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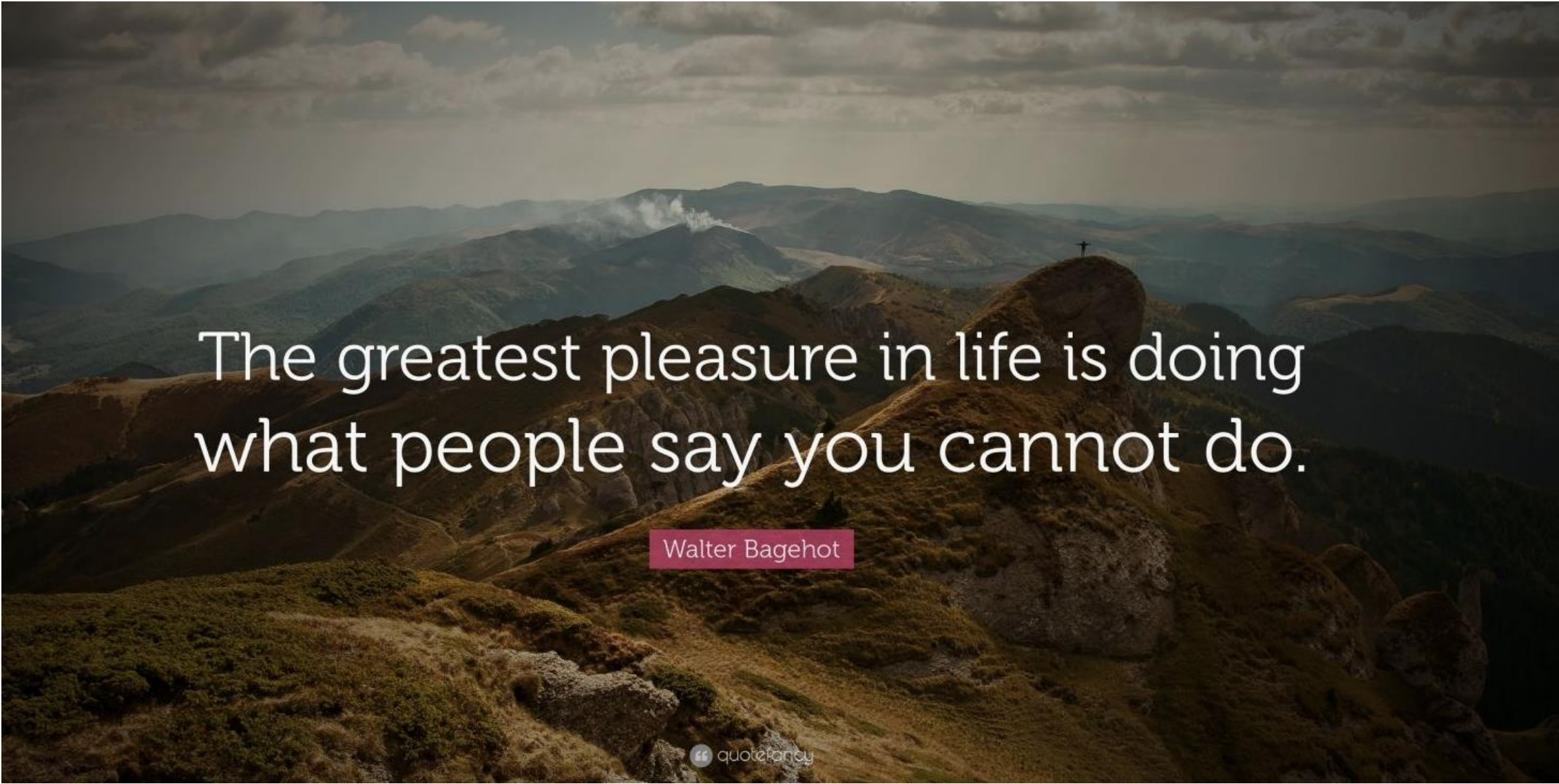
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A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a person is silhouetted against the sky, standing on the peak of a rounded mountain. The mountains in the background are layered and hazy, with some wisps of smoke or mist rising from a valley. The overall tone is dramatic and atmospheric.

The greatest pleasure in life is doing
what people say you cannot do.

Walter Bagehot



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Will urge Centre to take up caste census: Stalin

CHENNAI
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday said the government would move a resolution in the Assembly urging the Centre to conduct a caste-based census along with the general census. » PAGE 2

CID gets custody of JD(S) MLC in sexual abuse case

BENGALURU
Janata Dal (Secular) MLC Suraj Bevanur, who has been arrested in a sexual abuse case, was on Monday remanded in the custody of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for eight days till July 1. » PAGE 3

Kin of 11 Indians stuck in Russia take fight to Delhi

NEW DELHI
Family members of 11 Indians stuck in the warzone on the Russia-Ukraine border arrived in New Delhi on Monday seeking their return. Some went home after they were unable to meet a government representative. » PAGE 6

Fire at battery factory in South Korea kills 22

SEOUL
A fire likely sparked by exploding lithium batteries swept through a manufacturing factory near South Korea's capital on Monday, killing 22 mostly Chinese migrant workers, officials said. » PAGE 14

NEET paper leak case: 2 teachers among 4 booked in Maharashtra

While one teacher was arrested, another is being questioned, say police; they allegedly shared hall ticket details of some students with the third accused Kongalwar, linked to the money trail, who forwarded them to fourth accused Gargadhar

Shoumollit Banerjee
PUNE

The Maharashtra Police have booked four persons, including two zilla parishad teachers, in connection with the National Eligibility Test-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) question paper leak case. One of the teachers, Jallu Uttarakhan Patil, arrested on Sunday, was produced before a local court on Monday which remanded him in police custody till July 2. The other accused teacher - Sanjay Tukaram Jadhav - was detained by the police and is being questioned, said informed sources. Teams have been formed to nab the third accused, Tranna Kongalwar,



Bearing banner: NSU activists during a protest against the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG in New Delhi. SHASHI SEKHAR KASHYAP

Panel constituted to reform NTA holds first meet

NEW DELHI
The committee constituted to reform the functioning of National Testing Agency held its first meeting on Monday. It discussed methods to develop a solid end to end process to conduct various entrance exams. » PAGE 5

who hails from Nanded district, and is an Industrial Training Institute instructor in Latur. Authorities suspect the two accused teachers of having relayed hall ticket details of students to Mr. Kongalwar - an important link in the money trail who then forwarded them

to the fourth accused, Gargadhar in Delhi, who is named in the FIR filed by the Latur police. A case was registered against the accused at the Shivajinagar police station in Latur on Sunday.

Mr. Jadhav works at a school in Solapur while Mr. Patil is a teacher in a

ishad officials are said to be actively considering his suspension.

Earlier, the Nanded branch of the Maharashtra Anti-Squad (ATS) had detained both Mr. Jadhav and Mr. Patil on Saturday and let them off after hours of intensive questioning.

