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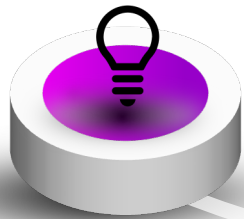


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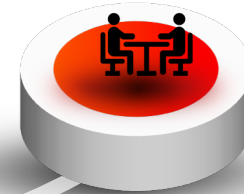


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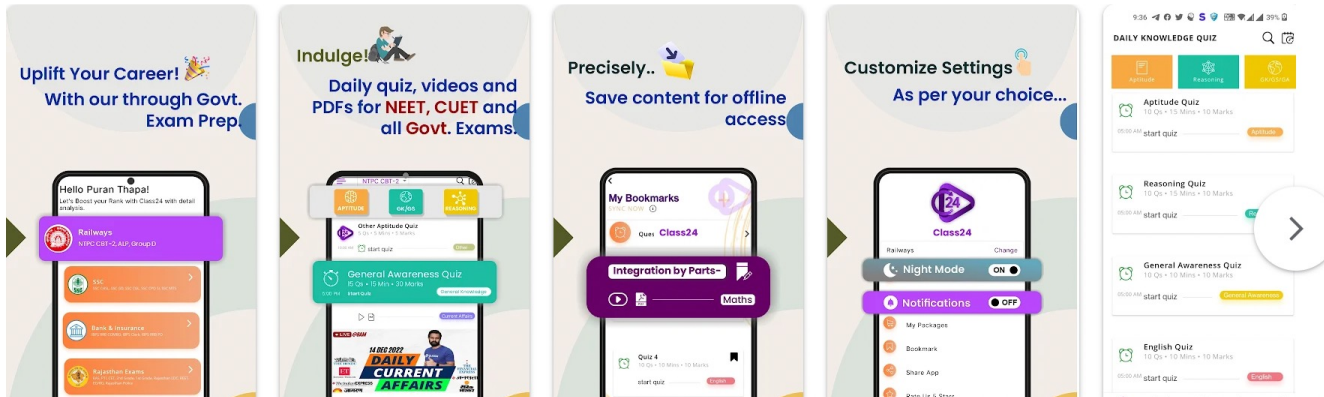
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IN BRIEF
NIA to probe Raj Bhavan petrol bomb case in T.N.

CHENNAI
The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered a case in connection with the hurling of Molotov cocktails (petrol bombs) in front of the Raj Bhavan in Chennai on October 25. » **PAGE 4**

In M.P., Rahul keeps focus on Tomar's son

BHOPAL/NEW DELHI
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday flagged the video clips of Beendra Singh, son of Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, discussing transactions worth hundreds of crores of rupees with an alleged middleman. » **PAGE 11**

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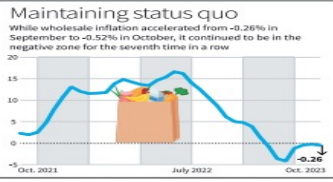
Wholesale prices remain in deflation zone in Oct.

WPI reflects an inflation of -0.52% from -0.26% in September; food index up 1.07% in October compared to last year, with food prices up 1% sequentially from September levels as well

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

India's wholesale prices remained in deflationary mode for the seventh month in a row in October, with the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) reflecting an inflation of -0.52% from -0.26% in September.

Wholesale price inflation stood at 8.4% in October compared to last year, with food prices up 1% sequentially from September levels as well. But the trends within the food basket were divergent and runaway prices of some



items like onions and pulses pose risks to the retail inflation trajectory. While vegetable prices dropped 2%, inflation in paddy and cereals accelerated to 7.5% and 9.4% respectively, and pulses and

oil and power prices rose 0.65% from September levels, but were 2.8% below last year's levels. Crude petroleum and natural gas inflation stood at -2.2% in October. "The negative rate of inflation in October, 2023 is primarily due to fall in prices of chemicals and chemical products, electricity, textiles, basic metals, food products, paper and paper products, etc. as compared to the corresponding month of previous year," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.

Dabur Group chairman, 31 others booked by Mumbai Police in Mahadev app case

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI



Mohit Burman, DABUR GROUP CHAIRMAN

The Mumbai Police, which is investigating the alleged ₹15,000-crore gambling and cyber fraud linked to Mahadev Book Online Betting App syndicate, registered a case against 32 persons, including Dabur Group director Gaurav Burman, company chairman Mohit Burman and actor Sahil Khan.

Sources said Mr. Mohit Burman has been listed as accused number 16, while Mr. Gaurav Burman is at number 18. The Matunga Police registered the first information report (FIR) under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Gambling Act and the Information Technology (IT) Act, following a complaint lodged by Mumbai-based social worker, Prakash Mr. Khan, accused num-

ber 26, was accused of promoting and propagating the Mahadev betting app promoters had paid about ₹508 crore to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Soon, the BJP released a video of Mr. Son saying he was the owner of the app and had proof of payment of ₹508 crore so far to Mr. Baghel. The Central agency has already arrested four persons and seized proceeds of crime worth over ₹450 crore.

launched, and we named the app's promoters Saurabh Chandrakar, Ravi Upal, and Shubham Soni as the key accused for committing the fraud since 2019 until now," an official privy to the case said. "The Enforcement Directorate recently claimed that a forensic analysis and a statement made by a 'cash courier' Asim Das has led to 'startling allegations' that the Mahadev betting app promoters had paid about ₹508 crore to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Soon, the BJP released a video of Mr. Son saying he was the owner of the app and had proof of payment of ₹508 crore so far to Mr. Baghel. The Central agency has already arrested four persons and seized proceeds of crime worth over ₹450 crore.

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BUSINESS TV COON
Sahara Group founder Subrata Roy dies at 75



CHILD RAPE, MURDER CASE
Kerala court sentences Bihar native to death

39 Myanmar soldiers who entered Mizoram sent back

Rahul Karmakar GUWAHATI

Indian defence authorities on Tuesday sent back 39 soldiers of the Myanmar military who had taken refuge in Mizoram after their camp was overrun by ethnic armed groups aligned with the pro-democracy movement in Myanmar.

The soldiers had fled Myanmar after their camp was overrun by armed groups from evacuating the Myanmar soldiers to Moreh and sending them across towards Tamu (nearest Myanmar town from Moreh) was over by 3 p.m.," an Army officer monitoring the exercise said. He said there were reports of at least two more Myanmar soldiers having crossed over in the last 24 hours. They would be sent back to their country as soon as they are located, he added. A civil war has been raging in Myanmar following a military coup in February 2021. The fighting between the country's Army and pro-democracy groups, including ethnicity-based extremist groups, intensified close to the Mizoram border a few days ago.

Indian security officials keeping tabs on the Myanmar situation said a fierce gunfight erupted at Khawnaw in Myanmar, situated across Zokhawthar in Champhai district on Sunday evening. "The fighting saw about 1,500 Myanmar nationals fleeing to refuge in border areas of Mizoram. The 4,531-metre-long tunnel is being built by Na-

Israel Army says it has seized Hamas Parliament in Gaza

Agence France-Presse Reuters JERUSALEM/GAZA

The Israeli Army said on Tuesday it had captured Gaza's Parliament and other government institutions run by Hamas in Gaza City, as its forces deepened their offensive in the Palestinian territory.

Military units "took over the Hamas Parliament, the government building, the Hamas police headquarters and an engineering facility that served as an institute for the production and development of weapons," the Army said in a statement. The statement said "government institutions of the terrorist organisation Hamas" had been used for "military purposes" including "for training in preparation for the attack on Israel" on October 7.



Watching with dread: People mourn as they collect the bodies of Palestinians killed in Israeli raids in Khan Younis on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Efforts on to create escape route for trapped workers at Uttarakhand tunnel collapse site

Ishita Mishra NEW DELHI

The operation to rescue 40 labourers from an under-construction tunnel that collapsed in Uttarakhand continued for the third consecutive day on Tuesday. Technical experts, along with disaster management officials, are continuously removing debris to insert 900-mm diameter steel pipes through the rubble to create an escape passage for the workers. They are expected to be rescued across the 400-metre tunnel by Wednesday, State Disaster Management Secretary Ranjeet Kumar Sinha said.



A way out: Rescue work under way at the tunnel in Uttarakhand district of Uttarakhand on Tuesday. PTI

All-weather road project that aims to reduce the road distance between Uttarakashi and Yamunotri took by a toll. A portion of this tunnel collapsed at Silkyara around 5.30 a.m. on Sunday. The authorities said that one of the trapped workers had fallen ill and medicines were sent to him through a pipe. Those

trapped are being provided with food and water through it. Emotions ran high when Akash Singh Negi of Uttarakhand spoke to his father G. S. Negi, one of the 40 trapped workers inside the tunnel. "My nephew spoke to my brother via the pipe through which oxygen is being supplied to the workers. He asked about his father's health. He told his son that he is fine and will soon come out," said Maharaaj Singh Negi, uncle of Akash. The teenager could not hold back his tears after hearing from his father.

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Parliamentary panel on criminal law Bill leaves decision on death penalty to Centre

Vijaita Singh

NEW DELHI

The proposed Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Bill, 2023, which seeks to replace the British-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), has increased the number of crimes which can attract the death penalty from 11 to 15, says a parliamentary panel report published last week.

The report adds that the domain experts consulted by the committee “deliberated at great length about the need to abolish death penalty”.

India has in the past voted against a United Nations General Assembly’s draft resolution on the abolition of the death penalty.

A study conducted by the National Law University, Delhi – the Annual Statistics Report 2022, published by Project 39A –



Union Home Minister Amit Shah introducing the three Bills in the Lok Sabha in August to revamp the country’s criminal laws. ANI

shows that till December 31, 2022, as many as 539 prisoners had been on death row in India, the highest since at least 2016.

The parliamentary panel, headed by BJP member Brij Lal, recommended that the matter be left to the Union government to consider. “The committee, after considering the submissions regarding the death penalty, has understood that the reason for a passionate argument

against death penalty is that the judicial system can be fallible and to prevent an innocent person from being wrongly sentenced to death,” it said.

