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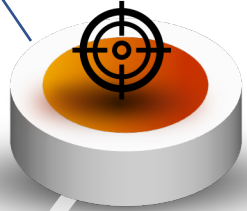


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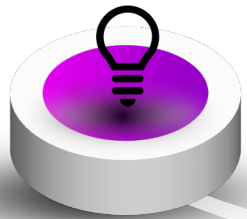


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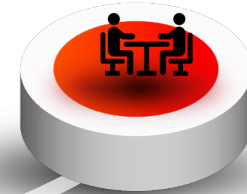


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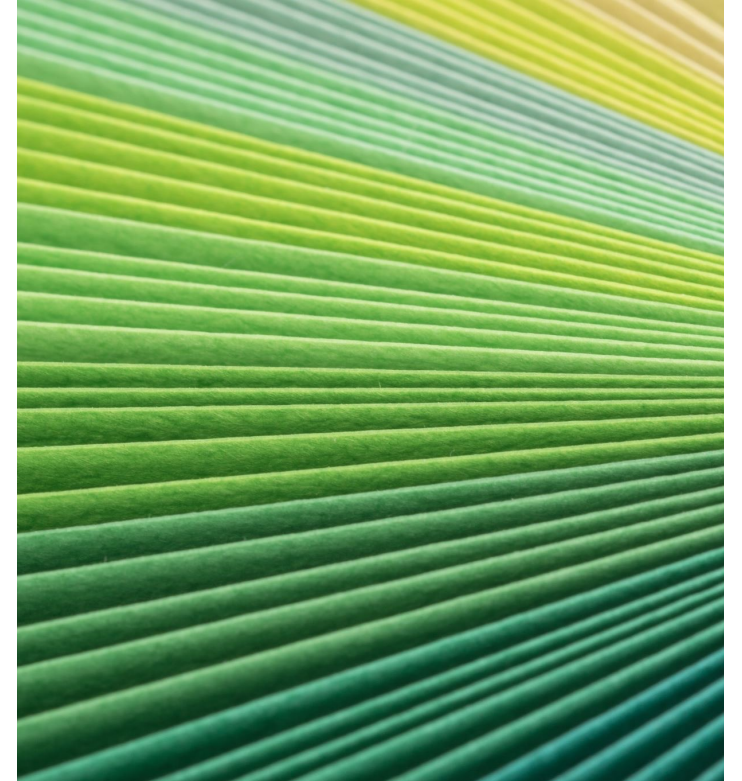
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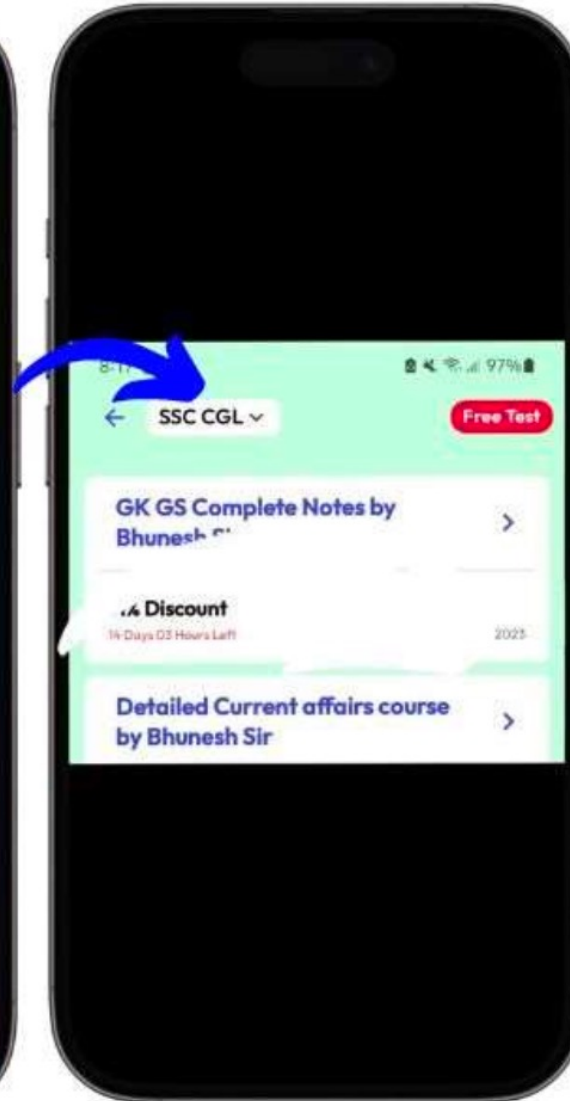