Sources said the ATS team raided the residences of Mr. Jadhav and Mr. Patil after the duo reportedly exchanged suspicious messages through their WhatsApp chats pertaining to exam hall tickets, besides financial transactions on their phones.

A Special Investigation Team has been set up under Latur city sub-divisional police officer Bhagwat Punde to investigate the case, said officials.

Come rain or shine



Splash of colour: A toy vendor walking on the Kozhikode beach in Kerala with an overcast sky in the backdrop on Monday. K. RAJESH

Kerala House passes motion to rename the State 'Keralam'

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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The resolution, moved by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, called for invoking Article 3 of the Constitution to effectuate the change in the First Schedule. This resolution mirrors an attempt from last year, which was sent back by the Centre due to procedural issues.

Will seek consensus in Parliament, says PM as LS convenes



Starting point: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the media on the first day of Parliament session. SCOTT GROSS/GETTY

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, the first day of the 18th Lok Sabha, struck an aggressive note, stating that his government would "strive to drive a consensus both inside and outside the House".

He said that the people of India wanted a "good and responsible" Opposition based on "substance rather than slogans", and not one that indulged in "drama and disruption". He made these remarks in his customary address before the start of a Parliament session. In a barb clearly aimed at the Congress, he also mentioned that on Tuesday, the country would be entering the 80th anniversary of the year of the imposition of the Emergency by the then Indira Gandhi-led Congress government. "It will be our endeavour that we never see such days again," Mr. Modi said.

Opposition MPs, meanwhile, gathered in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue, now moved to "Prerna Sthal", holding copies of the Constitution, raising slogans that they would protect it. From the appointment of the pro tem Speaker to the issues in the NEET exams, the Opposi-

tion and the Treasury are in combat mode from the get go of the session.

Mr. Modi responded by signalling what he understood by the mandate of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. "People have put their stamp of approval on the intentions and policies of this government," he said. "Our responsibilities have risen by three times. I want to assure people of the country that we will work three times more in our third term and deliver three times more as well," he said.

"Matter of pride"
The Prime Minister described his alliance's win in the election as "great and grand" and "a matter of pride", noting that this was first time in the past 60 years that a government had assumed office for a third straight term.

He said it was a matter of pride that the oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected MPs would be taking place in the new Parliament building for the first time. He said that his government would always strive to "take everyone along and build consensus to serve the country and fulfil people's aspirations".

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Mamata says Bengal must be involved in any talks on sharing of Teesta water

Rhily Sabay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying no discussion on the Teesta river treaty should be taken up with Bangladesh without the involvement of the State government.

She said that if Teesta river water was shared with Bangladesh, lakhs of people in north Bengal would be severely impacted due to inadequate availability of irrigation water. In her letter, Ms. Banerjee said, "It is to convey my strong reservation that no discussion on the Teesta river treaty should be taken up with Bangladesh without the involvement of the State government. The interest of people in West Bengal is paramount,



which should not be compromised at any cost." Referring to the recent visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to New Delhi, where issues relating to the Ganga and Teesta rivers might have been discussed, the Chief Minister said such unilateral deliberations without consultation and the opinion of the State government are neither acceptable nor desirable. "Now, they are trying to give Teesta waters. As if

they are kings. If they do not listen to us and take any unilateral decision, there will be protests all over West Bengal and across the country," Ms. Banerjee said at an administrative meeting. The sharing of Teesta waters between India and Bangladesh was to be inked in 2011 under the United Progressive Alliance II government led by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh but Ms. Banerjee had objected to the agreement.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Kuki-Zo tribal bodies took out rallies across the hill districts of Manipur calling for the Centre to meet their demand to carve out a Union Territory for the community, to end the ongoing ethnic conflict in the State. They reiterated that a Union Territory, with a legislature, as provided under Article 239A of the Constitution, was the solution to the crisis.

At the protest rallies held in the hill districts of Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, Chandel, Phozzaw, Jiribam, and Tengnoupal, many speakers reiterated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should visit Manipur and show his intent to solve the crisis in the State. The Kuki-Zo bodies also submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister



Protesters take out a rally in Manipur's Churachandpur on Monday demanding a solution to the ethnic violence in the State. PTI

Amit Shah through district administrations, seeking such a "No separate political solution be expedited."

Counter-protests
The valley-based Meitei vendors, also known as "Imas" or "mothers", of the Imphal Valley, along with other civilian women's groups, submitted a memorandum to Union Home Minister

rum in Churachandpur said thousands of people attended the march. The Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM) in Kangpokpi said it too took out a march in the district on Monday, with Janghoun Haokip of the KIM saying, "It was a massive rally reflecting the sentiments of the people for a swift solution to their political demand. Memoranda were submitted."

In Churachandpur, BJP MLA Cheralental Haokip spoke to the crowd of protesters, saying that Kuki-Zo MLAs had sought a meeting with Mr. Modi a year ago, but were yet to be granted audience. "So now, if Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants a solution to this crisis, let him come to Lamka (Churachandpur)," he said.

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The Hindu Bureau

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KERALAM

Kerala Assembly wants to rename the state as Keralam, the Malayalam word for the state



A house boat in Alappuzha, Kerala.
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THE KERALA Assembly on Monday unanimously passed a resolution urging the Centre to rename the state as "Keralam" in the Constitution. This is the second time in the past year that such a resolution has been passed.

Resolution

The resolution, moved by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, states: "The name of our state in Malayalam is Keralam... However, the name of our state in the first Schedule of the Constitution has been written as Kerala. This Assembly is unanimously requesting the Union Government to take immediate steps under Article 3 of the Constitution to change the name of the state to Keralam."

A similar resolution was passed on August 9 last year. Vijayan said that it needed reintroduction due to some technical issues.

The previous resolution sought amendments to the First Schedule of the Constitution (list of various states). It also meant to seek an amendment to the Eighth Schedule (list of official languages). But on further examination, it was realised that the wording did not include the latter demand. Hence, the resolution was modified and reintroduced, Vijayan told the Assembly.

Etymology

There are several theories regarding the etymological roots of Kerala/Keralam. The earliest mention of the word can be found in Emperor Ashoka's Rock Edict II, dated to 257 BCE. The edict reads: "Everywhere in the dominions of King Priyadarsin, Beloved of the gods, [how Ashoka was addressed as] as well as those of his frontier sovereigns, such as the

Chodas [Cholas], Pandyas, Satiyaputra, Ketalaputra [Keralaputra]..." (translated by epigraphist DR Bhandarkar).

Keralaputra, literally "son of Kerala" in Sanskrit, refers to the dynasty of the Cheras, rulers of one of the three main kingdoms of southern India at the time. German linguist Dr Herman Gundert noted that the word 'keram' is Canarese (or Kannada) for 'cheram', which is used to refer to the coastal land between Gokarna (in Karnataka) and Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu, India's southern tip). The origin of the term could possibly be from 'cher', which means to join in Old Tamil.

Statehood

The demand for a united Malayalam-speaking state first gathered momentum in the 1920s, and aimed to integrate the princely states of Travancore and Cochin, and the Malabar district of the Madras Presidency.