Dissent notes

Three Opposition members – P. Chidambaram and Digvijaya Singh of the Congress and Derek O’Brien of the Trinamool Congress – submitted dissent notes against the provision. Mr. Singh said while

the government had hailed the Bills as a move towards shedding the colonial nature of criminal laws, the Bills still retained the colonial spirit of the current laws and punishments for some offences had been made harsher and the death penalty had been added for at least four new crimes such as mob lynching, organised crime, terrorism and rape of a minor.

Mr. Chidambaram, former Union Home Minister, submitted: “According to the data, the Supreme Court has affirmed the death penalty in only seven cases in the last six years. While the imposition of the penalty itself causes distress and trauma, the wait before the sentence is set aside or confirmed causes distress many times more. It has been established that

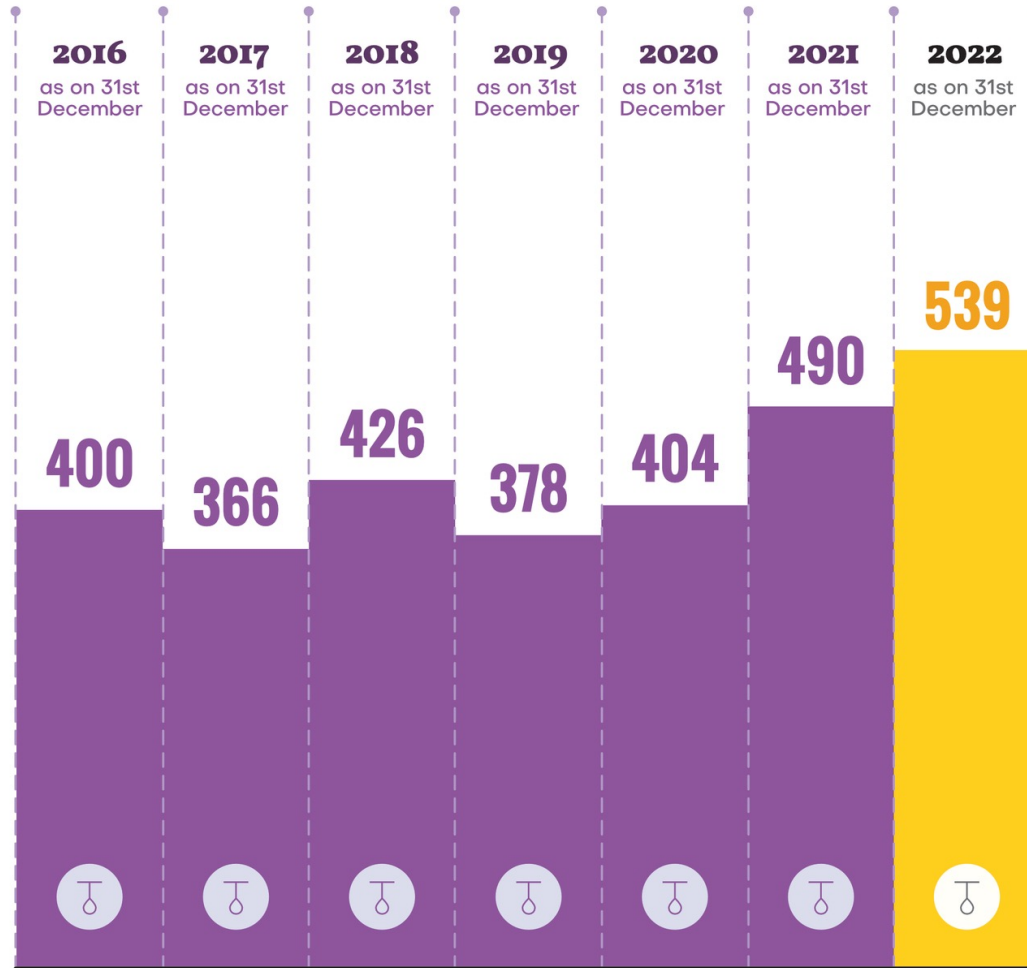
death penalty is no deterrent to serious crime.”

Mr. O’Brien, the Trinamool leader, said that based on national statistics, it can be observed that 74.1% of individuals on death row in India come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

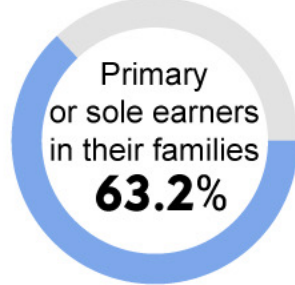
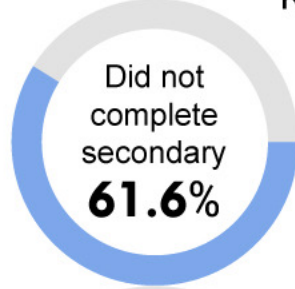
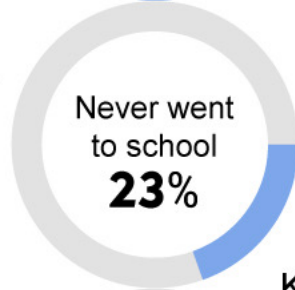
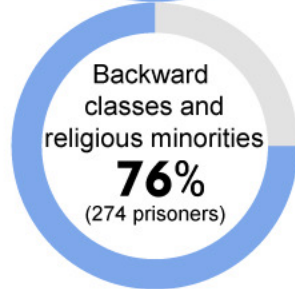
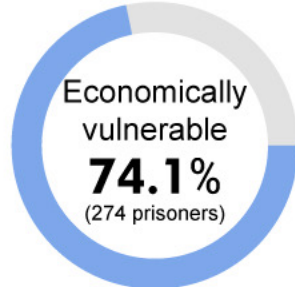
The domain experts submitted before the committee that the “rarest of rare case” doctrine should be defined in more objective terms, if the death penalty has to be retained.

On the lines of ‘Sentencing Councils’ in the United Kingdom, the experts opined that the quasi-judicial boards should be made to exercise probation, commutation and remission to provide greater scope for victims to have a say; and timelines should be indicated for mercy petitions to be heard and disposed of.

PRISONERS ON DEATH ROW



Prisoners profile

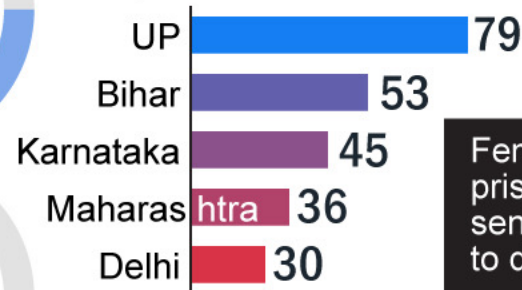


Death Penalty in India

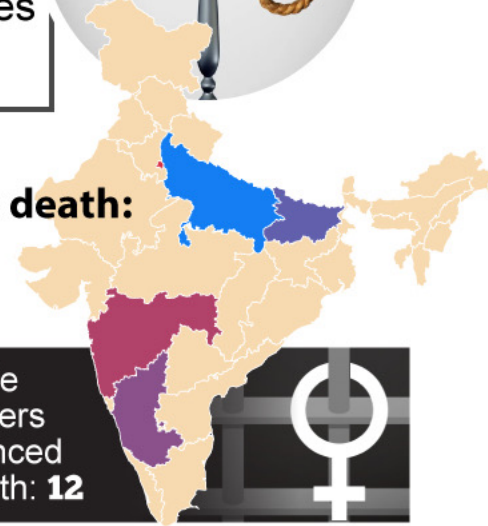


Total no. of death sentences given at trial courts: **1,486**

State-wise number of prisoners sentenced to death:



Female prisoners sentenced to death: **12**



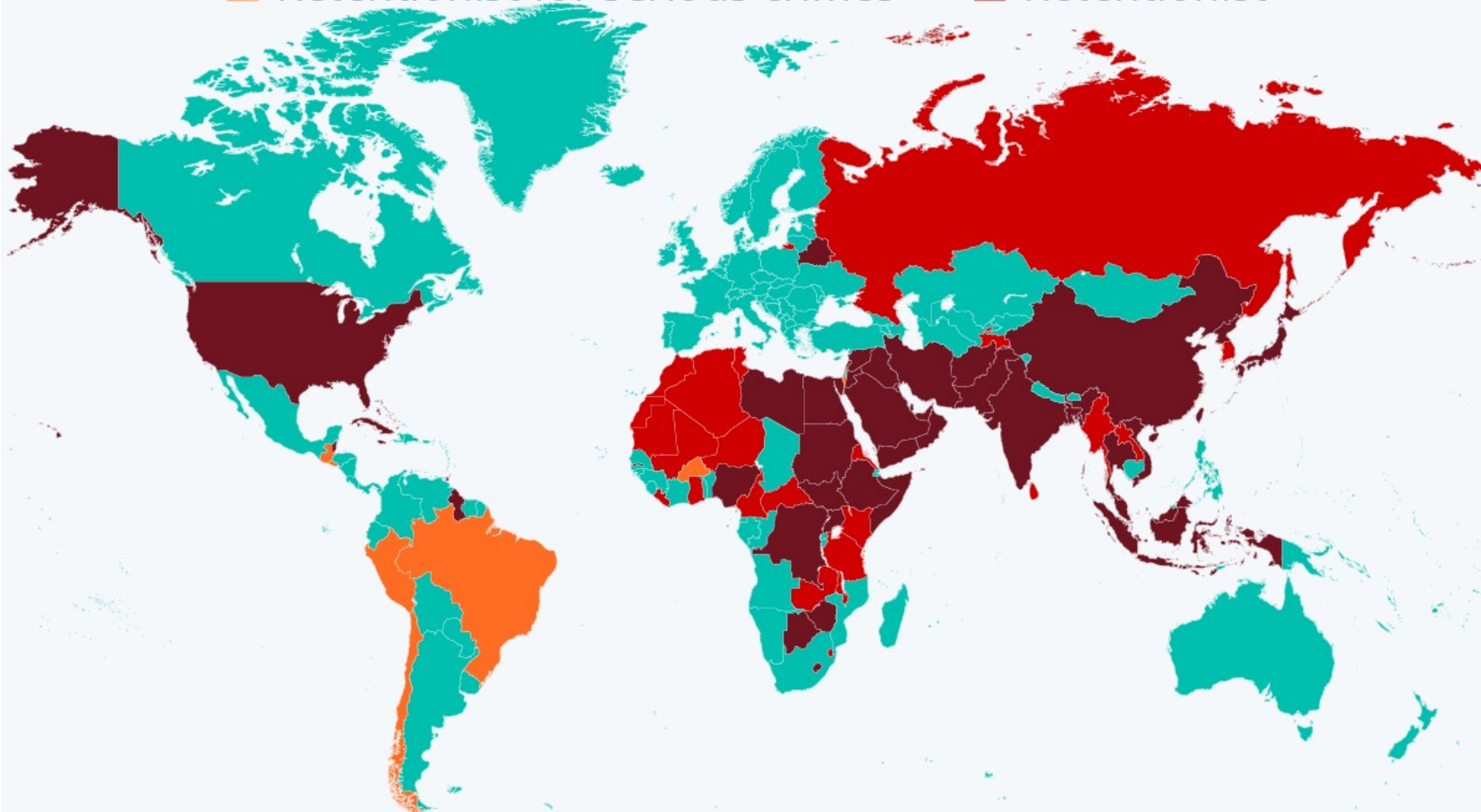
Stages in death sentence cases:

