cases for the electric aircraft in India, including cargo, logistics, medical and emergency services, as well as private company and charter services," the company said.

The InterGlobe-Archer partnership also plans to finance the purchase of up to 200 of Archer's Midnight aircraft for the India operations. The Midnight aircraft is a piloted four-passenger eVTOL designed to perform rapid back-to-back flights with

minimal charge time between flights.

"Over the last two decades, InterGlobe has been involved in providing safe, efficient, and affordable transportation to hundreds of millions of Indians across the country. We are excited at this new opportunity of bringing an effective, futuristic and sustainable transport solution by introducing Archer's electric aircraft to India," Rahul Bhatia, InterGlobe's Group managing director, said.

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# eVTOL

## About eVTOL

- eVTOL aircraft is a variety of VTOL aircraft that uses electric power to hover, take off, and land vertically.
- eVTOL are known as electric air taxi's. Countries like Singapore, UAE, France, Germany, UK and US have already announced their plans to launch these air taxis by 2025.



# Afghanistan, South Africa seek morale-boosting win

The Afghans would hope to put up an inspired show after the defeat against Australia while the Proteas, who surrendered meekly to India, would look to hit top form ahead of the semifinals

## ODI WORLD CUP

Shayan Acharya  
AHMEDABAD

The Afghanistan cricketers and support staff spent their entire Thursday afternoon living on hope and a prayer. They had to address a sponsored event, but the eyes of the entourage frequently darted towards their smartphone screens to find out about the scores of the New Zealand vs Sri Lanka World Cup fixture in Bengaluru.

By the time they reached the Narendra Modi Stadium for their optional training session on the eve of the last group league fixture against South Africa, Afghanistan's hopes were dented further.

With New Zealand pulling off a convincing win against Sri Lanka and inching closer to the semifinals, in all practicality, the campaign seems over for the Afghans.

Even though, mathematically, there are some vague chances, Afghanistan's net run rate of -0.338 is the worst among the three teams - New Zealand, Pakistan being the other two - vying for the fourth slot in the semifinals.

So far in the tournament, the team racked up



Pride at stake: Afghanistan players would be hungry to bounce back after the demoralising defeat to Australia. VIJAY SOMESH

four wins - including the ones against England and Pakistan - and as captain Hashmatullah Shahidi stated, it would be hoping to make a strong statement against South Africa, which has already reached the semifinals.

The Afghans need to pick themselves up from the improbable defeat and put up a spirited performance. The batters - Ibrahim Zadran, Shahidi, Hashmatullah Gurbaz - have all been impressive in the tournament, but a lot lies on the spinners, and at a venue that's familiar to Rashid Khan, who plays for Gujarat Titans in the IPL, he needs to play a significant role. So far in the

tournament, Rashid hasn't been in his element and has struggled to find breakthroughs.

South Africa, too, are seen on bouncing back after a humiliating defeat against India. Captain Temba Bavuma, who has just scored 122 in six outings, hasn't been able to contribute significantly, and ahead of the knockouts, he needs to find form.

However, Quinton de Kock has piled on the runs in his swansong, while Heinrich Klaasen and Aiden Markram, too, have stepped up. Keshav Maharaj has been its go-to-bowler in the middle-overs, but it needs to be seen

whether South Africa opts for an extra spin option of Tabraiz Shamsi.

Today's match  
Ahmedabad, 2 a.m.

South Africa 1 Afghanistan 0

H2H IN ODIs

Played 1

South Africa 1 Afghanistan 0

EYE ON THE SKY

High: 36°C  
Low: 20°C  
Clear

SOURCE: IBI

# It was inspiring to see Maxwell hitting with no foot movement: Miller

Shayan Acharya  
AHMEDABAD

Midway through the media interaction on Thursday, David Miller was asked whether Glenn Maxwell's iconic three-wicket victory to hit a 200 as well, batting at No.6.

"Of course," the South African replied with a smile.

It's been a couple of days since Maxwell battled severe cramps and went on to hit his career-best unbeaten 201 to guide Australia to an iconic three-wicket victory at the Wankhede Stadium. Miller - known for hitting



X-factor: Miller, having a look at the pitch for the Afghanistan game, said it was really special to watch Maxwell's knock. VIJAY SOMESH

big sixes - believes that in the ever-changing landscape of international cricket, one needs to keep believing throughout.

"Seeing a knock like that was really special. He (Maxwell) has an X-factor, he is a match winner. It was inspiring to see no foot move-

ment there and still hitting sixes and fours. From a game where they were dead and buried," Miller said.

"When we have chased games where we were kind of out of it as well, (we have) done certain things that were particularly special, though. But yeah, it was, I suppose, where the game of cricket is going. You kind of always believe as you go along.

"You just tick over the balls, get through the overs, and kind of see how it unfolds. And you never know what is possible," he said. "So just keep believing throughout."

# Shahidi bats for more ODI games

Sports Bureau  
AHMEDABAD

With four wins, this has been the most successful World Cup campaign for Afghanistan, and captain Hashmatullah Shahidi thinks that going forward Afghanistan will continue to improve and the ICC will ensure that the team plays more ODIs.

"There will be 50-over cricket, I'm expecting that. I hope that the ICC also makes a good call on it because 50-over cricket is also important. Right now, there are too many T20 leagues, too many T20 cricket, I think, amid that 50 overs and Test cricket are more important," Shahidi said on Thursday.



Shahidi... looking ahead with hope. VIJAY SOMESH

Since August 2021, Afghanistan has featured in 31 ODIs, of which it lost 15 and one had no result. Around the same time, India featured in 53 ODIs, while Australia's tally was 36.

"If we have those games, we will definitely improve more and more. And we are expecting our cricket board and ICC to give us more matches for our improvement," Shahidi said. Scarcely a couple of days ago, Glenn Maxwell stole their thunder with an unbeaten 201 and snatched a

victory for Australia, but Shahidi hopes to come back stronger against South Africa. "It was not easy as a team for all of us. But still, we are in the World Cup, and as a team, we discussed it yesterday that we have to now move forward and not think too much about what happened," Shahidi said.

"Because, if you think about it, the team's morale will go down. We will learn from it and now it's part of the history, it's gone. We have to move forward and think about tomorrow's game and we will try as a team to come back stronger and win it from there..."

# + 'Megastar' Lanning calls time on her international career



## Marvellous Meg

Titles won as skipper: T20 World Cups (2014, 2018, 2020, 2023); ODI World Cup (2021); Gold - 2022 Commonwealth Games

5 Lanning has the most number of ICC trophies as captain. Ricky Ponting has four and M.S. Dhoni three.

146 Number of wins as Australia's skipper across formats, the most in women's internationals

175 Number of runs Lanning has scored in Women's T20 World Cups, the most by any batter

53.51 Highest average among batters to have batted

Agence France-Presse  
SYDNEY

Australian women's captain Meg Lanning on Thursday retired from international cricket, walking away as one of the most prolific run-scorers and decorated leaders.

The 31-year-old top-order batter led Australia to four Twenty20 World Cup titles, one 50-over World Cup and three ODI titles.

# Lanning - all-time batting great and captain fantastic

P.K. Ajith Kumar

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She has been retained by the franchise and is expected to return for the new season. She was the leading scorer of the tournament with 345 runs at an average of 49.28 and a strike-rate of 139.11.

That is a fair reflection of Lanning's consistency as a batter. She averaged 53.51 in 103 ODIs, from which she amassed 4602 runs with 15 hundreds. From her 132 T20Is, she made 3405 runs (average 36.61, strike-rate 116.37).

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## Saluting a legend

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Congratulations on such a storied career, Meg! Your list of achievements in women's cricket and Australian cricket, in particular, is legendary. MITHALI RAJ

What an incredible record, will so many of us remember you with love and admiration. ANURAG KAWADE

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Lanning did many things that we can learn from. ANURAG KAWADE

# WPL players' auction on Dec. 9

ANI  
MUMBAI

The players' auction for the 2024 edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will be held in Mumbai on December 9, reported ESPNcricinfo. An additional purse of ₹1.5 crore will be made available to all

the five teams besides the balance they are all left with from the last auction as well as after the recent player releases. 30 slots, including nine overseas, will be filled at the auction.

Recently, teams had released their retention lists and overall 60 players were retained. Out of these

60 players, 21 were overseas stars. 29 players were released from their squads. In the inaugural season of WPL, each team was given ₹12 crore to build their squads. Only two teams, the champion Mumbai Indians and UP Warriors were able to make use of this money.

# India u-19 squads, schedule released for Quadrangular

Sports Bureau  
CHENNAI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the schedule for the men's Under-19 One-Day quadrangular series featuring teams from England, Bangladesh and two from host India.

The tournament will be held in Vijayawada from November 13 to 27.

The India squads: As Saurya Kumar Pandey (Capt.), Uday Saharan (Vice-capt.), Arshin Kukerni, Adarsh Singh, Imresh Mahajan, Md. Aman, Dipojay Patel, M. Abhishek, Rai Limbois, Muzheer Khan, Priyanshu Molya, Anavilly Anamika, Anasudha Shukla, Sarayog Bhagwati, and Naman Tiwar.

By Siva Coomale (Capt.), Ansh Gosai (Vice-capt.), Rudra Mayur Patel, Vaibhav Suryawanshi, Sachin Dhan, Jayant Goyet, V.S. Karthick Manikandan, Varun

Singh Bhuie, Md. Ali, P. Vignesh, Anurag Kawade, K.T. Madhava Prasad, S. Nabashin, Prem, and Dhanshu Gowda.

The fixtures: Nov. 13: India A vs Bangladesh, India B vs England; Nov. 15: India B vs Bangladesh, India A vs England; Nov. 17: India A vs India B, England vs Bangladesh; Nov. 20: India B vs England, India A vs Bangladesh; Nov. 22: India A vs England, India B vs Bangladesh; Nov. 24: England vs Bangladesh; India A vs India B; Nov. 27: Final.

THE HINDU  
CRICKET WORLD CUP  
TRIVIA CHALLENGE

- Before the commencement of the 2023 ODI World Cup, who has taken the most wickets in the tournament's history?
- As on 31 October 2023, who is the only member of the 1983 ODI World Cup squad of India who is no more?

ANSWERS: 1. Muttiah Muralitharan, 2. Anurag Kawade



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Biju George was the fielding coach of the Indian team against which Australia

began that great run. He then worked with Lanning at Delhi Capitals.

“She is the best captain I have ever worked with, male or female,” Biju told *The Hindu*. “And she is a marvellous person, too.”

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After Harmanpreet Kaur's epic 171 not out knocked Australia out of the 2017 World Cup, Lanning was part of the leadership group that turned the side into one of the great-

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**SHIKHA PANDEY**



What an incredible record, with so many personal and team milestones. But as an outside observer, her contribution off the field, for the growth of this great game, has also been phenomenal

**JONTY RHODES**



Lanning did many things right in her playing days. As a captain, her decision-making was almost flawless

**W.V. RAMAN**



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BY ANUSHEA RAO/ANUSHEA RAO

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BY ARUNABHA GHOSH

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## CASH-FOR-QUERY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST TMC MP

# Ethics panel adopts report for Moitra's expulsion, Opp submits dissent notes

Seeks Govt probe into her 'criminal conduct'; she slams 'kangaroo court'

MANOJ CG & LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

THE ETHICS Committee of Lok Sabha, which inquired into the cash-for-query allegations levelled by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, adopted its draft report Thursday, recommending her expulsion from the 17th Lok Sabha for "unethical conduct" and "serious misdemeanours". The committee also recommended an "intense legal, institutional inquiry" by the government in a time-bound manner in view of the "highly objectionable, unethical, heinous and criminal conduct" by her.



TMC MP Mahua Moitra

The report was adopted after voting with six MPs — 5 of the ruling NDA and Presnet Kaur of the Congress, wife of former Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh who is now with the BJP — in its favour, and four from the Opposition against it.

The Opposition MPs — BSP's Dantich Ali, Congress's V Vairbhadrangam, CPM's P. Nataraaj and JD(U)'s Giridhari

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### EXPLAINED

All eyes on Speaker

ALL EYES will now be on the Speaker and what he does after receiving the report of the ethics panel. Mahua Moitra, in her letter to the Speaker, a week ago, had criticised the manner in which she was questioned by the panel chairman, calling it her *vasturashan* (disrobing). Opposition members had backed her.

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## In first remarks, TMC asks: 'Why expel her when nothing proved?'

SWEETY KUMARI  
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 9

IN THE first comments from the Trinamool Congress on cash-for-query allegations levelled by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, the party's second-in-command Abhishek Banerjee asked why the ethics panel has recommended her expulsion from the Lok Sabha when nothing has been proved so far and it is under investigation.

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

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At a Congress poll rally in Chitrakoot on Thursday. P7

## Handout is fine but where's the leg-up: MP voter is asking for more

Modi's 'big-things' appeal endures even as in state, mother to son, college girls to tribals, refrain is missing jobs and broken exams

VANDITA MISHRA  
BHOPAL, INDORE, KHARGONE, CHHINDWARA, NOVEMBER 9

FROM SHYVAJ Singh Chouhan's bastion in Sehore next to Bhopal to Congress's chief ministerial candidate Kamal Nath's home turf in Chhindwara, in conversations with voters you might sense a stirring. After four terms in power, what the BJP is up against, and what the Congress hopes to become the recipient of, is an anti-incumbency which includes the corruptions and mistakes of the

government, boredom with long-playing incumbent, yearning for change — plus something more. Amid a campaign that has become a barefaced battle of actual and pledged cash transfers many even among BJP supporters, and especially among the young are asking a larger question: What next after all these schemes? It's a question that the Shyva Singh Chouhan government does not seem either willing or equipped to answer. The BJP is well-entrenched in

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## 8 former Navy personnel on Qatar death row: India files first appeal

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

TWO WEEKS after eight former Indian Navy personnel, arrested in a case of alleged espionage, were sentenced to death by a court in Qatar, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. The charges against them were not made public by Qatari authorities. "We got another round of consular access to the

detainees on November 7. "The judgment is confidential. There is a court of first instance that gave the judgment, which was shared with the legal team. Considering all legal options, an appeal has been filed. We are in touch with the Qatari authorities," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Thursday. "We got another round of consular access to the

Indians on November 7. We are in touch with the family members," he said, adding that India will continue to extend all legal and consular support in the case. The Indian nationals, all employees of Doha-based Dahra Global, were taken into custody in August 2022. The charges against them were not made public by Qatari authorities. According to a report in the

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## Days after soldier's kin abducted, two bodies found in Manipur

SUKRITA BARIUAH & JIMMY LEVON  
GUWAHATI, IMPHAL, NOV 9

THE BODIES of a man and a woman with gunshot wounds were found in Imphal East and Imphal West on Tuesday.