After Independence, on July 1, 1949 the two Malayalam-speaking princely states were integrated to form the state of Travancore-Cochin. The state of Kerala was finally created after the State Reorganisation Commission's recommendation creating states on linguistic-bases. The Commission under Syed Fazl Ali recommended the inclusion of the district of Malabar and the taluk of Kasargod to the Malayalam-speaking people's state. It also recommended the exclusion of the four Southern taluks of Travancore, viz Tovala, Agastheeswaram, Kalkulam and Vilayankode together with some parts of Shenkottai (all these taluks now part of Tamil Nadu).

The state of Kerala came into being on November 1, 1956.

Resolution Passed:

The Kerala Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to rename the state as "Keralam" in the Constitution.

This is the second time such a resolution has been passed; the first was on August 9 last year.

Reason for Renaming:

The resolution was moved by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

The name "Kerala" in the First Schedule of the Constitution does not reflect the Malayalam name "Keralam".

The Assembly urged the Union Government to amend Article 3 of the Constitution to change the state's name.

Historical and Etymological Background:

The name "Keralam" means "son of Kerala" in Sanskrit and is linked to the Chera dynasty.

References to Kerala can be found in Emperor Ashoka's Rock Edict of 257 BCE.

The term "Kerala" has historical ties to various ancient South Indian kingdoms.

1.Statehood and Integration:

1. Demand for a united Malayalam-speaking state started in the 1920s.
2. The state of Kerala was formed on November 1, 1956, following the State Reorganisation Commission's recommendation, integrating Travancore, Cochin, and Malabar districts.

- Consider the following statements regarding the recent resolution passed by the Kerala Assembly to rename the state:
 1. The Kerala Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution to rename the state as "Keralam" in the Constitution for the second time.
 2. The term "Keralam" has historical significance and is linked to the Chera dynasty.
 3. The formation of the state of Kerala took place on November 1, 1949, following the State Reorganisation Commission's recommendation.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3

India, Pak. delegations reach J&K to inspect power projects under Indus Water Treaty

Press Trust of India

JAMMU

Delegations from India and Pakistan on Monday flew to Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir with neutral experts and began inspection of two power projects under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), officials said.

Nearly 40 people reached Jammu on Sunday evening and flew to Kishtwar this morning for inspection of various under-construction power projects in the Chenab valley region, the officials said.

This is the first visit by a Pakistani delegation to Jammu and Kashmir in more than five years under the dispute settlement mechanism of the 1960 treaty.

India and Pakistan signed the IWT after nine years of negotiations, with the World Bank being a signatory of the pact which



The delegations of India, Pakistan arrive to inspect hydroelectric power projects under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT). PTI

sets out a mechanism for cooperation and information exchange between the two sides on the use of waters of a number of cross-border rivers.

A three-member Pakistan delegation inspected the Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai hydroelectric power projects under the provisions of the IWT for the last time in January 2019.

Immediately after landing at an Army camp, the

delegation visited the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) headquarters, the officials said, adding that they left for the 85-MW Ratle hydroelectric power project site at Drabshalla for dam inspection. They will also visit the 1,000-MW Pakal Dul hydroelectric project on the Marusudar, a tributary of the Chenab, and other power projects in Kishtwar, the officials said.

The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)

■ The distribution of waters of the Indus and its tributaries between India and Pakistan is governed by the Indus Water Treaty (IWT).

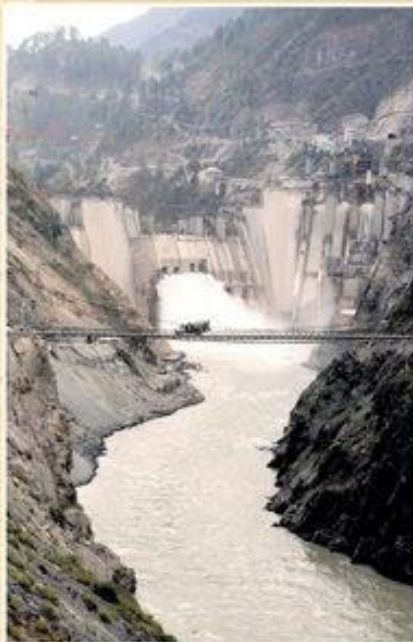
■ Was signed on Sept 19, 1960, between India, Pakistan and a representative of World Bank after eight years of negotiations.

■ Partition of India cut across the Indus river basin, which has the Indus river, plus five of its main tributaries.

Western rivers

Chenab, Jhelum, Indus

India's rights over these rivers: Limited — can set up certain irrigation, run-of-the-river power plants, very limited storage, domestic and non-consumptive use, all subject to conditions