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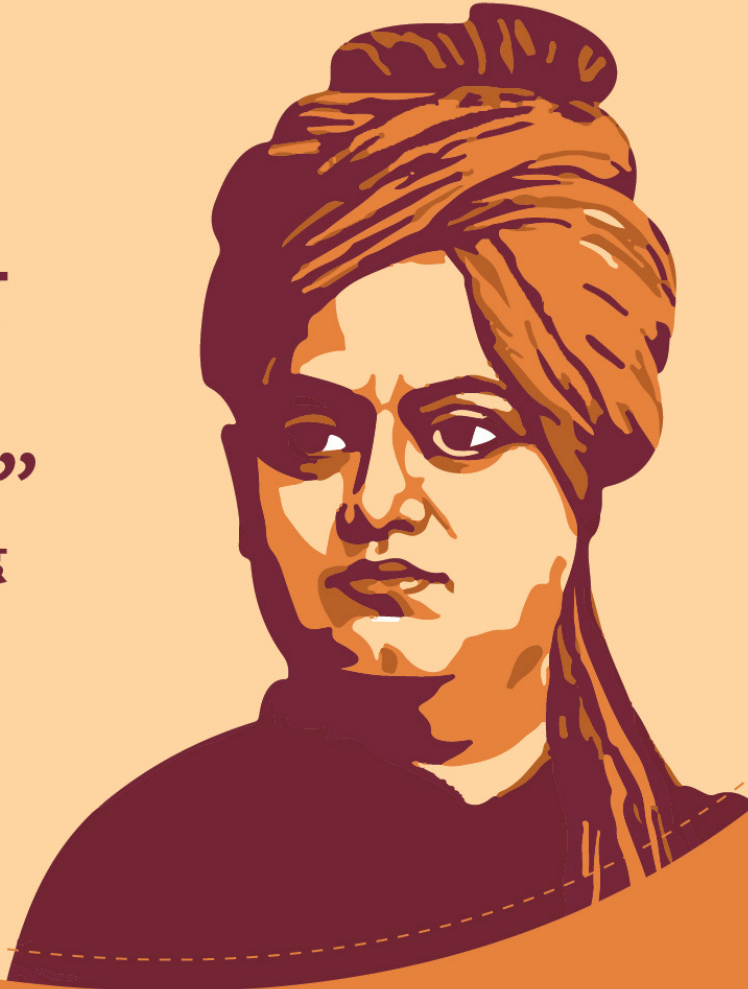
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IN BRIEF

L-G: 'gas chamber' Delhi needs action, not mere posturing

NEW DELHI L.G. V.K. Saena on Thursday took on the Delhi government over the deteriorating air quality, saying the city needs action, "not mere posturing" in a series of posts on X, the L-G described the Capital as a "gas chamber" > Page 2

SIT for scams, wows BJP in manifesto for Rajasthan poll

JAIPUR The BJP in Rajasthan on Thursday promised to appoint a Special Investigation Team to probe the exam paper leaks, scams, and other cases of alleged corruption during the Congress regime. > Page 15

UNSC seeks 'humanitarian pauses, corridors' in Gaza

Resolution calls for protection of civilians, but stopped short of condemning Hamas attack  
U.S., U.K., Russia abstain from vote; Israel says any 'pause' hinges on the release of hostages

Agence France-Presse UNITED NATIONS

The UN Security Council has called for "extended humanitarian pauses" in the Gaza Strip, the first time it has broken its silence since the latest round of the bloody conflict between Israel and Hamas started last month. Israel, however, indicated that such a "pause" would not be possible till the hostages held by Hamas are released. The resolution, prepared by Malta and adopted with 12 votes in favour, calls for urgent and extended humanitarian pauses and corridors throughout the adoption of the resolution, "a sufficient number of days" to allow aid to reach civilians. The U.S., the U.K. and Russia abstained.