Police said the identities of the two are yet to be confirmed. The bodies were discovered hours after four people of the Kuki-Zomi community were abducted from Kangshup Chingkong — an area at the border of the Kuki-Zomi districts of Kangpokpi and Meitei-dominated Imphal West district. The four are relatives of an Indian Army soldier.

Imphal West SP Shivakanta confirmed that the body of a middle-aged woman, which had an outlier wound, was found in Tairenpokpi area on Wednesday. He said that the identity has not yet been confirmed and the body is currently at the morgue at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences. The body was recovered from the jurisdiction of Patsoi police station in Imphal West around 12:30 pm Tuesday.

The man's body was recovered from Kangshup Chingkong late

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## INDIA-US 2+2 TODAY

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh welcomes United States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in New Delhi on Thursday. The 2+2 India-US dialogue will be held on Friday. P7

## Need benches for quick trial against MPs & MLAs, says SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

SAYING THAT criminal cases pending against members of Parliament and State Legislatures "have a direct bearing on our political democracy," the Supreme Court on Thursday asked High Courts to set up special benches to monitor trials in over 3,000 such cases for their speedy disposal.

Issuing a slew of directions to HCs and trial courts for fast-tracking cases against MPs and MLAs, a three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said criminal cases "punishable with death or life imprisonment" should be given priority, followed by "cases punishable with imprisonment for five years or more, and then...

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## In SC today, Delhi govt likely to cite 2 studies to back odd-even plan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 9

ON THE defensive after the Supreme Court called its odd-even vehicle scheme "rogues," the Delhi government, it is learnt, will likely rely on the "findings of two independent and scientific evaluations by globally reputed institutions" and tell the court that these studies had concluded "that the policy works as an effective emergency measure".

Sources said the Delhi government's response to the top court's direction seeking clarification on the odd-even scheme will refer to two studies — one by researchers Michael Greenstone, Anant Sudarshan (both from Energy Policy Institute at the

University of Chicago), Santosh Harish (Centre for Policy Research) and Rohini Pandey (Harvard Kennedy School); and the other by researchers Sourangsu Chowdhury, Sagnik Dey (both from Centre for Atmospheric Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi), Sachchida Nand Tripathi (Department of Civil Engineering and Centre for Environmental Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Tropical Technology, Kanpur), Amit Kumar Mishra (Environmental and Bioscience Metrology Division, Gurfan Belg (Indian Institute of Technology, Pune), Anil Kumar

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## Behind Himachal crypto con: Agents in uniform, motivational speeches, parties

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SAURABH PARASHAR  
DHARAMSHALA, NOVEMBER 9

A MASSIVE cryptocurrency scam flourished unchecked for nearly four years, before a recent mention in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly by an independent MLA sent security agencies scrambling to probe the Rs 1,760-crore fraud.

A nearly two-month-long investigation by an SIT reveals how the scam, which flourished from



Kingpin Subhash Sharma (above), some of the victims. Express

promise of "11 per cent returns" on investing in bogus cryptocurrencies named Koryin Coin (KRC) in 2018 and DGT Coin in 2020. Based on 350 complaints received on a dedicated helpline launched this year on October 19, most victims are residents of the state's Kangra, Mandi, Hamirpur and Una districts. They had invested the money they got as compensation from the government for acquiring their lands. Some 'investors' are from Punjab too.

DIC, Northern Range, Dharamshala, Abhishek Datta, who leads the 12-member SIT.

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### Give Swadeshi Gifts, take a new initiative

On Dhanteras, Deepawali, Bhai Dooj and Chhath festivals

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# Delhi eyes 2nd largest e-fleet buses in the world by 2025

**JATIN ANAND**

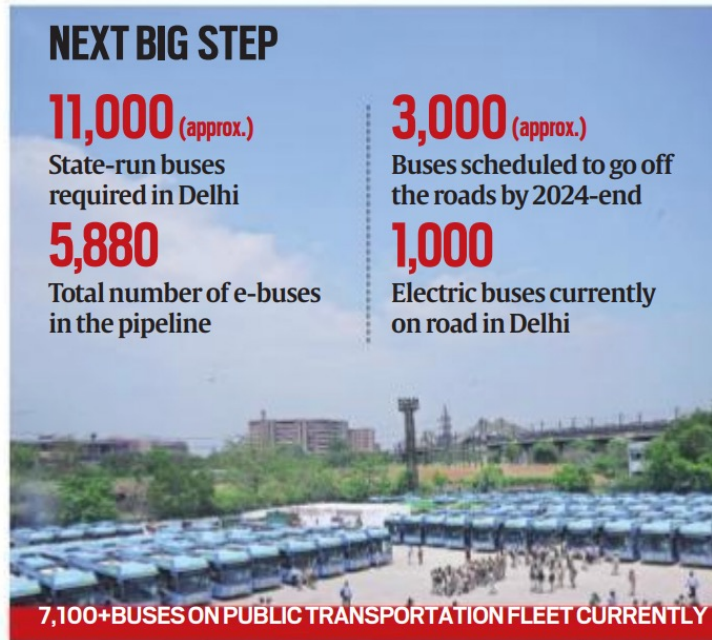
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WITH THE clock ticking for as many as 3,000 of its fleet of a little over 7,000 public buses – all low-floor CNG ones scheduled to “retire” by the end of 2024 – the Delhi government is chasing an ambitious target of not only having an almost completely electric fleet but also the second largest in the world after China’s Shenzhen.

According to its official website, Shenzhen – which “tops air quality ranking among first-tier cities in China” and is “the first city in the world to have all buses and taxis powered by electricity” – has an estimated 16,000 e-buses.

Delhi is expected, by this time in the year 2025, to have upwards of 8,000.

Emphasising on the targeted fleet size, a senior government official said, it has been the Delhi government’s – so far successful – decision to procure e-buses “in bulk instead of small



installments”, in step with the decommissioning of CNG-propelled low-floor buses to keep the number of state-run bus fleet as close to the figure of 11,000, which the capital requires, in spite of a little close to half of its current fleet – an estimated 3,000 of around 6,300 – due to become unfit by the end

of 2024.

“Currently, Delhi has 1,000 e-buses on the road; over and above that, we have already placed orders for as many as 5,880 electric buses, a sizable chunk of which will already have arrived by March 2025 and the rest by the end of that year. More will be added,” Ashish

Kundra, transport secretary-cum-commissioner, said.

A senior government official said the catalyst for the ambitious procurement drive was its “bulk” nature: contracts in chunks of 1,900 and 2,500 low-floor e-buses in addition to an estimated 2,080 smaller ones of nine metres for last-mile connectivity as vehicles on the current fleet are phased out having reached the end of their life cycle: completing 12 years of operations or a distance of over 7.5 lakh kilometres.

The official said that as many as 3,000 of the over 6,300 CNG low-floor public buses were due to go out of action in phases over the coming months and these would be replaced by e-buses in larger numbers than those going off the roads.

“The objective is to ensure that 80% of our fleet – on a base value of the required 11,000 – should be electric by the end of the year 2025; which means that our target is almost 9,000 e-buses by then,” the official said.



# HOLLYWOOD STRIKE CALLED OFF: WHAT WE KNOW OF THE DEAL SO FAR

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AFTER AROUND four months of Hollywood writers and actors' going on a strike, unions representing them said a tentative deal had been reached with an alliance of film studios and streaming giants. Shooting of new films and TV shows, along with other production and promotional activities, had been on hold during the strike.

Two unions — the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) and the Writers Guild of America (WGA) — were leading the strikes.

**Why was Hollywood on strike?**

The WGA went on strike in May, and SAG-AFTRA joined in July this year. It was after nearly 60 years that the two major unions stopped work at the same time.

The strikes were in response to a shifting business model — from TV and movie theatres to streaming platforms. Another factor was the fear of AI taking over jobs. In the era when TV ruled, screenwriters got paid for repeat broadcasts of the shows they worked on (what was called 'residual' income). However, streaming giants do not have similar provisions.

**What were the demands?**

The unions were demanding a hike in minimum pay, residuals for streaming,



**Celebrations after SAG-AFTRA approved a tentative deal.** *Reuters*

and more contributions to the workers' health and pension plans.

On X, SAG-AFTRA posted, "In a contract valued at over one billion dollars, we have achieved a deal of extraordinary scope." This is said to include "above-pattern" minimum compensation increases, "unprecedented" provisions for consent and compensation that will protect members from the threat of AI, and the establishment of a streaming participation bonus. There have also been improvements on the pension and health fronts. There will be "compensation increases for background performers, and critical contract provisions protecting diverse communities."

Full details of the deal will come out once it is reviewed by the SAG-AFTRA National Board, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*.

**LONGER VERSION ON**  
[indianexpress.com/explained](https://www.indianexpress.com/explained)

An aerial photograph of a winding road through a dense forest. The road is dark and curves through the lighter-colored trees. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Pusa-2090 Alternative  
to Pusa-44



- With the Supreme Court emphasizing the need to cease stubble burning in states like Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan, the discussion surrounding Pusa-2090 rice variety from its ability to provide an alternative to the problematic long-duration Pusa-44 variety.

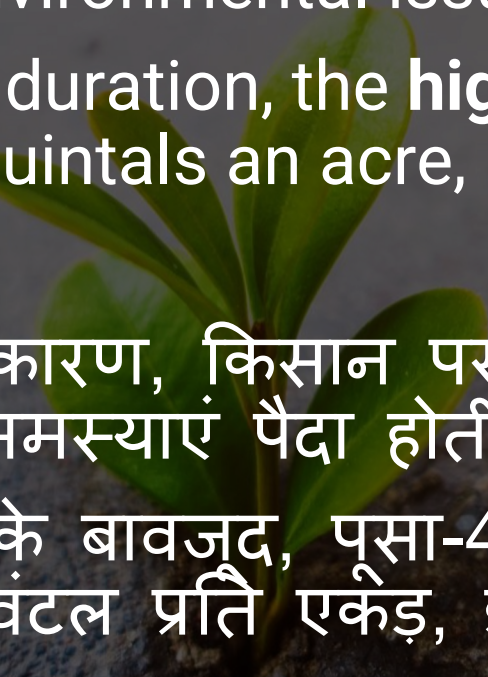
- सप्रीम कोर्ट द्वारा पंजाब, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश और राजस्थान जैसे राज्यों में पराली जलाने पर रोक लगाने की आवश्यकता पर जोर देने के साथ, समस्याग्रस्त लंबी अवधि वाली पूसा-44 किस्म का विकल्प प्रदान करने की क्षमता से पूसा-2090 चावल की किस्म को लेकर चर्चा शुरू हो गई है।

- What is Pusa-44 and Pusa-2090?
- Pusa-44: Pusa-44, a long-duration paddy variety bred by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), has been a key contributor to stubble burning.
- Its growth cycle of 155-160 days, from nursery sowing to harvesting, leads to late October maturity, leaving a short window for field preparation for the next crop.



- पूसा-44 और पूसा-2090 क्या है?
- पूसा-44: भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान (आईएआरआई) द्वारा पैदा की गई लंबी अवधि की धान की किस्म पूसा-44, पराली जलाने में प्रमुख योगदानकर्ता रही है।
- नर्सरी की बुआई से लेकर कटाई तक 155-160 दिनों का इसका विकास चक्र अक्टूबर के अंत में पक जाता है, जिससे अगली फसल के लिए खेत की तैयारी के लिए बहुत कम समय बचता है।



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- Due to time constraints, farmers **resort to burning the stubble**, causing severe environmental issues.
  - Despite its longer duration, the **high-yielding nature of Pusa-44**, averaging 35-36 quintals an acre, makes it popular among farmers.
  - समय की कमी के कारण, किसान पराली जलाने का सहारा लेते हैं, जिससे गंभीर पर्यावरणीय समस्याएं पैदा होती हैं।
  - इसकी लंबी अवधि के बावजूद, पसा-44 की उच्च उपज वाली प्रकृति, औसतन 35-36 क्विंटल प्रति एकर, इसे किसानों के बीच लोकप्रिय बनाती है।





Pusa-2090:



A Potential Solution



IARI has developed **Pusa-2090**, an improved version derived from a **cross between Pusa-44 and CB-501**, an early-maturing Japonica rice line.



It matures in a **shorter duration of 120-125 days** while maintaining comparable yields, addressing the core issue of stubble burning.



It combines the **high yield attributes of Pusa-44** with the **quicker maturation cycle of CB-501**, making it a promising alternative.