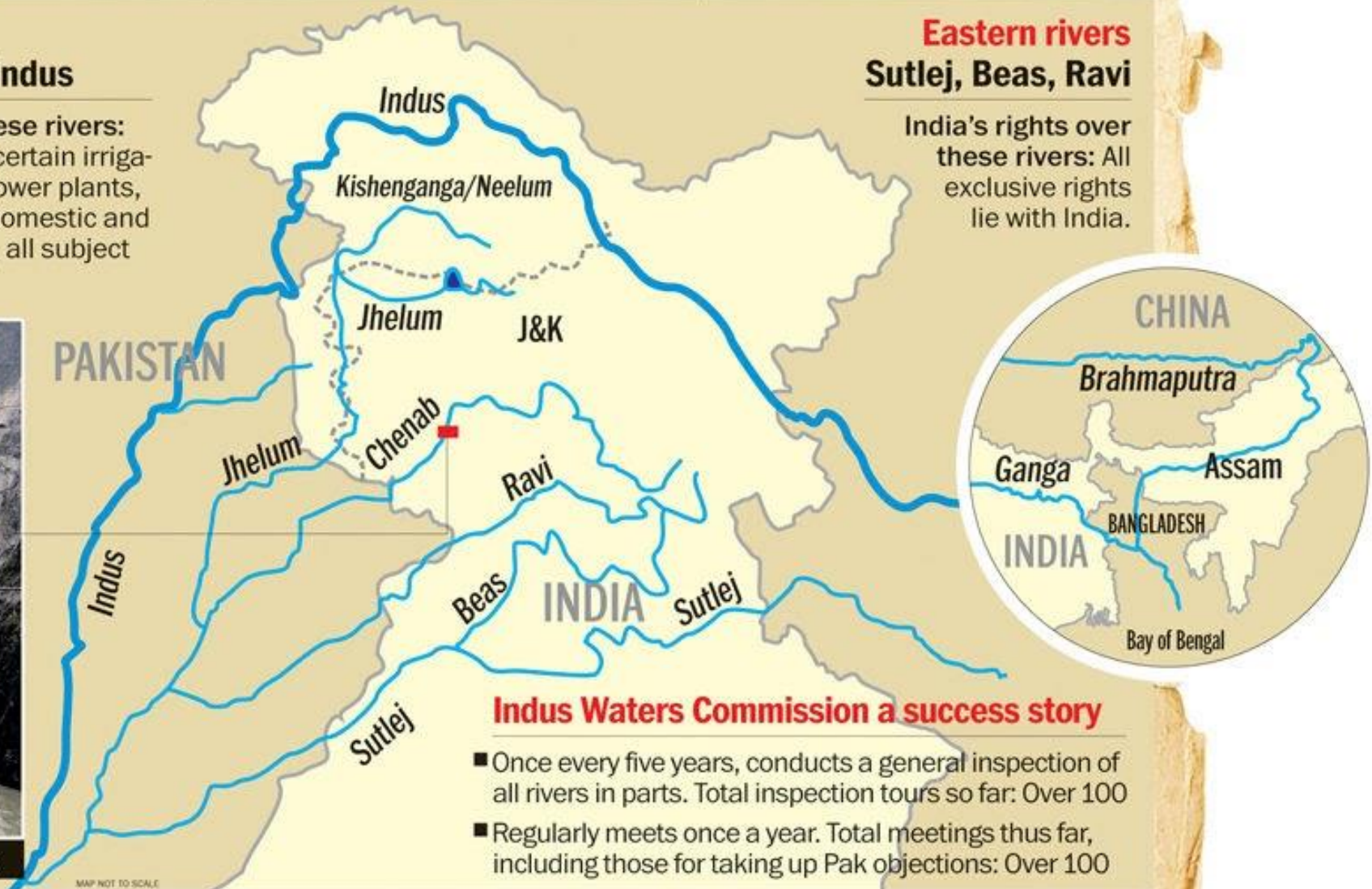


Baglihar dam on Chenab

Eastern rivers

Sutlej, Beas, Ravi

India's rights over these rivers: All exclusive rights lie with India.



Indus Waters Commission a success story

- Once every five years, conducts a general inspection of all rivers in parts. Total inspection tours so far: Over 100
- Regularly meets once a year. Total meetings thus far, including those for taking up Pak objections: Over 100



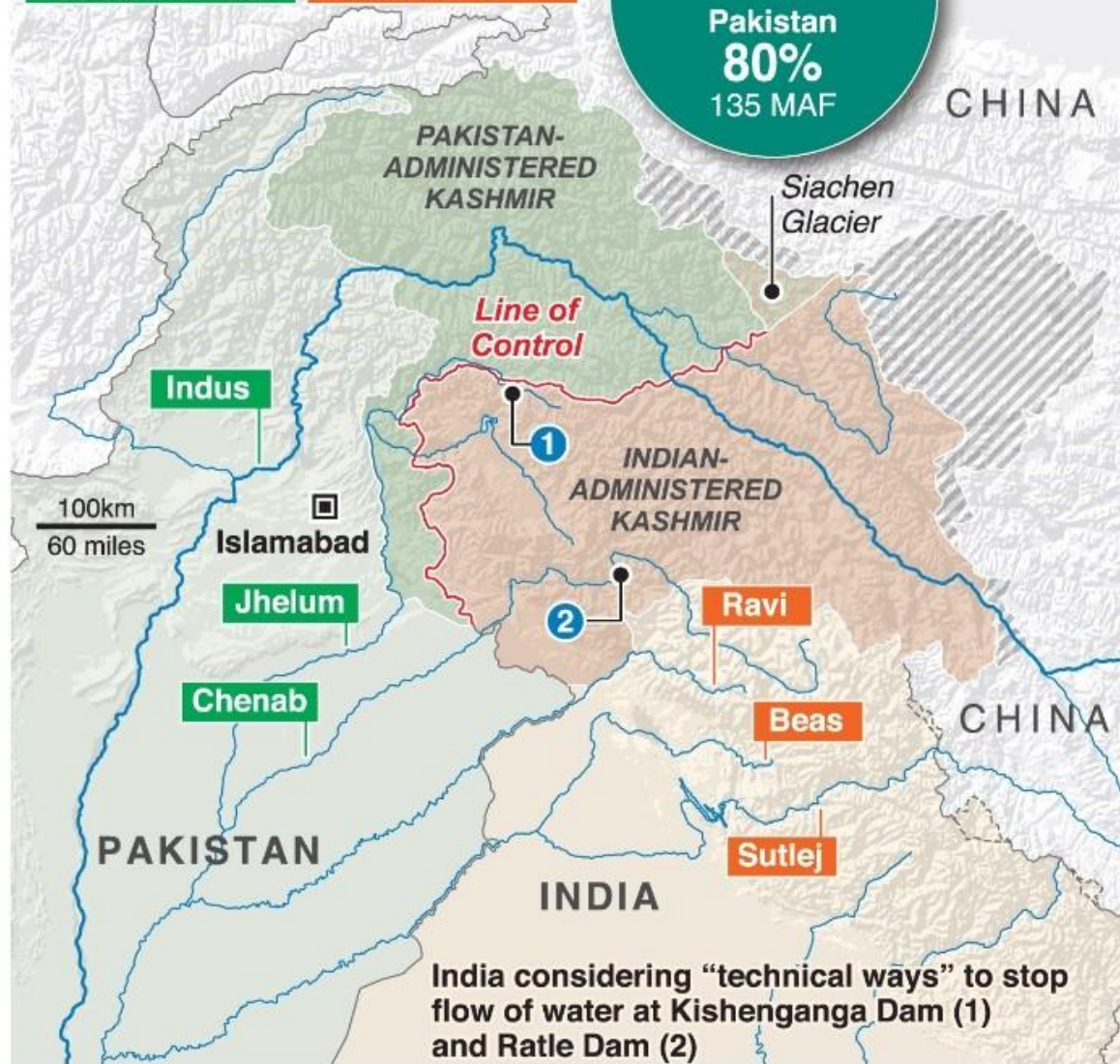
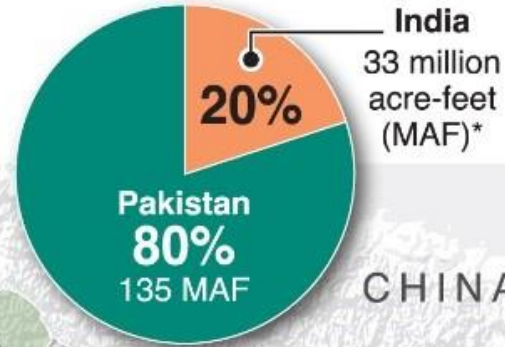
1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT)

India has full use of all water from three eastern rivers, but must allow unrestricted flow of water from western rivers to Pakistan

Western rivers
Pakistan control

Eastern rivers
India control

Water allocation from six-rivers of Indus basin under IWT



India considering "technical ways" to stop flow of water at Kishenganga Dam (1) and Ratle Dam (2)

Srinagar's 'World Craft City' tag will promote global links

Peerzada Ashiq

SRINAGAR

Srinagar has earned the World Craft City tag from the World Crafts Council (WCC), a non-government organisation working to empower artisans and safeguard craft heritage globally. Saleem Beg, head of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage-Kashmir (INTACH-K), described the honour as the "latest recognition of the skill base of Kashmir".