- Death Sentence by Trial Court
- Mandatory reference of case to High Court under S. 366(1) CrPC
- The High Court certifies the case to be fit for appeal under Art. 132 or Art. 134A
- Appeal against death sentence in Supreme Court
- Review petition in Supreme Court
- Curative petition in Supreme Court

Where the Death Penalty Exists

Countries by existence and practice of death penalty laws (as of October 10, 2022)

■ Abolitionist ■ Abolitionist in practice*
■ Retentionist for serious crimes** ■ Retentionist



* No executions in previous ten years ** for example war crimes

Death sentences in 2018: India among top 10 countries



Source: Statista

* Actual figures are likely to be higher, according to Amnesty International

** Figure is in the several thousands. 1000 is a place holder. Data for China not available

The Indian Penal Code prescribes 'death' for offences such as

Waging war against the Government of India. (Sec. 121);

Abetting mutiny actually committed (Sec. 132);

Giving or fabricating false evidence upon which an innocent person suffers death. (Sec. 194);


Murder (Sec. 302);

Some other criminal statutes that provide for the death penalty as a form of punishment.


Direct or indirect abetment of sati is punishable with Death penalty under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987.

Under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 giving false evidence leading to the execution of an innocent member belonging to the SC or ST would attract the death penalty.

Besides these, rape of a minor below 12 years of age is punishable with death under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.



Financing, producing, manufacturing as well as the sale of certain drugs attracts the death penalty for repeat offenders under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.



Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; Army, Navy and Air Force Acts also provide the death penalty for certain specified offences committed by members of the armed forces.

Bachan Singh v. the State of Punjab 1980 case:



A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court propounded the **dictum of 'rarest of rare cases'** according to which death penalty is not to be awarded except in the **'rarest of rare cases'** when the alternative option is unquestionably foreclosed.

IN BRIEF



Indian woman, daughter evacuated from Gaza

An Indian woman from Kashmir who had sought immediate evacuation from the war-torn Hamas-ruled Gaza has safely reached Egypt with the help of Indian missions in the region, according to her husband. Lubna Nazir Shaaboo and her daughter Karima crossed the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza on Monday evening. "They are in al-Arish (a city in Egypt). Tomorrow morning (Tuesday) they will move to Cairo," Lubna's husband Nedal Toman said in a text message sent from Gaza. In a telephonic conversation on Sunday, Ms. Lubna confirmed that her name was among the people who could leave Gaza. ...

NIA attaches eight properties of two alleged LeT operatives

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday attached eight properties belonging to two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives for allegedly being part of a conspiracy to open fire at a Jammu and Kashmir police party in Srinagar in 2018. The operatives are Mohammed Shaif Wani and Mohammed Tika Khan. The police team was escorting a terrorist, Naved Jatt aka Abu Hanzla, for a medical examination on February 6, 2018. The assets were attached under Section 33 (1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). ...

Army holds study to address suicides, fratricides in force

Deepak Peri NEW DELHI

As part of measures to address stress and psychological issues and reduce the number of suicides and fratricides in the force, the Army launched a study in August 2023 in collaboration with the Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) to assess the mental health of troops and their families. ...



Esprit de corps: Army chief General Manoj Pandey celebrates Deepavali with troops in Harsi sector of the Garhwal Himalayas. ANI

As per information given in Parliament in April 2022, there were two cases of fratricide each year from 2019 to 2021 and one case in 2021. In an older reply in the Rajya Sabha on sus-

pected suicide cases in the Army, the Government said that from 2016 to 2018, there were 104, 75 and 40 cases, respectively. ...

In the latest incident of fratricide in early October 2023 involving an officer, a Major of a Rashtriya Rifles unit was killed in Jammu and Kashmir lobbed grenades and opened fire on personnel of his unit. However, there were no fatalities and the officer was overpowered after several hours. An inquiry is on. ...

Jaishankar hopes FTA talks will find a 'landing point'

Indian and British interests 'converge very clearly' across a range of issues, and the more the countries work with each other, they find greater comfort' in doing so, says Minister

Sriram Lakshman LONDON

As India and the U.K. continue to negotiate a trade agreement — which was initially supposed to be ready by Deshpavali of 2022 — External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar has said that he hoped the two countries will be able to find a mutually beneficial "landing point" for the deal. ...



Strengthening relations: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressing the Indian community at the Deepavali reception in London on Monday. ANI

Reframing ties Mr. Jaishankar said that the U.K. and India were trying to reframe their relationship, and highlighted 'Agenda 2033' interests map to 2023' was announced by Prime Minister ...

Narendra Modi and then U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson in May 2021 then seeks to elevate the partnership across multiple domains, including connectivity, defence, health, trade, and climate action. ...

and the more the two countries work with each other, they find greater comfort' in doing so. He gave credit to the U.K. (as he has done with the U.S.) for helping India conduct a successful G-20 Summit in September this year. ...

the U.K. working together on various issues during the G-20-19 period. India's High Commissioner to the U.K. Vikram Doraiswami, and Tarig Ahmad, who is the Minister of State at the U.K. Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), were also present at Monday's gathering. ...

Rajnath to attend Defence Ministers' meet in Jakarta

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to Jakarta on Thursday and Friday to attend the 10th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and will address the forum on regional and international security issues, the Ministry said on Tuesday. ...

ly beneficial engagements, the Ministry said in a statement. The ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN. The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the ASEAN member-states, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and its eight dialogue partners, India, the U.S., China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, to strengthen security and defence cooperation. India became a dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting annually to bolster the cooperation among the ASEAN and the Plus countries. ...

Inimical witnesses can't be dismissed as partisan: SC

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has held in a judgment that the evidence of inimical witnesses cannot be discarded merely on the ground that they are partisan. Instead, such testimonies have to be scrutinised with care, a three-judge Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai observed. "Merely because some of the witnesses are interested or inimical witnesses, their evidence cannot be totally discarded. The only requirement is that their evidence has to be scrutinised with greater care and circumspection." ...



An inimical witness' evidence has to be scrutinised with great care and circumspection.

where three people were shot dead in an incident of indiscriminate firing. One of the accused persons, Madan, was sentenced to death and the Allahabad High Court had confirmed the capital punishment in 2017. The Supreme Court commuted the death penalty to life imprisonment without remission for 20 years, referring to the advanced age of Madan and his good conduct in prison. ...

While confirming his guilt, the court reasoned that the prosecution had not produced any evidence to prove that Madan could not be rehabilitated, and deserved the death penalty awarded in crimes of the 'rarest of rare' category. The court also held that a past conviction cannot be held to show that the convict was beyond remorse and deserved the gallows. The Bench however dismissed the defence plea that the evidence in the case was inconclusive as the witnesses were villagers. "Rustic witnesses cannot be expected to remember every minute detail unlike an educated witness... The basic principle of appreciation of evidence of a rustic witness who is not educated and comes from a poor strata of society is that the evidence of such a witness should be appreciated as a whole," the court said. ...

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 16 Black man can win essentially with fair race conditions (7-8), 19 Princess with a good instinct had ultimately found out the problem (9), 22 Spouse is complicit not cold! (5), 24 Instrument featured in retro-collections (5), 26 Disregards small matters dogging a Princess (9), 27 I've agents working for dark kind of films (9), 28 Kind of inert compound (5). Down: 1 Fair gatecrashed by Australian composer (6), 2 Courteous conflict that is often brutal (5,3), 3 Pure carnival, not a new liberal politicalist (10), 4 What is to be summed up by nervous dad before resolution? (6), 5 A cheap metal covered by very desirable metal (8), 6 Evidence of trauma regularly seen in sun aura (4), 7 A Hebrew prophet, an unpleasant old lady and Goddess of Earth, scratching backside! (6), 8 Pillowcases and sheets sort of blend in England (3,5), 9 Spooner's bunk dog is on the way to the ground (10), 10 Bandit can almost become one who gives up power (8), 11 Left out of devil's one play that leads to rapid fall (8), 12 Felles, on the outside, live around stylish dressers (8), 13 Complete Egyptian English state (6), 14 Stop locals on time (6), 15 Sure conclusion, mostly earlier one in time (6), 16 Naked hope for Bond! (4).