- पूसा-2090:
- एक संभावित समाधान
- IARI ने पूसा-2090 विकसित किया है, जो पूसा-44 और सीबी-501 के बीच एक क्रॉस से प्राप्त एक उन्नत संस्करण है, जो जल्दी पकने वाली जैपोनिका चावल लाइन है।
- यह तुलनीय पैदावार बनाए रखते हुए, पराली जलाने के मुख्य मुद्दे को संबोधित करते हुए, 120-125 दिनों की छोटी अवधि में पक जाता है।
- यह पूसा-44 की उच्च उपज विशेषताओं को सीबी-501 के त्वरित परिपक्वता चक्र के साथ जोड़ता है, जो इसे एक आशाजनक विकल्प बनाता है।



- What can be the Alternatives to Stubble Burning?
- PUSA Decomposers:
  - The decomposers are in the form of capsules made by extracting fungi strains that help the paddy straw to decompose at a much faster rate.
  - Happy Seeder: It is a tractor-mounted device offering an eco-friendly alternative to stubble burning.

- पराली जलाने के विकल्प क्या हो सकते हैं?
- पूसा डीकंपोजर:
- डीकंपोजर कवक उपभेदों को निकालकर बनाए गए कैप्सूल के रूप में होते हैं जो धान के भूसे को बहुत तेज गति से विघटित करने में मदद करते हैं।
- हैप्पी सीडर: यह एक ट्रैक्टर-माउंटेड उपकरण है जो पराली जलाने का पर्यावरण-अनुकूल विकल्प पेश करता है।



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Palletisation: Paddy straw, when dried and transformed into pellets, becomes a viable alternative fuel source.

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पैलेटाइज़ेशन: धान का भूसा, जब सूख जाता है और छर्रों में बदल जाता है, एक व्यवहार्य वैकल्पिक ईंधन स्रोत बन जाता है।

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

1. Contour bunding

2. Relay cropping

3. Zero tillage

- **In the context of global climate change, which of the above helps/help in carbon sequestration/storage in the soil?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only

- (b) 3 only

- (c) 1, 2 and 3

- (d) None of them

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80% of Semiconductor Manufacturing  
Funds Remain Untouched



- An official from the Industry Ministry stated that out of the USD 10 billion allocated for semiconductor production through the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme by the Union government, about USD 8 billion remains unclaimed.
- उद्योग मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि केंद्र सरकार द्वारा प्रोडक्शन लिंक्ड इंसेंटिव (पीएलआई) योजना के माध्यम से सेमीकंडक्टर उत्पादन के लिए आवंटित 10 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर में से लगभग 8 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का दावा नहीं किया गया है।



- In 2021, India announced its roughly USD 10 billion dollar PLI scheme to encourage semiconductor and display manufacturing in the country.
- The PLI scheme was launched by the Government of India to boost the domestic manufacturing sector and to reduce the dependence on imports.
- 2021 में, भारत ने देश में सेमीकंडक्टर और डिस्प्ले विनिर्माण को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए लगभग 10 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर की पीएलआई योजना की घोषणा की।
- घरेलू विनिर्माण क्षेत्र को बढ़ावा देने और आयात पर निर्भरता कम करने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा पीएलआई योजना शुरू की गई थी।



# SOP STORY SO FAR

## SECTORS WHERE PLI SCHEME HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

### March 2020

➤ Key starting materials (KSMs)/ drug intermediates (DIs) and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)

➤ Large scale electronics manufacturing



➤ Medical devices

### November 2020

➤ Electronics/ technology products

➤ Pharmaceuticals drugs



➤ Telecom & networking products

➤ Food products

➤ White goods (ACs & LED)



➤ High-efficiency solar PV modules

➤ Automobiles & auto components



➤ Advance chemistry cell (ACC) battery

➤ Textiles— MMF segment and technical textiles

➤ Specialty steel

### Sept 2021

➤ Drones and drone components





A hand is pointing at a tablet displaying a 3D bar chart. The chart has six bars of varying heights, with the tallest bar on the right. The background is a blurred blue and white pattern, possibly a person's shirt. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

LEAP AHEAD initiative: Launched by STPI for startups

- The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) launched the LEAP AHEAD initiative, a collaborative effort between the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Delhi-NCR, aimed at supporting and accelerating the success of tech startups in India.

- इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय (एमईआईटीवाई) ने लीप अहेड पहल शुरू की, जो सॉफ्टवेयर टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क ऑफ इंडिया (एसटीपीआई) और इंडस एंटरप्रेन्योर्स (टीआईई) दिल्ली-एनसीआर के बीच एक सहयोगात्मक प्रयास है, जिसका उद्देश्य तकनीकी स्टार्टअप की सफलता का समर्थन करना और उसमें तेजी लाना है। भारत में।



- **What are Start-Ups?**

- **Start-ups** are companies in their early stages of operation, founded by entrepreneurs aiming to meet demand with innovative products or services. India has become the 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world after the US and China. India is home to as many as 75,000 Startups

- स्टार्ट-अप क्या हैं?

- स्टार्ट-अप वे कंपनियां हैं जो परिचालन के शुरुआती चरण में हैं, जिनकी स्थापना उद्यमियों द्वारा नवीन उत्पादों या सेवाओं के साथ मांग को पूरा करने के उद्देश्य से की जाती है। अमेरिका और चीन के बाद भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा स्टार्ट-अप इकोसिस्टम बन गया है। भारत लगभग 75,000 स्टार्टअप का घर है

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**Global Innovation Index:** India has moved up from **81st (2015) to 46th** in 2021 among 130 economies of the world.

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**Publications:** Globally ranked **3rd (2021) from 6th in 2013** based on the National Science Foundation database.

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**Patents:** Globally **ranked 9th (2021)** in terms of resident patent filing.

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ग्लोबल इनोवेशन इंडेक्स: भारत दुनिया की 130 अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में 81वें (2015) से 2021 में 46वें स्थान पर पहुंच गया है।

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प्रकाशन: राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान फाउंडेशन डेटाबेस के आधार पर विश्व स्तर पर 2013 में 6वें स्थान से तीसरा (2021) स्थान प्राप्त हुआ।

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पेटेंट: निवासी पेटेंट दाखिल करने के मामले में विश्व स्तर पर 9वें (2021) स्थान पर है।



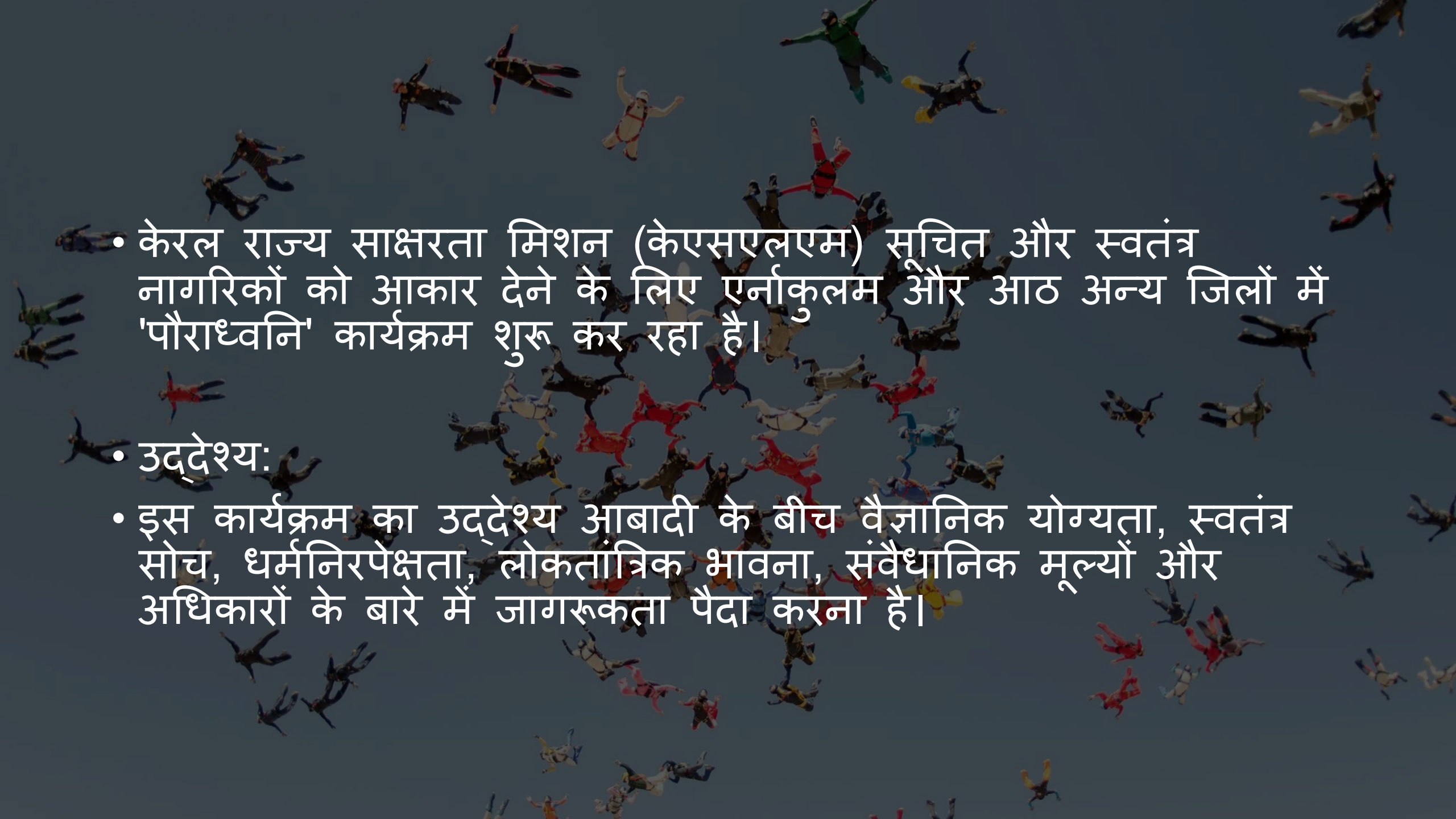
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# Pauradhvani program



- The Kerala State Literacy Mission (KSLM) is launching the 'Pauradhwani' program in Ernakulam and eight other districts to shape informed and independent citizens.
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- **Aim:**
- This program aims to instil scientific aptitude, independent thinking, secularism, democratic spirit, constitutional values, and awareness about rights among the population





- केरल राज्य साक्षरता मिशन (केएसएलएम) सूचित और स्वतंत्र नागरिकों को आकार देने के लिए एर्नाकुलम और आठ अन्य जिलों में 'पौराध्वनि' कार्यक्रम शुरू कर रहा है।

- उद्देश्य:

- इस कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य आबादी के बीच वैज्ञानिक योग्यता, स्वतंत्र सोच, धर्मनिरपेक्षता, लोकतांत्रिक भावना, संवैधानिक मूल्यों और अधिकारों के बारे में जागरूकता पैदा करना है।

- 'Pauradhvani' has a six-point motto, emphasizing the

- Rights of marginalized sections
- Democracy
- Brotherhood
- Building an egalitarian society

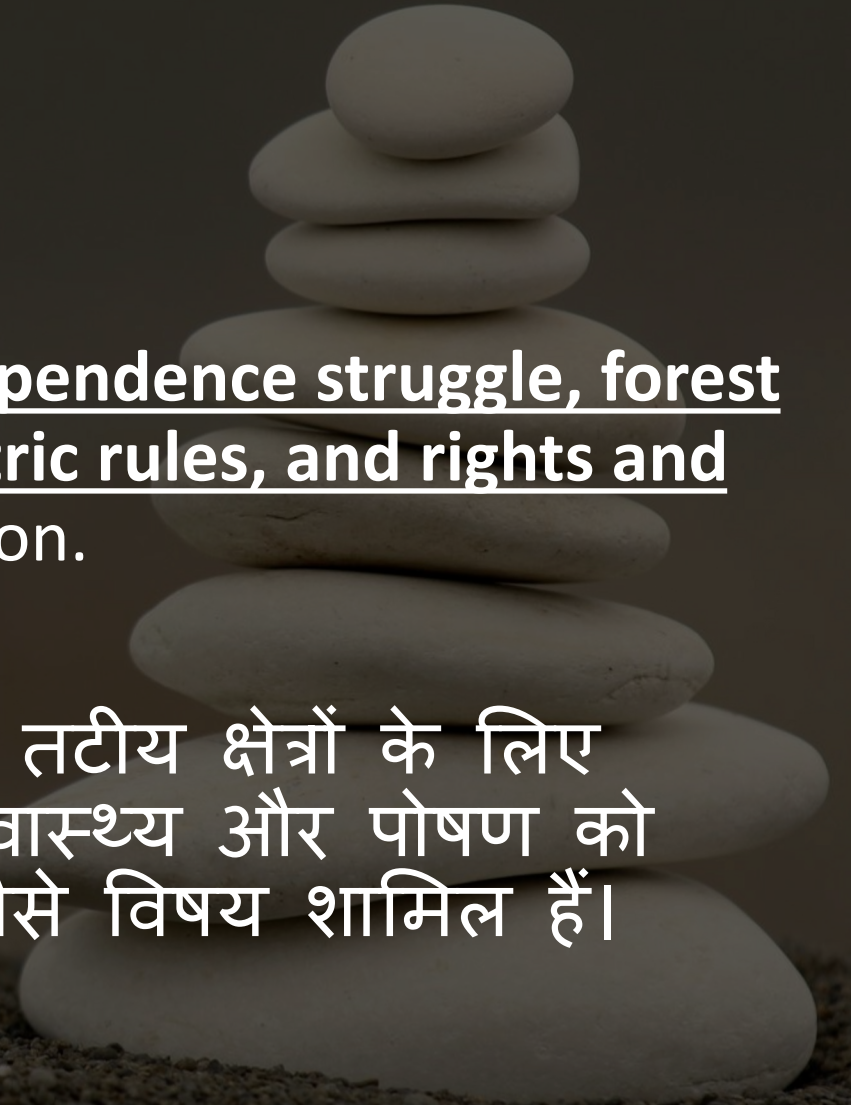
- 'पौराध्वनि' का छह सूत्रीय आदर्श वाक्य है, जिस पर जोर दिया गया है

- हाशिये पर पड़े वर्गों के अधिकार
- प्रजातंत्र
- भाईचारे
- समतामूलक समाज का निर्माण



- The program covers topics such as the independence struggle, forest rights, rules for coastal areas, women-centric rules, and rights and laws governing children, health, and nutrition.

