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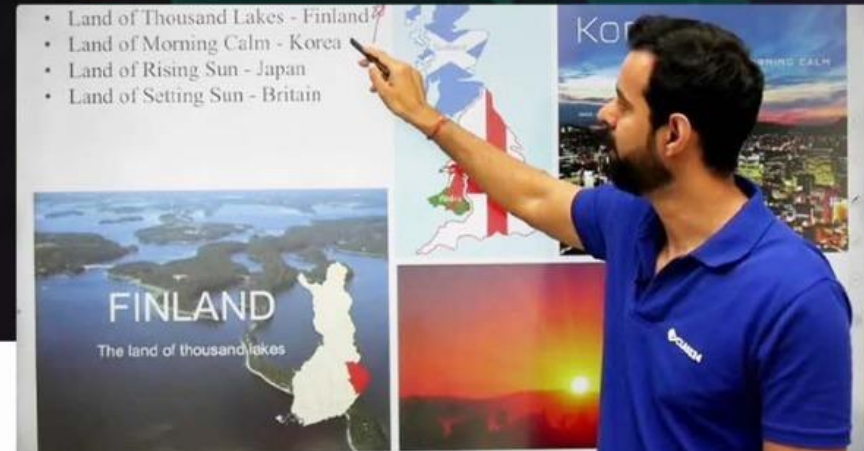
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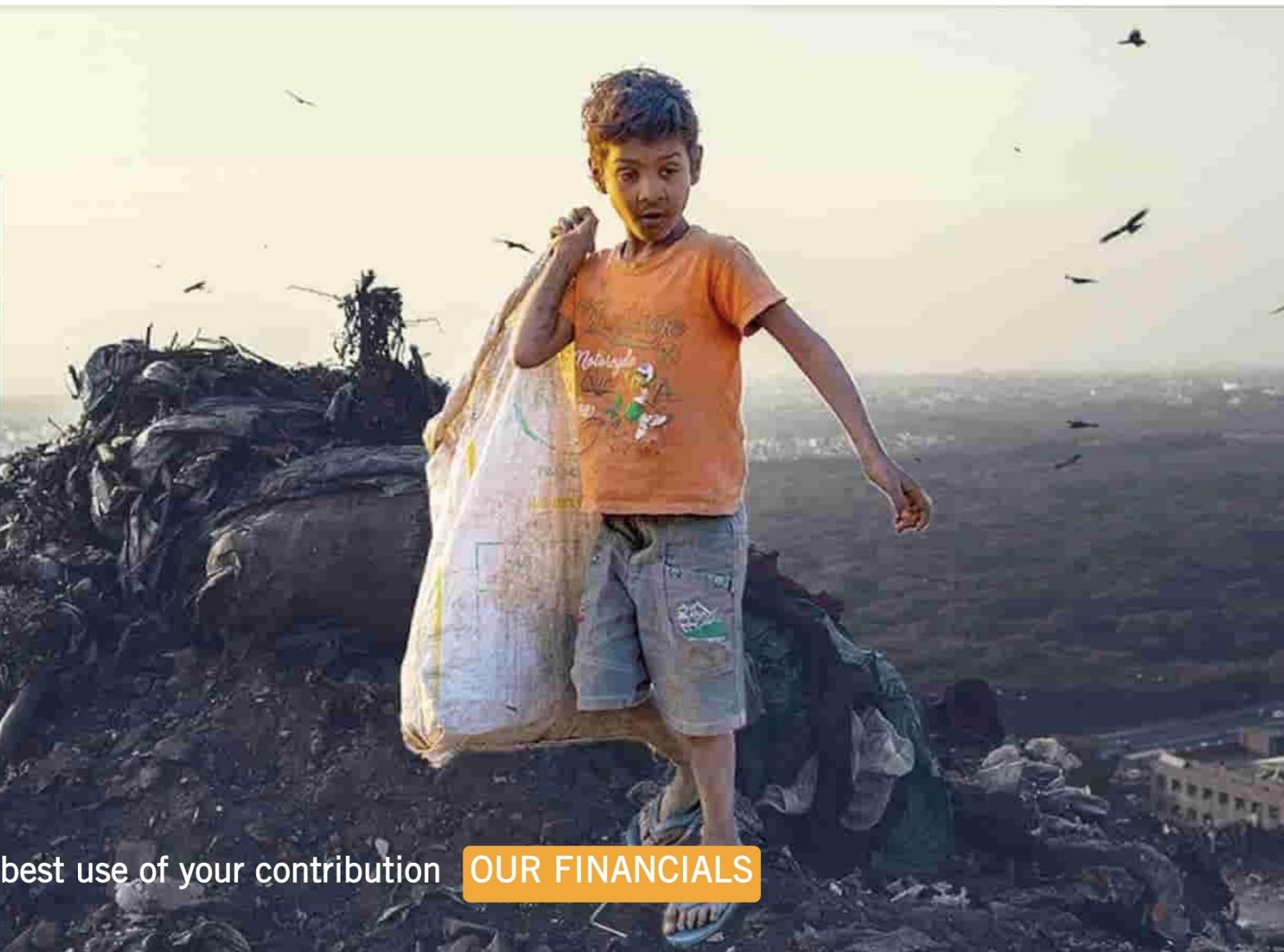