Sudoku puzzle grid with solution provided. The solution is: 9 3 2 4 1 5 6 8 7; 3 2 4 9 5 6 1 8 7; 8 7 4 1 9 2 5 6 3; 7 4 5 1 9 2 6 8 3; 4 8 7 5 6 1 9 3 2. Difficulty rating: 3 stars.

King Janaka as a karma yogi. The Lord decided to test Janaka's understanding of dharma, Vekukudi Krishnan said in a discourse. He appeared before Janaka in the guise of a Brahmin, and asked him how he was able to treat his subjects without any discrimination. Janaka replied that just as a parent treats children impartially, just as brothers do not quarrel amongst themselves, just as acharyas never differentiate between their shishyas, just as people do not discriminate among their friends, so is Janaka towards his subjects. But some parents are partial towards some of their children. Brothers have property disputes. A friend may not have an hierarchy between his acquaintances. So how could Janaka's devotee be seen as reasons for his impartiality? Janaka then pointed out that everyone, Janaka included, is a karma yogi. The Lord can be seen as every one of our relations. He is a brother, a mother, a friend, an acharya to us. Just as He is all of these things to us, so is He to others. Once this is understood, where is the need for differentiation? Janaka had the jnana to know this. So he was a just king. Once we realise that the Lord is everything to us and to everyone else, impartiality automatically comes to us.

Sahara group chief Subrata Roy dies in Mumbai at 75

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Sahara India group chief Subrata Roy, who had been battling multiple health issues, died in a hospital in Mumbai on Tuesday night. He was 75.

A business baron who started off with a chit fund business in the late 1970s, Mr. Roy, at the peak of his success, headed an empire that included an airline, Air Sahara, television channels, finance and real estate entities, including the ambitious Amby Valley project near Lonavala in Maharashtra.

The Sahara group was once considered India's second largest employer after the Indian Railways, with a professed employee base of around 1.2 million, but ran into trouble with financial sector regulators over the business model of its finance entity that involved raising deposits worth thousands of crores from small-ticket investors.



Subrata Roy

al leader and visionary, passed away on 14th November due to cardiorespiratory arrest following an extended battle with complications arising from metastatic malignancy, hypertension, and diabetes.”

While Air Sahara, which began operations in 1993, was eventually sold off to the erstwhile Jet Airways, troubles of the Sahara group's finance business with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had led to Mr. Roy spending time in prison before being released on parole. The group's battle with SEBI continues to fester.

On his death, the Sahara India Pariwar said: “It is with profound sadness that Sahara India Pariwar [group] informs the demise of our Hon'ble 'Sahasri' Subrata Roy Sahara. Saharasri ji, an inspiration-

ter.

Mr. Roy was admitted to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Medical Research Institute on November 12, following “a decline in his health”, the group's spokesperson said.



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Nov. 2010 SEBI restrains Sahara India Real Estate Corpn. Ltd. and Sahara Housing Investment Corpn. Ltd. from raising funds in the form of optional fully convertible debentures (OFCD)

Dec. 2010 Sahara gets SEBI order stayed in Allahabad High Court

Jan. 2011 SEBI issues advertisements cautioning investors

April 2011 Allahabad High Court vacates stay. Sahara goes to apex court

May 2011 SC asks SEBI to proceed with OFCD probe

June 2011 SEBI directs the two companies to refund the money collected to investors

July 2011 Sahara appeals in Supreme Court that SEBI has no jurisdiction; seeks notice to Centre

July 2011 Supreme Court asks Sahara to approach the Securities Appellate Tribunal

Oct. 2011 SAT upholds SEBI order

Nov. 2011 Sahara challenges SAT order, obtains stay

Jan. 2012 Court asks Sahara to furnish details of assets and reserves

June 2012 Orders reserved

Aug. 2012 Verdict delivered



Refund
Rs. **24,400** Cr. +

15% interest

2.21 Cr. investors

A COSTLY AFFAIR FOR SAHARA

REFUND AMOUNT
₹ **24,000** Cr

NUMBER OF STOCKHOLDERS
Over **3** Cr

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY SAHARA TO SEBI
31,000
cartons of papers

128
Trucks were needed

SEBI'S EXPENSES SO FAR...

AGENCY
Stock Holding Corporation of India (SHCIL)

WORK
Storage, digitisation and
scanning of investor
documents

EXPENSE
₹ **25.97** Cr

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activities

EXPENSE
₹ **29.88** Cr

OTHERS
₹ **5** lakh per month to a retired judge appointed
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IN BRIEF



GST authorities said to search Aviva unit for alleged evasion India's tax inspectors searched the office of U.K. insurance giant Aviva's life insurance unit near New Delhi last week and seized documents as part of an investigation into alleged tax evasion, sources familiar with the matter said. Officers of India's Directorate General of GST Goods and Services Tax Intelligence also seized laptops during their visit on November 7 and questioned some officials, including the India CEO Asit Rath and CFO Sonali Athalye, said the sources.

Tata Tech IPO to open for subscription on November 22

Tata Technologies, which provides engineering and product development digital services, said its initial public offering (IPO) will open for public subscription on November 22. The firm, a unit of Tata Motors, filed the red herring prospectus on November 13 with the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Tata Motors said in a filing. The IPO would comprise up to 60,850,278 shares for cash, entailing 15% of the paid-up equity share capital of Tata Technologies, it added.

Kalvan Jewellers Q2 net rises 27.3% to ₹134.87 crore

Kalvan Jewellers on Tuesday reported a 27.3% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) during the quarter ended September 30, to ₹134.87 crore. Revenue from operations grew 27.0% to ₹4,444.53 crore, the company said in a filing. Total revenue from West Asia operations grew 5% to ₹629 crore. Profit after tax dipped to ₹12 crore from ₹16 crore. The e-commerce division of the company, Candere, recorded a revenue of ₹31 crore (57% crore).

Centre to invite bids for 20 critical mineral blocks

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City Union Bank eyes ₹1,000 cr. net in FY24

N. Annad CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) for the first time is likely to cross the ₹1,000 crore mark in its net profit during the current fiscal, managing director and executive officer N. Kamakodi said.

"We closed the first half year with a net profit of ₹508 crore, and we hope to cross four-digit mark for the first time during this fiscal," he said during an interaction. "The bank hopes to achieve this figure despite the headwinds in operating profit. This may be due

NMDC Q2 net rises 16% to ₹1,025 crore

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

State-owned NMDC reported an almost 16% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the quarter ended September to ₹1,024.86 crore.

The higher net profit for the country's largest iron ore producer came on a more than 15% rise in total income to ₹4,335.02 crore. During the quarter, iron ore production was 8.86 million tonnes (MT) and sales 14% to 5.57 MT. For the first half of the fiscal, the net profit was higher at ₹2,685.90 crore



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to the positive contribution from the credit cost," he said.

According to Mr. Kamakodi, profit in the current quarter is the highest ever the bank has declared in its 120-year history. During FY23, CUB had posted a net profit of ₹937 crore.



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while total income increased to ₹40,023.89 crore (₹28,667.83 crore). "We registered stellar H1 and Q2 performance with remarkable growth and the figures give a fillip to our goal of achieving 50 MT by next fiscal," CMD Amitava Mukherjee said.

'India can be an alternative to China in manufacturing'

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INTERVIEW Tobias Meyer

Lalathendu Mishra



DHL Group's plans for India stay unchanged even as the country harbours the ambition to emerge as an alternative to China in global manufacturing, says DHL Group CEO. Experts:

How has business changed post COVID? During COVID-19, for us, that was very busy time. After that, I would characterise it as three things. First, we are seeing normalisation of

tential. It has also the potential to become a manufacturing location. The Indian government has taken very positive steps in terms of investment in infrastructure which is conducive to business. Now, if you want to be a player in global manufacturing, it needs openness to trade, the ability to import goods, because initially you can not localise the entire supply chain. So, a choice has to be made whether to rely on local consumption or to become a global manufacturing hub through openness. India wants to be a player on the China Plus 1 opportunity. Does it have the potential to be a viable alternative? I think India has all the po-

Tata Steel to axe 800 jobs in Netherlands for profitability

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Tata Steel, which is seeking financial aid for Dutch operations, said it would cut 800 jobs in the Netherlands to ensure structural competitiveness and profitability.

In the Netherlands, the firm has a 7-million tonne per annum plant in IJmuiden. "The decision is a difficult one, with potentially significant personal impacts on employees and their families, the company said. The job reduction is expected to affect about 500 Tata Steel employees, primarily in management, staff, and support positions. The remaining 300 jobs concern the work of temporary workers and not filling vacancies.

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Tesla to double India imports, says Goyal on U.S. visit

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal visited electric vehicle (EV) major Tesla's manufacturing facility in the U.S. and said the world's largest EV maker would be doubling imports from India.

The visit comes amid reports that India is considering customs duty concessions to Tesla for setting up a plant in the country.

"Visited @Tesla's state of the art manufacturing facility at Fremont, California. Extremely delighted to see talented Indian engineers and finance professionals working at senior positions and contributing to Tesla's remarkable journey to transform mobility," the minister posted on X (Twitter).

Mr. Goyal is in the U.S. on a four-day visit beginning Nov 13, to attend the third in-person Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) meeting and engagement of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. He met with U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai to discuss boosting trade ties. Exports to the U.S. have come down to \$38.28 billion during April-September 2023, from \$41.49 billion a year ago. Imports also declined to \$21.39 billion during the first six months of the current fiscal, compared with \$25.79 billion in the same period last fiscal.

Mr. Goyal also met his Korean and Singaporean counterparts.