Dark times: Israeli soldiers near Gaza border on Thursday. REUTERS

The text raises the question of how many days would be considered sufficient. A previous version of the draft sent by AEP called for an initial pause of five consecutive days within 24 hours of the adoption of the resolution. "It needs to be long enough for us to be able to mobilise the resources, once we have enough fuel,

Israel drops leaflets telling people to leave

Israel forces dropped leaflets asking Palestinians to flee parts of southern Gaza, residents said on Thursday. This signals possible expansion of Israel's offensive to more areas. > PAGE 17

hostages." Over 230 hostages are believed to be held by Hamas. However, the resolution stopped short of condemning the brutal cross-border attack by Hamas militants on October 7, which left around 1,200 dead, as per Israeli authorities.

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Biden, Xi restore military ties but remain apart on wider flashpoint of Taiwan

Agence France-Presse WOODSIDE

U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed at their first summit in a year on Wednesday to restore military communications between the two countries, even as Mr. Biden went off script by saying he still considered Mr. Xi a "sycophant".



U.S. President Joe Biden with his China counterpart Xi Jinping in an estate in California, on the sidelines of the APEC meet. AP

The leaders shook hands and strolled around a garden at a historic California estate during four-hour talks aimed at preventing growing tensions between the world's largest economies from spiralling into conflict. They also agreed that China would crack down on the production of ingredients for semiconductors, responsible for a deadly epidemic of opium in the U.S. border, with Mr. Xi saying he "sympathises" with U.S. victims

of the deadly drug, which has ravaged communities across the country. But Mr. Xi and Mr. Biden remained far apart on the flashpoint of Taiwan, with the Chinese President telling his U.S. counterpart to stop "tampering" with the island, and that reunification was "unstoppable". Beijing claims sovereignty over the self-ruling

democracy and has not ruled out seizing it by force. The two leaders had not met in person since they held talks in Bali in November 2022, and relations nosedived after the U.S. shot down an alleged Chinese spy balloon in February.

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NewsClick case: ED summons Singham

Devesh K. Pandey NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to Shanghai-based American millionaire Neville Roy Singham, through the Ministry of External Affairs, in connection with the NewsClick case. Mr. Singham, who has denied all the charges against him, is also an accused in a first information report registered by the CBI alleging violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCRA). Among the others named as accused are PPK NewsClick Studio Private Limited, its director Pratej Purkayastha and Jason Fletcher, the then manager of U.S.-based Worldwide Media Holdings LLC. Mr. Purkayastha, and

The Shanghai-based American millionaire is accused of violating FCRA rules

the website's human resources head, Amit Chakraborty, were earlier arrested by the Delhi police under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. "It was alleged that the said private company had received unexplained export remittance of about ₹28.46 crore through four foreign entities in violation of FCRA provisions...there was an unexplained receipt of foreign fund of about ₹9.89 crore by incorrect characterisation of the fund as foreign direct investment," the CBI said.

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Poll position



Ready to go: Officials moving to the polling booths after collecting electronic voting machines and other materials in Bhopal on the eve of the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election on Thursday. A.H. KHANNA (IN)P/PT/01/2023/118

Not ruling out investigation in Nijjar case if evidence is provided, says Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman LONDON

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has said that the government is open to the idea of an investigation into the killing of Canadian citizen and Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said accusations of the Indian government were behind the killing of Nijjar in British Columbia earlier this year. Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at the Royal Overseas League in London on Wednesday evening at an event organised by a U.K. government think tank,

Wilton Park, and the Indian High Commission. "We are not ruling out an investigation and looking at anything which they may have to offer," the Minister told his interviewer, former Editor of the *Financial Times* Lionel Barber. "The Minister said the government had told the Canadian government that it would consider any evidence that was shared. He said he has continued to articulate this to his Canadian counterpart. Mr. Jaishankar categorically denied that he had seen any evidence, that implicated India in the killing of Nijjar. Asked if he had

seen any "indirect or direct" evidence linking the Government of India to the killing, he said "no". His denial of having seen any evidence was more direct than suggestions he had made in the U.S., that he had not seen evidence, which the Canadian government has insisted it had shown the (Indian) government. When in the U.S., Mr. Jaishankar had said he had spoken with National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and Secretary of State Antony Blinken about the government's view that Canada had a history of enabling extremists. He dwelt on this