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**Centre holding back funds for T.N. projects: CM**

**DHARMAPURI**  
Smearing from the crushing defeat in Tamil Nadu in the Lok Sabha election, the BJP-led NDA government was withholding funding for the state's Metro Rail and other projects, Chief Minister H.K. Stalin alleged here on Thursday. > PAGE 2

**13 fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy**

**PUDUKOTTAI**  
The Sri Lankan Navy on Thursday arrested 13 fishermen from Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu for trespassing into the waters of the island nation. Coastal Security Group sources said that the fishermen had put out to sea on three mechanised boats on Wednesday. > PAGE 4

**Centre set to implement Labour Codes**

**NEW DELHI**  
Almost a month after the swearing-in of the new government, the Union Labour Ministry has initiated efforts to implement the four Labour Codes. Though passed in both Houses of Parliament, the Codes are not yet operational owing to objections from trade unions. > PAGE 5

**Netanyahu demands Israeli control of Gaza**

**JERUSALEM**  
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demanded on Thursday that Israel retain control of Gaza territories as part of any accord to suspend the war. The condition conflicts with Hamas's stance that Israel must withdraw from all Gaza territory after a ceasefire. > PAGE 14

# NEET counselling from July third week: govt.

Supreme Court adjourns hearing of the case to July 18: Union government says candidatures of students found to be beneficiaries of any malpractices will be cancelled at any stage during the counselling process or even afterwards; cancellation would have no impact on the overall seat allocation process if done before the third round, says Centre

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI  
The Union government has said that counselling for eligible NEET-UG candidates will be conducted in four rounds from the third week of July even as the Supreme Court on Thursday deferred the hearing of the case to July 18. The government, in its latest affidavit, has banked on an IT-Madras report to count out "mass malpractice" in the exam.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India J.Y. Chandrachud accepted the request of lawyers to adjourn the hearing. Advocates Manoj I. Nedumpara and Charu Mathur, appearing for the petitioners, said the Centre

and the National Testing Agency (NTA) had filed their counter-affidavits late in time for them to go through the documents. Chief Justice Chandrachud informed the assembled lawyers that the CBI has already filed a status report. During the previous hearing on July 8, the top court orally remarked that the sanctity of NEET was compromised beyond doubt. Despite this, the Chief Justice had expressed reluctance to order a re-test. The top judge reasoned that such a step would be an "extreme last resort".