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CRITICAL MINERALS: INDIA'S NET IMPORT RELIANCE (2020)

Critical Mineral	%age	Major import sources
Lithium	100%	Chile, Russia, China, Ireland, Belgium
Cobalt	100%	China, Belgium, Netherlands, US, Japan
Nickel	100%	Sweden, China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines
Vanadium	100%	Kuwait, Germany, South Africa, Brazil, Thailand
Niobium	100%	Brazil, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Indonesia
Germanium	100%	China, South Africa, Australia, France, US
Rhenium	100%	Russia, UK, Netherlands, South Africa, China
Beryllium	100%	Russia, UK, Netherlands, South Africa, China
Tantalum	100%	Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, Malaysia, US
Strontium	100%	China, US, Russia, Estonia, Slovenia
Zirconium (zircon)	80%	Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, Malaysia, US
Graphite (natural)	60%	China, Madagascar, Mozambique, Vietnam, Tanzania
Manganese	50%	South Africa, Gabon, Australia, Brazil, China
Chromium	2.5%	South Africa, Mozambique, Oman, Switzerland, Turkey
Silicon	<1%	China, Malaysia, Norway, Bhutan, Netherlands

Source: 'Unlocking Australia-India Critical Minerals Partnership Potential', Australian Trade and Investment Commission, July 2021



RARE EARTH METALS

PRODUCTION IS DIVERSIFYING AGAIN

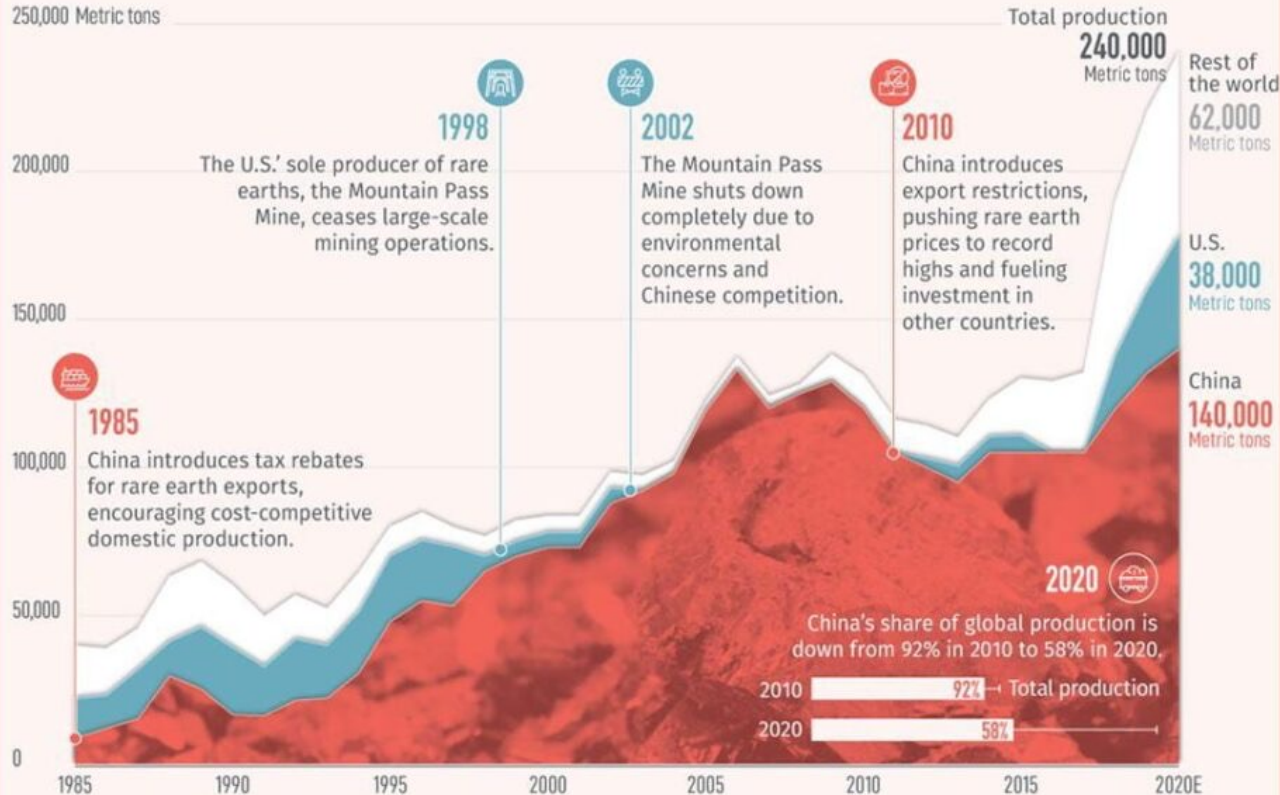


China has been the world's primary source of rare earth elements since the late 1990s. However, other countries have recently ramped up their production in a bid to reduce reliance on China.

WHAT ARE RARE EARTH ELEMENTS?

A group of 17 minerals that power several modern technologies. In fact, it's likely the screen you're viewing this on contains a few of them.

MINE PRODUCTION OF RARE EARTH OXIDES (1985-2020)





● Operating ● Under Development ● New Deposits



Rare Earth mines across the world.
Inset: Rare Earth metal deposits in India


- The **US has declared 50 minerals** critical in light of their role in national security or economic development.
- Japan has identified a set of **31 minerals as critical for their economy.**
- The **UK considers 18 minerals critical, EU (34) and Canada (31).**
- **Critical Minerals for India:**
 - **Expert Committee** under Ministry of Mines has identified a set of **30 critical minerals for India.**

- **Critical Minerals:**

- Critical minerals are those **minerals that are essential for economic development and national security**. The **lack of availability** of these minerals or concentration of extraction or processing in a few geographical locations may lead to supply chain vulnerabilities and even disruption of supplies.

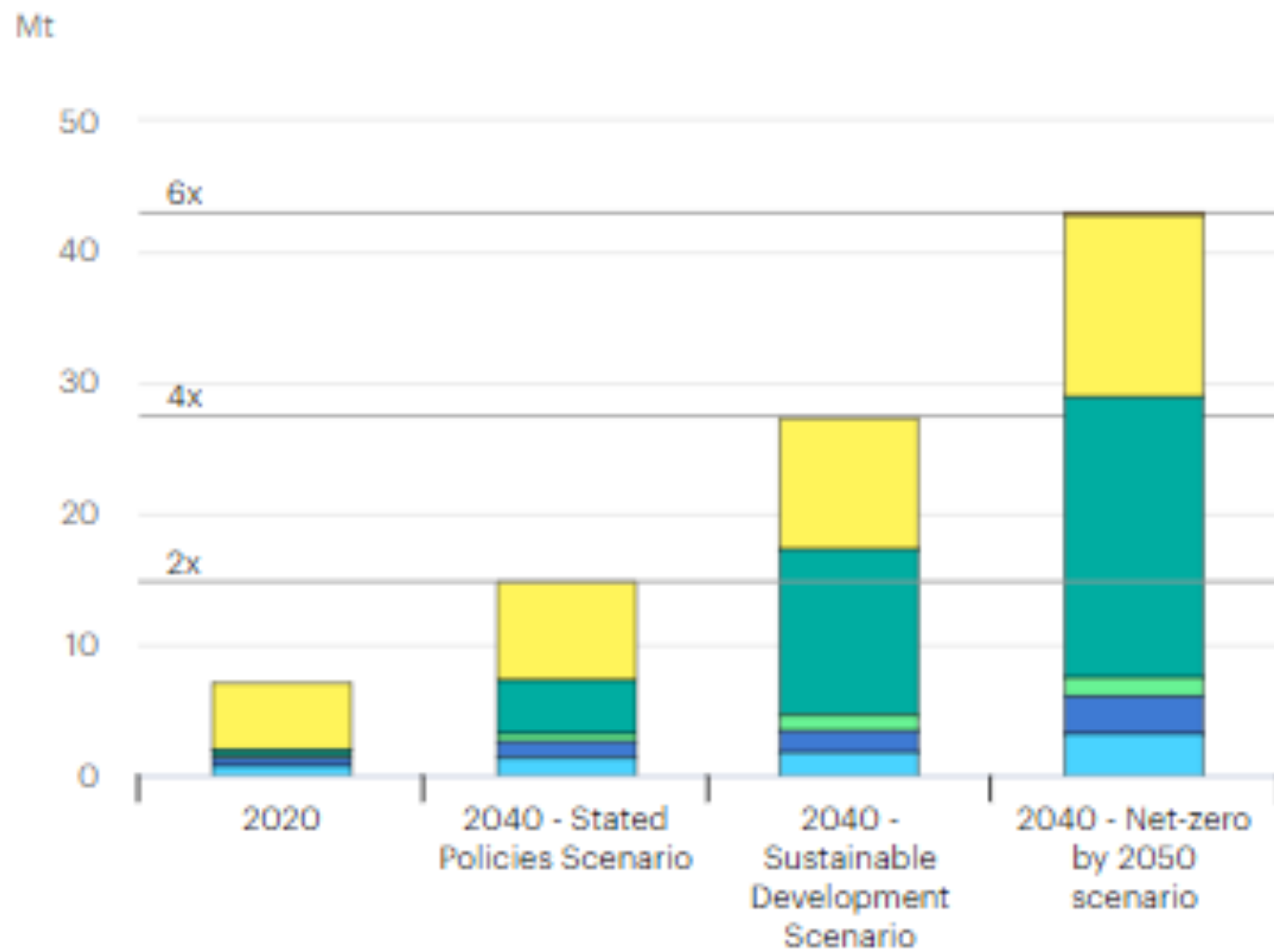
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India has set up KABIL or the Khanij Bidesh India Limited, a joint venture of three public sector companies, to ensure a consistent supply of critical and strategic minerals to the Indian domestic market.



It ensures the mineral security of the nation; it also helps in realising the overall objective of import substitution.