T.N. Assembly to readopt Bills that Governor returned

The Hindu Bureau TIRUVANMALARAI, CHENNAI

A special session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has been convened on Saturday to readopt certain Bills returned to the government by Governor R.N. Ravi. Speaker M. Appavu said on Thursday. "Though there is no clarification on the number of Bills returned by the Governor, sources indicated that most of them pertained to a proposal to amend the State of various universities to enable replacing the Governor with the Chief Minister as their Chancellor.

The Governor had for long kept pending several Bills that were adopted by the Assembly without taking decisions on them. I learnt that he has returned several Bills. They [the State government] have requested for calling a session so as to [re]adopt them," Mr. Appavu told presspersons in Tiruvannamalai.

Accompanied by Deputy Speaker K. Pitchandi and Assembly Secretary K. Srinivasan, Mr. Appavu said the State government would decide on the Bills that have to be readopted when the session begins on Saturday. He pointed out that if a Bill adopted by the House and returned by the Governor is sent to him after readopting it, the Governor must act on it. This would be the third time in the history of the Assembly that Bills were returned by the Governor. Mr. Appavu recalled that two Bills — one seeking to admit students to undergraduate medical courses



T.N. Governor R.N. Ravi

without appearing in NEET, and another banning online rummy and gambling — which were returned by the Governor, were readopted by the House and sent back to him. Following this, the Governor had forwarded the NEET exemption Bill to the President and granted assent for the online rummy/gambling ban Bill.

Plea in top court

Tamil Nadu recently moved the Supreme Court accusing Mr. Ravi of creating a constitutional deadlock by inexplicably delaying or even failing to consider and give assent to crucial Bills passed by the legislature and stymieing day-to-day governance in a way that is threatening to bring administration in the State to a grinding halt. In its affidavit, the government had listed out 12 Bills (including two adopted during the erstwhile AIADMK regime) that were pending before the Governor, as on October 26. All the 12 Bills listed out by Tamil Nadu in the Supreme Court were empowering the State government to control the affairs of the university and replacing the Governor as Chancellor of State-run universities.

Should there be public funding of elections? Multiple steps needed to ensure poll transparency

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Multiple steps needed to ensure poll transparency  
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THRILLING WIN Aussies pip Proteas, meet India in World Cup final  
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# India, EU close to settling \$600-mn WTO dispute

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

INDIA IS close to resolving its most contentious trade dispute, involving information communications technology (ICT) products, with its second largest trade partner, the European Union (EU), a senior government official said.

This comes on the heels of India settling all seven trade disputes at the World Trade Organization (WTO) with its largest trade partner, the US.

Brussels had dragged New Delhi to the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism in 2019 challenging its levying of import duty on a wide range of ICT products including mobile phones and components, base stations, integrated circuits and optical instruments claiming that the duty was inconsistent with global trade norms and was hurting €600 million worth of its tech exports to India.

The dispute assumes significance as it was feared to affect India's efforts to boost electronic products manufacturing — a strategic sector in which India is trying to cut its reliance on China. An adverse final ruling could have also meant disruption of the flagship production-led in-

## ELECTRONIC GOODS EXPORTS UP 50% IN FY23

Financial year	Electronic goods exports (in \$ bn)
FY23	23.57
FY22	15.58
FY20	11.7
FY19	8.82
FY18	6.39

Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Note: Data for FY21 is not available

centive (PLI) scheme due to the rolling back of duties.

The imminent resolution of the dispute comes as India had told the EU that it was facing a similar quantum of losses due to the EU's restriction on Indian steel after the latter fixed specific quotas for steel imports beyond which the items attract additional import duties of 25 per cent. The key reason behind the restriction was to avoid the diversion of exports from the US market to the EU market in the backdrop of controversial tariffs on steel under the Donald Trump administration.