The Centre said that candidates of students found to be beneficiaries of any malpractices would be cancelled at any stage during the counselling process or even afterwards. It said the counselling process could be manoeuvred around such cancellations. The government explained that the allocation of seats would depend on the timing of the cancella-

## CBI arrests key accused in NEET paper leak case

**PATNA**  
The Central Bureau of Investigation on Thursday arrested two key accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case. Rakesh Ranjan alias Rocky was produced before a Special CBI Court in Patna on Thursday and placed in CBI custody for 10 days. > PAGE 6

round, the vacant seats could still be offered in the subsequent round. Candidates who have already been allocated seats in the earlier rounds would not be able to participate in the subsequent round, the government said. In case the candidature of any candidate is cancelled after the conclusion of four rounds, the vacated seats could be put up for additional rounds of counselling. The Centre submitted, "The apex court is dealing with nearly 40 petitions alleging irregularities such as students receiving different marks on their scorecards compared to their OMR sheets; unprecedented inflation of cut-off and average marks resulting in an unprecedented

67 candidates achieving perfect 720 marks. Many of these petitioners have sought a direction from the court to scrap NEET-UG 2024 and hold fresh exams. The NTA, which holds the exam, has rebutted the allegation that 67 candidates scored perfect marks as "fallacious and incorrect". It said the total number of actual candidates whose final scores reflected perfect 720 marks was 61. Out of these 61, 17 candidates spread across 67 centres in 15 cities had provisional answer keys and 44 on account of the revision in one answer key of Physics. > PAGE 6

## Against all odds



In defiance: Protesters gather in large numbers at the Azadi Maidan in Mumbai even as rain lashed the city on Thursday. CHAMANNA, YOUNG

## Cauvery panel asks Karnataka to ensure flow of water for T.N.

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee has asked Karnataka to ensure flow of 11,500 cusecs at Biligundlu every day till July 31

**The Hindu Bureau**  
BENGALURU  
The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Thursday asked Karnataka to ensure the flow of 11,500 cusecs of water at Biligundlu every day till July 31 to supply water for Tamil Nadu. Karnataka had cited deficit water flow, and urged the committee to defer any decision till July 25.

According to a note from the office of Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar, the State informed the CWRC that between June 1 and July 9, the total inflow into four reservoirs in Karnataka was 41,651 tmcft, while the total storage in three reservoirs in Tamil Nadu is 24,705 tmcft.

It was also pointed out that 4,905 tmcft of water from Mettur and 6,618 tmcft from the Bhavani (a total of 8,423 tmcft) was being released into the river. Based on the data, the note said, Karnataka argued that it was better to wait till July 25 before any decision on water release is taken. The note said Tamil Nadu argued that Karnataka had not maintained the flow of water into the river

for environmental purposes between February and May. The current year is being treated as a normal year and inflow into the river also remains normal. Hence, the water flow at Biligundlu should be what the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal awarded and confirmed by the Supreme Court, it argued. Meanwhile, Mr. Shivakumar told presspersons in Bengaluru that water was inadequate.

## Two members of Meitei outfit held, arms seized in Manipur

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI  
The Manipur Police arrested two members of the radical armed Meitei outfit Arambai Tengrol in the Patna Bazar area in Imphal on Wednesday. The police also seized arms and ammunition, including an INSAS rifle with 16 live rounds and a pistol with three live rounds. The accused have been identified as Kangabam Lalin Singh, 43, and Tojiam Shantikshor, 50. The Manipur Police said a case had been registered "for further investigation and legal action".

Reserve Battalion camps across the valley area reported having their armories "looted" of over 5,000 weapons, including INSAS rifles. Over 4,000 weapons are yet to be recovered. The arrest came a day after the Manipur Police and Central Reserve Police Force arrested three individuals identified as armed cadres of an underground outfit in Kangpokpi district, during joint operations. The police were acting on inputs from the National Investigation Agency.

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## China 'decisive enabler' of Russia's war, says NATO

**Agence France-Presse**  
WASHINGTON  
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Russia's isolated economy. U.S. President Joe Biden, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and others attend a meeting in Washington on Thursday. REUTERS  
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Russia’s isolated economy, with trade booming since the conflict began.