- कार्यक्रम में स्वतंत्रता संग्राम, वन अधिकार, तटीय क्षेत्रों के लिए नियम, महिला-केंद्रित नियम और बच्चों, स्वास्थ्य और पोषण को नियंत्रित करने वाले अधिकार और कानून जैसे विषय शामिल हैं।



# Electoral Trusts (ET) Scheme



- Prior to the Electoral Bond Scheme, the Electoral Trusts (ET) Scheme, established by the UPA government in 2013, regulated corporate and individual donations to political parties, emphasizing transparency.
- चुनावी बॉन्ड योजना से पहले, 2013 में यूपीए सरकार द्वारा स्थापित चुनावी ट्रस्ट (ईटी) योजना, पारदर्शिता पर जोर देते हुए, राजनीतिक दलों को कॉर्पोरेट और व्यक्तिगत दान को विनियमित करती थी।

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- **Electoral Trusts (ET) Scheme:**
  - Introduced in 2013.
  - Open to companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, and individuals or entities residing in India.
  - Trusts must renew their registration every three financial years.
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- चुनावी ट्रस्ट (ईटी) योजना:
  - 2013 में पेश किया गया।
  - कंपनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 25 के तहत पंजीकृत कंपनियों और भारत में रहने वाले व्यक्तियों या संस्थाओं के लिए खुला है।
  - ट्रस्टों को हर तीन वित्तीय वर्षों में अपना पंजीकरण नवीनीकृत करना होगा।



Mandates that 95% of contributions received in a financial year must be donated to political parties registered under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Electoral Trusts prioritize transparency by mandating the reporting of contributors and beneficiaries to the Election Commission of India.

This differs from the Electoral Bonds (EB) Scheme, which permits anonymous political donations.

यह आदेश दिया गया है कि एक वित्तीय वर्ष में प्राप्त योगदान का 95% जन प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 के तहत पंजीकृत राजनीतिक दलों को दान किया जाना चाहिए।

चुनावी ट्रस्ट भारत के चुनाव आयोग को योगदानकर्ताओं और लाभार्थियों की रिपोर्टिंग को अनिवार्य करके पारदर्शिता को प्राथमिकता देते हैं।

यह चुनावी बांड (ईबी) योजना से अलग है, जो गुमनाम राजनीतिक दान की अनुमति देती है।





### What does the Trend Show?



Both EB and ET schemes are running simultaneously. In the period from 2017-18 to 2021-22, the money donated through EBs was over five times the amount that came through Electoral Trusts. Between the same period, parties received a total of Rs 1,631 crore through ETs, while Rs 9,208 crore was donated through EBs.

- रुझान क्या दिखाता है?
- ईबी और ईटी दोनों योजनाएं एक साथ चल रही हैं। 2017-18 से 2021-22 की अवधि में, ईबी के माध्यम से दान किया गया धन चनावी ट्रस्टों के माध्यम से आई राशि से पांच गुना अधिक था। इसी अवधि के बीच, पार्टियों को ईटी के माध्यम से कुल 1,631 करोड़ रुपये प्राप्त हुए, जबकि ईबी के माध्यम से 9,208 करोड़ रुपये का दान दिया गया।



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## During talks with U.S., India bats for two-state solution to end Israel-Palestinian crisis

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NEW DELHI

India reiterated the need for a two-state solution to end the current Israel-Palestinian crisis, during a ministerial meeting between India and the United States on Friday. The Foreign and Defence Ministers of both countries focused on the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel and called for the "immediate release" of those being held hostage in the Gaza Strip. There was no mention of a ceasefire; instead, India and the U.S. called for "humanitarian pauses" in the conflict.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra added that India had proposed the "two-state solution and early resumption of dia-



Antony Blinken meets S. Jaishankar ahead of the 5th India-U.S. 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi. ANI

logue" as a way forward in dealing with the crisis.

"Noting horrific terrorist attacks against Israel, the Ministers stated that India and the U.S. stand with Israel against terrorism and called for adherence to international humanitarian law, includ-

ing with regard to the protection of civilians. They called for the immediate release of all remaining hostages," read a joint statement issued after the "2+2" Ministerial meeting.

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#### Rain brings some respite; odd-even scheme deferred

NEW DELHI With overnight rain improving Delhi's air quality, Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Friday said the government will defer the implementation of the odd-even scheme. » Page 3

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# In defence tech push, Rajnath, Austin discuss joint production and research

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh and his US counterpart, Lloyd Austin, on Friday discussed a wide range of strategic issues, including co-production and co-development of defence systems, as they explored ways to enhance cooperation on defence technology.

At a bilateral meeting shortly after the India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue concluded, the two ministers reviewed the progress of INDUS-X, an initiative aimed at expanding strategic technology ties and defence industrial cooperation, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Later, a joint statement on the 2+2 dialogue said both sides reaffirmed their commitment to advancing ties through dialogue and military exercises and projects under the Roadmap for Defence Industrial Cooperation. Launched in June, the roadmap is seen as a landmark move to boost India's defence manufacturing goals.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with US Defense Secy Lloyd Austin in New Delhi. PTI

According to the joint statement, the two sides looked forward to finalising a Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA), a key priority in the roadmap which will further integrate their defence industrial ecosystems of both countries while strengthening the "supply chain resilience".

While vowed to strengthen collaboration in emerging domains such as space and artificial intelligence, both sides also pledged to implement commitments by PM Modi and President Biden

to undertake efforts to address export control issues while supporting India's goals of emerging as a global defence hub, the joint statement said.

Singh and Austin appreciated the "commencement of negotiations for a commercial agreement" between General Electric (GE) Aerospace and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to manufacture GEF-414 jet engines in India. The engines will power the Indian Air Force's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Mk2 jets.

The GE-HAL deal was signed during Modi's state visit to the US in June. "Such partnerships exemplify the type of defence industrial cooperation the two countries look forward to pursuing as an enduring pillar of the defence partnership," the joint statement said.

The two sides also "recommitted to spurring investment in India's growing maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) sector, which encompasses aircraft maintenance and mid-voyage repair of US naval vessels".

Lauding the "continuing ad-

vances in interoperability", the two sides noted India and the US were setting up new liaison positions to facilitate seamless communication and cooperation between their armed forces. They also welcomed India's full membership of the multinational Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), headquartered in Bahrain.

"The ministers also welcomed further discussions to maximize shared benefits of the Logistics and Exchange Memorandum Agreement (LEMOA) and identify reciprocal steps both countries can take to enhance the reach of their respective militaries," the statement said. At a special briefing earlier on "2+2 dialogue", Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane called defence cooperation "a rock-solid support" to bilateral relations between India and the US.

He said the potential collaboration between the two sides in emerging domains for civilian commercial use and for strategic purposes was of common interest. "We have a common vision of free open and inclusive Indo-

Pacific and a rules-based global order throughout the seas. Our partnership is of critical importance to peace and stability in our immediate neighborhood in other regions connected to us," he said.

He said India has already sent a Letter of Request to the US on the purchase of General Atomics (GA) armed MQ-9B HALE UAVs, which was also announced during Modi's US visit. The weaponised UAVs are expected to boost the ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance) capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces. "The US-based company (GA) has to take clearance from their government and come back to us. Meanwhile, we have the necessary capabilities to take care of our immediate threats," Aramane said. On the development of infantry combat vehicles for India, Aramane said it was part of defence industry cooperation roadmap between the two countries. The initial offers on infantry combat vehicle systems have come from the US, he said. "We have expressed our interest in further discussions," he added.



# Pointers

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The India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue, which reviewed the progress of the India-US Defence Cooperation.

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'Governor is intended to be a constitutional Statesman guiding the government on matters of constitutional concern,' the court added.

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

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The Speaker, who has been recognised to be the guardian of the House and constitutionally recognised authority who represents the House, was acting well within his jurisdiction in adjourning the House sine die," the court concluded.

Gaza crisis: India bats for two-state solution

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's interactions in Delhi were a continuation of his diplomacy on the Israel-Palestinian crisis which has taken a heavy humanitarian toll due to the continued Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip. The joint statement reflected Mr. Blinken's arguments made during a meeting with Arab Foreign Ministers in Amman on November 4, where the U.S. had refused to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. The "2+2" meeting was led by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. A broad range of issues, including the India-Canada spat over Khalistani groups and the upcoming election in Bangladesh, were discussed. Mr. Blinken and Mr. Austin met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday evening. "Our shared belief in democracy, pluralism and the rule of law underpins our mutually beneficial cooperation in diverse sectors. The India-US partnership is truly a force for global good," Mr. Modi said in a message.

'India, U.S. in agreement on strategic issues'

"The India-U.S. defence relationship has evolved into a strategic partnership characterised by mutual trust, shared values, and a growing recognition of common interests in maintaining regional and global security," Mr. Singh said in his opening remarks. "We share a focus on maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region, and the importance of safeguarding vital sea lanes, and promoting stability; our teams are working on the substantive outcomes." Noting that the strategic convergence would expand the scope of collaboration to new domains, he said: "We are charting new pathways of cooperation by pursuing stronger defence, industrial engagement, easing of technology restrictions, resilient supply chains in all domains, and maritime security." "Our relationship is not just about the People's Republic of China and is based on many other things," Mr. Austin said. "It is based on shared values and democracy. We are cooperating in under-sea and space technologies," he added. The two countries are negotiating deals for the purchase of 31 MQ-9B unmanned aerial vehicles, and for the licensed manufacture of General Electric's F-414 jet engine in India, which has been chosen to power the LCA-MK2.

T.N. Governor holding back Bills a matter of concern: SC

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The State asked the court to fix a deadline for Governor R.N. Ravi to consider the Bills pending with his office. P1

Chief Justice Chandrachud orally observed that the Governor could either give his assent, withhold assent in which case, if the Bills were not Money Bills, return the Bills to the House suggesting modifications/amendments or refer the proposed laws to the President. The court said the Governor could not just sit on them indefinitely.

"We have been begging him to consider the Bills and have been begging him to grant sanction for prosecution. We have been begging him for remission... He is doing nothing," Mr. Singhvi said.

Mr. Wilson submitted that there was not a "wood" from the Governor on any of these files or Bills, which related to subjects from public health to higher education. The court, in its short order, highlighted that Article 200 of the Constitution mandated the Governor to act "as soon as possible" when Bills, passed by the State Legislature, were presented to him for declaration of assent.

BRO says Amarnath road project will help pilgrims' movement

Esczazada Ashia SHENAGAR

Facing outcry from the Jammu and Kashmir-based political parties, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Saturday clarified that the ongoing road project for the Amarnath shrine was to widen the road for pedestrian traffic, keeping in view the environmental concerns.

The court in 2012 issued the directions for sufficient widening of tracks to facilitate pedestrian traffic and address congestion on the track, improvement of critical stretches of the existing track, provide safety railings and retaining walls along the vulnerable areas, etc. The court also view the environmental concerns," the BRO said in a statement.

Modi may attend COP-28 summit in Dubai; to host G-20 summit virtually

Subhasini Haider Jacob E. Koshy NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely be present at the 28th edition of the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP-28), which will begin in Dubai on November 30, sources confirmed to The Hindu.

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The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

person, were vacant. There are four files for prosecution sanction forwarded to the Governor between April 2022 and May 2023.

The State said the Governor had positioned himself as a political rival to the legitimately elected government. The Governor's inactions had caused an impasse between the constitutional head of the State and the elected government of the State. The Governor was trying away from the citizen's mandate, the petition said.

The State urged the Supreme Court to declare the "inaction, omission, delay and failure to comply with the constitutional mandate by the Governor of Tamil Nadu" as illegal and arbitrary.

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168 villages along China border to get road connectivity in a year: Shah

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said 168 villages along the China border that do not have any connectivity would be connected by road and other forms of communication in the next year. He said the country's security would suffer if border villages were emptied out due to migration and the vibrant village programme (VVP) would ensure that all facilities and infrastructure reached there. He said the country could not be safe one year development of the border areas.

Mr. Shah was speaking at the 62nd Raising Day parade of the Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP) in Dehradun on Friday. The ITBP is the primary force deployed along the 3,488-km China border. He said that seven battalions of the ITBP were sanctioned by the government and out of them, four battalions would be deployed shortly. Mr. Shah said these seven battalions and one sector headquarters would be built at a cost of approximately \$2,000 crore.

Slapping case: court raps U.P. govt. for not complying with order

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed shock at the Uttar Pradesh government's lack of compliance with the order passed by expert counselling for a student who was a teacher at a Muzaffarnagar private school encouraged parents to slap him. A Bench headed by Justice S. J. Oberoi and the State Education Secretary to the present virtually on the need for concrete commitments towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The court said that the Government of India should take steps to ensure that the SDGs are achieved by 2030. The court also directed the Government of India to take steps to ensure that the SDGs are achieved by 2030.

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla questioning how news channels like NDTV, which is owned by the Adani Group, got access to the draft report of the Ethics Committee inquiring into the "cash-for-query" allegations against her.

It is even more shocking because this media channel is majority-owned by Adani Group, against whom I have raised very serious questions of corporate fraud and breach of financial and securities regulations in the Lok Sabha," Ms. Moitra said in the letter on Thursday, which she posted on X.

She added that the Adani Group was "under the scanner for a \$3,000 crore coal scam where they have over-invoiced imports in addition to serious allegations of corporate fraud in the areas of energy and gas, infrastructure etc."