A likely mutual settlement follows the high-level Trade and Tech Council (TTC) meeting between India and the EU that was set to discuss a number of outstanding issues between the two

countries in the absence of a functional dispute resolution mechanism at the WTO. TTC with the EU assumes significance as the EU has a TTC only with the US. The council aims at forging technology partnerships with like-minded countries amid rising tensions with China.

India imposed higher duties on ICT products as it looks to boost the manufacturing of electronic products with the help of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. The current strategy has also paid off as India's electronic products have been on the rise even as broader goods exports have declined during the current fiscal.

Earlier this year, India questioned the legality of the WTO dispute resolution body's order which was in favour of the EU.

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

## Country's reputation on the line, will probe: Cyprus President

EU lawmakers say close loopholes in bloc's financial system; Putin biography sales put on hold



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NOVEMBER 16

IN THE hours since the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and its media partners including The Indian Express published the Cyprus Confidential investigation, Cyprus president, European lawmakers and even a German book publisher have responded to revelations that the island's financial industry has been co-opted by billions and sanctions dodgers, and used to bolster Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime.

Speaking to reporters hours after ICIJ and its media partners began publishing Cyprus

Confidential stories, President Nikos Christodoulides pledged to launch a government probe in response to the investigation "within a specified timeframe." He added that the country's reputation was on the line.

"Everything that has come to light will be investigated," Christodoulides said. "The reputation of our country, the credibility of our country, you understand, is crucial."



Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides

Cyprus Confidential, led by the ICIJ and Paper Trail Media, was based on a leak of 3.6 million files from six Cyprus financial services providers and a corporate-data website. Powered by more than 270 reporters from 69 media partners, the investigation revealed how Cyprus financial enablers scrambled to help Russian oligarchs and Putin allies shield their assets and avoid Western sanctions, despite Russia's military aggression against Ukraine in 2014 and full-scale invasion in 2022.

Cyprus Finance Minister Makis Kerasanos also responded to the investigation. He told reporters that the country has been working with the UK gov-

In a statement published on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



## AUSTRALIA-INDIA FINAL SUNDAY

Australia defeated South Africa by 3 wickets in the second semi-final of the ODI World Cup at Kolkata's Eden Gardens Thursday. They will meet India in the final Sunday. Partha Paul **PAGE 20**

## Uttarkashi, Day 5: Rescuers inch closer to men trapped in tunnel

**AVANEESH MISHRA**  
UTTARKASHI, NOVEMBER 16

EFFORTS TO rescue 40 workers trapped in an under-construction tunnel in Uttarkashi appeared to get back on track Thursday as a high-capacity machine, Downin from the national capital, started the drilling process. The men have been trapped there since 5:30 am Sunday.

According to information provided by the Uttarkashi District Emergency Operation Centre, the operation began around 10:30 am Thursday, and by 4:30 pm, the machine had drilled through 9 metres of debris and was still going.



Outside the tunnel in Uttarkashi on Thursday. PTI

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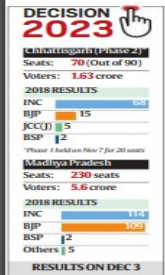
## TN Governor returns 10 Bills, state govt calls special session

**ARUN JANARDHANAN**  
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 16



Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi on Thursday returned 10 Bills, Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi on Thursday returned 10 pending Bills to the state government. The DMK-led government, which has had public disagreements with Ravi several times over the past year, has called a special Assembly session on Saturday.

One of the important Bills Ravi has returned is on the power of the state government to appoint university vice-chancellors. The Bills, passed between January and April this year, cover a range of issues from anti-corruption measures and the early release of prisoners to filling **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



## BJP enlists face of Rajasthan's fight against 'paper leak mafia'

**HAMZA KHAN**  
SHAHUPURA, NOVEMBER 16



Rajasthan Minister Hamza Khan

ON DECEMBER 24, 2022, 22-year-old Sonu Sharma rushed to appear for the general knowledge paper of a teacher recruitment examination conducted by the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC).

