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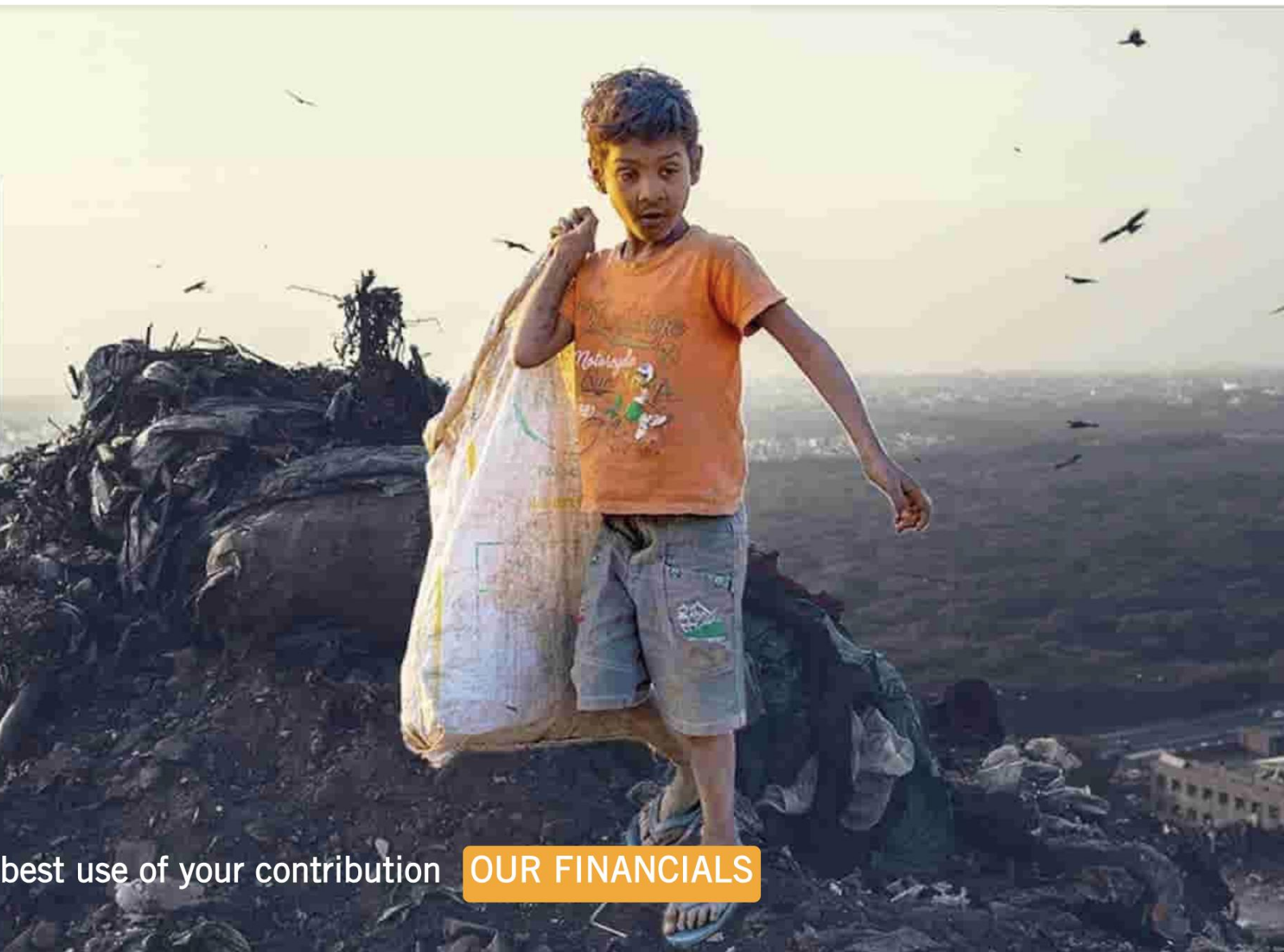
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Nothing is particularly hard if
you divide it into small jobs.

Henry Ford

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'1.6 crore informal jobs were lost since 2016'

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Rahul meets family of Kirti Chakra awardee

LUCKNOW

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday visited Rae Bareilly to meet the family of Captain Anshuman Singh, who was awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously. **> PAGE 2**

Prime accused in hit-and-run case in Mumbai held

MUMBAI

The Mumbai Police arrested Mihir Shah, the main accused in the Worli hit-and-run case, from Virar on Tuesday. On July 7, Mr. Shah, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, hit a two-wheeler with his luxury car, killing Kavayitri Bahinukar and injuring her husband. **> PAGE 4**

CBI arrests two more in NEET-UG paper leak case

PATNA

The CBI on Tuesday arrested two more in the NEET paper leak case: Sunny Kumar, a candidate, and Ranjit Kumar, father of a candidate, were arrested here. Sources said the CBI was investigating the chain of custody of the question paper. **> PAGE 6**

French parties scramble to gather allies

PARIS

French parties sought to project strength and gather allies on Tuesday, with the government adrift following an election in which no one political force claimed a clear majority. **> PAGE 14**

Putin accepts PM's request to release recruits

The Russian President has given instructions to discharge the Indian soldiers serving at the Ukraine war front after the Prime Minister's direct intervention; release of recruits to take place within weeks from various places where they are serving or deployed; decision coming after weeks of diplomatic discussion seen as a 'special gesture' for India

Subhasini Halidar
MOSCOW

In what will be a relief for the families of men recruited into the Russian military to serve at the war front with Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin has accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's request, made at a private dinner on Monday, to discharge those wishing to return to India.

According to sources privy to the decision, Mr. Putin has given instructions to this effect upon Mr. Modi's "direct intervention". "We expect the release to take place within weeks from various places where they are serving or deployed," sources told *The Hindu* on the condition of anonymity.

The decision, which was not announced formally by the Russian government after the Modi-Putin talks on Tuesday, comes after



Commenting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Tuesday. REUTERS

weeks of diplomatic discussions, and the issue being raised by the Indian Embassy in Moscow as well as by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov during a meeting on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Astana last week.

"The Prime Minister raised this issue strongly in his talks with President Putin on Monday and Tuesday," Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said.

Asked specifically if Indians who chose to remain would be allowed to do so, he said that Mr. Modi made it clear that he wanted "all Indian military recruits to return."

Under pressure

The demand for the discharge of the soldiers who claim they were recruited after being lured by agents on false promises has been increasing pressure on the

Bilateral trade target for 2030 set at \$100 billion

Subhasini Halidar
MOSCOW

India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030, including the use of national currencies to circumvent western sanctions as Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin set down for the 22nd Annual Summit here on Tuesday to discuss "primarily economic" issues.

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However, subsequently, it has emerged that there are at least 50 Indian men serving at the war front, of which four have been killed.

In Parliament last week, Mr. Owasi had referred to Indians who were not being prevented by the government to travel to conflict zones in Russia and Israel as "cannon fodder". The MEA has said that

recruitment of foreign soldiers is permitted under law and conducted after "thorough mental and physical" checks. Recruits from Nepal, Sri Lanka, China, and African countries are all believed to have been trained for a few weeks and deployed similarly to the Indian recruits. The Nepali government has also made similar requests to the Kremlin and taken up the issue in Kathmandu and Moscow.

The decision by Mr. Putin is seen as a special gesture made for India given traditional ties, as well as his personal rapport with the Prime Minister, which was on display at a private dinner he threw for Mr. Modi at his Dacha on the outskirts of Moscow on Monday.

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Problem of plenty



Widespread devastation: The view from a helicopter during an aerial survey of flooded areas by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh on Tuesday. Heavy flooding has been reported in Haldiwani, Banbasa, Tanakpur, Sitarganj, and Khatima. ANI

SIT leaves out preacher in report on U.P. stampede

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The two-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted to probe the Hathras stampede submitted the around 1,000-page report that does not mention the self-styled godman, Narayn Sakar Hari as an accused or responsible for the tragedy.

Local administration allowed the *satsang* without inspecting the venue and police officers concerned took it lightly and never informed their seniors about it, said the report.

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Kathua anti-militancy operations stepped up; attackers elusive



Increased vigil: Indian Army personnel during a counter-terror operation following the terrorist attack in Kathua, on Tuesday. PTI

Peerzada Ashiq SRINAGAR

An extensive anti-militancy operation of the security forces, backed by unmanned aerial vehicles and choppers, on Tuesday failed to re-establish contact with the hiding militants who attacked an Army convoy on Monday, leaving five soldiers dead.

Meanwhile, another group of militants was spotted in the higher reaches of Jammu's Doda district.

The Army's 9 Corps, which comes under the Western Command, was joined by the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group in Kathua's Badnora village to track down the attackers.

The Monday attack was the first in many decades that took place in the jurisdiction of the Western Command. The circle of operation was widened to the upper reaches of Kinshergar, Doggar, and Bani areas of Kathua. Simultaneous anti-militancy operations have been launched in adjoining districts of Udhampur, Reasi, and Doda.

Official sources said the militants, whose numbers remain undisclosed, used sophisticated weapons, including armour-piercing bullets in the attack.

Same tactics

The *modus operandi* adopted by the ultras is the same as employed in at least three attacks in the Rajouri-Noonch belt since 2021, where attackers tracked the movement of vulnerable non-bullet military vehicles and chose narrow tracks and thick forest areas to mount a surprise attack from two sides, especially aiming at the driver of the vehicle, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the security forces failed to re-establish contact with the militants in Kathua in spite of putting into service UAVs and choppers to scan the dense forest cover and undulating topography, which the militants are using as a shield. Top police officials, including Director General of Police R.R. Swain and Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain, carried out an aerial survey of the attack site. Officials said security in Kathua had been reviewed.

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Patanjali tells SC it instructed stores to remove 14 'medicines'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday recorded Patanjali Ayurved's submission that it has instructed exclusive and franchise stores to remove its 14 "herbal medicines" whose licences were suspended, from their shelves.

The company co-founded by self-styled yoga guru Baba Ramdev, who is facing contempt proceedings for endorsing misleading advertisements in violation of the orders of the top court, said requests were also made to social media intermediaries and e-commerce platforms to pull out advertisements on these products.

Patanjali said media outlets associated with it or those specially engaged by the company were asked to

stop broadcasting advertisements about the 14 concoctions in any form.

However, a Bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta directed Patanjali to file an affidavit in two weeks, stating whether or not the social media intermediaries have withdrawn the advertisements on Patanjali's request.

Court's clarification

Meanwhile, the court clarified that its May 7 order, directing advertisers to submit self-declarations that they are not misrepresenting or making false claims about products, especially health and food sectors, before promoting them in the electronic, print or online media was not meant to harass the advertising industry.

"The intention was not to cause any harassment to

government has to continue to churn out ideas to address the issue," Justice Kohli said. The Centre after holding that the "fundamental order" is an affidavit detailing the outcome of the meeting in three weeks.

'Deliberate violation'

Earlier hearings based on a contempt petition filed by the Indian Medical Association had witnessed the court pull top Patanjali, Ramdev, and his associate for airing claims that their products cure everything from diabetes to liver dysfunction and even COVID-19 in "deliberate and willful violation" of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act of 1954 and its Rules.

The May 7 order had made self-declaration under Rule 7 of the Cable Te-

Damage control: The firm said media outlets were asked to stop broadcasting advertisements about the 14 concoctions. REUTERS

anybody. It was only to focus on particular sectors and aspects," Justice Kohli explained.

Groups such as the Advertising Association of India and the Internet and Mobile Association of India have applied to intervene in the top court seeking further clarification of the May 7 order.

"Industry should not suffer in any manner... The



Shiv Sena (Shinde) leader Rajesh Shah's family driver Rajishi Bidawat being produced before a court in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

Prime accused in Mumbai hit-and-run case Mihir Shah held

Ateez Shaikh
MUMBAI

The Mumbai Police arrested Mihir Shah, the main accused in the World hit-and-run case, from Virar in Palghar district on Tuesday.

On July 7, Mr. Shah, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, hit a two-wheeler with his luxury car, killing Kaveri Nakhawa and injuring her husband, Pradeep Nakhawa.

The Mumbai Police confirmed Mr. Shah's arrest from the Virar Phata area on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad National Highway. The police brought him to the World police station where the case was registered.

Rajesh Shah, father of the accused, is a leader of the Shiv Sena in Palghar district. Mr. Rajesh was arrested on Sunday and released on bail on Monday. Rajishi Bidawat, the family's driver, who was sitting next to Mr. Shah when the crash happened, is in police custody. Apart from Mr. Shah, his mother and two sisters were detained from the neighbouring case.