"This will provide a boost to Kashmir's traditional linkages with Central Asia and Iran. There are 14 Iranian cities listed as craft cities by the Council and, the honour for Srinagar, will lead to knowledge exchange," he said.

This is likely to re-open Kashmir's centuries-old linkages with craft centres

in Central Asia and Iran.

"The Council is the modern-day means and medium to put the focus on places that have been engaged in creativity and aesthetics for centuries. There are 14 Iranian cities listed as craft cities by the Council and, the inclusion of Srinagar, will lead to knowledge exchange. The last century saw Kashmir's traditional routes slowly closing down, the WCC has provided a new highway for Kashmir's artisans to achieve a new trajectory," Mr. Beg told *The Hindu*.

The executive board of the WCC, in a formal communication to officials, said that Srinagar city has earned the designation of WCC-World Craft City, from members of the Council's sub-committee after a detailed tour of craft centres earlier this year.

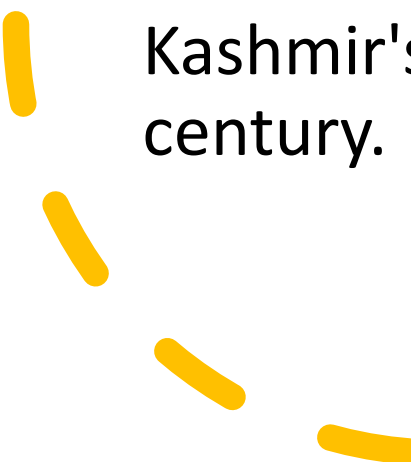
Recognition:

Srinagar has earned the "World Craft City" tag from the World Crafts Council (WCC), a non-government organization promoting artisans and safeguarding craft heritage globally.

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- **Implications:**

- The tag will boost Kashmir's traditional linkages with Central Asia and Iran.
 - There are 14 Iranian cities listed as craft cities by the WCC.
 - This honor is expected to facilitate knowledge exchange and reopen Kashmir's traditional routes that were closed down over the last century.
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- **Support for Artisans:**

- The WCC has provided a new pathway for Kashmiri artisans to achieve new growth and development in their crafts.
- The executive board of the WCC acknowledged Srinagar's designation as a "World Craft City" after a detailed tour of craft centers in the area.

1. Future Prospects:

1. The inclusion of Srinagar in the list of craft cities is seen as a medium to focus on places engaged in creativity and aesthetics for centuries.
2. This recognition is likely to promote global links and interactions for the artisans of Kashmir.
3. As of now, at least 10 different forms of craftsmanship survive in Srinagar and its suburbs, including papier-mâché, walnut wood carving, carpets, Sozni embroidery and Pashmina and Kani shawls.

- Consider the following statements regarding Srinagar's recent recognition as a "World Craft City":
 1. Srinagar has been designated as a "World Craft City" by the World Crafts Council (WCC), a non-government organization.
 2. The recognition will boost Kashmir's traditional linkages with Central Asia and Iran, and facilitate knowledge exchange.
 3. This is the first time any Indian city has been listed as a craft city by the WCC.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3

Maternity leave for parents of child born through surrogacy

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

The Centre has notified amended rules to allow women government employees to take 180 days of maternity leave in case they have children through surrogacy.

The government has also allowed the “commissioning mother” (the intending mother of the child born through surrogacy) childcare leave and the “commissioning father” paternity leave of 15 days, read the changes made in the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972.

“In case of surrogacy, the surrogate, as well as the commissioning mother with less than two surviving children, may be granted maternity leave of 180 days, in case either or both of them are government servants,” read the amended rules notified by the Union Personnel Ministry.

Till now, there were no rules to grant maternity leaves to women government employees in case a child was born through surrogacy.

“In case of a child begotten through surrogacy, the commissioning father who is a male government ser-

The surrogate mother, if she is a government employee, will also get maternity leave for 180 days

vant with less than two surviving children may be granted paternity leave of 15 days within the period of 6 months from the date of delivery of the child,” the new rules say.

The commissioning mother with less than two surviving children may be granted child care leave, reads the Central Civil Services (Leave) (Amendment) Rules, 2024, notified on June 18.

Existing rules allow “a female government servant and single male government servant” child care leave for a maximum period of 730 days during entire service.

The “surrogate mother” shall mean the woman who bears the child on behalf of the commissioning mother.

And “commissioning father” would mean the intending father of the child born through surrogacy, the Personnel Ministry clarified in the amended rules.

- **New Rules Notification:**


- The Centre has notified amended rules allowing women government employees to take 180 days of maternity leave for children born through surrogacy.
- The surrogate mother, if she is a government employee, is also eligible for 180 days of maternity leave.



Commissioning Parents' Leave:

The "commissioning mother" (the intending mother of the child born through surrogacy) is granted 180 days of maternity leave if she has less than two surviving children.

The "commissioning father" (the intending father of the child born through surrogacy) is allowed 15 days of paternity leave within six months from the child's birth.

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- **Child Care Leave:**
 - The commissioning mother with less than two surviving children may also be granted child care leave as per the Central Civil Services (Leave) (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

Clarification of Terms:

The surrogate mother is defined as the woman who bears the child on behalf of the commissioning mother.

The commissioning father is defined as the intending father of the child born through surrogacy.



- **Existing Rules:**

- Existing rules permit a female government servant and a single male government servant to take child care leave for a maximum period of 730 days during their entire service.

Making It Easy For Mothers

The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 amends the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 to provide the following

26 weeks maternity leave for the first two children

12 weeks maternity leave for children beyond the first two

12 weeks leave for mothers adopting a child below the age of three months





The Act makes it mandatory for employers in establishment with 30 women or 50 employees, whichever is less, to provide creche facilities either in office or in any place within 500-meters.

Working mothers will be permitted to make four visits

during working hours to the creche

The employer may permit a woman to work from home if it is possible to do so

Every establishment will have to make these benefits available from the time of appointment

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- Consider the following statements regarding the new rules for maternity leave for parents of a child born through surrogacy:
 1. Women government employees can take 180 days of maternity leave if they have children through surrogacy.
 2. The surrogate mother, if a government employee, is not eligible for any maternity leave.
 3. The commissioning father can take 15 days of paternity leave within six months from the child's birth.
 - Which of the statements given above are correct?
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BUSINESS AS USUAL By UNNY... If there is a proper response, India will not suffer any loss of equity...

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CM BAIL MATTER HC reserving order unusual, will wait for its ruling: SC to Kejriwal

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, JUNE 24... DESCRIBING AS "a bit unusual" the Delhi High Court's decision to reserve its verdict on the Enforcement Directorate plea for a stay on grant of bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal...

GOT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THIRD TIME... will work three times harder, says Modi

18th Lok Sabha begins



PM Modi with Ministers L Murugan, Jitendra Singh, Kiren Rijju, Arjun Ram Meghwal; Opp leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav on Monday

AS THE first session of the newly-constituted 18th Lok Sabha began on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined that a "majority" may be needed to run the government but "consensus" is crucial to govern the country, while asserting that his government would strive to seek "everyone's consent" and "take everyone along" in third term.