"The government had made bus travel free for students who were appearing but then the public buses did not let us in at all. So we had to climb (the buses), hitch a ride (the sole aim being to reach the centre in time any way possible)," says Sharma, standing alongside a group of youngsters undernour-

ished in the middle of Shahpura's Devan village, about 90 minutes north-west of Jaipur. For every examination, it was the same story for Sonu. And for how reached the centre in time. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## BJP poll promise: Will form unit to probe anti-Bharat sleeper cells

**HAMZA KHAN**  
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 16

RELEASING ITS manifesto for the Rajasthan Assembly elections, the BJP promised Thursday a string of measures if voted to power including a special cell to investigate "sleeper cells" of anti-Bharat forces and a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate "scams" of the Congress government led by Ashok Gehlot. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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## 4 decades ago, an assassination that put Mumbai in heart of Israel-Palestine feud

**ZEESHAN SHAIKH**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 16



Percy Norris, the British High Commissioner for Western India, was killed on Nov 27, 1984

EARLY ON November 27, 1984, Percy Norris left his office in Mumbai. Less than 500 metres from Mantralaya, the administrative headquarters of the Maharashtra government, his car slowed down. Suddenly, two men in "blue track suits and running shoes" fired shots — four in

all, of which two hit their target. Norris, the British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, was dead. And Mumbai had been dragged into the heart of the age-old Israeli-Palestinian feud. Norris was killed by suspected Palestinian militants affiliated to Abu Nidal — "Father of the Struggle" in Arabic — was the name de guerre for Sabri al-Barazi, the leader of a renegade group allegedly responsible for Norris's death. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## The sleeper hit this World Cup: A simple, informal show from Pakistan

**PAGE 1 ANCHOR**

**SANDEEP DWIVEDI**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

FOUR FORMER Pakistan captains, one of them a living legend, an endearing anchor, a multidisciplinary set, no complicated data-crunching, no over-philosophising, analysis, no raised voices and no hero worship. This World Cup, a no-frills,



Mishbah ul Haq, Fakhr-e-Alam, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan and Shoaib Malik on the sets of 'The Pavilion'

rich-in-content talk show featuring cricket's renowned pundits from Pakistan — Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Mishbah-ul-Haq, Shoaib Malik — along with a pleasant presenter, Fakhr-e-Alam, with an entertainment background, has cut through the clutter and proved to be a sleeper hit. The Pavilion, a flagship free-streaming show of A Sports, part of Pakistan's largest media network ARY, is fast approaching the 1000K subscriber mark with most of its hour-long video **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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# HALLUCINATE

Chosen as Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2023, it has seen novel usage in context of AI

**ARJUN SENGUPTA**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

"TO SEEM to see, hear, feel, or smell something that does not exist, usually because of a health condition or because you have taken a drug." This was the older definition of 'hallucinate' in the Cambridge Dictionary.

But as generative AI tools such as ChatGPT capture the world's imagination, 'hallucinate' has taken on additional meaning — "when an artificial intelligence hallucinates, it produces false information," according to the Cambridge Dictionary.

In the nascent years of generative AI, hallucinations are all too common. Sometimes utterly nonsensical while seemingly plausible other times, they differ in form — but at their core are falsehoods spouted confidently by AIs.

## Why AIs hallucinate

Generative AI takes actions based on past data. When given a prompt — a piece of text, an image, a piece of computer code — the AI generates a response based on the information it has been trained on. Popular tools such as ChatGPT and Bard use large language models (LLMs), which learn from ginormous data. Effectively, they (attempt to) recreate human thought and linguistic expression by 'learning' from millions of

(human-created) sources.

"At their best, LLMs can only be as reliable as their training data," Wendalyn Nichols, Cambridge Dictionary's Publishing Manager, said. "AIs are fantastic at churning through huge amounts of data to extract specific information and consolidate it. But the more original you ask them to be, the likelier they are to go astray," she said.

AIs can learn from factually inaccurate sources, or produce inaccuracies themselves while processing the information. Either way, hallucinations have some real world consequences. For instance, a US law firm used ChatGPT for legal research, which led to fictitious cases being cited in court. The judge fined the firm \$ 5,000.

## Why the word 'hallucinate'

The Cambridge Dictionary Word of the Year has been published every year since 2015. A team makes the decision based on data on words that saw popular usage in the year and their cultural salience.

"The...team chose hallucinate...as it recognised that the new meaning gets to the heart of why people are talking about AI," the company said on Wednesday. "Generative AI is a powerful tool but one we're all still learning how to interact with safely and effectively — this means being aware of both its potential strengths and its current weaknesses," it said.