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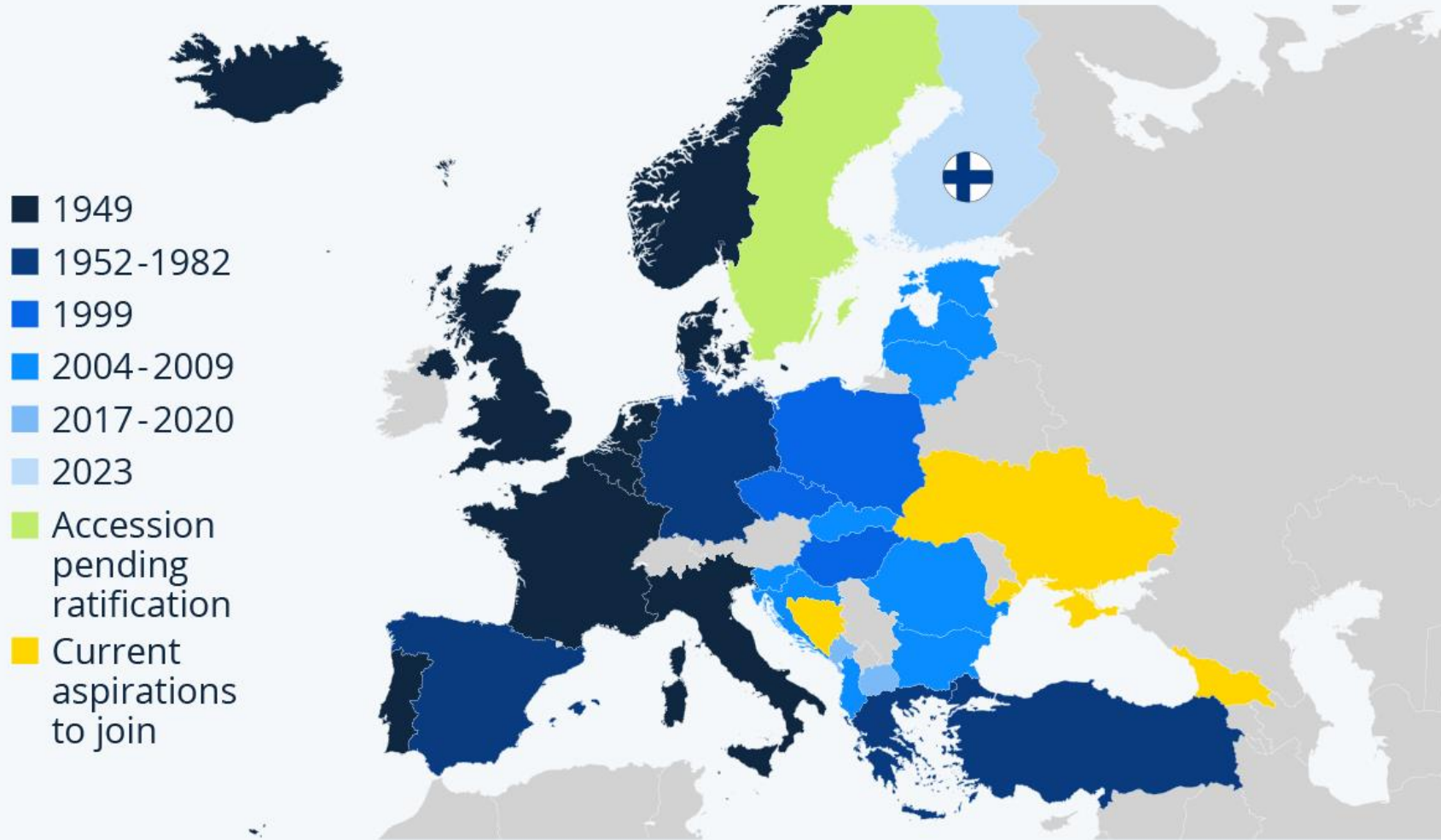
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| <b>Abbreviation</b>                            | NATO, <i>OTAN</i>   |
| <b>Formation</b>                               | 4 April 1949 (75 years ago)   |
| <b>Type</b>                                    | Military alliance   |
| <b>Headquarters</b>                            | Brussels, Belgium   |
| <b>Membership</b>                              | 32 states <a href="#">[show]</a>  |
| <b>Official languages</b>                      | English · French <sup>[1][2]</sup>  |
| <b>Secretary General</b>                       | Jens Stoltenberg  |
| <b>Chair of the NATO Military Committee</b>    | Rob Bauer   |
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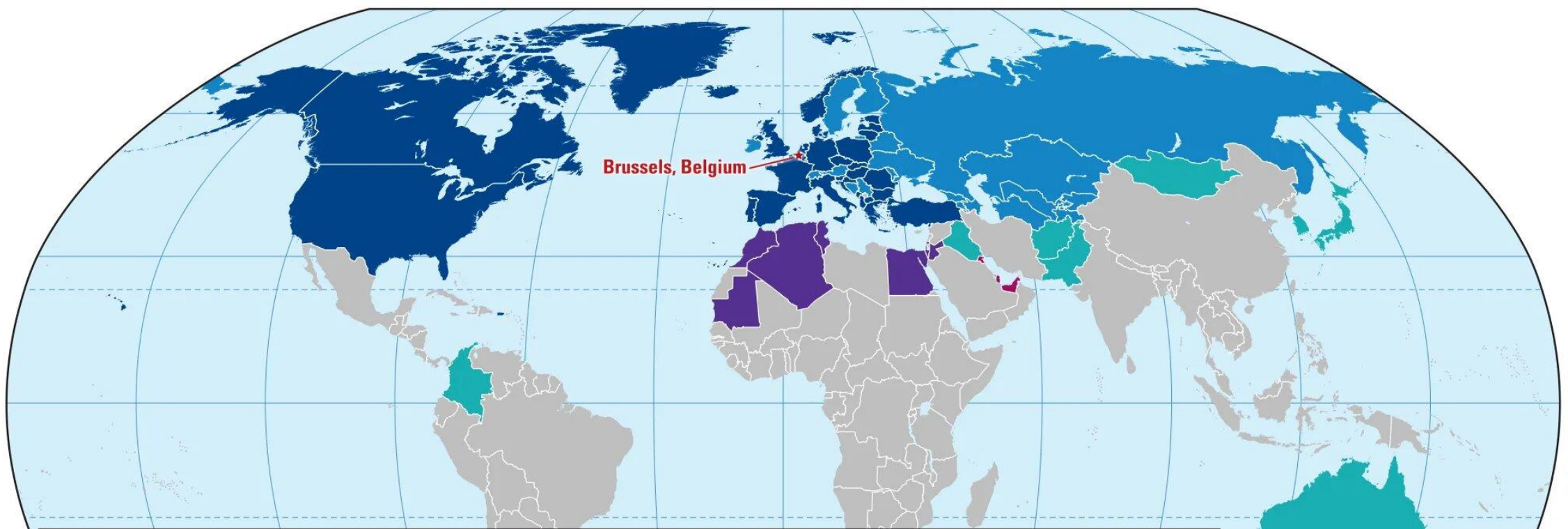
# Finland Becomes 31st Member of NATO