"Total breakdown" The group's shareholding in the Ethics Committee suspect with dubious FPI's owning stock via the backdoor in violation of Indian securities regulations," Ms. Moitra alleged.



Mahua Moitra

In her letter, the Trinamool leader said that it was a "total breakdown" of all due process and rules of the Lok Sabha. "Your inaction and lack of response to my previous complaints is also unfortunate. However, as a matter of record Ms. Moitra said in the report, recommending her expulsion from the Lok Sabha.

Her letter came just hours before the Ethics Committee adopted a report, recommending her expulsion from the Lok Sabha.

The report will be tabled on the first day of the Winter Session of Parliament scheduled to begin on December 4.

This is the first time since the Ethics Committee came into existence in 2000 that the panel has recommended the expulsion of an MP.

occupied as the ITBP was posted there. He said a budgetary allocation of \$4,800 crore had been made to create adequate infrastructural, health and educational facilities in 602 border villages of 19 districts under the VVP. The ITBP could also be made the nodal agency for carrying out developmental work in the border villages, he said.

Mr. Shah said that among the many new initiatives taken on Friday, the Self-Sustainable Energy Building (SSEB) was very special because built at an altitude of 17,000 feet in the cold desert this building would become a symbol of self-reliant India. He said this building was a Deshpande gift to the Himalayers from the PM. He said it would keep the soldiers safe at a temperature of 18-19 degrees Celsius. He said the SSEB was completed in just two months.

names of expert counsellors.

To avoid any strong action by the court, he hope and trust that the Secretary will personally look into the matter and ensure that the order passed by this court is complied in letter and spirit and affidavits are placed at least three days in advance before the next date, the court said. The court had earlier flagged the incident as "very serious" and in violation of Article 21A (the fundamental right of a child to free and compulsory education) of the Constitution, the Right to Education Act, and even the Uttar Pradesh Rules which tasks the local authorities to ensure that children do not face discrimination in classrooms.



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Mr. Modi is likely to be present on December 1, sources said, when heads of state from several countries are expected to make statements. COP-28 will go on till December 12.

He is also hosting the Voice of Global Summit and the G-20 summits virtually, and climate change


commitments as well as the need for concrete moves on climate finance from the developed world are likely to be highlighted.

The last time Mr. Modi visited a COP summit was the 26th edition, held in Scotland, where he committed to India achieving net zero - or no net emis-

sions of carbon dioxide - by 2070. India's presidency of the G-20 and the resulting New Delhi agreement in September placed climate change, the adoption of renewable energy and the responsibility of richer, developed countries to shoulder greater responsibility for the climate crisis as central issues.

The major themes expected to resonate at COP-28 are the Global Stocktake, where countries are expected to present the steps they have undertaken to meet commitments towards achieving goals of the Paris Agreement. Countries are also expected to deliberate on the Loss and Damages Fund, to compensate countries already bearing the brunt of climate change.



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- The first UNFCCC Conference of the Parties took place from 28 March to 7 April 1995 in Berlin, Germany.



## TIMELINE OF CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCES

1992

Earth summit in Rio  
UNFCCC is opened for  
signature along with Rio  
Conventions, UNCBD  
and UNCCD

1995

COP 1 Berlin  
First Conference of  
the Parties (COP)  
took place

1997

Kyoto Protocol  
To reduce the  
emission of  
Greenhouse gases

2001

Marrakesh Accords  
Rules for implementing  
KP, setting up funding  
instruments & tech  
transfer

2012

CMP 8, Doha  
Extended the Kyoto  
Protocol till 2020 &  
set legally binding  
targets

2007

COP 13, Bali Roadmap  
For implementing the  
Convention through long  
term cooperative action  
beyond 2012

2005

MOP 1, Montreal  
Kyoto Protocol entered  
into force & the 1st  
meeting of Parties  
took place

2013

COP 19, Warsaw  
Adopted Green Climate  
Fund, Warsaw Framework  
for REDD+, International  
Mechanism for Loss &  
Damage

2015

COP 21, Paris  
To limit global warming  
to below 2°C pre-  
industrial level,  
preferably to 1.5°C

2021

COP 26, Glasgow  
Rulebook for  
implementing the Paris  
Agreement is to be  
finalised

2022

COP 27, Sharm el-  
Sheikh  
Agreed to establish a  
Loss and Damage  
Fund





**TEHRAN**  
**Expansion of Israel-Hamas war 'inevitable': Iran's Foreign Minister**



Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said his Qatari counterpart, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani in a phone call, on Friday that expansion of the Israel-Hamas war has become "inevitable", amid widespread concern in the region and beyond that the conflict could spread. **AP**

**OTTAWA**  
**Canada police probe video warning not to fly Air India**



Canada's federal police are investigating a warning in videos circulating online not to fly Air India starting on November 19, the transportation minister said on Thursday. The videos, posted online in the last week, feature Gurpatwant Singh Panesar, the general counsel for the U.S.-based Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). **AP**

**YANGON**  
**Northern Myanmar clash displaces almost 50,000 civilians, says UN**



Almost 50,000 people have been displaced by fighting in northern Myanmar after an alliance of ethnic armed groups launched an offensive against the military two weeks ago, the UN said on Friday. Fighting has raged across northern Shan state in what analysts say poses the biggest challenge to the junta since 2021. **AP**

**WASHINGTON**  
**U.S. approves first vaccine against chikungunya virus for those over 18**



U.S. health authorities on Thursday approved the world's first vaccine, developed by Europe's Valneva which will be marketed under the name Ichigo, was approved for people 18 and over who are at risk of exposure, the Food and Drug Administration said. **AP**

**'Israel strikes target Gaza's largest hospital compound'**

Al-Shifa hospital chief Mohammad Abu Salmiya says two people were killed and 10 wounded in a strike that he said hit its maternity ward; Israel says it killed dozens of militants in the operation

Agence France-Presse  
GAZA STRIP



Widespread destruction: Smoke rises as Palestinians take shelter at Al-Shifa hospital during an Israeli attack, in Gaza City, Saturday. **AP**

Palestinians said a deadly strike on Friday hit Gaza City's largest hospital compound and medical facilities sheltering tens of thousands were caught in intense combat between Israel and Hamas. Gaza's Hamas government, which reported a death toll of 13, and the director of Gaza City's Al-Shifa hospital blamed Israeli forces for the strike. Israel did not immediately comment. Al-Shifa hospital director Mohammad Abu Salmiya reported two people were killed and 10 wounded in a strike that he said hit the compound's maternity ward. A Hamas government statement added that dozens were wounded in an Israeli strike on the hospital.

dozens of people sheltering at Gaza City's Al-Rantisi hospital fled on instruction from the Israeli military, which was surrounding it with armed vehicles. As the fighting raged in Gaza, air raid sirens sounded in Tel Aviv, while Hamas's military wing said it targeted the Israeli commercial hub with rockets. There were no immediate reports of casualties. The war in the densely populated coastal Gaza Strip, which is effectively sealed off, has prompted repeated calls for a ceasefire to protect civilian lives and allow in more humanitarian aid. Tens of thousands of people have fled to the south of the territory in recent days, often on foot and with only the things they could carry. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly rejected halting the fighting.

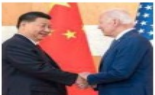
**Gaza 'carnage' simply must stop: top UN aid official**

Agence France-Presse  
GAZA STRIP

The United Nations has called for an end to the carnage afflicting war-torn Gaza during Israel's military campaign, according to a top UN aid official's comments released on Friday. "The present course chosen by the Israeli authorities will not bring the peace and stability that both Israelis and Palestinians want and deserve," the UN secretary-general's office said. The United Nations' agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), wrote in a media opinion piece. "It is expected to cover global issues from the Israeli-Hamas war to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea's ties with Russia, Taiwan, the Indo-Pacific, human rights, fintech, Artificial Intelligence, as well as 'fair' trade and economic relations, senior Biden administration officials said. Biden's visit will be held back; everything is on the table," according to one

**Biden, Xi to hold talks next week in San Francisco: U.S.**

Reuters  
WASHINGTON



U.S. President Joe Biden, right, and Chinese President Xi Jinping meeting in Nov. 2022. **AP**

U.S. President Joe Biden will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping face-to-face for the first time in a year on Wednesday, the White House said, in high-stakes diplomacy aimed at curbing tensions between the world's two superpowers. The closely watched interaction, on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the San Francisco Bay area, could last hours and involve teams of officials from Beijing and Washington. It is expected to cover global issues from the Israeli-Hamas war to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea's ties with Russia, Taiwan, the Indo-Pacific, human rights, fintech, Artificial Intelligence, as well as "fair" trade and economic relations, senior Biden administration officials said. Biden's visit will be held back; everything is on the table," according to one

firming the day of the meeting in a statement on Friday. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Friday that Mr. Xi would visit the U.S. between Nov. 14-17, attend the APEC summit and meet with Mr. Biden. Mr. Biden and Mr. Xi will speak across oceans of ideological difference for the first time since November 2022. The U.S. President's team engineered a diplomatic blitz to repair hostile relations after Mr. Biden ordered the shooting down of a suspected Chinese spy balloon that transited U.S. skies in February. A major result is expected to be greater diplomacy promises to talk more on key issues, including on climate, global health, economic stability, counter-narcotics efforts and potentially the resumption of some military-to-military channels after a high-level freeze. Both sides may make modest gestures of goodwill to ease talks, according to two other people briefed on the discussions. The White House con-

**Bangladesh PM rejects further pay hike after garment worker protests**

Agence France-Presse  
DHAKA



Under watch: Police personnel standing guard along a street as garment workers and activists protest in Dhaka on Friday. **AP**

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has rejected any further pay hikes for protesting garment workers demanding a nearly tripled wage increase, after violent clashes with police and factories were ransacked. Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85% of its \$55 billion in annual exports, supplying many of the world's top brands including Levi's, Zara and H&M. A government-appointed panel raised wages on Tuesday by 56.25% to 12,500 taka (\$13) for the South Asian nation's garment factory workers, who were demanding a 25,000 taka minimum wage in all plants. "I would say to the garment workers: they have to work with whatever their salary is

increased, they should continue their work," Ms. Hasina told a meeting, speaking on Awami League party late on Thursday. The protesters have left at least three workers dead and more than 70 factories ransacked since last week, according to police. "If they take to the streets to protest at someone's invitation, they will lose their job, lose their work and will have

to return to their village," the Prime Minister added. A union leader, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Ms. Hasina's speech had created a "climate of fear" in the industry, warning it had given government forces permission to crack down further on protesters. Police have arrested more than 100 protesters including several union leaders over charges of violence and vandalising factories.

**Philippines, China ships in new confrontation**

Associated Press  
MANILA

Chinese and Philippine vessels engaged in a new confrontation in the South China Sea on Friday, with Manila charging that a Chinese Coast Guard ship and accompanying vessels conducted dangerous maneuvers and blasted a Philippine supply ship with a water cannon in disputed waters, according to Philippine officials. China responded that it acted appropriately under maritime law to defend what it says is its territory. The incident was the latest in a series of maritime confrontations between the two nations over territorial disputes that risk turning into more serious armed engagements. Tensions have risen recently as China has blockaded an isolated Philippine marine outpost on Second Thomas Shoal, also known as Ayungin

Shoal. The marines are based on a rusted oil warship that the Philippine Navy grounded deliberately in 1999 to bolster its territorial claim. Last month, a Chinese coast guard ship and an accompanying vessel rammed a Philippine coast guard ship and a military-run supply boat near the contested shoal, according to Philippine officials. China accused Philippine vessels of trespassing in what it said were Chinese waters without authorization, despite repeated radio warnings. A Philippine government task force dealing with the South China Sea said on Friday that vessels belonging to China's Coast Guard and its paramilitary Maritime Militia recklessly harassed, blocked and executed dangerous maneuvers in the area, and attempt to illegally impede or obstruct a routine resupply and rotation mission."

**Prince Harry's lawsuit against Daily Mail publisher can go to trial: judge**

Associated Press  
LONDON

A lawsuit by Prince Harry, Elton John and five other public figures accusing a newspaper publisher of using private detectives and listening devices to illegally snoop on them should go to a full trial, a British judge ruled on Friday. Judge Matthew Nicklin rejected a bid by the publisher of the Daily Mail to dismiss the case

without trial, saying defence lawyers had not delivered a "knockout blow" to the claimants' case. The claimants, who include John's husband David Parrish and actor Elizabeth Hurley and Sade Frost, accuse publisher Associated Newspapers Ltd. of unlawfully gathering information by bugging homes and cars, and using deceit to obtain medical records. The judge rejected the publisher's argument that the

case should be dismissed because the claims had not been brought within six years of the alleged offence. The case is one of several lawsuits brought in the U.K. by Mr. Harry, who has made a personal mission to tame Britain's tabloid press. He blames the British media for the death of his mother, Princess Diana, who was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997 while being pursued by paparazzi.