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Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra) Party leader and former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said arresting Mr. Shah two days after the incident will weaken the drunk driving case against him. "Mihir Shah was arrested after two

Day after terror strike, Kathua sees protest against Pakistan

Kashmir parties condemn the attack on the Army. NC president Farooq Abdullah says if Pakistan thinks it will bring about a change by sending terrorists across the border, it will never happen

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR/JAMMU

Anti-Pakistan protests were held in parts of the Jammu region on Tuesday over the Kathua attack that left five soldiers dead on Monday. As Jammu and Kashmir parties in one voice condemned the attack, National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah expressed concern over the uptick in violence and sought dialogue.

Local people held demonstrations in Jammu city over the attacks. They held anti-Pakistan slogans. A protest rally was held by lawyers of the Jammu Bar Association under the leadership of senior advocate Vikram Sharma. He described the Kathua attack as "an act of cowardice and a violation of international law by the Pakistan-backed terrorists". The lawyers accused Pakistan of "supporting terrorism in Jammu



Raging anger: People protest following a terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Kathua of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. PTI

and Kashmir." Scores of laywers at the Kathua court also held protests.

NC condemns attack Top leaders of the NC, including Mr. Farooq Abdullah and party president Omar Abdullah, condemned the attack, but targeted the BJP-led government. "We have been saying time and again that mili-

tancy is a problem in Jammu and Kashmir. This government had convinced itself that somehow August 5, 2019 is the solution to all problems, including terror and violence. But that clearly isn't the case," Mr. Omar Abdullah said. He demanded "extra vigilance" from the administration. "The administration is showing a lax attitude. Hopefully, such

attacks won't happen again," he said. Mr. Farooq slammed Pakistan and demanded an end to violent attacks. "Terrorism will not help anyone. If our neighbour thinks it will bring a change by sending these terrorists, it will never happen. The fighting will only bring about devastation for both countries. Please stop this terrorism," he said. He stressed that "war leads to destruction and devastation". "The need is for peaceful resolution of conflicts and dialogue to address our differences."

Mr. Farooq said, "Tragic and equally shocking that we are losing their lives in the name of militancy before 2019. Tells you there is too much to do to know about the current growing number of terror attacks in the Jammu and Kashmir".

Attack in Kathua leaves Uttarakhand shaken

Isahita Mishra
NEW DELHI

When Bharat Singh and Sumitra Devi, parents of 29-year-old rifleman Arav Negi, heard of his death in the Kathua terror attack that took place late on Monday night, the first thing they did was switch off the television and ensure his wife Seema, 23, was not told of his death. Seema and Anuj married in November of his year and she had hardly spent a couple of months with her husband when Mr. Singh said, trying to control his tears, that his daughter-in-law's loss was far greater.

Negi was one among the five soldiers killed when a group of heavily armed terrorists ambushed a patroling party in the Baramulla area in Jammu's Kathua

district on July 8. All five soldiers were with Uttarakhand's Garhwal Rifles regiment.

Sumitra Devi, parents of 29-year-old rifleman Arav Negi's father said that he had been told the body of his son would be sent to Kotwar by Tuesday night, and would reach his village, Dabriya in Pauri Garhwal, on Wednesday morning. Mr. Singh works as a daily wage worker in the Forest Department. His wife is a homemaker.

He was my only son and too young to die," Mr. Singh said, trying to control his tears, that his daughter-in-law's loss was far greater.

Inconsolable state Grief pervades the house of Navraj Singh, 26, from Thari Dagar village in Tehri Garhwal dis-



Tributes to heroes: Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami pays tributes to the five soldiers in Baramulla.

trict also lost his life in the Kathua. The youngest son of a farmer, Dalbir Singh Negi, wife Rajni and three daughters, aged three and five, all of whom are inconsolable.

The late Naik Vinod Singh, 26, from Thari Dagar village in Tehri Garhwal dis-

Terror attack is a 'strategic failure' of Centre, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Termining Monday's terror attack in Kathua, in which five Army soldiers were killed and five injured, a "strategic failure" of the government, Congress MP and senior leader Shri. Jhansi Prasad Singh said. He said the party was committed to cooperating with the government on the issues of national security. He said the party remained steadfast in its support for the Army and other security forces.

"Disrupting trend" "There is a disturbing trend of growing number of terror attacks in the Jammu sector, which, in comparison to the Valley, has always remained more peaceful. One of the reasons, as per many veterans, is the heavy deployment of forces in the Ladakh region because of the ongoing India-China conflict, while not paying enough attention to the Jammu sector," Mr. Hooda said.

He urged the government to remain more alert to the threats, and castigated it for being "overconfident". "The government is more invested in presenting its own narrative, when demilitarisation was brought, the government had claimed it will help in controlling terrorism. They used the same argument for abrogating Article 370," Mr. Hooda said.

There was also growing concern about the government's foreign policy, with several neighbouring countries such as Nepal and the Maldives refusing to cooperate with India, he added.

Hathras stampede case listed for hearing: CJ

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, during an oral mentioning on Tuesday, said the Hathras stampede case had been listed for judicial hearing.

He had yesterday ordered the Hathras matter to be listed," he said. A writ petition was filed in the court on July 3 to appoint a five-member expert committee. The petition filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari asked the court to lay down safety guidelines for mass meetings and public gatherings.

AIADMK to examine its weak spots

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

The AIADMK, which will begin a constituency-wise review of the Lok Sabha election results on Wednesday, is expected to examine its weak spots in the State.

Though the party can draw consolation from the fact that there was an about one percentage-point rise in its vote share when compared to 2019 (which has been pointed out repeatedly by its general secretary Edappadi K. Pothiraman), the organisation can ill afford to ignore the reality of erosion. The decline in the average figure of votes polled per contested Lok Sabha constituency was about 30.4% this time, when compared to its performance in 2019. For instance, in 2024, the AIADMK, which secured 89,37,836 votes from 34 constituencies, bagged on an average 2,62,878 votes per seat.

However, in 2019, the party's average figure per seat in 22 constituencies was as the total number of votes polled was 83,07,345 in 22 constituencies. In fact, the drop in 2019 vis-a-vis 2024 was about 10%. This means that the rate of decline this time is higher than that in the party registered five years ago.

The BJP, the PMK, the TMC (Mooptiar) and the New Justice Party, which

Report card

A look at the performance of the AIADMK, the DMK and the third formation in the Lok Sabha elections held in Tamil Nadu over the past 20 years.

| Year | AIADMK | DMK | Third party or coalition | Total votes polled |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2004 | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 85,47,014 (29.77%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) Nil (0.00%) | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 70,64,393 (24.69%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 18 (4.42/25.23) |
| 2009 | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 69,53,591 (23.89%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) Nil (0.00%) | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 30,73,479 (10.66/36.9) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 16 (3.71/23.07) |
| 2014 | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 1,79,76,922 (44.92%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 37 (6.00%) | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 95,70,666 (23.91%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) Nil (0.00%) |
| 2019 | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 83,07,345 (19.39%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 3 (3.77/60.7) | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 1,43,63,332 (33.53%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 22 (5.96/47.2) |
| 2024 | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 89,37,836 (25.57%) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) Nil (0.00%) | Votes secured (votes per seat share %) 1,17,34,730 (27.05/38.5) | Seats won (votes per seat share %) 22 (5.18/28.9) |

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ern belt remains its stronghold. At the same time, what would not be glossed over is that the party, which grabbed all the Assembly seats in Coimbatore district, finished a distant third in the northern districts. The DMK's constituency with the difference between its nominal vote and the winner (DMK) being 3.31 lakh votes. In the western districts of the State, the score was 29,33,317 votes in nine constituencies with an average of 3,25,924 votes, which is the highest for any region. Despite the party not getting any seat, the west-

Court to hear review pleas on same-sex marriage case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud will on Wednesday hear petitions seeking a review of an October 2023 judgement of the Supreme Court which refused to legalise same-sex marriage.

The review pleas would be examined in the judges' chambers at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Tuesday morning saw several petitions filed by M. S. Singhvi, Mukul Rohatgi, Neeraj Kishan Kaul, Menaka Guruswamy, advocates Karuna Nundy and Arundhati Kataria, during oral mentioning hour, to have the review hearing in the open courtroom considering the nature of the case involved in the issue.

The Chief Justice refused to commit to an open-court hearing. The Bench would also comprise Justices Sanjay Khanna, Hima Kohli and Justice Chandrachud. P.S. Narasimha. The Bench's petitions have argued that the Supreme Court verdict constituted a "strategic failure" of the government, which is against the wish for the joys of a real family, to remain in the country-wise, says a veteran member.

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The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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Soumya Swaminathan appointed NTEP adviser

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research and Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization, has been appointed Principal Adviser at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).

She will be serving in the Ministry on a *pro bono* basis.

Dr. Swaminathan will be based out of Chennai, she told *The Hindu*, where she heads the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation that works on issues of agriculture and climate change.

As the Principal Adviser, Dr. Swaminathan will provide technical advice on the overall strategy to achieve goals and advise on research strategy.

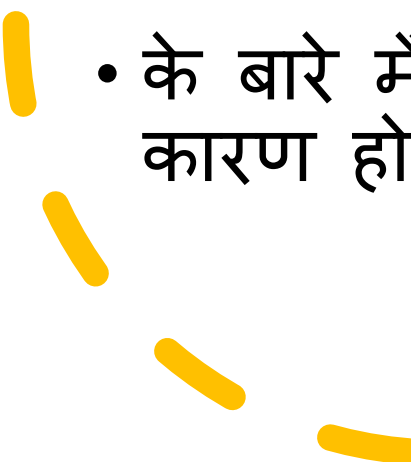


- **What is Tuberculosis?**

- **About: Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.**

- क्षय रोग क्या है?

- के बारे में: क्षय रोग (टीबी) माइकोबैक्टीरियम ट्यूबरकुलोसिस के कारण होने वाला एक संक्रामक रोग है।



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- **It commonly affects the lungs, but can also affect other parts of the body.**
 - **It is a treatable and curable disease.**
 - **Transmission: TB is spread from person to person through the air. When people with lung TB cough, sneeze or spit, they propel the TB germs into the air.**
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- यह आमतौर पर फेफड़ों को प्रभावित करता है, लेकिन शरीर के अन्य हिस्सों को भी प्रभावित कर सकता है।
 - यह एक इलाज योग्य और इलाज योग्य बीमारी है।
 - संचरण: टीबी हवा के माध्यम से एक व्यक्ति से दूसरे व्यक्ति में फैलती है। जब फेफड़ों की टीबी से पीड़ित लोग खांसते, छींकते या थूकते हैं, तो वे टीबी के कीटाणुओं को हवा में फैला देते हैं।

Symptoms: Common symptoms of active lung TB are cough with sputum and blood at times, chest pains, weakness, weight loss, fever and night sweats.

लक्षण: सक्रिय फेफड़े की टीबी के सामान्य लक्षण हैं बलगम वाली खांसी और कभी-कभी खून आना, सीने में दर्द, कमजोरी, वजन कम होना, बुखार और रात में पसीना आना।

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- **Vaccine: Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) is a vaccine for TB disease.**
 - **Statistics:**
 - **A total of 1.5 million people died from TB and an estimated 10 million people fell ill with tuberculosis (TB) worldwide in 2020.**

- टीका: बैसिल कैलमेट-गुएरिन (बीसीजी) टीबी रोग के लिए एक टीका है।
- सांख्यिकी:
- 2020 में दुनिया भर में टीबी से कुल 1.5 मिलियन लोगों की मृत्यु हो गई और अनुमानित 10 मिलियन लोग तपेदिक (टीबी) से बीमार पड़ गए।

- **India has the world's highest tuberculosis (TB) burden, with an estimated 26 lakh people contracting the disease and approximately 4 lakh people dying from the disease every year**

- भारत में दुनिया में सबसे ज्यादा तपेदिक (टीबी) का बोझ है, अनुमान है कि हर साल 26 लाख लोग इस बीमारी से पीड़ित होते हैं और लगभग 4 लाख लोग इस बीमारी से मरते हैं।

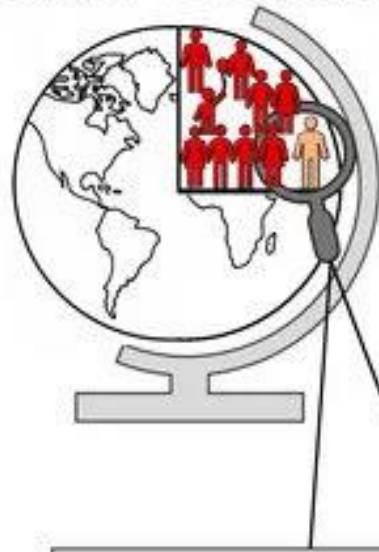
- **Challenges for India:**

- **Major challenges to control TB in India include poor primary health-care infrastructure in rural areas of many states; unregulated private health care leading to widespread irrational use of first-line and second-line anti-TB drugs; poverty; lack of political will; and, above all, corrupt administration.**
- भारत के लिए चुनौतियाँ:
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- National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis Elimination (2017-2025), The Nikshay Ecosystem (National TB information system), Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY- financial support), TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign.