His remarks are significant as the BJP, whose tally in the 18th Lok Sabha is below the majority mark, is dependent on its allies in the NDA for support. This is the first time that Modi is heading a coalition government in which the BJP does not have the majority on its own.

Opp: BJP's undeclared Emergency over, will protect Constitution

ANURAG J G NEW DELHI, JUNE 24... A RESURGENT and united Opposition, upbeat since it has managed to shrink the BJP's tally in Lok Sabha, forcing it to depend on allies to run the government, sought to make a political point both inside and outside the House on Monday. A combative Congress also attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his Emergency jibe at it, saying he had resorted to diversion as usual, forgetting that people had ended the last 10 years of "undeclared Emergency" by recalling the Congress.

After decade, Opp in House in numbers and a voice

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, JUNE 24... "THE WINNER comes second." This was Lal Krishna Advani after the 18th Lok Sabha elections when the BJP under his watch, jumped from 23 to 85 seats in the House — the start of its rise to power.

NET QUESTION PAPER 'LEAK' At school under probe, digital lock on box with question papers didn't open, cutter was used

ABHISHEK ANAGAD RANCHI, JUNE 24... THE PRINCIPAL of the Hazaribagh school, where investigators suspect the NET-UG leak originated from, has told the digital lock on two boxes containing question papers did not open at 1.15 pm on May 5 as it was supposed to, because of which they had to use a cutter.

According to officials, the boxes came with two locks — one is manual, and the other digital. While there is a key and cutter to open the former, the latter is supposed to unlock automatically 45 minutes before the examination. At Oasis School in Hazaribagh, this did not happen.

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2 months after marriage, couple killed in Haryana; woman's family booked

SUKHBR SIVACH CHANDIGARH, JUNE 24... TWO MONTHS after they got married, a couple was killed in a road accident in Haryana. The wife, Tejbir and his wife Meena were driving on a road near Chandigarh. Based on a complaint filed by Tejbir's father, Mehab Singh, police have lodged an FIR against the Meena's family.

RENEWABLES... Initiatives to develop human resources... Strategic response to market... Healthy asset quality... Productivity and operational targets... Key operational initiatives launched... Products & services offered... New products launched and financing policies updated... Initiatives to improve borrower experience... Outlook for India's green financing sector & key government initiatives to promote RE.



Excerpts from the Chairman's Speech at the 37th Annual General Meeting

Dear Stakeholders, I extend a warm welcome to each of you to the 37th Annual General Meeting of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA). I am happy to share that your Company has granted the prestigious Narvata status in 2024 in recognition of continued excellence in business performance and governance.

Key performance highlights: IREDA has achieved an impressive overall annual loan portfolio growth of 15% in FY24, with a 10% increase in FY23. The Company has also achieved an outstanding response from investors by registering 38.58 times including anchor investors.

Public Offering launched on 28 EoY subscription: Your Company completed its Initial Public Offering (IPO) listing on the NSE and the BSE on 28th November 2023. The IPO raised ₹2,300.22 Crores through a mix of Fresh Issues and an offer for sale by the Government of India, with the Government retaining a 75% stake post-IPO.

Financial Performance: Your Company's FY24 financial performance is summarized as follows: Revenue of ₹1,18,262.22 Crores in FY24 as against ₹1,05,980.82 Crores in FY23 (up by 11.87%). EBITDA of ₹23,358.88 Crores in FY24 as against ₹20,580.82 Crores in FY23 (up by 13.51%).

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What is Enemy Agents Ordinance, tough law applicable in J&K?

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

JAMMU AND Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain on Sunday said those found assisting militants in J&K should be tried by investigating agencies under the Enemy Agents Ordinance, 2005. The law is more stringent than the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and has the punishment of either a life term or a death sentence.

"The fighters can't be brought under the realm of investigation, they should be shot dead. Those who support them, if we are talking of investigation there, I've said somewhere that they will be treated as en-

emy agents," DGP Swain said.

What is the Enemy Agents Ordinance?

The J&K Enemy Agents Ordinance was first issued in 1917 by the then Dogra Maharaja of J&K. It is referred to as an 'ordinance' since laws made during the Dogra rule were called ordinances.

According to the ordinance, "whosoever is an enemy agent or, with an intent to aid the enemy, conspires with any other person to any act which is designed or likely to give assistance to the enemy or to impede the military or air operations of Indian forces or to endanger life or is guilty of incendiarism shall be punishable with death or rigorous imprisonment for life or with rigorous imprisonment

for a term which may extend to 10 years and shall also be liable to fine".

After Partition in 1947, the ordinance was incorporated as a law in the erstwhile state and was also amended.

In 2019, when Article 370 of the Constitution was repealed, J&K's legal framework also underwent several changes. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act was passed, which listed out state laws that were to continue while several others were repealed and replaced with Indian laws.

While the security laws such as Enemy Agents Ordinance and Public Safety Act remained; the Ranbir Penal Code was replaced

with the Indian Penal Code. Other laws including The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 or Forest Act, and The Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were extended to J&K as well.

EXPLAINED LAW

How are trials conducted under the ordinance?

The trial under the Enemy Agents Ordinance is conducted by a special judge who is appointed by the "government in consultation with the High Court". Under the ordinance, the accused cannot engage a lawyer to defend herself unless permitted

by the court.

"In any proceedings before the Special Judge and in proceeding before a Judge reviewing under section 9 the proceedings of a Special Judge when the Special Judge or the reviewing Judge grants permission in this behalf, a person accused of an offence triable under this Ordinance may be defended by a pleader," according to the ordinance.

There is no provision for appeal against the verdict, and the decision of the special judge can only be reviewed "by a person chosen by the Government from the judges of the High Court and the decision of that person shall be final".

The ordinance also bars any disclosure or publication of the case tried under it. "Any

person who, without the previous authorisation of the Government, discloses or publishes any information with respect to any proceedings or with respects to any person proceeded against under this Ordinance, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both," according to the ordinance.

Has anyone been tried under this ordinance?

There are scores of Kashmiris who are or have been tried and sentenced under the Enemy Agents Ordinance. Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front founder Maqbool Bhat, who was hanged in Tihar Jail in 1984, was charged under the ordinance.

Enemy Agents Ordinance Overview:

The J&K Enemy Agents Ordinance was first issued in 1947 by the Dogra Maharaja of J&K.

It became a law in the erstwhile state and was amended post-partition in 1947.



The ordinance is stringent, more so than the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967.

Provisions of the Ordinance:

The ordinance targets those assisting militants in J&K, imposing either life imprisonment or the death penalty.

It defines an enemy agent and outlines severe punishments for espionage, aiding the enemy, and acts of incendiary nature.

The accused cannot engage a lawyer unless permitted by the court.