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**WASHINGTON**

## U.S. approves first vaccine against chikungunya virus for those over 18

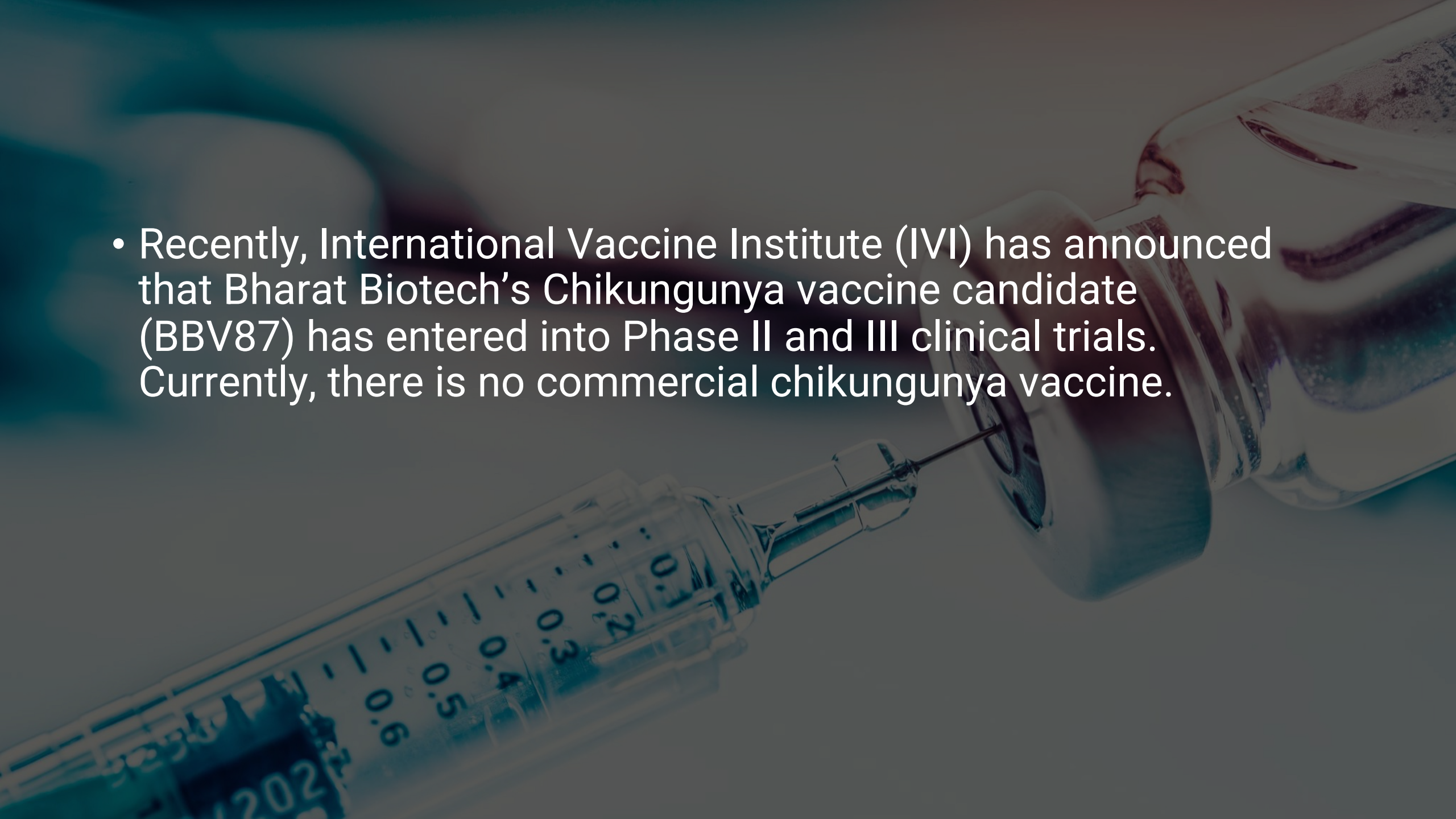


AP

U.S. health authorities on Thursday approved the world's first vaccine for chikungunya, a virus spread by infected mosquitoes. The vaccine, developed by Europe's Valneva which will be marketed under the name Ixchiq, was approved for people 18 and over who are at risk of exposure, the Food and Drug Administration said. AFP



- Recently, International Vaccine Institute (IVI) has announced that Bharat Biotech's Chikungunya vaccine candidate (BBV87) has entered into Phase II and III clinical trials. Currently, there is no commercial chikungunya vaccine.



# Chikungunya

Chikungunya is transmitted through the bite of the *Aedes Aegypti* and the *Aedes Albopictus* Mosquito. The second is only found in Izabal



*Aedes Aegypti*



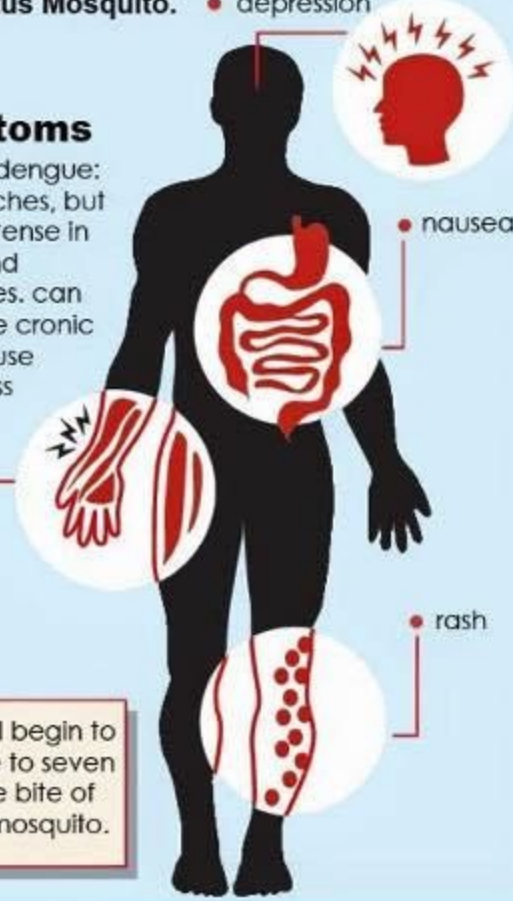
*Aedes Albopictus*

## Symptoms

- just like dengue: body aches, but more intense in joints and tendons. can become chronic and cause blindness

symptoms will begin to appear three to seven days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

- fever
- headaches
- tiredness
- depression



## Prevention



do not store water in open containers so that they do not become breeding sites for mosquitoes



cover tanks or containers for water for domestic use



do not accumulate trash, dispose of trash in your yard



cut your grass regularly to destroy potential breeding or resting sites



use mesh or screens on your windows and doors



use repellent or long sleeves to avoid getting bitten



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**Shivraj and BJP's other challenge in MP — BJP Restive rank and file, CM's over-reliance on bureaucrats, party high command's writ — all are shrinking the incumbent**

**VANDITA MISHRA**  
BHOPAL, CHHINDWARA, NOVEMBER 10

AT THE centre of this Madhya Pradesh election, and yet not at its centre, is the figure of Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister for four terms, the longest serving BJP CM, but no longer its chief ministerial candidate. In a large and sprawling state segmented by well-defined regions, Chouhan remains the state BJP's only pan-MP leader.



But this time in the poll fray, there are abundant signs of Chouhan shrinking. These signs tell a larger story about the BJP's multi-layered challenge this time in MP — it must ensure that voter resentment and restlessness born of a long incumbency is contained, that it doesn't spill over to the Lok Sabha contest in 2024, while keeping ahead of the Congress that has been closing the gap and managing the toll that long years in power have taken

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## 2+2 DIALOGUE ON DEEPENING TIES IN DEFENCE, SPACE, TECH Need humanitarian pauses, stop conflict spread: India-US on Gaza

Ministers hold 'substantive' talks — from China's conduct to Canada row

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

AS EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hosted visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin for the Indo-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue, the two sides discussed Friday China's behaviour in the region, the contentious row

between India and Canada, the implications of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war and the upcoming elections in Bangladesh — a range of issues on which Delhi and Washington agree and disagree at many levels. India signed off on the joint statement expressing "support for humanitarian pauses" in the Gaza war and to "prevent the conflict from spreading" in the



(From left) US Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Delhi on Friday. PTI

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**Patna HC cancels Bihar ambulance contract to firm of JDU MP's kin**



Despite court's cancellation, Bihar Govt awards ₹1600-crore ambulance contract to firm of JDU's MP's kin

**RITIKA CHOPRA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, NOVEMBER 10

THE PATNA High Court Friday cancelled a contract worth ₹5.1,600 crore allotted to Pashu-patnam Distributors Private

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**Public interest to orders ignored: Govt gets power to dissolve IIM boards**

**WHETHER autonomy**

THE GROUNDS under which the Government of India will get to invoke powers to dissolve the board of any Indian Institute of Management are likely to be: i) persistent disobeying of its orders, ii) public interest and iii) inability of the board to perform its duties.

The Board of Governors is the highest decision-making body in an IIM, and the government acts through the Visitor of the IIMs, who is the President of India. Earlier, only the Board of Governors in an IIM had the

powers to audit the functioning of the institute and remove or appoint directors. The Union government had little say in the matter. This changed three months ago when the Ministry

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# Can go all the way to Amarnath shrine by car, says BRO — here's how

**BASHAARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10

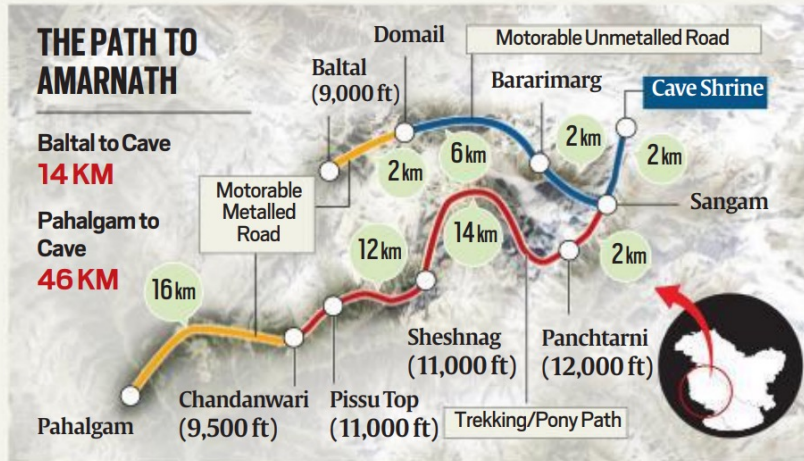
PROJECT BEACON of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has been working on restoring and improving the road to the Amarnath cave shrine, located in the snow-clad Himalayas of Kashmir's Lidder Valley.

## EXPLAINED INFRA

On November 2, the BRO posted on X (formerly Twitter) that after upgradation of the Baltal road to the shrine, motor vehicles drove all the way to the holy cave for the first time ever. This came after Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, announced a new road to the shrine earlier this year.

### Access to Amarnath till now

The Amarnath shrine, with its revered ice *lingam*, is located at an altitude of 13,000 feet. Pilgrims can reach the shrine through either



Pahalgam or Sonamarg, in the Lidder Valley.

The cave is 48 km north of Pahalgam. While the initial 16 km — from Pahalgam to Chandanwari — is motorable, pilgrims either trek or ride a pony the rest of the way, through extremely demanding terrain. It takes 3 to 5 days to reach the shrine by this route.

From Sonamarg, via Baltal, the route is much shorter. The 14 km distance between Baltal and the shrine is usually covered in eight hours on foot, or in less than six hours on a pony. Most pilgrims stay the night at Amarnath, although it is possible to complete a round trip in a single day.



Pilgrims on the arduous trek to the holy Amarnath shrine. *Express Archive*

Pilgrims can also reach the shrine on choppers, which ply from Baltal to Panchtarni — 6 km away from the shrine. Services that carried pilgrims all the way to the shrine were stopped due to ecological concerns, with choppers blamed for the *lingam's* rapid melting.

### Gadkari's ambitious proposal

In April this year, Union Minister Gadkari announced a plan which would significantly improve access to the Amarnath shrine.

This plan, with a budget of Rs 5,300 crore, comprises developing a 34 km two-lane motorable road from Chandanwari (on

the Pahalgam side), to Baltal (on the Sonamarg side). This includes a 10.8 km tunnel from Sheshnag to Panchtarni, the most arduous part of the trek on the Pahalgam route, that passes through Mahagunus Top at an altitude of 14,500 feet. A 5 km concrete pedestrian track will take the pilgrims from Panchtarni to the shrine. Alternatively, pilgrims will be able to take a 9 km ropeway from Baltal to the shrine, which will be built at a cost of Rs 750 crore.

Gadkari said that tenders for the project would be issued by the end of the year.

### BRO enters the picture

Pedestrian tracks, both from Baltal and Chandanwari to the shrine were maintained by the J&K government's Roads & Buildings (R&B) department. In September 2022, both were handed over to the BRO for maintenance and improvement.

BRO officials said that the existing tracks on the Baltal route have been widened to up to 15 feet. This is enough for trucks and pick-up vehicles to drive all the way to the cave shrine.



# ICC suspends Sri Lanka Cricket's membership

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 10

SRI LANKA CRICKET'S membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has been suspended by the ICC Board with immediate effect, the global governing body of the sport announced on Friday evening.

In a short press release the ICC said: "The ICC Board met today and determined that Sri Lanka Cricket is in serious breach of its obligations as a Member, in particular, the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and ensure that there is no government interference in the governance, regulation and/or administration of cricket in Sri Lanka. The conditions of the suspension will be decided by the ICC Board in due course."

The development comes on the heels of a turbulent World Cup campaign by the islanders, where they're currently ninth in the 10-team standings after winning just two of their nine matches.

There has been turmoil brewing in Sri Lankan cricket over the performance of the national team.

On Monday, Sri Lankan Sports Minister Roshan Ranasinghe had sacked the SLC management and appointed former World Cup-winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga as the head of a seven-member interim committee to govern the cricket board. However, that was overturned by the Court of Appeal.

SLC also issued a statement related to Ranasinghe alleging that \$2 million was transferred from its accounts, saying they were used for operational expenses only and not transferred out of their accounts.

"SLC receives funds and sponsorship income in USD, which are intentionally kept in our USD accounts to leverage exchange rate fluctuations," it said. "However, it is important to note that SLC needs to carry out its operations in Sri Lanka and fulfil financial obligations to stakeholders, including suppliers, on a regular basis. To meet these expenses, SLC follows the practice of transferring funds from its USD account to its local currency (LKR) accounts. This has been a long-standing practice, as SLC does not derive significant income in local currency."