Total mineral demand for clean energy technologies by scenario, 2020 compared to 2040



- Solar PV
- Wind
- Other low-carbon power generation
- EVs and battery storage
- Electricity networks
- Hydrogen

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Luxury hotels

'Biki' was instrumental in pioneering the development of Oberoi Hotels and Resorts. He also provided

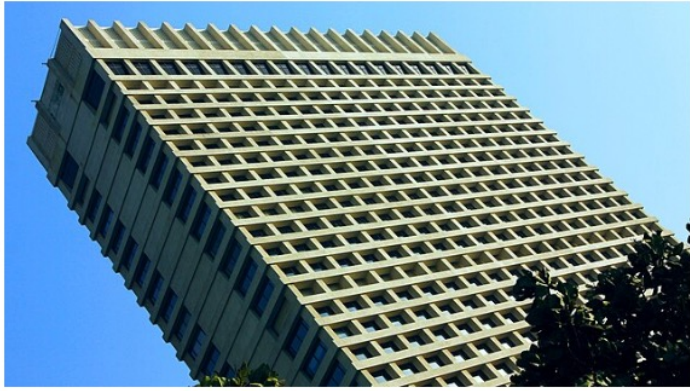
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The Oberoi Group



Type	Private
Industry	Hospitality
Founded	1934; 89 years ago
Founder	Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi
Headquarters	New Delhi, India
Number of locations	32 (2017)
Area served	Worldwide
Key people	Prithvi Raj Singh Oberoi (executive chairman) Vikramjit Singh Oberoi (MD & CEO) Arjun Singh Oberoi (MD Development)
Products	Hotels and resorts
Owner	East India Hotels Limited (32.1%)
Number of employees	13,000 (2017) ^[1]



Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai



Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur



The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur



The Oberoi, Medina, Saudi Arabia



The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata



The Oberoi - Zahra, Nile Cruiser, Egypt



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EC notice to Kejriwal: AAP tweets on PM derogatory, slanderous EC issues notice to Priyanka too

EC tells Kejriwal to explain by Thursday, 7 pm
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Tuesday issued a showcause notice to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over two posts on X from the party handle, saying these were "derogatory", "disrespecting" and having a "slanderous narrative" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Acting on a complaint filed by the BJP on November 10, the EC said it was "prima facie of the view that the tweets, violate the provisions of the Indian Conduct read with relevant election and penal laws".

AN INVESTIGATION BY THE INDIAN EXPRESS WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS - PART ONE

Cracking Cyprus Confidential: EC state gave investors tax haven, secrecy - and a golden passport

Another veil lifts on offshore money flows involving global investors, Indian corporates too



RTU SARIN, SHYAMLAL YADAV, SANDEEP SINGH & JAY MAHAPATRA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14
OFFSHORE LEAKS (2013), HSBC Swiss Leaks (2015), Panama Papers (2016), Paradise Papers (2017), Pandora Papers (2021) and now Cyprus Confidential. Even as governments worldwide scramble to plug regulatory holes, money flows of the global elite, from Russian oligarchs to Syrian warlords, UK football clubs to Indian investors, continue to pour into tax havens - the latest revelations come from the Mediterranean island of Cyprus that has earned the reputation as a global financial hub washing dirty money. Six financial service providers based on this island and a Latvian agency with an office in Cyprus have yielded a trove of over 3.6 million records that form the subject of the latest in the series of investigations by The Indian Express, in collaboration with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ).

Favoured choice of wealthy Indians and NRIs looking for a cozy life, away from long arm of the law

SURENDRA HIRANANDANI Real estate baron's Cyprus passport was approved in 2 months

VINOD ADANI Elder brother of Gautam Adani, one of the richest NRIs

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INTRODUCED IN 2007, the "golden passport" scheme was also called the "Cyprus Investment Programme". It facilitated the grant of Cypriot citizenship to financially prominent individuals, thereby bringing in foreign direct investments into the country. A 2022 audit by the Cyprus government showed that a total of 7,327 individuals were cleared for Cypriot passports, of whom 3,517 were "investors" and the rest, members of their families. The scheme went through several changes - of the amount of investments the applicants had to show and so on - until 2020 when it was finally scrapped for alleged misuse and for allowing persons with criminal charges, dubious character and PEPs (politically exposed persons) to acquire Cypriot passports.

Vinod Adani, Pankaj Oswal among 66 Indians who got golden passport
Retu Sarin NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14
WHAT'S COMMON TO industrialist Gautam Adani's elder brother Vinod, businessman Pankaj Oswal and real estate baron Surendra Hiranandani? A golden passport. A destination for floating offshore companies, Cyprus is also the favoured choice of wealthy Indians and NRIs looking to acquire its citizenship for a cozy life in the Mediterranean or for keeping a safe distance from criminal charges and money-laundering cases back home.

Secrecy plus no tax, why Indians line up for Cyprus

SANDEEP SINGH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14
CYPRUS CONFIDENTIAL, a global offshore investigation of 3.6 million documents, says here a paper trail of entities incorporated by the rich and powerful in tax haven Cyprus. The investigation reveals how entities with offshore residency were controlled from India and instructions for financial transactions in these entities were given by individuals in India. It is not illegal to set up an offshore company in Cyprus - India signed a revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Cyprus in December 2016. But Indian companies use their Cyprus tax residency certificates to avoid paying tax. The DTAA allows Cyprus, a low tax regime, to be used as a jurisdiction for tax planning. Many foreign firms set up investment firms in Cyprus to invest in India, and the country is now a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) tax treaty benefits if it establishes a controlled foreign company inserted as the owner of shares in India at the time of disposal of the shares to a third party solely, with a view to avoid tax.

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PROVISION IN DIGITAL INDIA BILL LIKELY

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SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15
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VANDANA KALRA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14
MUMBAI-BASED POET, cultural theorist and curator Ranjit Hoskote has resigned from the Finding Committee for Documenta 16, the 2027 edition of one of the world's most prestigious art exhibitions that takes place in Germany once in five years. Hoskote quit the committee on November 12, following an article published last week in the German daily Süddeutsche Zeitung, where he was accused of "anti-Semitism" and syngogues.

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60 hours & counting: Experts say to try 'trenchless' rescue technique

AVANEESH MISHRA UTTARAKHAND, NOVEMBER 14
AFTER LARGE excavators could not clear the rubble blocking an under-construction tunnel in Uttarakhand where 40 workers are trapped, rescuers are now using a "trenchless" technique, putting together passages made of mild steel pipes right through the debris so the men can crawl out. The process, though, is not without its challenges.

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'Biki' Oberoi, gold standard for Indian hospitality, dies at 94

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, NOV 14
IN THE 1970s, when Taj Hotels ruled the roost of Bombay's luxury hotel industry, the Oberoi group was the young upstart on the scene. Taking up the business started by his father, Prithvi Raj Singh 'Biki' Oberoi turned those properties around - focusing particularly on the food, hiring foreign chefs and investing in new restaurants that created a unique brand recall.

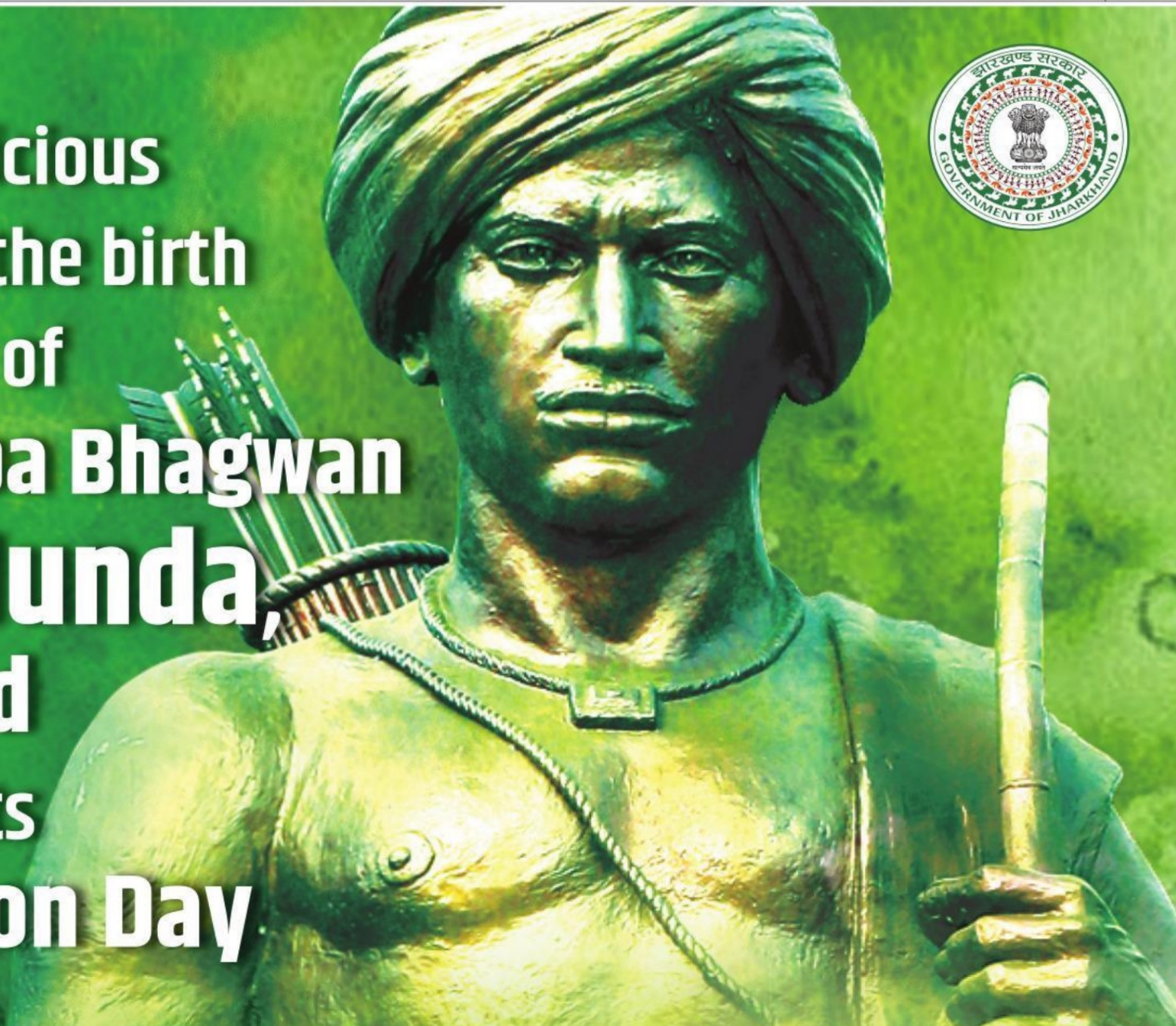
The Oberoi Group (which runs the Trident Hotels and Oberoi Hotels & Resorts) further in the global luxury hospitality business. Along the way, he overcame a takeover threat in 13 years ago, and the 26/11 terror attack on his group's flagship hotel in Mumbai in 2008. Oberoi took over as the Chairman of EIH Limited - the flagship of the Oberoi Group - in 2012, following the death of his father and founding chairman, Mohan Singh Oberoi, who remained the CEO till 2013, and became the 'Chairman Emeritus' after leaving the position of executive chairman.