European countries by year they joined NATO



Map excludes the United States and Canada, both founding members of NATO.





## NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Member countries                   | NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue   | Partners across the globe |
| Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council* | Istanbul Cooperation Initiative | NATO headquarters         |

### MEMBERSHIP TIMELINE



\* EAPC includes all NATO members in addition to these partner countries.


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- **NATO's Accusation / नाटो का आरोप**

- NATO leaders accused China of being a "decisive enabler" of Russia's war against Ukraine by supplying dual-use goods like microchips.
  - नाटो नेताओं ने चीन पर यूक्रेन के खिलाफ रूस के युद्ध का "निर्णायक सहायक" होने का आरोप लगाया, जो माइक्रोचिप्स जैसे दोहरे उपयोग वाले सामानों की आपूर्ति कर रहा है।
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- **Summit Focus / शिखर सम्मेलन का ध्यान**
  - The summit focused on bolstering ties with Asian partners and supporting Ukraine.
  - शिखर सम्मेलन का ध्यान एशियाई साझेदारों के साथ संबंधों को मजबूत करने और यूक्रेन का समर्थन करने पर था।
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- **China's Response / चीन की प्रतिक्रिया**
- China accused NATO of seeking security at the expense of others and bringing chaos to Asia.
- चीन ने नाटो पर दूसरों की कीमत पर सुरक्षा चाहने और एशिया में अराजकता लाने का आरोप लगाया।