Later in the week, the Sri Lankan parliament had unanimously passed a resolution demanding the sacking of SLC. Parties from both sides of the aisle had supported it. That resolution, passed by Sri Lankan parliament, seems to have irked ICC.



**PASSPORT PROCESS BACKLOG SOARS AS CASH-STRAPPED NATION DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH IMPORTED LAMINATION PAPER**

# Pakistan unable to print passports over shortage of lamination

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA**  
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 8

AN ACUTE scarcity of lamination paper, which is used in Pakistani passports and typically imported from France, has resulted in a sharp decline in the issuance of the key travel document in the cash-strapped country, media reports said on Friday.

Thousands of Pakistanis, who need the green-coloured book, for travelling abroad for study, work, or leisure are stuck, with no end to their ordeal presently in sight, *The Express Tribune* newspaper reported.

Quoting a senior officer of the passport office in Peshawar, who

**“...Receiving up to 25,000 applications for renewal or issuance of passports on a daily basis, but due to a shortage of lamination paper in the country, the backlog has now reached 5,00,000”**

**— SOURCES WITHIN PAKISTAN'S INTERIOR MINISTRY**

spoke under the condition of anonymity, the newspaper said, they could presently process only 12 to 13 passports per day as compared to 3,000 to 4,000

passports daily previously.

The newspaper also quoted sources in different regional passport offices, who too, it said, “were in the dark about a concrete timeline” and that “People may have to wait for another month or two.”

However, *Pakistan Observer* portal quoted the Interior Ministry sources who said, “The order for lamination paper has been placed by Pakistan and they will get the order in a week.”

Quoting sources privy to the development, it also said that the (regional) offices are “receiving up to 25,000 applications for renewal or issuance of passports on a daily basis, but due to a shortage of lamination paper in the country, the backlog has reached 5,00,000.”



**Only 12 to 13 passports per day are being processed, as compared to 3,000 to 4,000 previously. Reuters file**

When asked about the apparent inefficiency of the Directorate General of Immigration and Passports (DGI&P), *The Express Tribune*, Qadir Yar Tiwana, the Director General for Media of the Ministry of Interior, the parent ministry of DGI&P, said that the government was doing its best to navigate the crisis.

“The situation will soon be under control and passport issuance will continue as normal,” Tiwana was quoted by the newspaper as saying. The department had already witnessed a steady decline in the backlog, he claimed.

The newspaper quoted people from across the country whose travel plans were jeopardised because of the delay in receiving their passports.

The troubled citizens ranged from students, who had secured admission in a foreign university, to devotees who were readying for the Umrah booking in Saudi Arabia.

*The Pakistan Observer* said that the official delivery timing for the issuance of regular passports had been extended to a maximum of 21 working days, compared to the previous 10-day timeframe.

Back in 2013 too, passport printing had come to a similar grinding halt due to the DGI&P owing money to printers and a lack of lamination papers, *The Express Tribune* reported. **PTI**



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# Battle of Surabaya

The 10th of November is celebrated as National Heroes Day in Indonesia to commemorate the heroism of Indonesian patriots during the 1945 Battle of Surabaya.

**1945–1949**

**1945**

The Battle of Surabaya, fought between Indonesian nationalists and British and British Indian forces, which lasted from 1945 to 1949.



At the time of war, Indonesia was a Dutch colony and after Japan's surrender in World War II, Indonesian nationalists declared independence.

However, the Dutch did not recognize this declaration and sought to regain control of their colony, which led to war.

The outcome of the battle was a victory for the British and British Indian forces, who managed to capture the city of Surabaya after heavy fighting.

युद्ध के समय, इंडोनेशिया एक डच उपनिवेश था और द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध में जापान के आत्मसमर्पण के बाद, इंडोनेशियाई राष्ट्रवादियों ने स्वतंत्रता की घोषणा की।

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During October 2023, RPF reunited over 601 children under Operation 'Nanhe Faristey'

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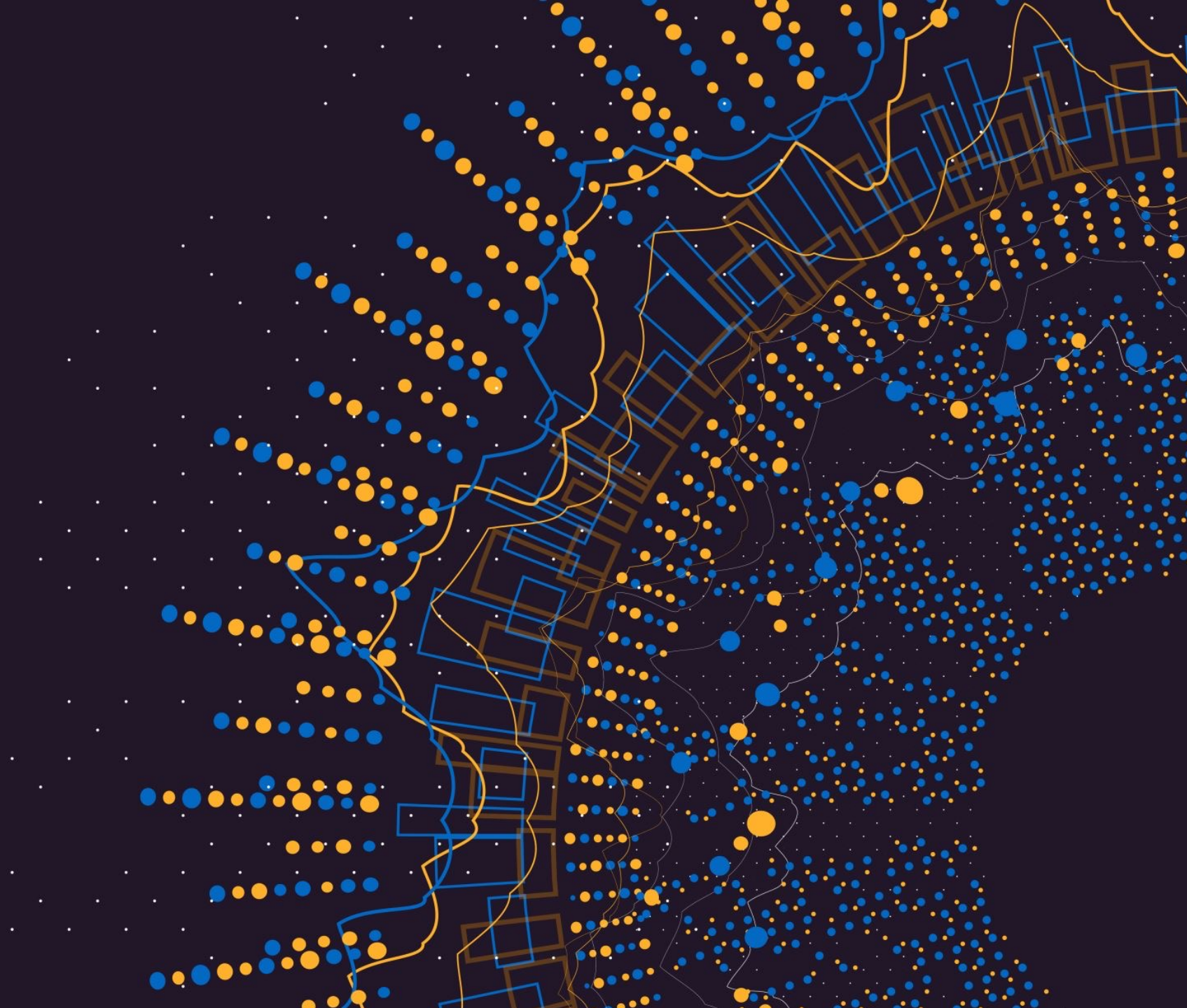


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अक्टूबर 2023 में, आरपीएफ ने यात्रियों की सुरक्षा, सुरक्षा और आराम सुनिश्चित करना जारी रखा, साथ ही अपने ग्राहकों को विश्वसनीय माल परिवहन सेवाएं प्रदान करने में भारतीय रेलवे की सहायता भी की।

# 2023 Production Gap Report





- The 2023 Production Gap Report, authored by SEI (Stockholm Environment Institute), Climate Analytics, E3G, IISD, and UNEP, reveals a concerning trend where governments intend to produce approximately 110% more fossil fuels by 2030 than is consistent with limiting global warming to **1.5°C**.
- The report was launched in 2019
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- रिपोर्ट 2019 में लॉन्च की गई थी

- **What is the Production gap?**
- **Production Gap** quantifies the difference between the projected extraction of coal, oil, and gas (fossil fuels) by governments and the **global production levels** required to meet climate goals, particularly those **outlined in the Paris Agreement** (warming to **1.5°C** or **2°C**)
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- **Production gap vs. emissions gap:**

- The emission Gap refers to the difference between global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions under the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the accepted level in 2030.

- उत्पादन अंतर बनाम उत्सर्जन अंतर:

- उत्सर्जन अंतर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निर्धारित योगदान (एनडीसी) के तहत वैश्विक ग्रीनहाउस गैस (जीएचजी) उत्सर्जन और 2030 में स्वीकृत स्तर के बीच अंतर को संदर्भित करता है।

- **Report Findings:**

- Major countries, including **Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, and the UAE**, are projected to **increase global coal production by 2030** and oil and gas production until at least 2050.

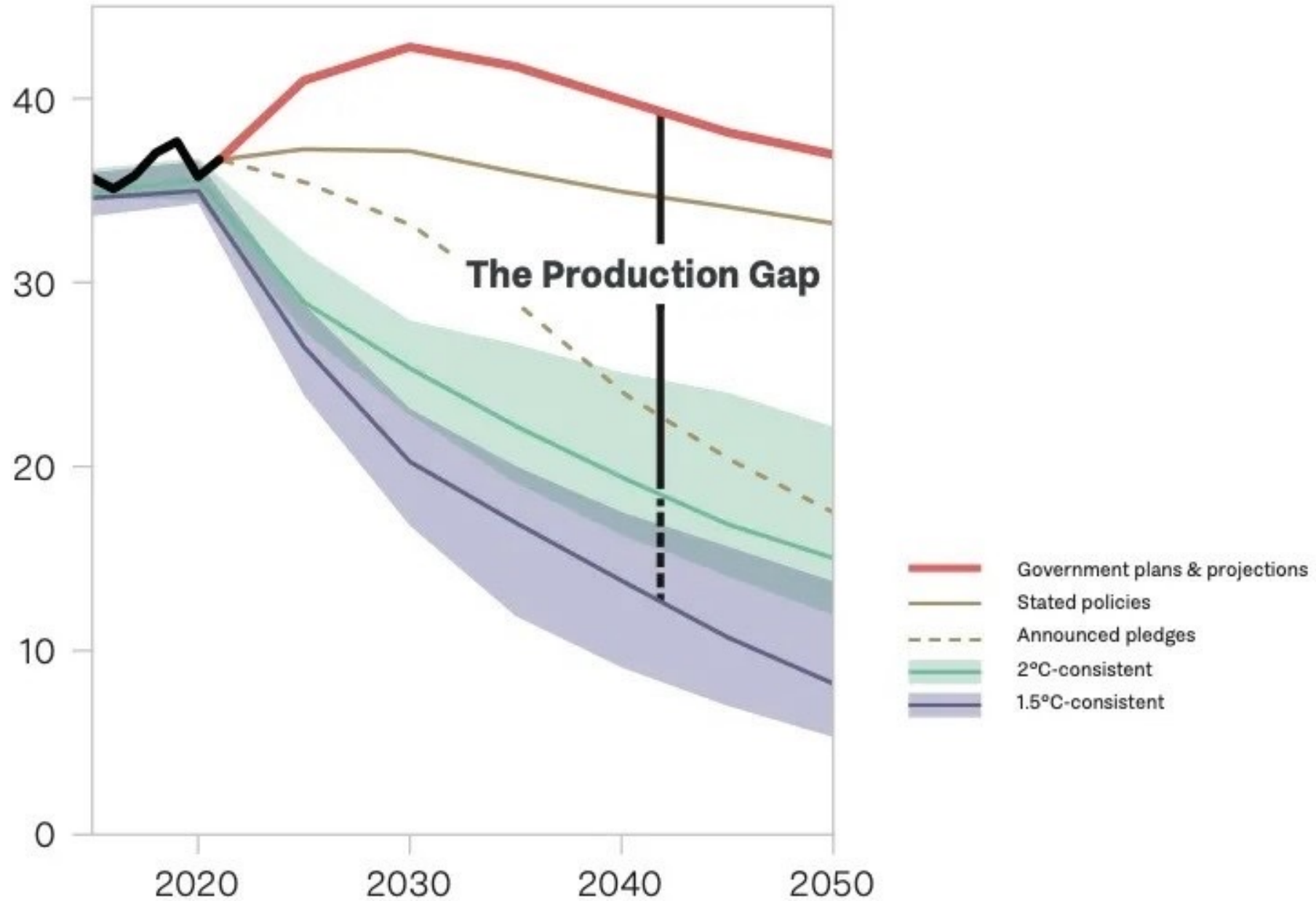
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- ऑस्ट्रेलिया, ब्राज़ील, कनाडा, चीन, भारत और संयुक्त अरब अमीरात सहित प्रमुख देशों को 2030 तक वैश्विक कोयला उत्पादन और कम से कम 2050 तक तेल और गैस उत्पादन बढ़ाने का अनुमान है।