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Global TB statistics



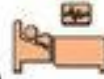
2 billion people harbour a dormant form of *M. tb* infection worldwide



5 – 10% of latently infected individuals are predisposed to developing active TB in their lifespan



HIV co-infection increases the risk of TB reactivation by 18 times



around 10 million people fall ill with TB every year at least since 2000



> 1 million people succumb to death from TB every year at least since 2000

Active TB symptoms



Chest pain



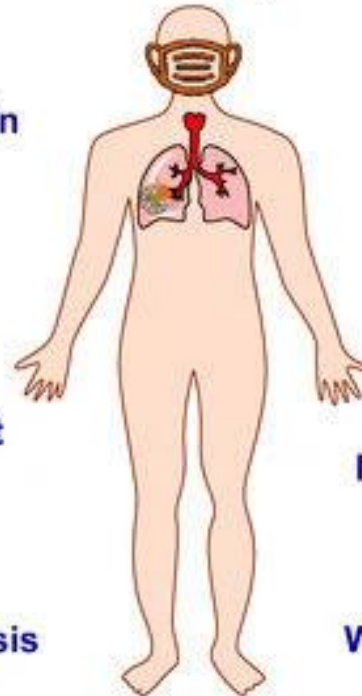
Fever



Persistent cough



Hemoptysis



Fatigue



Loss of appetite



Night sweat



Weight loss





National Strategic Plan (NSP)

ensuring quality diagnosis, treatment, and support to every TB patient



Target for India to
eliminate Tuberculosis
(TB) by 2025 (5 years before
the Global target)



Free of cost diagnosis and treatment
facilities including anti-TB drugs to all TB
patients under Revised National
Tuberculosis Control Programme
(RNTCP)



₹12,000 crore
allocated for next 3 years



₹500 per patient per month
for the nutritional support to
all TB-affected patients
under RNTCP



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As Russian President Vladimir Putin accepted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's request for early discharge of Indians hired as security helpers and forced to fight alongside the Russian Army against Ukraine, it has emerged that the summit is offering a compensation package and citizenship to the families of the deceased. Meanwhile, the families of those stuck in Russia are demanding a time-bound assurance on when they would be discharged as it has been more than six months that their kin have been stuck in the war zone.

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was killed on February 21 at Donetsk on the Russia-Ukraine border during a security exercise with the Russian Army. Mr. Mangukhya travelled to Russia to get his son's body in March, when he was informed that the family is entitled to a compensation of ₹1.3 crore, a monthly stipend of ₹10,000 for minor children and their turn to return. "They made us open a bank account in Russia. I already, ₹45 lakh has been deposited in the account. My son was unmarried. I will have to travel to Russia a couple of times more to get the citizenship process under way," Mr. Mangukhya said.

At least four Indians, including Hemil, have been killed in the ongoing war, while two are said to be presented now. The bodies of only two of the deceased - Hemil and Mohammad Asfan, 31, from Hyderabad - have been brought back to India. At least 50 Indians are

said to be serving in the Russian Army, and around 30 of them have approached the government to return. *The Hindu* reported first on February 20 that Indians who travelled to Russia on tourist visas were offered jobs as security helpers but were forced to fight alongside the Russian military on the Russia-Ukraine border.

Asfan's brother, Mohammad Imran, said they had also received a similar offer. "When I went to Moscow to receive the body, the Russian authorities told us that my brother's wife, his two children, and our father are entitled to a ₹1.3-crore compensation. The children, if they wish to move to Russia, will be entitled to citizenship and free education and medical facilities," he said.

Aman Mour, from Matour village in Haryana, whose younger brother Sahil is stuck in Russia, said, "We have been hearing about such assurances for the past many days. Though we are happy that when my brother will be home, he is injured and is scared that he might be sent to the war front."

PM raises Ukraine war during meet, says loss of lives is heart-breaking

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MOSCOW

As the optics of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Moscow and his embrace of Russian President Putin on Monday raised eyebrows in Washington and Kyiv, India's concerns about its ties with Russia, Mr. Modi during Ukraine war ahead of the summit at the Kremlin. In their joint statement India and Russia highlighted the need for a heart-resolution of the "conflict around Ukraine", the phrase reflecting Russia's claims. "They noted with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good

offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict in accordance with international law on the basis of the U.N. Charter," it read. "I believe there is no peace on the battlefield, and solutions to the war can only be found through dialogue", Mr. Modi told Mr. Putin at the beginning of their formal talks on Tuesday. "Whether it is terrorism or conflict, the loss of lives especially of innocent children is heart-breaking. President Putin and I have spoken frankly and I want to tell the international community that is closely watching our meeting that I am filled with hope from his words and

thinking," he added. Mr. Putin said that he "appreciated" Mr. Modi's attention to the "most pressing issues" including his efforts to "find ways to resolve the Ukraine crisis through peaceful means". Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reacted to the timing of the meeting, on a day Ukraine claimed Russia fired more than 40 missiles at various locations including a children's hospital, killing 42. In a post on social media platforms, he said that the meeting was disappointing and a devastating blow to peace efforts to cease the leader of the world's largest democracy

most bloody crisis in Moscow on such a day," Mr. Zelenskyy said. In Washington, the State Department spokesperson said that the U.S. has consistently raised its "concerns" about India's relationship with Russia. Spokesperson Matthew Miller said the U.S. "urges" India to make it clear that the resolution to the Ukraine conflict must respect the U.N. Charter, Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Government officials said that "India has always called for respecting the U.N. Charter, including territorial integrity and sovereignty", at U.N. platforms.

New Delhi and Moscow call for 'zero tolerance' towards terrorism

Press Trust Of India
MOSCOW

India and Russia on Tuesday called for "zero tolerance" for terrorism and pressed for an "uncompromising fight" against the international menace as they stressed the importance of increasing global cooperation without hidden agendas and double standards, in a veiled jibe at Pakistan and its all-weather ally China. In a joint statement issued after the talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin here, the two sides strongly condemned the dastardly terrorist attacks, includ-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves as he departs for Austria from Moscow on Tuesday. ANI

ing one on an Army convoy in Kathua area of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday, and stressed that these terrorist attacks are a grim reminder for further strengthening cooperation to combat terrorism. "The leaders unequivocally condemned terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including the cross-border movement of terrorists, and terrorism financing networks and safe havens," the joint statement said.

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ble standards on the solid basis of international law and the UN Charter, in an apparent reference to Pakistan and its all-weather ally China which has often put on hold on proposals in the United Nations to blacklist the Pakistan-based wanted terrorists. Besides, they stressed the need for firm implementation of relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly, as well as the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the joint statement said. After the two-day visit to Russia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday departed for Austria.

Arrangements in place for Vikravandi bypoll today

The Hindu Bureau
VILLUPURAM

Elaborate security arrangements have been put in place at the 276 polling booths, including the vulnerable and critical booths, for the smooth conduct of the byelection to the Vikravandi Assembly constituency, to be held on July 10.

Polling will start at 7 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. A total of 2,37,031 electors are eligible to exercise their franchise and 29 candidates are in the fray. Prominent among them are Annyiyar Siva of the DMK, C. Anbumani of the PMK and Abhinaya Ponivalavan of Naam Tamilar Katchi. A total of 852 ballot units, 276 control units and 276 voter verifiable paper audit trails will be kept ready at the booths where mock polling will be held from 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Counting of votes will take place on Saturday.

Feeding the needy



Teaguh Times: Dry rations being distributed to flood-affected people at a relief camp in Nagarn district of Assam on Tuesday. The flood situation in the State eased a bit over the last 24 hours but left seven people dead, taking the toll to 79, 91.

L&T to execute part of HSL contract for ships

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has received an order from Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) for part construction of two Fleet Support Ships (FSS) for the Indian Navy, the Indian conglomerate announced on Tuesday. The Indian Navy had signed a ₹10,000 crore contract with HSL for the design and construction of five FSS in August 2023. "L&T will construct two Fleet Support Ships at its greenfield shipyard at Katupalli, near Chennai on the east coast of India," the company said in a statement.

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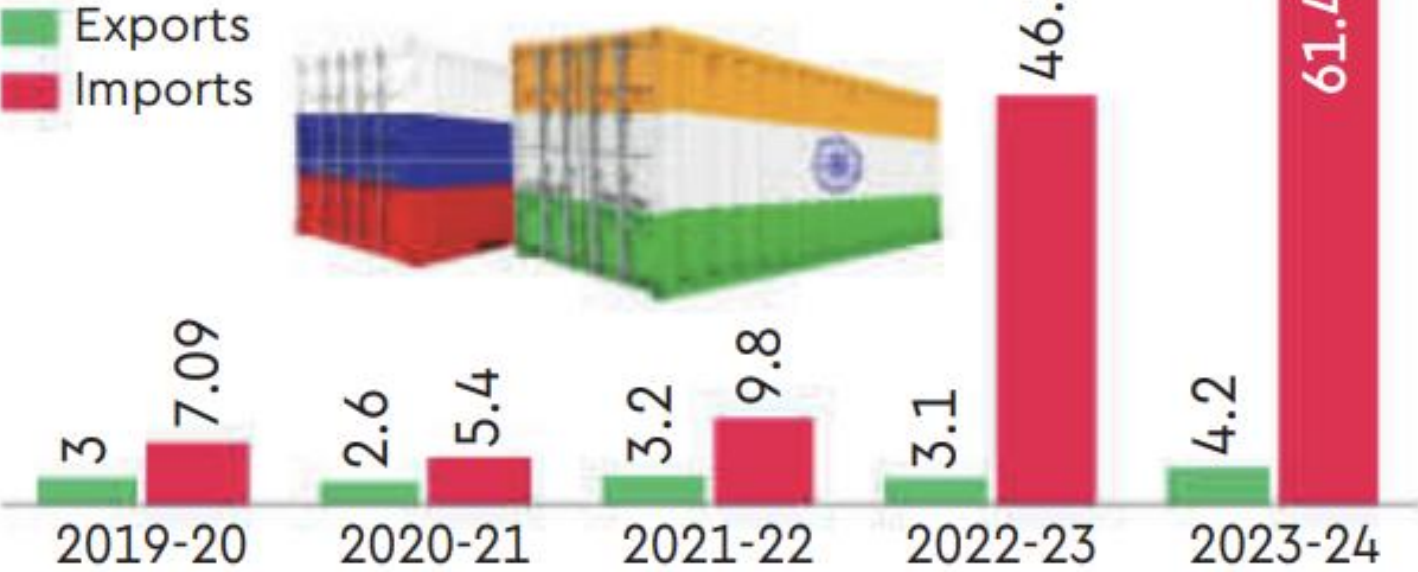
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Officials said that the two leaders discussed the delay in defence supplies, and have committed to exploring more areas of co-production of defence equipment such as the India-Russia joint venture for assault rifles that could fill the domestic gap as well as facilitate export to other countries.

The Prime Minister accepted Russia's highest civilian honour, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle, an award that had been announced by President Putin in 2019, but could only be presented now. He also invited Mr. Modi to return in a few months to the Russian city of Kazan where he will host the first "Extended BRICS" summit.

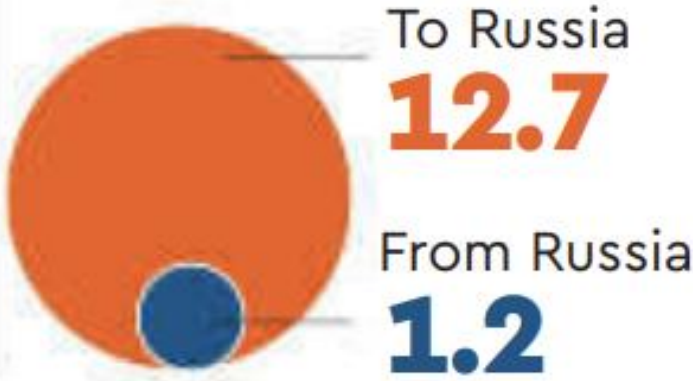
INDIA-RUSSIA ECONOMIC TIES

Goods trade (\$ billion)



Foreign direct investment

(FY20-FY24, \$ billion)






- **Background / पृष्ठभूमि:**




- At the 22nd Annual Summit, India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030.