# ‘Crime’ of adultery: What SC ruled and why

**KHADIJA KHAN**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 16

THE PARLIAMENTARY Committee on Home Affairs has suggested that adultery should be re-instituted as a crime in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, the proposed law to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860.

## What is the legal position on adultery now?

Until 2018, the IPC contained Section 497, which defined adultery as a criminal offence that attracted up to five years in prison, or a fine, or both. However, only men could be punished under Section 497, not women. The section read:

“Whoever has sexual intercourse with a person who is and whom he knows or has reason to believe to be the wife of another man, without the consent or connivance of that man, such sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape, is guilty of the offence of adultery... In such case the wife shall not be punishable as an abettor.”

In *Joseph Shine vs Union Of India* (September 27, 2018), a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra, and comprising current CJI D Y Chandrachud, and Justices A M Khanwilkar, R F Nariman, and Indu Malhotra, unanimously struck down Section 497 on grounds that included discrimination.

## What has the House panel recommended?

The 350-page report on the BNS, 2023, which was adopted by the Committee on November 10, said that adultery should be reinstated as a criminal offence, but it should be made gender-neutral — that is, both men and women should be punished for it.

The Committee expressed the view that “the institution of marriage is considered sacred in Indian society and there is a need to safeguard its sanctity”.

## What is the problem with this?

The discriminatory nature of Section 497, and its “manifest arbitrariness” in punish-

ing only men for adultery, was just one of the grounds on which the court had struck down the provision. The judgment went much farther.

Section 497 was violative of Articles 14, 15, and 21 of the Constitution (which protect the fundamental rights to equality, non-discrimination, and life respectively) the Bench ruled.

The court underlined the autonomy of women as a facet of human dignity. Writing for himself and Justice Khanwilkar, CJI Misra declared that the husband is neither master of his wife, nor does he have legal sovereignty over her — and that “any system treating a woman with indignity...invites the wrath of the Constitution”.

Also, the CJI said, if adultery “is treated as a crime, there would be immense intrusion into the extreme privacy of the matrimonial sphere. It is better to be left as a ground for divorce”.

Justice Chandrachud, who disagreed with the judgment of his father, former CJI Y V Chandrachud’s 1985 ruling in *Sowmithri Vishnu vs. Union of India*, which upheld adul-

tery as a crime, described Section 497 as a relic of Victorian morality that “proceeds on the notion that the woman is but a chattel; the property of her husband”.

## Can the Supreme Court’s decision be undone?

A ruling of the Supreme Court is the law of the land. Parliament cannot simply pass a law that contradicts a ruling of the top court. However, it can pass a law that removes the basis of the court’s judgment. Such a law can be both retrospective and prospective.

In *Madras Bar Association vs. Union of India* (2021), the SC said: “The test for determining the validity of a validating legislation is that the judgment pointing out the defect would not have been passed, if the altered position as sought to be brought in by the validating statute existed before the Court at the time of rendering its judgment. In other words, the defect pointed out should have been cured such that the basis of the judgment pointing out the defect is removed.”

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# Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040

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- Recently, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has released the interim report titled-Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: A Policy Scenario Analysis, ahead of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC3).
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- The INC3 will be held in Nairobi, Kenya in November 2023 for an international binding agreement on plastic pollution. Earlier INC 2 was held in Paris, France in June 2023.

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- What are the Key Highlights of the Report?
  - **Current Situation:**
    - In 2022, **21 million tonnes (MT) of plastics** leaked into the environment globally.
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- Under a **business-as-usual scenario**, where no significant changes are made, plastic **usage would increase, resulting in a 50% rise in macroplastic leakage** by 2040.
    - This would mean **approximately 30 MT of plastic leaking into the environment**, with 9 MT entering aquatic environments.
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- **Scenario Projections:**

- Stabilizing primary plastic use at 2020 levels by 2040 would still result in **significant plastic leakage (12 MT) by 2040**.
- However, a scenario of ambitious global action could drastically reduce waste generation, almost eliminating mismanaged waste and nearly eliminating plastic leakage by 2040.