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- **Legal Framework Changes:**
 - Post the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, J&K's legal framework saw changes.
 - The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act replaced some state laws with Indian laws while retaining the Enemy Agents Ordinance and Public Safety Act.
 - The Ranbir Penal Code was replaced with the Indian Penal Code.
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- **Trial and Appeal Process:**

- Trials under the ordinance are conducted by a special judge appointed by the government in consultation with the High Court.
- There is no provision for appeal against the verdict; however, the decision can be reviewed by a person chosen by the Government

- **Confidentiality and Penalties:**


- The ordinance prohibits disclosing or publishing information about proceedings without government authorization.
- Violating this can result in imprisonment up to two years, fine, or both.





1. Historical Context:


1. The ordinance has been used to try and sentence many Kashmiris, including Maqbool Bhat, a JKLF founder who was hanged in 1984.

- Consider the following statements regarding the J&K Enemy Agents Ordinance:
 1. The J&K Enemy Agents Ordinance was first issued in 1917 and became a law in the erstwhile state post-partition in 1947.
 2. The ordinance provides for either life imprisonment or the death penalty for those assisting militants in J&K.
 3. After the abrogation of Article 370, the Ranbir Penal Code was replaced with the Indian Penal Code, but the Enemy Agents Ordinance remained in effect.
 - Which of the statements given above are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3
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A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a firm grip. Both wrists are adorned with rainbow-colored wristbands, a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and solidarity. The background is dark, making the hands and the vibrant colors of the bands stand out. The lighting highlights the texture of the skin and the details of the fingers.

RELOS and India-Russia Relation

Recently, the India-Russia mutual logistics agreement named the **Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS)** is now ready for finalisation.




It will facilitate military cooperation between India and Russia, including **joint exercises, training, and disaster relief efforts.**

What is Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS)?





About:

The Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS) between India and Russia is a significant administrative arrangement that will enhance **military cooperation between the two nations**.





Purpose:

This agreement is designed to **streamline military logistics support**, making joint operations and **long-distance missions** more efficient and **cost-effective** for both India and Russia.

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- **Sustained Operations:**
 - **It will facilitate the replenishment of essential supplies (fuel, rations, spare parts) thus enabling continuous, uninterrupted military presence in crucial regions.**
 - **It will provide berthing facilities for troops, warships, and aircraft.**
 - **It will be applicable during both wartime and peacetime missions.**
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- **Strategic Advantages:**
 - **Expanded Military Reach:**
 - **Balancing Quad Agreements:**
 - **Scientific Interconnections:**
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- What are India's Logistics Agreements with Various Countries?
 - India and USA: General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA): It was signed in 2002, to facilitate sharing military intelligence between India and the USA.
 - Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), 2016: Allows mutual use of military logistics facilities.
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Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), 2020: Provides India access to U.S. geospatial intelligence data.

Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA), 2018: Enables the transfer of encrypted communication equipment.



- **India and France:**

- **Facilitates logistical support during joint exercises, port visits, and humanitarian efforts**
 - **Promotes stability in the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.**
 - **Enables maritime intelligence sharing.**
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India and Australia:

- Comprehensive **Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA), 2020**.
- Emphasises shared vision for Indo-Pacific maritime cooperation.

India and Japan:

- **Allows Close Coordination of Services (ACSA), 2020** and supplies between armed

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- **Bilateral Trade:**
 - **Bilateral trade has been substantial, with India's total reaching approximately USD 13 billion in 2021-22.**
 - **Russia ranks as India's seventh largest trading partner, a significant rise from its position in previous years.**
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The military hardware purchased/leased by India from Russia includes:

S-400 Triumph

Kamov Ka-226 200 to be made in India under the Make in India initiative

T-90S Bhishma

INS Vikramaditya aircraft carrier program

AK-203 Rifles

- Which of the following statements regarding the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Agreement (RELOS) and India-Russia relations are correct?
 1. RELOS is an agreement between India and Russia aimed at facilitating logistical support and access to each other's military facilities.
 2. The agreement allows for the sharing of military bases and facilities for refueling, supplies, and maintenance.
 3. RELOS strengthens the defense cooperation between India and Russia and is part of a broader strategy to enhance military interoperability and strategic partnership.
- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, and 3

The background of the image shows a blurred view of a hockey rink. The boards are visible with various logos, including a blue circular logo and a white logo. The ice surface is in the foreground, and the background is out of focus, showing spectators and arena lighting.

Odisha Extended Hockey Sponsorship

- **Recently, the Odisha government decided to extend its hockey sponsorship until 2036, which marks the centenary of Odisha's formation as a state in 1936.**
- **The Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd (OMC), initially committed to sponsoring Hockey India from 2018 to 2023, later extended to 2033.**
- **Now, the Odisha government has added three more years to this commitment, stretching it until 2036.**

This new end date aligns with the **2036 Olympic games** year.

OMC is a **wholly owned** government **corporation** in Odisha that was established in 1956.

Odisha Chief Minister inaugurated **Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium**, one of the largest hockey stadiums in Rourkela on **5th January 2023**.

On **29th August**, India observes **National Sports Day** to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend **Major Dhyan Chand**.

INDIA'S MEN'S HOCKEY MEDAL WINS AT THE OLYMPICS

Olympics Games	Year	Medal Won
Amsterdam	1928	Gold
Los Angeles	1932	Gold
Berlin	1936	Gold
London	1948	Gold
Helsinki	1952	Gold
Melbourne	1956	Gold
Rome	1960	Silver
Tokyo	1964	Gold
Mexico City	1968	Bronze
Munich	1972	Bronze
Moscow	1980	Gold
Tokyo	2020	Bronze



- Which of the following statements are correct regarding Odisha's extended hockey sponsorship?

1.Odisha has extended its sponsorship for the Indian national hockey teams, both men's and women's, for a period of 10 years.


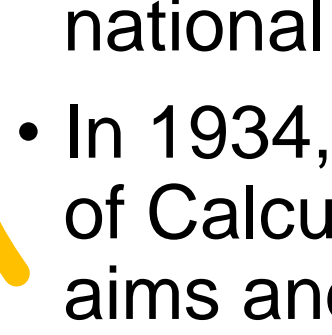
2.The state of Odisha has been a significant supporter of Indian hockey, hosting major international hockey events and providing financial assistance.



3.Odisha's sponsorship is aimed at promoting and developing hockey at the grassroots level across the country.

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



**Dr. Syama Prasad
Mookerjee**

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- The Prime Minister paid tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his martyrdom day.
 - **About**
 - He was a great patriot, educationist, parliamentarian, statesman, humanitarian and above all, a campaigner for national unity and integrity.
 - In 1934, Syama Prasad became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, which gave him the opportunity to put his aims and ideals regarding education of his people in practice.
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- He was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (The Bharatiya Janata Party -BJP is the successor of BJS).
 - He had supported the Congress in 1946 elections because he was assured by Sardar Patel that the Congress would never accept partition.
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- He became the finance minister of the Province of Bengal and was subsequently elected the national president of the All India Hindu Mahasabha, the Mahabodhi Society and the Royal Asiatic Society and he was also a member of the Constituent Assembly.