- 22वें वार्षिक शिखर सम्मेलन में, भारत और रूस ने 2030 तक द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को 100 अरब डॉलर तक बढ़ाने पर सहमति व्यक्त की।





- **Key Agreements / प्रमुख समझौते:**

- Use of national currencies to circumvent Western sanctions and improve connectivity.
 - पश्चिमी प्रतिबंधों को दरकिनार करने और कनेक्टिविटी में सुधार के लिए राष्ट्रीय मुद्राओं का उपयोग।
 - A joint vision statement on trade and economic cooperation focusing on non-tariff barriers, a bilateral settlement system, and new connectivity routes including the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime route.
 - व्यापार और आर्थिक सहयोग पर एक संयुक्त दृष्टि वक्तव्य जिसमें गैर-शुल्क बाधाओं, एक द्विपक्षीय निपटान प्रणाली और चेन्नई-व्लादिवोस्तोक समुद्री मार्ग सहित नई कनेक्टिविटी मार्गों पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया।
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- Signing of several MoUs in areas such as climate change, polar research, legal arbitration, and pharmaceutical certification.
- जलवायु परिवर्तन, ध्रुवीय अनुसंधान, कानूनी मध्यस्थता और औषधि प्रमाणीकरण जैसे क्षेत्रों में कई समझौते जापान पर हस्ताक्षर।
- Investments in sectors like energy, infrastructure development, and agriculture were discussed.
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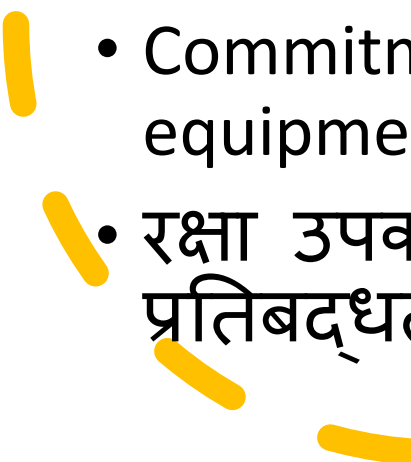
- **Economic Focus / आर्थिक ध्यान:**

- The focus was shifted from defense and strategic partnership to economic cooperation.

- ध्यान रक्षा और रणनीतिक साझेदारी से आर्थिक सहयोग की ओर स्थानांतरित हुआ।

- Commitment to explore more areas of co-production of defense equipment.

- रक्षा उपकरणों के सह-उत्पादन के अधिक क्षेत्रों का पता लगाने की प्रतिबद्धता।



- **Bilateral Trade Target / द्विपक्षीय व्यापार लक्ष्य:**

- The bilateral trade target set by the leaders should be reasonably achievable, given that trade already stands at around \$65 billion.
- नेताओं द्वारा निर्धारित द्विपक्षीय व्यापार लक्ष्य को उचित रूप से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है, यह देखते हुए कि व्यापार पहले से ही लगभग 65 अरब डॉलर है।

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- Consider the following statements regarding the recent agreements between India and Russia:

1. India and Russia agreed to increase bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030.

2. The leaders agreed on using national currencies to circumvent Western sanctions and improve connectivity.

3. The focus of the 22nd Annual Summit was primarily on enhancing defense and strategic partnerships.

- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

VENTING IT Djokovic launches a tirade against the fans for their behaviour



Novak Djokovic accused Wimbledon fans of "disrespect" on Monday. "I have been on the tour for more than 20 years. I know the tricks. I focus on the respectful people that pay for the ticket, and love tennis and appreciate the players. I played in much more hostile environments, trust me, you guys can't touch me!"

NEW HIGH Wimbledon 2024 breaks record for most five-setters at a Slam



The Sinner-Medvedev match was the 36th five-setter at Wimbledon this year, breaking the record for most five-setters (35: 1988 US Open, 2024 Australian Open) at a single Grand Slam in the Open era. The previous record for five-setters at Wimbledon was 35 when Fritz defeated Zverev in a contest that went the distance on Monday.

RECOGNITION Bumrah and Smriti named ICC's POTM for June



Jasprit Bumrah added another feather to his hat when he was on Tuesday named the ICC's Men's Player of the Month for June. He was double dighted for India as women's team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana was also named the 'Women's Player of the Month'. Smriti won her first ICC Women's Player of the Month.

CAREER-BEST An outing to remember for pacer Pooja against South Africa



Pooja Vastrakar had an outing to remember against South Africa in the third T20I in Chennai. The pacer's career best figures (four for 13) helped the host bowl out South Africa for just 84. Pooja is the first Indian to take four wickets against South Africa in this format. She also took her 50th T20I wicket when she dismissed Marizanne Kapp.

Medvedev knocks out Sinner in drama-filled five-set thriller

The Russian, who had blown a two-sets-to-love lead in the 2024 Australian Open final, exacts revenge: Alcaraz waits next

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Daniil Medvedev and Jannik Sinner have been each other's bogymen. Until September 2023, Medvedev had won all six of their encounters only for Sinner to reverse the tide in the next five.

The scene was the 2024 Australian Open final where the Russian, for the second time in Melbourne, cracked under the weight of history to blow a two-sets-to-love lead.

On Tuesday, Medvedev nearly faltered again before composing himself to finish on the right side of a capricious five-setter 6-7 (7), 6-4, 7-6(4), 2-6, 6-3 and enter his second successive Wimbledon semifinal.

Medvedev will take on defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, who beat American Tommy Paul 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. The 10th meeting between Sinner and Alcaraz, widely acknowledged as this generation's defining rivalry, will have to wait.

"If you have to beat Jannik, it has to be a tough match," Medvedev said after the marathon. "He is not anymore a guy who can be beaten easily. I played at a high level, great points, and I am happy." Big hitters both, their



Spring in the step: Medvedev seemed to find fresh legs whenever he needed them. REUTERS

primary strategy was to win free points off their serves. In this, Sinner shaded Medvedev early on. In the opening set, the Italian won 23 of the 25 points when he landed his first serve, and put most balls back on the return.

Highlights reel The top seed also had more aces for that: highlights reel with his whipped forehand and the half-kneel backhand eliciting from the audience many a gasp and whoop. But Medvedev, with his

nooodle-strap body and shovelling racquet technique, stayed within touching distance, bringing to the fore his deceptively efficient shot-making. He was solid from the back-court and lethal when he advanced, winning seven out of eight net-points.

In the tie-break, Sinner blinked first, serving a double fault at 5-5. But having won the last eight he had played, he knew his way out and duly claimed the set.

However, having drawn first blood, Sinner relaxed for a fleeting moment and shovelling racquet technique, stayed within touching distance, bringing to the fore his deceptively efficient shot-making. He was solid from the back-court and lethal when he advanced, winning seven out of eight net-points.

But he came back rejuvenated, breaking back in the 10th game of the third set and holding to 6-5. On the subsequent Medvedev serve, he earned two set-points, but an ace and a backhand unforced error negated both.

Yet, Sinner very much seemed like he was on the ascendency and tie-break was his safe space. However, his forehand broke in his down again and he lost four of the seven points from that wing.

In the fourth set, though, Sinner came back guns blazing, levelling the match with ease. But Medvedev didn't leave his best tennis buried in the drawer for too long. At 2-1 in the fifth, he pressured the Sinner serve with two winners straight up.

And Sinner succumbed by serving a double-fault and following it up with a forehand error. Medvedev had one foot in the semifinal. And soon he dragged the whole of his body over the line.

THE RESULTS Tuesday: Quarterfinals: Women's: Nikke (Cro) bt Sun (NZL) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Paoletti (Ita) bt 19-Neyret (SLO) 6-2. Men's: Medvedev (Ru) bt 1 Sinner (Ita) 6-7(7), 6-4, 7-6(6), 2-6, 6-3; Alcaraz (Esp) bt 12-Paul (USA) 5-7, 6-4, 5-2. 6-2. Monday: Fourth round: 2-Djokovic (SRB) bt 15-Rune (Den) 6-3, 6-6, 6-2.

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CRICKET Anand Karhadkar BOMBAY

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Pooja's heroics help India share the T20I series with South Africa

SA IN INDIA Lucknow, UTTAR PRADESH

A dominant show on the field helped India level the three-match T20I series against South Africa 1-1 with the 10-wicket win in the final fixture here on Tuesday.

Course correction with the ball - better line and length and bowling to the field - helped the host dismiss South Africa for a paltry 84 after opting to field in overcast conditions. A raucous crowd helped make the Chapeau Stadium a claustrophobic cauldron for the women in yellow and green.

Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Britz began fluently, scoring 17 runs off the first 20 overs. Arundhati Reddy came in with some discipline, not conceding conceding just two runs in her first over.

Wolvaardt was the first to fall, miscuing a tossed up delivery to Arundhati at mid-off. Marizanne Kapp began with two boundaries but fell to Pooja Vastrakar who gnawed at the Proteas line-up with tighter lines and use of the wobble seam.

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Tight spells: Pooja's emotional bowling troubled the South African batters. R. RAGU

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The legend who tamed speedsters moves on to 75

K.C. Vijaya Kumar CHENNAI

For a man, who loved his centuries, Wednesday will usher in a 75. Sunil Gavaskar, one of cricket's greatest batters, would rather take it one day at a time, just like he did while countering speed merchants and wily spinners, dealing with them one delivery at a time.

The former India captain, the first man to seal 'Mount IOOOO' in Tests, will clock 75 runs and remains connected to the willow-game. This is an umbilical cord he retains, first as a player till he bowed out in 1987, and now as a broadcaster.

Recency bias Many in the younger generation, who have only seen him as a commentator, may tend to associate him entirely with this role. A reality that even Richie Benaud had to deal with. May be recency bias is at play in these days of abbreviated words, Instagram reels and two-minute noodle, memory is short.



Steady resolve: Gavaskar, who turns 75 on Wednesday, batted against some great fast bowlers without a helmet. GETTY IMAGES

But for those who have seen him bat, Gavaskar was about eternity at the crease. In this era of flash-and-dash right from the openers through the mid-

dle-order to the finishers, he was that old-fashioned fixed deposit in a reputed bank.

Money was safe and hope was forever. When he batted with fellow openers like the late Chetan Chauhan, Anshuman Gaekwad or K. Srikkanth, and mid-order stalwarts like G.R. Viswanath, Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath, India knew it had a chance, especially with all-rounder Kapil Dev stepping in too.

A straight bat and a steady resolve was second nature to Gavaskar. One of the few along with the great Viv Richards to bat without a helmet, the opener was often the last word on batsmanship. Off the field, he is a fountain of anecdotes, has an impish sense of humour, and a sense of fun, especially for ageing sportspersons, and tends to get rowdy while talking about Prakash Padukone's retirement.

The numbers were staggering at the time when he retired: 10,122 Test runs and 34 hundreds, and a lone 6 of 3092 in ODIs and a lone ton, and an overall First Class accumulation of 25,834. The Test statistic places Gavaskar in the 13th spot while fellow Mumbai-kar Sachin Tendulkar occupies the throne.

When the mood took over, Gavaskar could take apart the most dangerous attacks. He did it once in Delhi to equal the then world record of 29 Test centuries held by Sir Don Bradman.

This was 1983 and he was hooking Malcolm Marshall and when he got to the ston, the star had no clue until non-striker Vengsarkar said: "Bleddy hell, you did it."

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"His experience, dedication, and vision for the game make him the ideal candidate to guide our team forward. We are confident that under his leadership, Team India will continue to excel and make the nation proud," Binny said in a BCCI statement.

Ever since Dravid decided not to continue in his role after the T20 World Cup, Gambhir was touted to be the front runner for

 India is my identity and serving my country has been the greatest privilege of my life. I'm honoured to be back., albeit wearing a different hat. The Men in Blue shoulder the dreams of 1.4 billion Indians and I will do everything in my power to make these dreams come true!