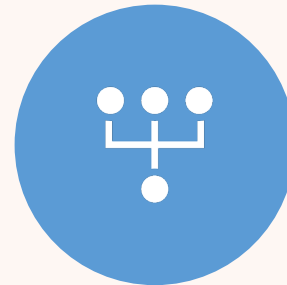
What is the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee (INC)?



About:



The INC was established in February 2022, at the 5th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2).



UNEA is the governing body of the UN Environment Programme.

- A historic resolution (5/14) was adopted to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment with the ambition to complete the negotiations by the end of 2024.
  - The first session of the INC-1 was held in **Uruguay in 2022.**



Why is there a great concern about the 'microbeads' that are released into environment? (2019)




- (a) They are considered harmful to marine ecosystems.
- (b) They are considered to cause skin cancer in children.
- (c) They are small enough to be absorbed by crop plants in irrigated fields.
- (d) They are often found to be used as food adulterants.





# SHREYAS Scheme for OBC & Others

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The scheme Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS), has been proposed to be implemented during the 2021-22 to 2025-26 by placing two ongoing Central Sector Schemes for OBC (Other Backward Classes) and EBC.



These schemes are, National Fellowship for OBC and Dr.Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).

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- **National Fellowship for OBC Students>About:** It aims to provide financial assistance to OBC students pursuing higher education, **specifically M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees** in various recognized universities, research, and scientific institutions.
    - The scheme offers **1000 Junior Research Fellowships** annually for advanced studies and research. These fellowships are awarded to students who have qualified through specific tests like the UGC-NET or UGC-CSIR NET-JRF Joint Test.
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# NITI Aayog: SATH-E Project

- NITI Aayog has released a report on the Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education (SATH-E)



# What is SATH-E Project?



<b>About</b> 	The SATH-E Project, <b>launched by NITI Aayog in 2017</b> , aims to ensure quality school education and promote <b>socially inclusive, regionally balanced, and sustainable education growth</b> in collaboration with state governments.
<b>Focus Areas</b>	Education and Health
<b>Target</b> 	It seeks to identify and build <b>three future 'role model' states</b> in the education sector (Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha) and transform <b>elementary and secondary school education</b>
<b>Key findings of recent report</b> 	India, with <b>five times more schools than China</b> despite similar enrolment, faces a challenge with <b>over 50% of primary schools</b> in many states <b>having fewer than 60 students</b> There are <b>2-5 lakh untrained</b> teachers at the primary and upper primary levels, not <b>meeting Right to Education requirements</b>
<b>Recommendations</b> 	<b>Merge small, and low-enrolment schools</b> with nearby ones, etc. E.g., <b>Jharkhand's</b> merger of 4,380 schools saved Rs 400 crore, optimizing resources by reducing teacher and infrastructure needs Consider the <b>decentralization of powers to principals, district, and block officers</b> , etc. <b>Restructuring (Cadre restructuring) and recruitment of teachers</b> to solve issue of teacher's shortage Competency-based assessment reforms Focus on <b>Early Childhood Education</b> and multilingual education

# Daily 5 vocab from The Hindu

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**Veritable**  
(adjective) : formal true  
or real —used to  
emphasize a description



**Synonyms** : authentic,  
genuine, real Antonyms:  
doubtful, dubious,  
equivocal



**Voluminous**  
(adjective) : of a size  
greater than average  
of its kind



**Synonyms** : big, large,  
bulky



**Antonyms** : dinky, dwarf,  
little

- **Consonance (noun): agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions.**

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- **Synonyms** : agreement, concord, accord

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- **Antonyms** : discordance, disproportion, disunity

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- **Revanchism (noun) :a policy of seeking to retaliate, especially to recover lost territory.**

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- **Synonyms** : revenge, vengeance, reprisal

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- **Vibrancy (noun) : the state of being full of energy and life.**

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- **Synonyms:** active, vibrant, exuberance

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# Step-1



# Step-2




# Step-3



# Step-4



A group of people are clapping in a dimly lit room. The focus is on the hands and forearms of several individuals, some in the foreground and some blurred in the background. The lighting is soft and moody, with a dark background. In the top left corner, there is a small orange horizontal bar and a few small red dots. The text "Thank you guys." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Thank you  
guys.

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