# Global fossil fuel production

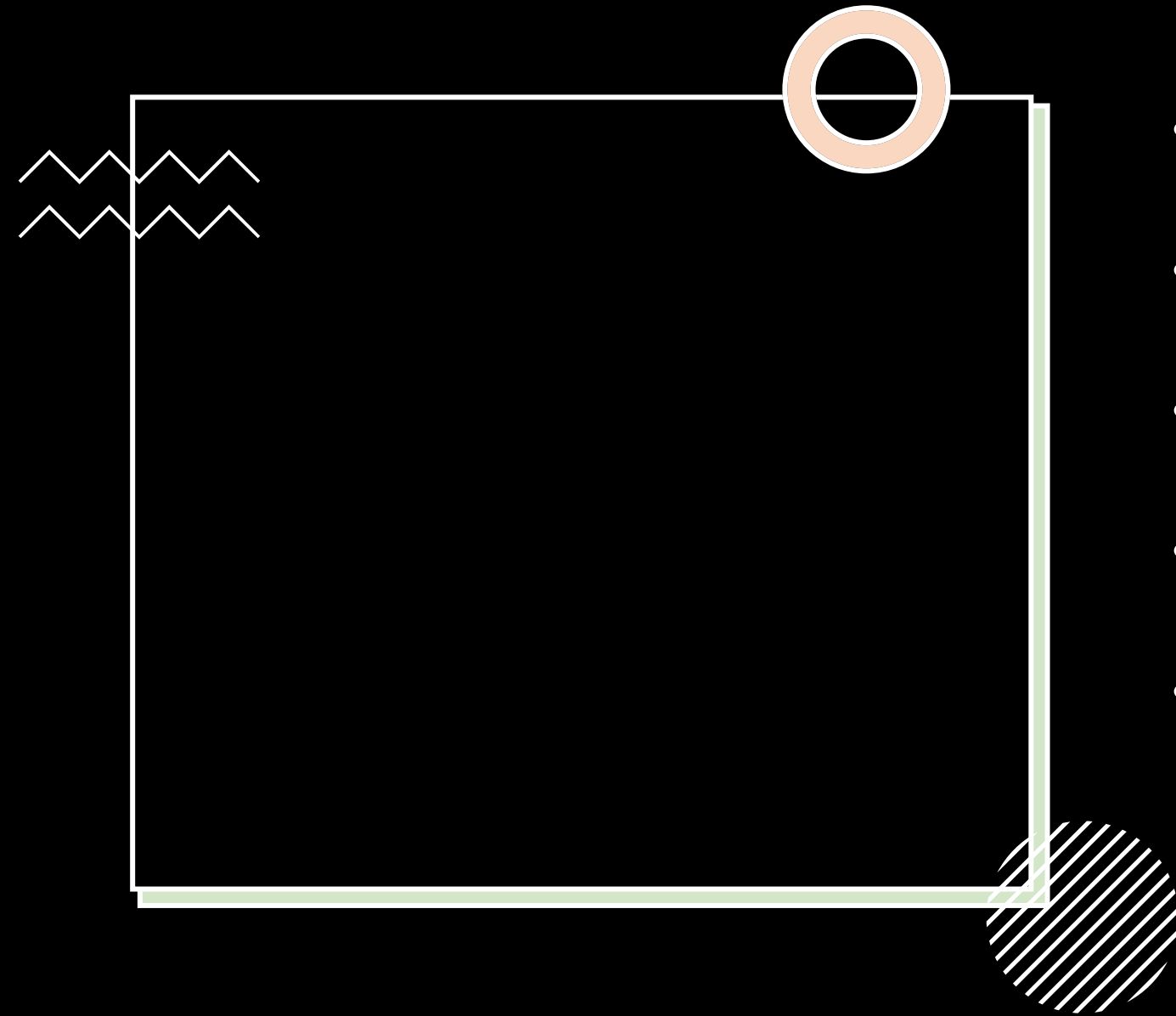
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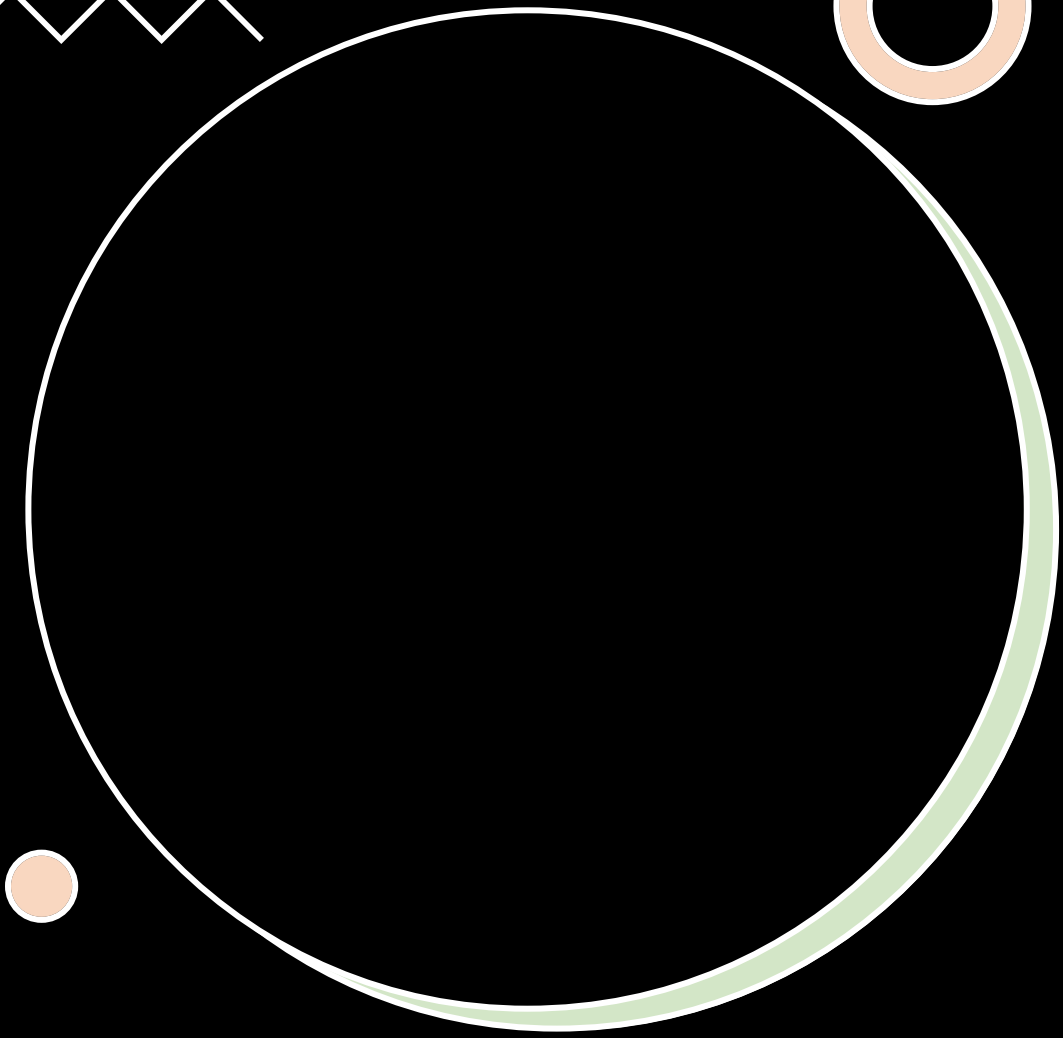
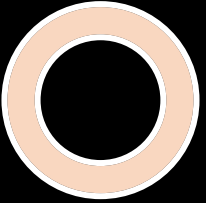


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- **Dabbled (verb):** to take part in an activity in a superficial way
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- **Synonyms:** delighted, entertained, played
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- **Antonyms:** worked, struggled, laboured.



- **Deleterious (adjective):** causing harm or damage.

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- **Synonyms:** harmful, damaging, detrimental

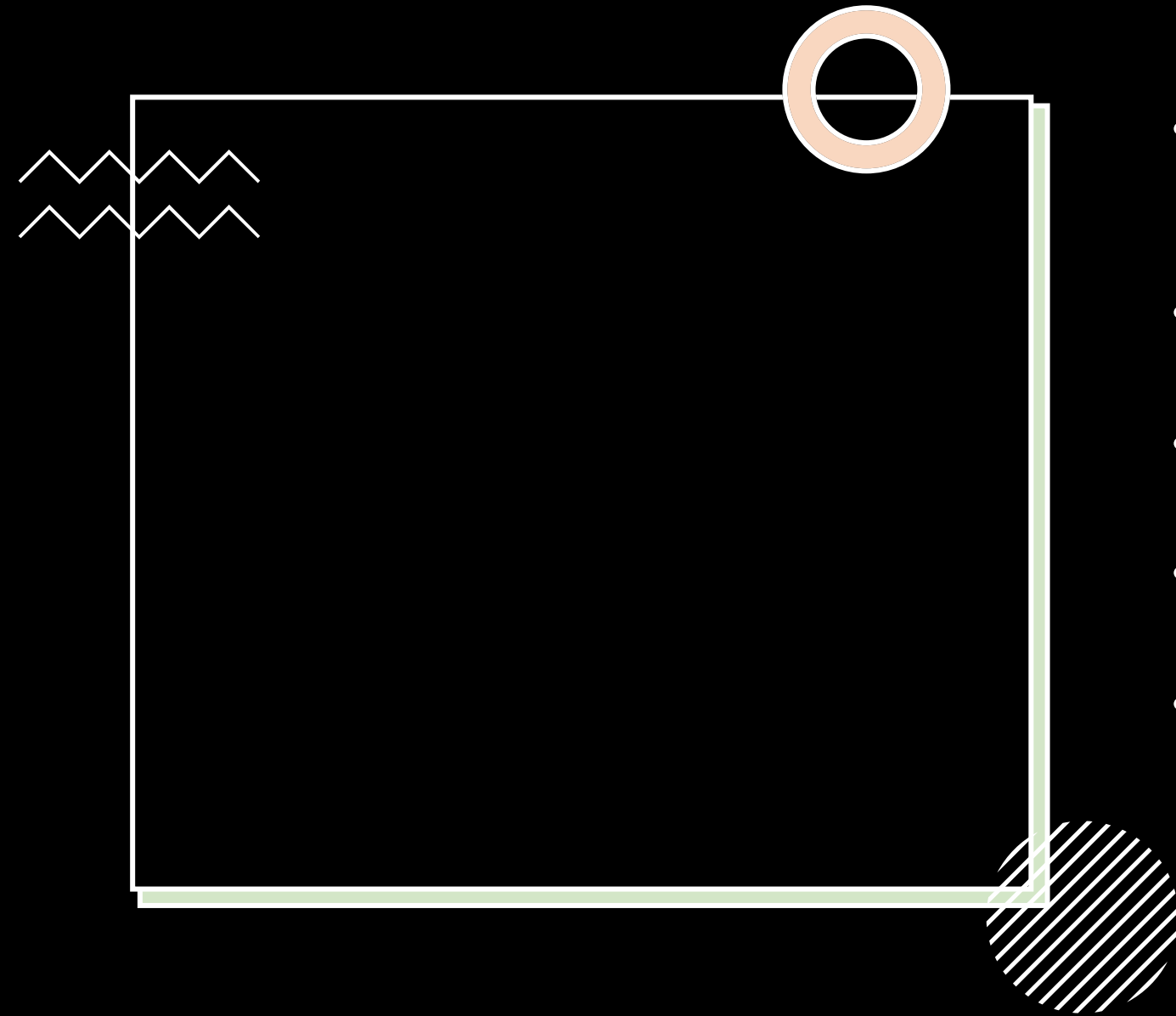
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- **Antonyms:** anodyne, benign, harmless

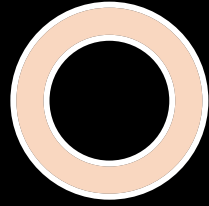
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- **Aplomb (noun): self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation.**
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- **Synonyms:** poise, self-assurance, self-possession
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- **Antonyms:** self-distrust, self-doubt, apprehension



- **Denizen (noun) : an inhabitant or occupant of a particular place.**

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- **Synonyms:** inhabitant, resident, townsman

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- **Antonyms:** guest, tourist, visitor





**Conscription (noun):** the practice of ordering people by law to serve in the armed forces

**Synonyms:** induction, recruitment, draft

**Antonyms:** removal, discharge, dismissal



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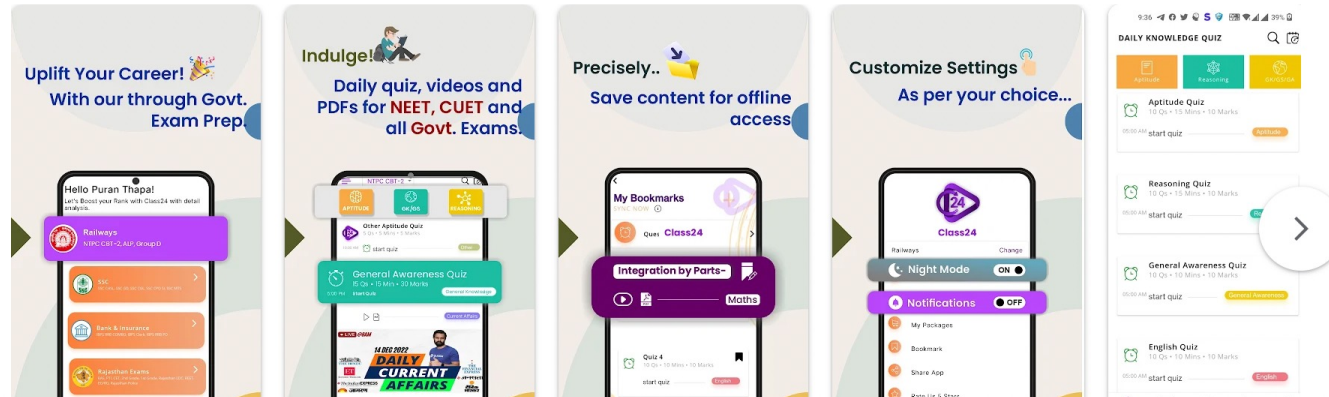
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