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List of Men's head coaches^[8]

| No. | Name | Tenure | Nationality |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Keki Tarapore | 1971 | India |
| 2 | Hemu Adhikari | 1971-74 | India |
| 3 | Gulabrai Ramchand | 1975 | India |
| 4 | Datta Gaekwad | 1978 | India |
| 5 | Salim Durrani | 1980-81 | India |
| 6 | Ashok Mankad | 1982 | India |
| 7 | PR Man Singh | 1983-87 | India |
| 8 | Chandu Borde | 1988 | India |
| 9 | Bishan Singh Bedi | 1990-91 | India |
| 10 | Abbas Ali Baig | 1991-92 | India |
| 11 | Ajit Wadekar | 1992-96 | India |
| 12 | Sandeep Patil | 1996 | India |
| 13 | Madan Lal | 1996-97 | India |
| 14 | Anshuman Gaekwad | 1997-99 | India |
| 15 | Kapil Dev | 1999-2000 | India |
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| 16 | John Wright | 2000-05 | New Zealand |
| 17 | Greg Chappell | 2005-07 | Australia |
| 18 | Ravi Shastri (<i>Interim</i>) | 2007 | India |
| 19 | Lalchand Rajput | 2007-08 | India |
| 20 | Gary Kirsten | 2008-11 | South Africa |
| 21 | Duncan Fletcher | 2011-15 | Zimbabwe |
| (18) | Ravi Shastri (team director) | 2014-16 | India |
| 22 | Sanjay Bangar (<i>Interim</i>) | 2016 | India |
| 23 | Anil Kumble | 2016-17 | India |
| (22) | Sanjay Bangar (<i>Interim</i>) | 2017 | India |
| (18) | Ravi Shastri | 2017-21 | India |
| 24 | Rahul Dravid | 2021-2024 | India |
| 25 | Gautam Gambhir | 2024- | India |

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MODI RECEIVES RUSSIA'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR

PM tightrope: Killing of children very painful; listening to Putin, I have hope

PM raises issue of Indians working with Russian Army, Moscow promises release

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

ACKNOWLEDGING that his visit to Moscow was being watched by the "entire world" which was trying to decode its meaning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi walked the hard diplomatic tightrope in his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. So, a day after a suspected Russian missile struck a children's hospital in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, Modi said that the death of innocent children causes "pain



Russian President Vladimir Putin awards Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle in Moscow on Tuesday. **AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE**

and the heart simply explodes." "I hope talks done need amid bombs, guns and bullets," and

Zelensky on PM-Putin meet: Blow to peace bid, huge disappointment

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

IN A strongly-worded criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday expressed "huge disappointment" and called it a "devastating blow to peace efforts". "In Ukraine today, 37 people were killed, 7000 were injured, including 13 children, and 170 were injured, including 13 children, the world's most prominent and a devastating blow to peace efforts to be the leader of the world's largest democracy," he said. "The world's most prominent and a devastating blow to peace efforts to be the leader of the world's largest democracy," he said.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky

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AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION

Arunachal Deputy CM to chief of UP Special Task Force, Brij Bhushan's MP-shon to politicians across party lines: Rush to ride Ayodhya boom

The Indian Express investigated over 2,500 land registries across 25 villages near the temple since SC's 2019 verdict — and found many purchases linked to politicians, senior officials, local leaders

SHYAMLAL YADAV
AYODHYA, NEW DELHI, JULY 9

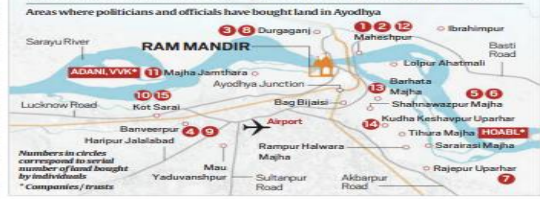
THE fractious campaign of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Ayodhya (Faizabad) seat saw a lot of for the ruling BJP and victory for the SP candidate. On the ground, though, after the inauguration of the Ram temple, massive public-private development package has turned land into prime real estate and blurred many a dividing line. An investigation by The Indian Express of land registries — since the Supreme Court verdict allowing the Ram temple in November 2019 and up to March 2024 — how an up to 30 per cent rise in the number of land transactions in at least 25 villages in Ayodhya and adjoining districts Gonda and Bagh that fall within a radius of 15 km of the temple. Many of these deals are by family members or those closely linked to politicians across parties and government officials.

1. Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Devi: His sons Chan Kuan Seng and Aditya Meen bought 190 hectares for Rs 3.72 crore between September 2022 and September 2023 in Maheshpur Gonda, 8 km from the temple, cross the Sarayu river separating Ayodhya and Gonda. On April 25, 2023, they sold 108 hectares for 1.58 lakh. Aditya Meen said, "We have bought the land for tourism development. We will build a hotel and also do some landscaping." In June this year, Meen was sworn in again as Deputy CM in the new Arunachal Pradesh cabinet.
2. BJP ex-MP Brij Bhushan Singh: His son Karan Bhushan



Ayodhya's Dharam Path. The city is focus of a massive public-private development package. **FILE**

KEY LOCATIONS OF TRANSACTIONS: 15 KM FROM TEMPLE



Meanwhile, 7 years and waiting, no revision in circle rates

SHYAMLAL YADAV
AYODHYA, JULY 9

THE CIRCLE RATE in Ayodhya, where land transactions have surged since the Supreme Court's 2019 verdict allowing the Ram temple, has not been revised for almost six years. It's one of the 54 districts of the state where the last revision happened in 2017.

Circle rate is the district administration's assessment of land value in its jurisdiction, based on which stamp duty is charged on each sale or purchase, and based on which the administration acquires property from land owners, including farmers. The District Magistrate considers the case for a revision every year. In fact, one of the farmers, Durga Prasad Yadav, had sought a hike in circle rate and approached the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on October 5, 2021. Yadav's contention is that farmers get lower compensation whenever the government acquires land since the cost of acquisition is based on the circle rate. In UP the government pays twice the circle rate in urban areas, and four times the circle rate in rural areas.

Fresh encounter in Doda as hunt on to track militants who ambushed convoy

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 9

A FRESH encounter broke out between militants and security forces in Sezan forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday evening, even as the Army, police and CRPF launched a search operation to track down militants involved in the attack on an Army convoy a day earlier.

The Sezan forest area borders Kishtwar district on one side and Anantnag on the other, and two of three militants are believed to be trapped there, a senior police officer said. Five soldiers were killed and five injured when militants ambushed a convoy of two Army Trucks in Kathua district last Monday afternoon. Sources said security forces are combing through dense forests in Badruva

Uptick in violence

THE UPTICK in terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir comes after the security establishment received inputs of a successful infiltration by a large group around two months ago. According to defence sources, given the nature of the attacks, the involvement of highly trained and motivated militants is suspected.

area to track down the militants. The distance between Kathua's Badruva village, where Monday's attack took place, and the Sezan forest is around 168 km.

Cannot rule out conspiracy in Hathras stamped: SIT

DHEERAJ MISHRA & SHUFENDRA PANDEY
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JULY 9

THE TWO-MEMBER Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the July 2 stampede at a religious gathering in Hathras, in which 121 people were killed, has held the event organisers, local police and administration officials responsible for the incident. The probe team also said it does not rule out a "major conspiracy" behind the stampede. The SIT submitted its report in 10 hours. After the report was submitted on Tuesday, Acting on the findings within hours, the central government suspended six officials, including the sub-divisional magistrate of Sikandra Rao.

The 855-page SIT report stopped blaming self-styled

5 soldiers killed in Kathua from Uttarakhand, their villages in mourning

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, JULY 9

IT WAS at a cousin's wedding in February that the family of 25-year-old Rifleman Adarsh Negi, from Thatti Dagar village in Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal, last saw him. Around 10 pm on Monday, his father Daltip Singh Negi (53) got the dreaded call: Adarsh, who joined the Army in 2018, was one of five soldiers from the Garhwal Rifles regiment who were killed when militants ambushed their convoy in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday afternoon. "It was heart-breaking," his uncle, Balwant, told The Indian Express. "He always wanted to join the Army. After completing Class 12 from a school in the village, he went to Srirangar for his B.Sc. However, just two years



into his graduation, he left his studies and joined the Army." Balwant said Adarsh's death



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Gambhir as coach, Team India set for new innings: 'Will do everything to make... dreams come true'

IRIFRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, JULY 9

AT THE start of this year, Gautam Gambhir was facing a dilemma. With the general elections a few months away, the then Lok Sabha MP wasn't sure if he wanted to continue as an active politician. At the back of his mind was a lucrative offer made by IPL

franchise Kolkata Knight Riders' owner Shah Rukh Khan. The superstar wanted his one-time captain to return as coach. After consultations with friends and family, those in his inner circle say, Gambhir made up his mind to return to cricket. In his moments of indecision, what guided him in taking the call was a line from poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan's famous poem: "Mann ka ho toh achha, mann ka na ho toh jhadi achha (If you get what you wish for, it's good; if not, it's better)".



Gautam Gambhir, known for speaking his mind, has admired Rohit Sharma's captaincy skills, says

The switch back to cricket has proved fruitful for him. After talking KRK to the 2024 IPL, title and getting credit for the team's turnaround, Gambhir, 42, has now replaced Rahul Dravid as India's new coach. India's drought in major ICC titles may have ended with the T20 World Cup triumph, but the dream to win the Test championship race and the ODI crown is yet to be quenched. Gambhir, known for his strong opinions, now gets that chance.

WHAT IS ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE, CONFERRED UPON PM MODI?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 9

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi was on Tuesday awarded Russia's highest civilian honour, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, during his visit to the country.

The award for the PM was announced in 2019, for "exceptional services in promoting special & privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian peoples."

What is the award, and who gets it?

The award is given to prominent government and public figures, military leaders, and outstanding representatives of science, culture, art, and various sectors of the economy for exceptional services to Russia. It can also be awarded to heads of foreign states for outstanding services to the Russian Federation.

Its name comes from Saint Andrew, who is believed to be one of the apostles or 12 original followers of Jesus. After Christ's crucifixion, the apostles are said to have travelled great distances to spread his message. Saint Andrew travelled to Russia, Greece, and other places in Europe and Asia, and founded the Church of Constantinople, which later led to the establishment of the Russian Orthodox Church. More than 90 million people follow the Church in Russia, out of the country's population of around 140 million.

Saint Andrew is regarded as the patron saint of Russia and Scotland. The 'X' symbol on the flag of Scotland comes from the saint's symbol, called the 'Saltire'. It is believed that he was crucified on a cross of a similar shape.

Tsar Peter the Great (1672-1725) established the Order of Saint Andrew in 1698. The chain of the Order consists of 17 alternating links, and features a gilded image of the State Emblem of the Russian



PM Modi after being awarded the Order of St Andrew the Apostle in Moscow on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Federation, a double-headed eagle. It also includes a badge, a star, and a light blue silk moire ribbon. For those recognised for distinction in combat, the badge and star are adorned with swords.

The order was abolished in 1918 following the Russian Revolution, which overthrew the Tsarist regime. It was re-established in 1998 by an Executive Order of the President of Russia.

Who has received the honour earlier?

Past recipients largely include influential figures in Russia, such as military engineer and gun designer Mikhail Kalashnikov, author Sergey Mikhalkov, the last leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev, Russian Orthodox Church leader Patriarch Alexy II, and the current head of the Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Krill.

Foreign leaders who have been honoured in the past include Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2017, and the former President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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|  | Order of Fiji |  Fiji | 22 May 2023 | <i>Companion</i> , the highest civilian honour of Fiji. |
|  | Order of Logohu |  Papua New Guinea | 22 May 2023 | <i>Grand Companion</i> , the highest civilian honour of Papua New Guinea. |
|  | Order of the Nile |  Egypt | 25 June 2023 | <i>Collar</i> , the highest civilian honour of Egypt. |
|  | Legion of Honour |  France | 14 July 2023 | <i>Grand Cross</i> , the highest civilian honour of France. |
|  | Order of Honour |  Greece | 25 August 2023 | <i>Grand Cross</i> , the second-highest civilian honour of Greece. |

- **Background / पृष्ठभूमि:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Russia's highest civilian honour, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle.
- प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को रूस के सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान, ऑर्डर ऑफ सेंट एंड्रयू द एपोस्टल से सम्मानित किया गया।

- **Details of the Award / पुरस्कार का विवरण:**

- The award is given for "exceptional services in promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian peoples."
- यह पुरस्कार "रूस और भारत के बीच विशेष और विशेषाधिकार प्राप्त रणनीतिक साझेदारी को बढ़ावा देने और रूसी और भारतीय लोगों के बीच मैत्रीपूर्ण संबंधों के लिए असाधारण सेवाओं के लिए" दिया जाता है।



- **Origin and Significance / उत्पत्ति और महत्व:**

- The award is named after Saint Andrew, one of the apostles of Jesus, who travelled to various places, spreading his message and founding churches.