"I have known him for two-and-a-half decades... when I was working as tourism secretary in the Government of Kerala. He was a perfectionist. By starting the Vilaas chain - Anantvilas in Agra and Udavalas in Jaipur - he created the best resort chain in India. He raised the profile of the Indian travel and hospitality sector," said Amitabh Kant, GEM 2020.

Pr S Oberoi 1929-2023

named a luxury cruise in Kerala after her - 'MV Vinod'. He had a very generous spirit. He always bit the ground generation and went all over the place in his private jet. As a consequence, he hardly had time for family and friends."

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Birsait Sect:

Having gained awareness of the British colonial ruler and the efforts of the missionaries to convert tribals to Christianity, **Birsa started the faith of 'Birsait'**.



Members of the **Munda and Oraon community** joined the Birsait sect and it turned into a challenge to British conversion activities.

- **Munda Rebellion:**
It is one of the most important tribal movements.
- It was led by Birsa Munda in the south of Ranchi in **1899-1900**.
- The movement **identified following forces as the cause of the misery** the Mundas were suffering:
 - The **land policies of the British** were destroying their traditional land system.
 - **Hindu landlords and moneylenders** were taking over their land.
 - **Missionaries** were criticising their traditional culture.
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- The '**Ulgulan**' or the '**Great Tumult**' as the movement came to be called, aimed at establishing Munda Raj by driving out the British.
 - Munda used **traditional symbols and language** to rouse people, urging them to destroy “Ravana” (dikus/outsideers and the Europeans) and establish a kingdom under his leadership.

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- On 3rd March, 1900, Birsa Munda was arrested by the British police while he was sleeping with his **tribal guerilla army** at Jamkopai forest in Chakradharpur (Jharkhand).
 - **Birsa died of cholera** in the jail and the movement faded out.

- **Significance of Munda Rebellion:**

- It forced the colonial government to introduce laws so that the land of the tribals could not be easily taken over by dikus (**Chotanagpur Tenancy Act, 1908**).
- It showed that the **tribal people had the capacity to protest against injustice** and express their anger against colonial rule.


- Jharkhand **shares its border** with the states of Bihar to the north, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to the west, Odisha to the south, and West Bengal to the east.
- Most of the state lies on the **Chotanagpur Plateau**, which is the source of the Koel, Damodar, Brahmani, Kharkai, and Subarnarekha rivers, whose upper watersheds lie within Jharkhand.

- Forest preserves support **populations of tigers and Asian Elephants (Betla National Park)**.
- Jharkhand boasts of **40% and 29% of India's mineral and coal reserves**, respectively.
- Jharkhand has **32 tribal groups** including Munda, Kol, Santhal, Oraon, Khond, Asur, Gond etc.





AAINA Dashboard for Cities

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- An aerial, high-angle view of a city skyline, rendered in a monochromatic blue and white color scheme. The buildings are stylized, with some featuring glowing windows. The city is set against a light blue background that suggests a sky or water surface. The perspective is from a high vantage point, looking down at the city.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the 'AANA Dashboard for Cities' portal, offering Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) a platform to voluntarily submit key data.
 - AANA aims to help cities assess their performance relative to others. It seeks to inspire cities by highlighting possibilities and areas for enhancement.

- The **Dashboard** categorizes data into five **pillars**: Political & Administrative Structure, Finance, Planning, Citizen-Centric Governance, and Delivery of Basic Services.
 - ULBs will regularly submit data, including audited accounts and self-reported performance metrics, through a user-friendly portal.

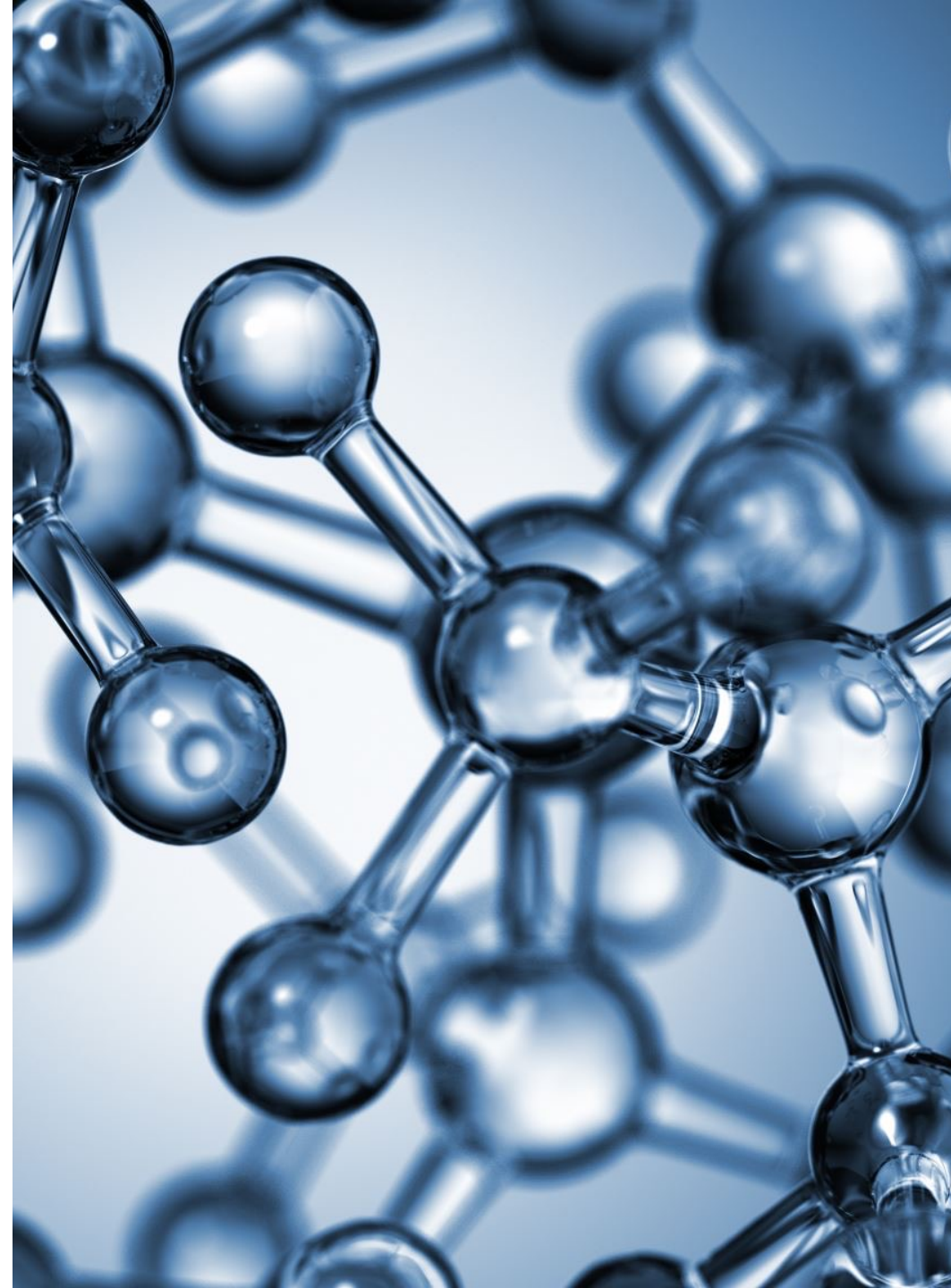


Zaglossus attenboroughi



Recently, Scientists have rediscovered the elusive **Zaglossus attenboroughi**, a long-beaked echidna named after naturalist **David Attenborough**, in Indonesia's Papua region.

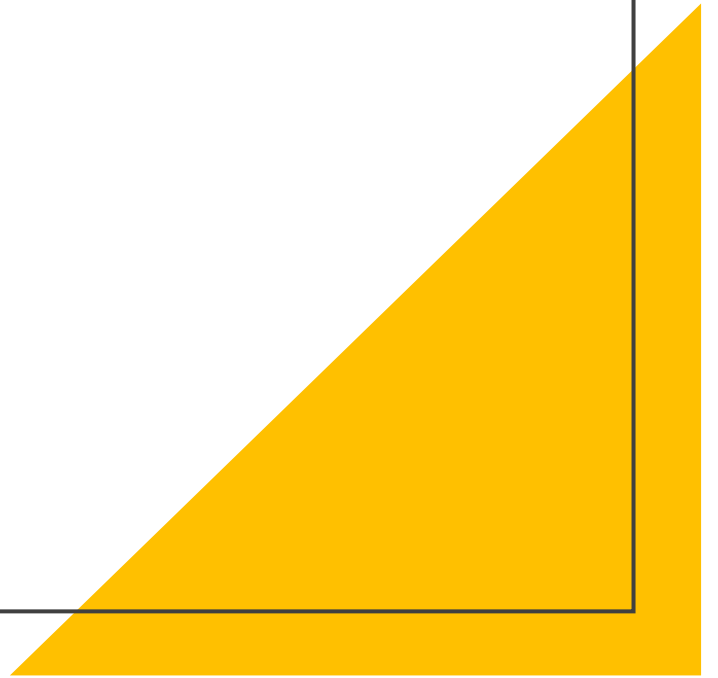
Echidnas, part of the **monotreme group**, are unique **mammals laying eggs instead of giving live birth**. Also known as spiny anteaters, they sport sharp spines on their bodies and primarily feed on ants and termites.