- Which of the following statements about Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee are correct?
 1. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the predecessor to the Bharatiya Janata Dal (BJD).
 2. He served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
 3. Dr. Mookerjee was a strong advocate for the integration of Jammu and Kashmir into India and opposed the special status granted to the region under Article 370.
- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, and 3



Mirage 2000



- India is discussing the purchase of 12 used Mirage-2000 fighters aircraft from Qatar, enhancing combat strength amidst retiring MiG fighters.
- **About Mirage 2000**
- It is a **fourth-generation, multirole fighter aircraft**, and has played a significant role in the Indian Air Force (IAF) for several decades.



- It was originally designed by the **French company Dassault Aviation**.
- India acquired around 51 Mirage 2000s in different batches, forming three squadrons based at the **Gwalior Air Force station**.

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- **Versatility:** The Mirage 2000 is a versatile platform capable of air-to-air combat, ground attack, reconnaissance, and nuclear strike missions.
 - **Precision Strikes:** During the Kargil conflict, Mirage 2000s successfully hit enemy camps at high altitudes using laser-guided bombs.
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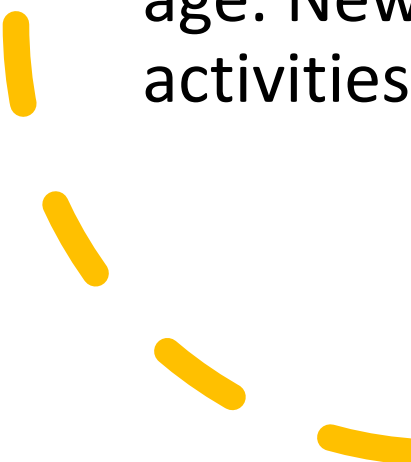
- It played a crucial role in the 2019 Balakot airstrikes, demonstrating its combat effectiveness.
- **Upgrades:** The ongoing upgrade program aims to enhance their capabilities, ensuring their relevance till 2035.
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- Consider the following statements about the Dassault Mirage 2000:
 - 1.The Mirage 2000 is a multirole, single-engine fourth-generation jet fighter manufactured by the French company Dassault Aviation.
 - 2.The Indian Air Force (IAF) has used Mirage 2000 aircraft in several significant military operations, including the Kargil War.
 - 3.The Mirage 2000 is equipped with a fly-by-wire control system and can carry a wide variety of weapons, including air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
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- d) 1, 2, and 3

Kerala's gender-neutral school textbooks



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- Kerala's government is promoting gender neutrality by revamping school textbooks to depict men and other family members participating in domestic chores, breaking traditional gender stereotypes.
 - This initiative aims to foster inclusivity among children from an early age. New instructional materials, featuring fathers engaged in kitchen activities traditionally associated with women
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- **The initiative to revamp school textbooks and promote gender-neutral education depicts several ethical values:**

1. **Equality**: Promotes gender equality by challenging traditional roles and stereotypes.

2. **Inclusivity**: Encourages an inclusive outlook by representing diverse family dynamics.

3. **Shared Responsibility**: Highlights the importance of shared household responsibilities.



Respect: Fosters respect for all genders by depicting men and women as equal contributors.

Empowerment: Empowers children to question and reshape societal norms.

Fairness: Advocates for fair treatment and opportunities for all genders in both public and private spheres.

Sasha's Favourite Snack

Father was busy in the kitchen.

"Sasha, your favourite snack is ready." He said.

"*Amma*, shall I take some of it to school?" Sasha asked.

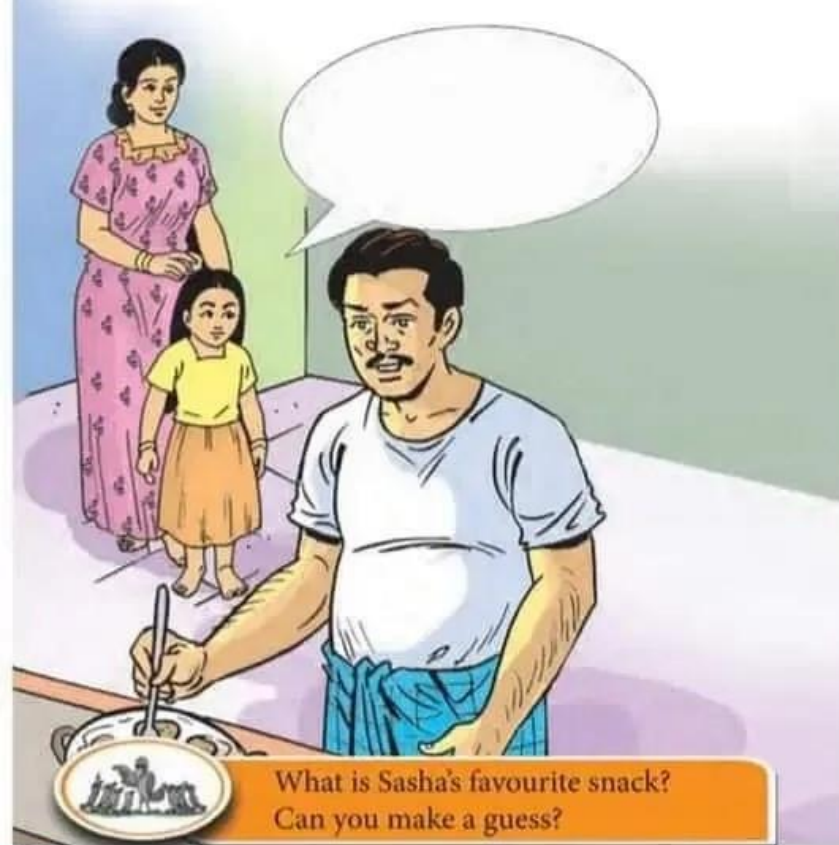
"Sure dear, go and get ready." Mother said.

She went to the washroom, humming a tune.

"Sasha, aren't you ready yet?" It was Naveen, her friend.

He was waiting at the gate.


"Just five minutes!" Sasha hurried up.



What is Sasha's favourite snack?
Can you make a guess?



e-SAKSHI Mobile Application

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- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** organized a two-day training workshop for the **revised fund flow procedure under the MPLAD Scheme** using the e-SAKSHI Portal.

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What is the e-SAKSHI Portal?

eSAKSHI portal is an end-to-end solution for efficient and transparent implementation of the MPLAD scheme.

About MPLAD:

Type: Central Sector Scheme

Ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Allocation: Rs. 5 crore per MP for developmental works to create durable community assets based on local needs.

Funds: Non-lapsable, carried forward to the next year.

Allocation Targets: At least 15% for Scheduled Caste areas and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe areas.

- Which of the following statements regarding the e-SAKSHI Mobile Application are correct?
1. The e-SAKSHI website only Application is designed to facilitate digital documentation and evidence collection in cases of sexual harassment and abuse.
 2. The application aims to empower men by providing them with a platform to report incidents of harassment directly to authorities.
 3. e-SAKSHI is part of the Indian government's initiative to enhance women's safety and security through technology.
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 3

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Thank you
guys.