- यह पुरस्कार संत एंड्रयू के नाम पर रखा गया है, जो यीशु के शिष्यों में से एक थे, जिन्होंने विभिन्न स्थानों की यात्रा की, अपना संदेश फैलाया और चर्चों की स्थापना की।



- Saint Andrew is regarded as the patron saint of Russia and Scotland.

- संत एंड्रयू को रूस और स्कॉटलैंड का संरक्षक संत माना जाता है।



- **Recipients / प्राप्तकर्ता:**

- The award is given to prominent government and public figures, military leaders, and outstanding representatives of various sectors of the economy for exceptional services to Russia.
- यह पुरस्कार प्रमुख सरकारी और सार्वजनिक व्यक्तियों, सैन्य नेताओं, और रूस के लिए असाधारण सेवाओं के लिए अर्थव्यवस्था के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के उत्कृष्ट प्रतिनिधियों को दिया जाता है।

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- Foreign leaders who have received the honour include Chinese President Xi Jinping and former President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev.
 - इस सम्मान को प्राप्त करने वाले विदेशी नेताओं में चीनी राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग और कजाकिस्तान के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति नूरसुल्तान नज़रबायेव शामिल हैं।

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- Consider the following statements regarding the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle:

1. The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle is Russia's highest civilian honour.

2. The award is given only to Russian citizens for exceptional services to Russia.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi received this honour for promoting special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India.


- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only

- b) 1 and 3 only

- c) 2 and 3 only

- d) 1, 2, and 3



Defamation case against Wikipedia and ‘safe harbour’ protection clause

KHADIJA KHAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

NEWS AGENCY Asian News International (ANI) has moved Delhi High Court against Wikipedia for allowing allegedly defamatory content on ANI's wiki page.

A Bench of Justice Navin Chawla has sought a response from Wikipedia, and listed the matter for further hearing on August 20.

Complaint against Wikipedia

The petitioner has sought damages to the tune of Rs 2 crore, alleging that the said content is “palpably false” and defamatory, and that its reputation was being tarnished and goodwill discredited.

The petition contends that the “false and misleading content” on Wikipedia raised doubts about ANI's credibility as a news agency. It says that the editing history of the

page shows that in April, a series of edits were made reflecting the true and factual position, but these were “deliberately reversed” in May to cause harm to the petitioner's reputation.

Content posted on Wikipedia

Wikipedia, which started in 2001, itself does not produce the content for its online encyclopedia. It is a collaborative, open source, nonprofit platform whose users contribute to the content of the website.

The suit against Wikipedia, rather than the individuals who could have made the edits to the page, is intended to ensure enforcement by holding the intermediary liable.

Laws invoked in the case

ANI has argued that Wikipedia is a significant social media intermediary under the meaning of Section 2(1)(w) of the Information Technology Act, 2000: “any person who on behalf of another person re-

ceives, stores or transmits that record or provides any service with respect to that record and includes telecom service providers, network service providers, Internet service providers, web-hosting service providers, search engines, online payment sites, online-auction sites, online-market places and cyber cafes”.

The petitioner has also relied on Sections 79(2) and (3) of the Act, which lay down the requirements for the “safe harbour clause” to come into effect.

The safe harbour clause

Section 79 of the IT Act (Exemption from liability of intermediary in certain cases) states that an intermediary shall not be held legally or otherwise liable for any third-party information, data, or communication link made available or hosted on its platform.

This protection shall be applicable if the

intermediary does not in any way initiate the transmission of the message in question, select the receiver of the transmitted message, or modify any information contained in the transmission, according to Section 79(2)(b).

Another requirement for safe harbour protection is that the intermediary must adhere to the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, which came into force in 2021. The guidelines mandated setting

up a grievance-redressal mechanism, along with a resident grievance officer, a chief compliance officer, and a nodal contact person.

Section 79(3) states that the protection will not apply if the intermediary, despite being informed by the government or its agencies, does not immediately remove or disable access to the material in question.

Additionally, the intermediary cannot tamper with any evidence of these messages

or content on its platform, failing which it would lose its protection under the Act.

Rule 7 of the IT Rules, 2021 states that if “an intermediary fails to observe these rules, the provisions sub-section (1) of section 79 of the Act shall not be applicable”, and “the intermediary shall be liable for punishment under any law for the time being in force”.

Section 230 of the US Communications Decency Act is analogous to Section 79 of the IT Act. It states that “no provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider”.

Previous rulings of SC

On October 10, 2022, the Supreme Court dismissed a batch of petitions filed by the Ayurvedic Medicine Manufacturers Organisation of India, alleging that an article published on Wikipedia about them was

defamatory. A bench of Justices AS Bopanna and P S Narasimha said, “You can edit the Wikipedia article,” and asked the petitioners to avail “any other remedy available to them” under the law.

On January 17, 2023 a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Surya Kant in *Hewlett Packard India Sales vs. Commissioner of Customs* noted that adjudicating authorities, especially the Commissioner of Customs (Appeal), had extensively referred to online sources such as Wikipedia to support their conclusion.

The court said: “While we...acknowledge the utility of these platforms which provide free access to knowledge across the globe, but we must also sound a note of caution against using such sources for legal dispute resolution. ...These sources...are based on a crowd-sourced and user-generated editing model that is not completely dependable ...and can promote misleading information.”

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Asian News International

Article [Talk](#)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Asian News International (ANI) is an Indian [news agency](#) that offers syndicated multimedia news feed to news bureaus in [India](#) and elsewhere.^{[3][4][5]} Established by Prem Prakash in 1971, it was the first agency in India to syndicate video news,^[6] and, as of 2019, is the biggest television news agency in India.

The news agency has been criticized for having served as a propaganda tool for the incumbent [central government](#),^{[7][8]} distributing materials from a vast network of [fake news websites](#),^{[9][10][11][12][13]} and misreporting events.^{[7][14]}

On July 9, 2024, ANI Media Private Limited filed a lawsuit against [Wikipedia](#) in the [Delhi High Court](#), claiming that the news agency was defamed in a description on the website. ANI is also seeking Rs. 2 crores (239,554.80 US Dollars) in damages from Wikipedia.^{[15][16][17]}

History

Misinformation

ANI has been also accused of [misreporting](#) events, by [fact checkers](#) certified by the [Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network \(IFCN\)](#).^{[7][14]} *The Caravan* came across several video footages from ANI, wherein logos of random television channels from Pakistan along with [Urdu](#) tickers were superimposed on news showcasing India in a positive light; their video editors have admitted to forging clips.^[7]

On 20 July 2023, ANI falsely blamed Muslims for the sexual assault and rape of two Kuki women during the [2023 Manipur violence](#).^[25]

Asian News International

ANI

South Asia's Leading Multimedia News Agency

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| Company type | News agency |
| Industry | Media, news media |
| Founded | 9 December 1971; 52 years ago ^[1] |
| Founder | Prem Prakash |
| Headquarters | New Delhi |
| Area served | India, South Asia |
| Key people | Sanjiv Prakash (CEO) Prem Prakash (Chairman) |
| Owner | ANI Media Private Limited ^[2] |

#BADSOURCES – HOW INDIAN NEWS AGENCY ANI QUOTED SOURCES THAT DO NOT EXIST

BAD SOURCES (BS)

How Indian news agency ANI quoted sources that do not exist






- **Background / पृष्ठभूमि:**


- News agency Asian News International (ANI) has moved the Delhi High Court against Wikipedia for allowing allegedly defamatory content on ANI's wiki page.

- समाचार एजेंसी एशियन न्यूज इंटरनेशनल (ANI) ने ANI के विकी पेज पर कथित रूप से मानहानिकारक सामग्री की अनुमति देने के लिए विकिपीडिया के खिलाफ दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय का दरवाजा खटखटाया है।





- **Complaint Against Wikipedia / विकिपीडिया के खिलाफ शिकायत:**

- The petitioner has sought damages of Rs 2 crore, alleging that the content is "palpably false" and defamatory, tarnishing ANI's reputation.
 - याचिकाकर्ता ने 2 करोड़ रुपये के हर्जाने की मांग की है, यह आरोप लगाते हुए कि सामग्री "स्पष्ट रूप से झूठी" और मानहानिकारक है, जिससे ANI की प्रतिष्ठा धूमिल हो रही है।
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ANI argues that the "false and misleading content" on Wikipedia raises doubts about ANI's credibility as a news agency.

ANI का तर्क है कि विकिपीडिया पर "झूठी और भ्रामक सामग्री" ANI की एक समाचार एजेंसी के रूप में विश्वसनीयता पर संदेह पैदा करती है।

Content Posted on Wikipedia / विकिपीडिया पर पोस्ट की गई सामग्री:

Wikipedia is a collaborative platform where users contribute to the content. The lawsuit targets Wikipedia, the intermediary, rather than the individuals who made the edits.

विकिपीडिया एक सहयोगी प्लेटफॉर्म है जहां उपयोगकर्ता सामग्री में योगदान करते हैं। मुकदमा विकिपीडिया, मध्यस्थ को लक्षित करता है, न कि उन व्यक्तियों को जिन्होंने संपादन किया।



Laws Invoked in the Case / मामले में लागू कानून:

ANI has argued that Wikipedia is a significant social media intermediary under Section 2(1)(w) of the IT Act, 2000.


ANI ने तर्क दिया है कि विकिपीडिया आईटी अधिनियम, 2000 की धारा 2(1)(डब्ल्यू) के तहत एक महत्वपूर्ण सोशल मीडिया मध्यस्थ है।



- The petitioner has relied on Sections 79(2) and (3) of the Act, which lay down the requirements for the "safe harbour clause" to come into effect. याचिकाकर्ता ने अधिनियम की धारा 79(2) और (3) पर भरोसा किया है, जो "सुरक्षित बंदरगाह खंड" के लागू होने की आवश्यकताओं को निर्धारित करती है।





- **The Safe Harbour Clause / सुरक्षित बंदरगाह खंड:**

- Section 79 of the IT Act states that an intermediary shall not be held liable for any third-party information, data, or communication link made available or hosted on its platform.
 - आईटी अधिनियम की धारा 79 कहती है कि किसी मध्यस्थ को उसके प्लेटफॉर्म पर उपलब्ध या होस्ट की गई किसी तीसरे पक्ष की जानकारी, डेटा या संचार लिंक के लिए उत्तरदायी नहीं ठहराया जाएगा।
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- The protection applies if the intermediary does not initiate the transmission of the message, select the receiver, or modify the information.
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The intermediary must adhere to the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, 2021, including setting up a grievance redressal mechanism.

मध्यस्थ को शिकायत निवारण तंत्र स्थापित करने सहित 2021 के मध्यस्थ दिशा-निर्देश और डिजिटल मीडिया नैतिकता संहिता का पालन करना चाहिए।

- **Previous Rulings of SC / सुप्रीम कोर्ट के पिछले फैसले:**
- On October 10, 2022, the Supreme Court dismissed a batch of petitions regarding defamatory content on Wikipedia, advising caution in using such sources for legal disputes.
- 10 अक्टूबर, 2022 को, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने विकिपीडिया पर मानहानिकारक सामग्री के संबंध में याचिकाओं के एक बैच को खारिज कर दिया, कानूनी विवादों के लिए ऐसे स्रोतों का उपयोग करते समय सावधानी बरतने की सलाह दी।

- Consider the following statements regarding the defamation case against Wikipedia:
 1. ANI has moved the Delhi High Court against Wikipedia for allegedly defamatory content on its wiki page.
 2. Section 79 of the IT Act provides protection to intermediaries from liability for third-party content if certain conditions are met.
 3. The safe harbour protection will apply even if the intermediary modifies the information contained in the transmission.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
 - a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 2 and 3 only
 - c) 1 and 3 only
 - d) 1, 2, and 3

UNESCO Designates 11 New Biosphere Reserves



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- The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has designated 11 new biosphere reserves, recognising their importance for conserving biodiversity and cultural heritage.

- **More about the News**

- The new designations are in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Gambia, Italy, Mongolia, Philippines, South Korea and Spain.
- Additionally, and for the first time, the list includes two transboundary reserves, spanning Belgium and the Netherlands, and Italy and Slovenia.

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The 11 newly designated biosphere reserves are:Kempen-Broek
Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Belgium, Netherlands)

Darien Norte Chocoano Biosphere Reserve (Colombia)

Madre de las Aguas Biosphere Reserve (Dominican Republic)

Niumi Biosphere Reserve (Gambia)

Colli Euganei Biosphere Reserve (Italy)

Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Italy, Slovenia)

Khar Us Lake Biosphere Reserve (Mongolia)

Apayaos Biosphere Reserve (Philippines)

Changnyeong Biosphere Reserve (South Korea)

Val d'Aran Biosphere Reserve (Spain)

Irati Biosphere Reserve (Spain).