- Echidnas, particularly the *Zaglossus attenboroughi*, are **nocturnal and shy**, making their discovery challenging. This species was confined to the remote Cyclops Mountains.



Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru



Every year on **November 14, Children's Day** is observed to pay homage to the **first Prime Minister of independent India**.



'**Chacha Nehru**,' as Jawaharlal Nehru was affectionately known, was renowned for highlighting the **significance of expressing love and care towards children**.

- **About:**

- **Birth:** 14th November 1889 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Father's Name:** Motilal Nehru (a lawyer who held the office of **Indian National Congress** as President two times.)
- **Mother's Name:** Swarup Rani

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- **Education:**

- **Nehru** received his education at home from **English governesses** and **tutors** until the age of **16**.
- He attended **Harrow**, a prestigious English school, in **1905**, where he spent two years.
- He spent **three years** at **Trinity College** in **Cambridge** where he earned a degree in **natural science**.
- He qualified as a barrister from the **Inner Temple, London**.

Return:

- In 1912, when he returned to India, he immediately entered in to politics.

Contribution in Indian Freedom Movement:

- **Nehru** participated in the **Bankipore Congress** as a delegate in **1912**.
- In 1916, he joined **Annie Besant's Home Rule League**.
 - He became Secretary of the **Home Rule League, Allahabad in 1919**.

When the Non-Cooperation Movement began in 1920, he interacted with Mahatma Gandhi and joined the national independence movement.

1920

Nehru was appointed as General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee in September 1923.

Sep. 1923

1921

In 1921, he was detained on suspicion of engaging in anti-government activity.

1927

Since 1927, he has twice served as the general secretary of the Congress party.

1929

Nehru was elected as president of the Lahore Session of Indian National Congress in 1929.

- Nehru advocated for India's complete independence in this session.

1928

Nehru was lathi-charged in Lucknow in 1928 while leading a protest against the Simon Commission.

In 1929-31, he drafted a resolution called Fundamental Rights and Economic Policy, which outlined the congress's main goals and the nation's future.

1929–1931

1931

The resolution was ratified by the Congress party during the Karachi Session in 1931, which was presided over by Saradar Vallabhai Patel.

He participated in the **Salt Satyagraha** in **1930** and was put in jail.

Nehru became a more **prominent leader** within the **Congress** and grew close to Mahatma Gandhi.

In **1936**, he presided over the **Lucknow session** of the **Indian National Congress**.

Nehru was arrested for attempting to organize an **individual satyagraha** to oppose India's forced participation in the war.

He took part in the civil disobedience movement in 1940, for which he received a four-year jail term.

1940

Nehru along with other leaders was arrested on August 8, 1942 and taken to Ahmednagar Fort.

8 Aug. 1942

1942

Nehru introduced the historic 'Quit India' movement at the All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay in 1942.

He was released in 1945 and went on to arrange legal defence for officers and troops accused with disloyalty in the Indian National Army (INA).

1945

To recommend a strategy for the transfer of power, the Cabinet Mission was dispatched to India in 1946.

1946

1946

He was chosen to serve as the president of Indian National Congress fourth time in 1946.

- An **interim government** headed by **Jawaharlal Nehru** as **Prime Minister** was formed.
- On August 15, 1947, India attained independence but also suffered the pain of partition.

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- He promoted democratic socialism during his 17 years as prime minister, highlighting the necessity for India to attain both democracy and socialism.
- His internal policies were founded on the four tenets of democracy, socialism, unification, and secularism. He was able to incorporate these pillars into the construction of new independent India.

Books Written: The Discovery of India, Glimpses of World History, An Autobiography, Letters from a Father to His Daughter.



Death: 27th May 1964.

For the Karachi Session of Indian National Congress in 1931 presided over by Sardar Patel, who drafted the Resolution on Fundamental Rights and Economic Programme? (2010)

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi**
- (b) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**
- (c) Dr. Rajendra Prasad**
- (d) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**

In the 'Individual Satyagraha', Vinoba Bhave was chosen as the first Satyagrahi. Who was the second? (2009)

- (a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- (b) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- (c) C. Rajagopalachari
- (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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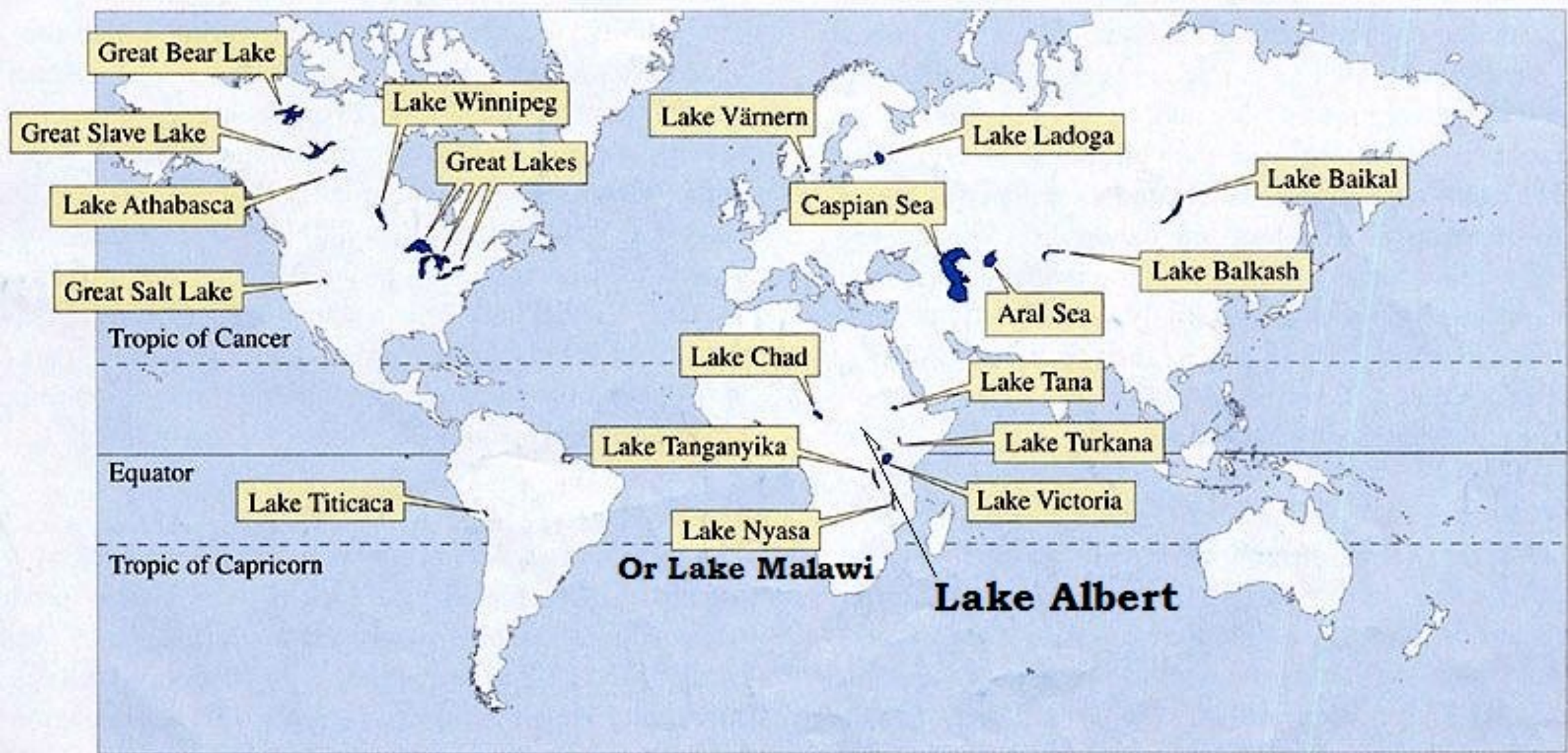
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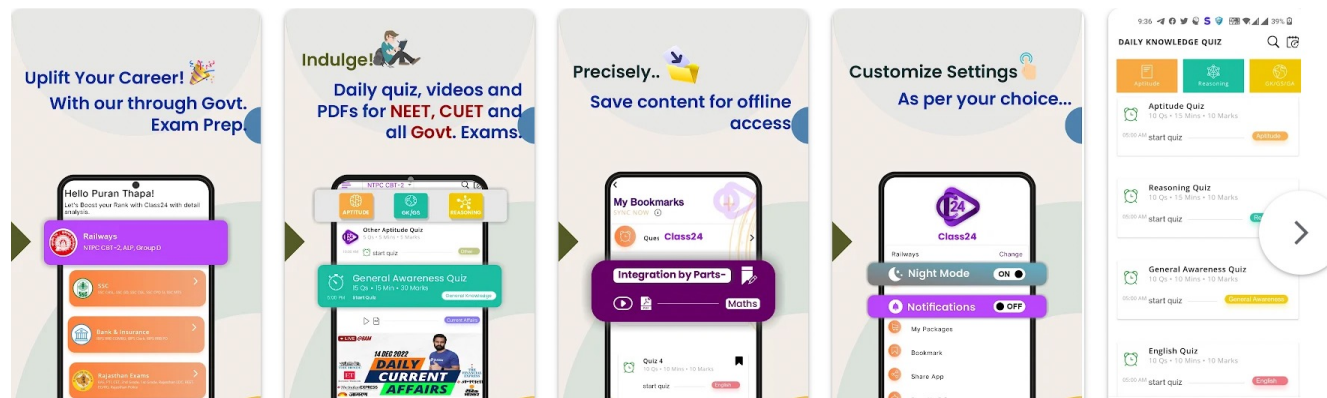
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