What are Biosphere Reserves?

Biosphere reserves are designated under the **intergovernmental MAB Programme** by the Director-General of UNESCO following the decisions of the MAB International Coordinating Council (MAB ICC). Their status is internationally recognised.

The Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme, **launched in 1971**, is an international scientific initiative that aims to foster a harmonious relationship between humans and their environment.

India has 18 biosphere reserves, 12 of which are recognized under this program, with the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve being the first.

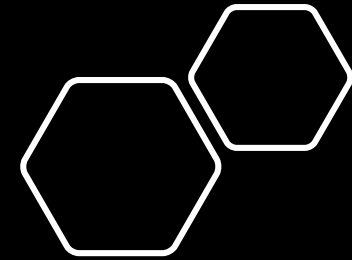
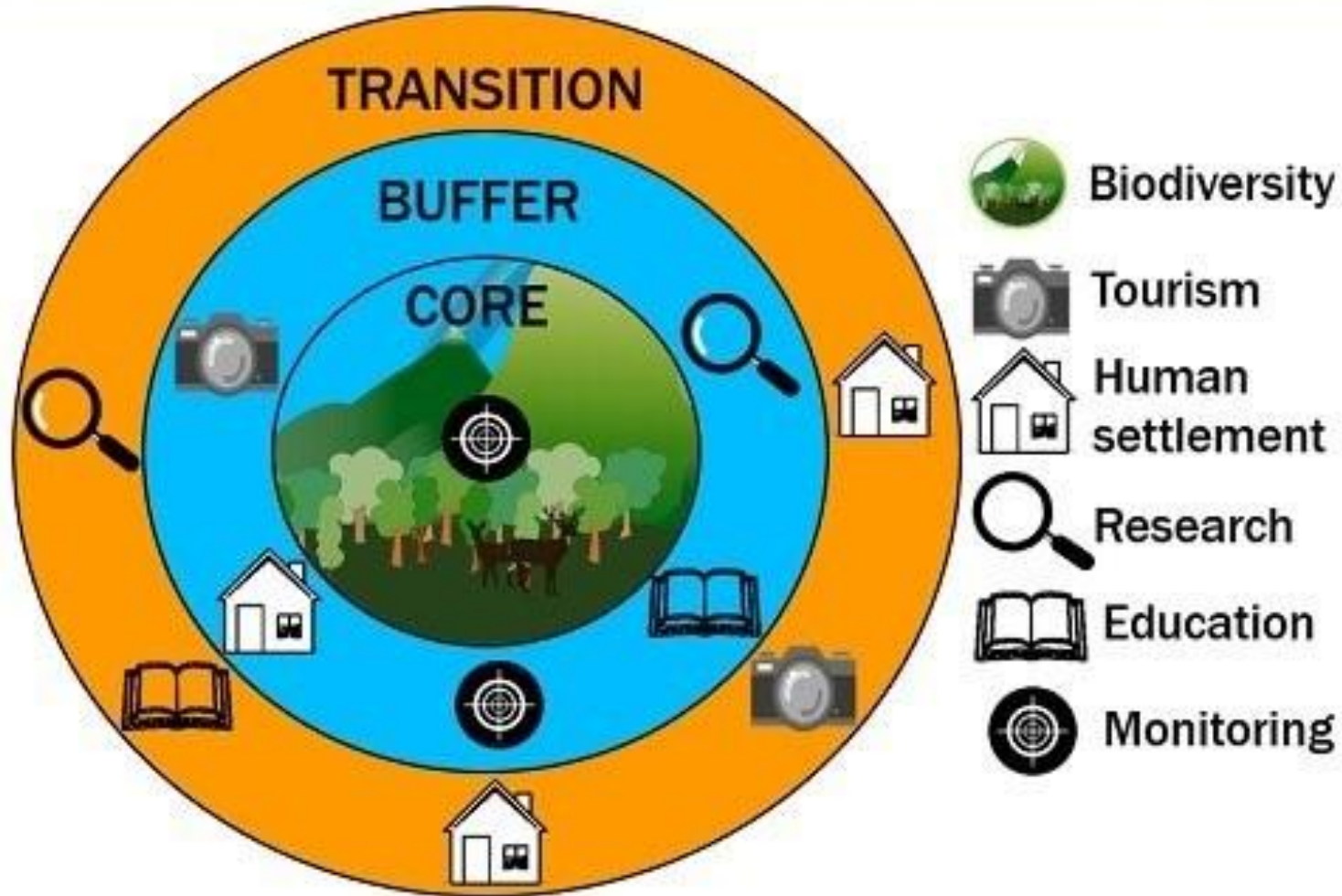
Biosphere Reserves are nominated by the national government which meets a minimal set of criteria under the **Man and Biosphere (MAB) Reserve Program** of UNESCO.

Total number of **World Network of Biosphere Reserves** is **759** located in **136 countries** and covers a total of **7,442,000 square kilometers**.

There are about **275 million people** living in biosphere reserves worldwide.

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Zones of Biosphere Reserves



Pangong Lake




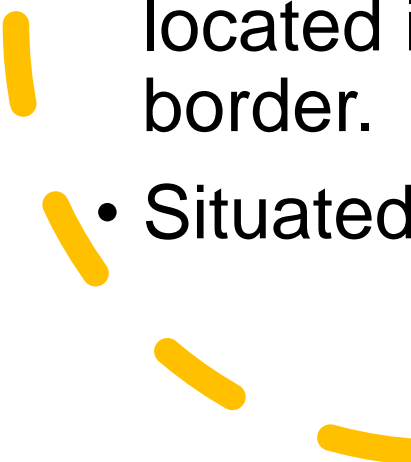











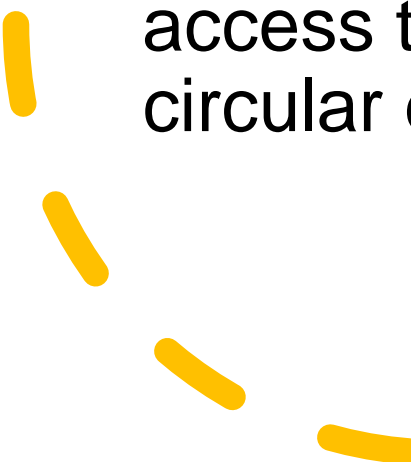
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- In the satellite images. It is found that China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has constructed underground bunkers in the area around Pangong Lake in eastern Ladakh.
 - **About Pangong Lake**
 - Pangong Tso is a **high-altitude, endorheic (landlocked)** lake located in the Himalayas, spanning the disputed India-China border.
 - Situated at 4,225 meters, and **predominantly saline.**
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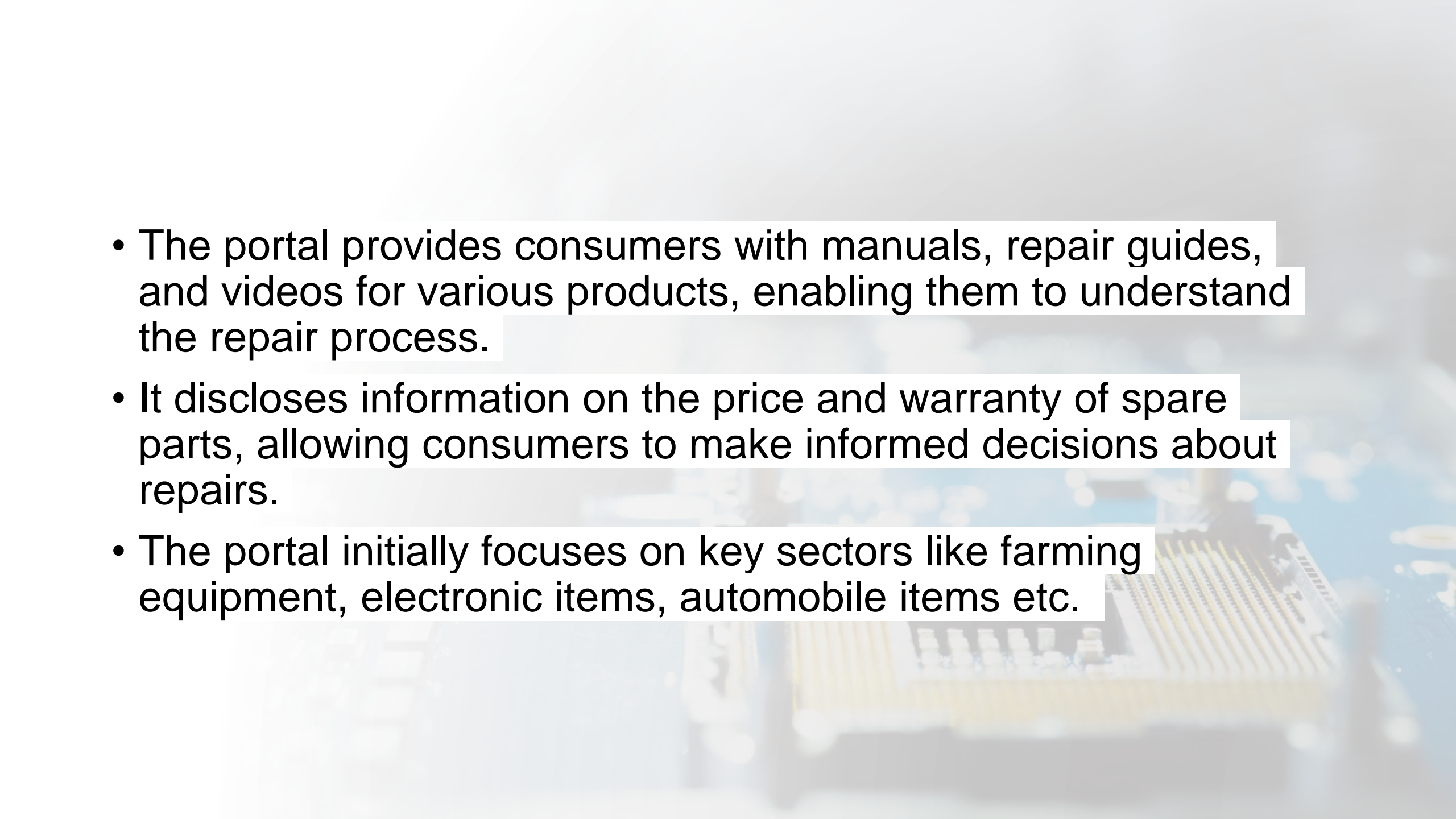
- The **lake's water changes colors**, appearing blue, green, or even red at different times, depending on sunlight and other factors.
- Pangong Tso is an essential **breeding ground for a wide variety of birds**, including several migratory species.
- **Home to nomadic tribes**, Pangong Tso also holds cultural significance, featuring in local folklore.
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Right to Repair Portal




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- The Centre asked the automobile companies to join the unified **Right to Repair Portal India**.
 - **About**
 - The portal was launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs to empower consumers by providing them with easy access to information on repairing their products, fostering a circular economy, and reducing e-waste.
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- The portal provides consumers with manuals, repair guides, and videos for various products, enabling them to understand the repair process.
 - It discloses information on the price and warranty of spare parts, allowing consumers to make informed decisions about repairs.
 - The portal initially focuses on key sectors like farming equipment, electronic items, automobile items etc.




'Naavu Manujaru' Programme



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- Karnataka government will start 'Naavu Manujaru' programme in schools.
 - **About 'Naavu Manujaru' programme**
 - It is ordered to begin from the current academic year across all government, aided, and unaided primary and high schools.
 - It involves two hours of weekly discussions and dialogues (three periods of 40 minutes each).
 - It will cover discussions on social harmony, significance of local and national festivals, folk games, and sports.
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- It will also focus on exploration of thoughts of social reformers, visits to local landmarks, and discussions on nuclear families, inequality elimination, and constitutional values like equality, liberty, and fraternity.
 - District-level nodal officers appointed to oversee implementation and provide guidance
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- **Objectives** : It is aimed at transforming all educational institutions into centers promoting social harmony, tolerance, and scientific temper.
 - It is Introduced to instill values enshrined in the Constitution among students.

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World Zoonoses Day


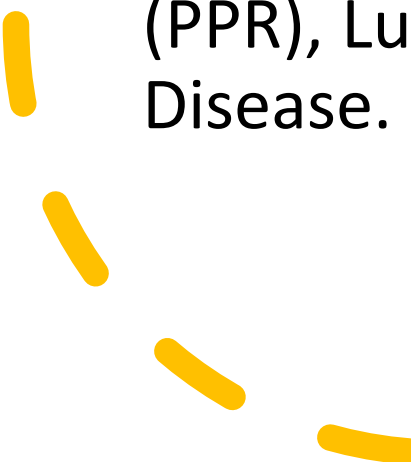
On the eve of World Zoonoses Day, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) organized an interactive session.



It is celebrated in honour of Louis Pasteur, who administered the first successful rabies vaccine, a zoonotic disease, on 6th July 1885.



Zoonoses are infectious diseases that can transfer between animals and humans, such as rabies, anthrax, influenza (H1N1 and H5N1), Nipah, Covid-19, brucellosis, and tuberculosis.

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- These diseases are caused by various pathogens, including bacteria, viruses, parasites, and fungi.
 - Many non-zoonotic diseases affect livestock without posing a risk to human health.
 - Examples include Foot & Mouth Disease, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Lumpy Skin Disease, Classical Swine Fever, and Ranikhet Disease.
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Rajasthan becomes the first state to adopt a 10-year Road Safety Action Plan



Rajasthan will become the first state in India to adopt a 10-year road safety action plan aimed at reducing road accidents by 50% by 2030.

Measures included in the Rajasthan government's 10-Year Road Safety Action Plan:

Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD): Technology Use: Implementation of the iRAD application for online data entry of road accidents.

Public Awareness and Behavioral Changes: Campaigns to raise awareness and bring about behavioural changes regarding road safety rules and provisions.

World Bank Assistance: Utilizing the World Bank's assistance to incorporate international best practices in the preparation of the action plan and road safety policy.

Coordination Among Stakeholders: Enhanced collaboration among various departments like Transport, Public Works, Police, Medical & Health, and Forest departments for accurate data reporting and successful implementation.

Workshops and Training: Workshop organized by the State Road Safety Institute aimed at training police personnel on the Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) application for effective data entry and analysis of road accidents.

Status of Road Accidents in India:

According to WHO estimates, **an estimated 300,000 road-related deaths occur in India annually**, contributing to economic costs between 5% and 7% of the national GDP.

A maximum number of cases were reported in Tamil Nadu.

Reasons: Speeding accounted for over half of all deaths, while **dangerous and careless driving** caused over 42000 deaths.

India has the **highest number of total persons killed** due to road accidents, followed by China and the United States.



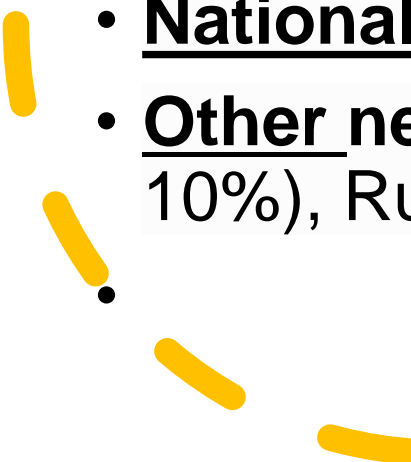
- **India's road network status:**

- **Road density**: 1,926 per 1,000 sq km in 2018-19, higher than many developed countries.

- **Surfaced/paved roads**: over 64% of the total road length, comparatively lower than in developed countries.

- **National Highways**: About 2% of total road length in 2019.

- **Other networks**: State Highways (about 3%), District Roads (about 10%), Rural Roads (about 7%)





Anand Marriage Act





Recently, the National Commission of Minorities held a meeting with states and Union Territories to discuss the implementation of the Anand Marriage Act.



About- The Anand Marriage or Sikh Marriage Act is legally recognizing and protects Sikh marriages conducted through the Anand Karaj ceremony.



Emergence – It dates back to 1909 when the British Imperial Legislative Council passed a legislation for the recognition of the Sikh wedding ceremony Anand Karaj.



Legal Recognition- In 2012, the Parliament passed the Anand Marriage (Amendment) Bill, bringing Sikh traditional marriages under the purview of legal recognition.



While the central government approved the amendments, it was left for individual states and Union territories to frame respective rules for the registration of Anand marriages.



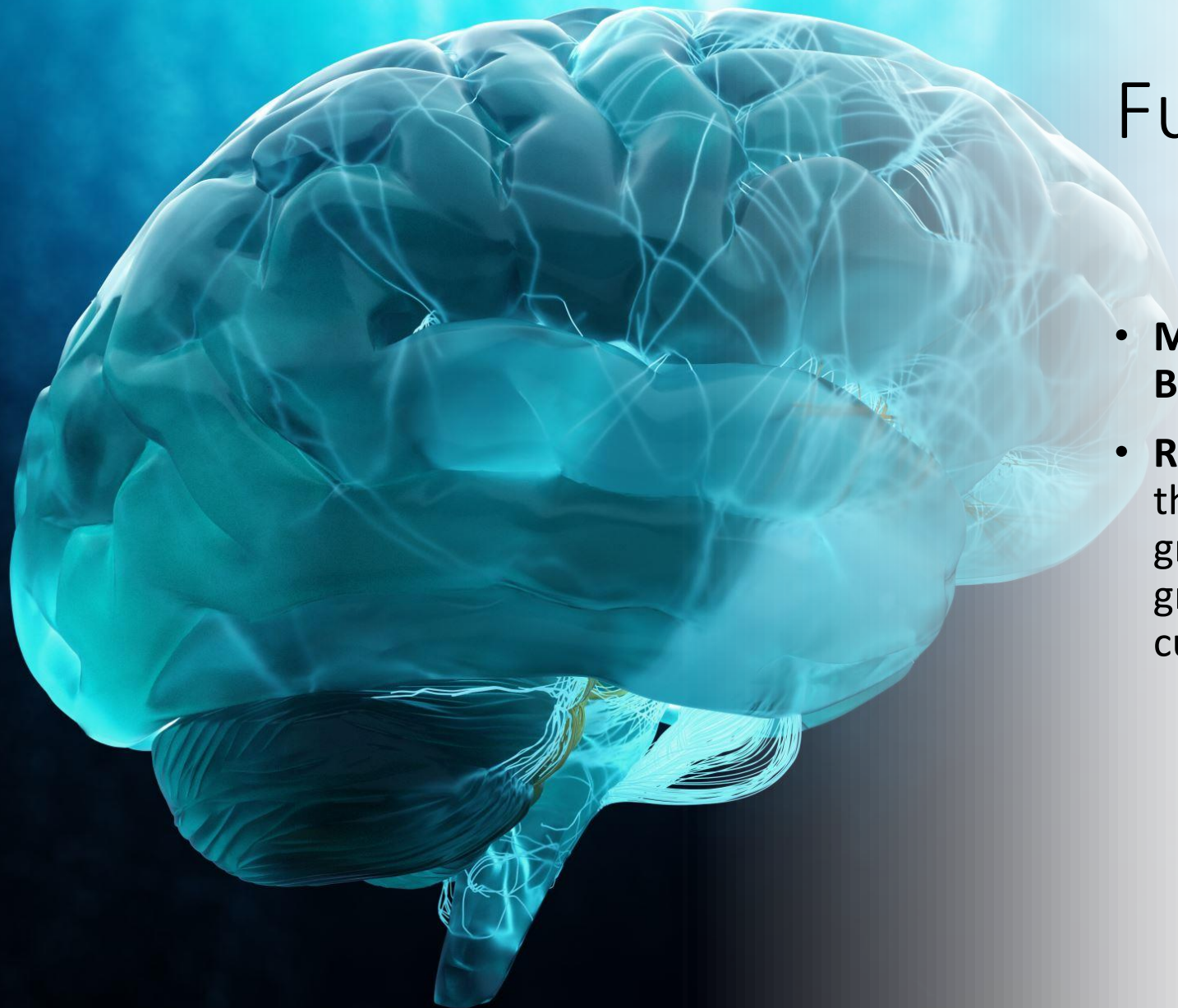
It also protects the rights and responsibilities of Sikh couples within the framework of legal marriage.



Objective- To address concerns from the Sikh community regarding the validity of their marriages under ***existing Hindu marriage laws.***



Implementation- States including ***Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Meghalaya*** have reported implementing the Anand Marriage Act.



Fun fact

- **Myth: Shaving Makes Hair Grow Back Thicker**
- **Reality:** Shaving does not affect the thickness or rate of hair growth. It might feel coarser as it grows back because the hair is cut straight across.

Word of the day

Swole:

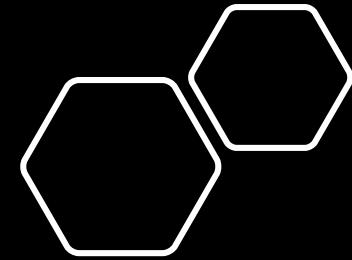
Extremely muscled

Synonyms: brawny, hefty, powerful

Usage: *She is showing off some pretty swole arms.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/swolepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /swəʊl/



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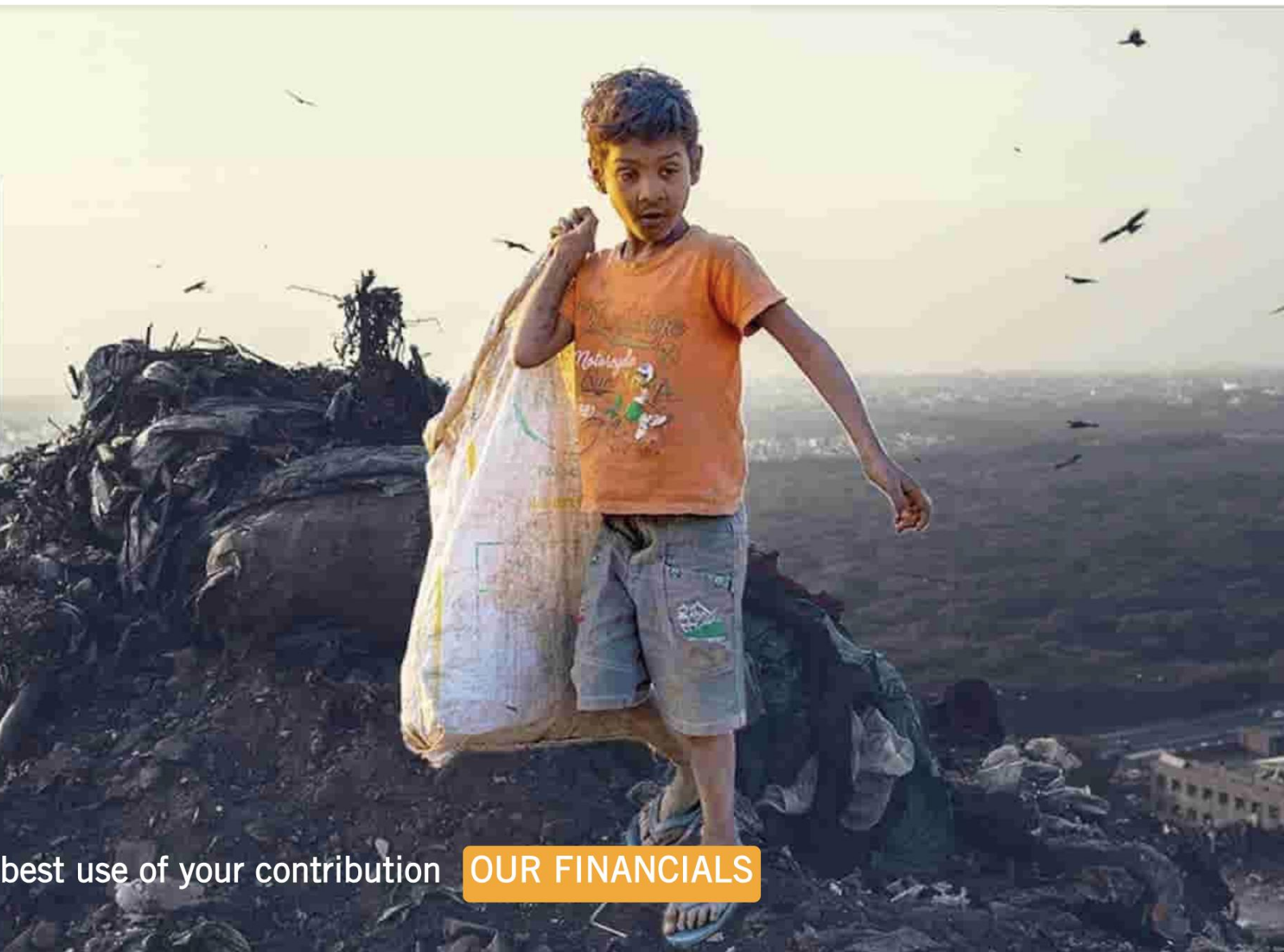
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