- **US Strategy / अमेरिकी रणनीति**
- The US announced plans to deploy long-range missiles to Germany by 2026.
- अमेरिका ने 2026 तक जर्मनी में लंबी दूरी की मिसाइलें तैनात करने की योजना की घोषणा की।





- **Economic Impact / आर्थिक प्रभाव**
- Russia's isolated economy has seen a trade boom since the conflict began, partly due to China's support.
- संघर्ष शुरू होने के बाद से रूस की पृथक अर्थव्यवस्था ने चीन के समर्थन के कारण व्यापार में उछाल देखा है।






- **NATO's Gathering / नाटो की सभा**

- The Washington summit was attended by leaders from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea, marking the third such gathering.

- वाशिंगटन शिखर सम्मेलन में ऑस्ट्रेलिया, जापान, न्यूजीलैंड और दक्षिण कोरिया के नेताओं ने भाग लिया, जो इस तरह की तीसरी सभा है।





## Political and Strategic Implications / राजनीतिक और रणनीतिक निहितार्थ

### Impact on NATO-Asia Relations / नाटो-एशिया संबंधों पर प्रभाव

- Strengthening ties with Asian partners indicates NATO's strategic pivot towards Asia amidst the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- एशियाई साझेदारों के साथ संबंधों को मजबूत करना रूस-यूक्रेन संघर्ष के बीच एशिया की ओर नाटो के रणनीतिक बदलाव को इंगित करता है।

China's Global Role / चीन की वैश्विक भूमिका

US and European Allies / अमेरिका और यूरोपीय  
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- Consider the following statements regarding NATO's recent stance on China's role in the Russia-Ukraine conflict:

1. NATO leaders accused China of enabling Russia's war against Ukraine by supplying dual-use goods.
2. The US plans to deploy long-range missiles to Germany by 2024.
3. The summit in Washington was attended by leaders from Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea.

- 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



## Telangana SIB former chief denies phone tapping allegations

Press Trust of India  
HYDERABAD

The former chief of Telangana's Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB), T. Prabhakar Rao, a key accused in the phone-tapping case, has denied the allegations made against him and termed them "wild and false".

The retired police officer, who is in the U.S. for "medical treatment", recently wrote to the investigating officer of the case, asserting that he had neither committed nor directed anyone to commit any illegal acts or omissions while discharging his duties as a police officer at any time, including as the chief of the SIB.

"My consulting doctors advised me not to travel out of the USA, till my health has completely stabilised as it may have grave consequences if not diagnosed and treated on time," Mr. Rao said.

A suspended DSP of the SIB, two Additional Superintendents of Police, and a former Deputy Commissioner of Police have been arrested by the Hyderabad Police since March 13 for allegedly erasing the intelligence information from various electronic gadgets as well as for alleged phone tapping during the previous BIS regime.

The former SIB chief said he was "prepared to assist in the investigation in any kind of questioning or video conferencing or teleconferencing".

## Expect implementation of A.P. Reorganisation Act: Congress

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh says with BJP losing majority, one can hope for rapid work; he says Centre is initiating feasibility study for refinery, petrochemical complex in A.P. after 10 years

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The BJP-led government in the past 10 years dragged its feet in implementing the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Thursday, while hoping that since the BJP was now no longer in majority, there would be rapid implementation of the Act.

Flagging a news report on the Centre initiating a feasibility report for an oil refinery and petrochemical complex in Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Ramesh said it



JAIRAM RAMESH  
Congress general secretary

was part of the original commitment made by the Manmohan Singh government as part of the 13th Schedule of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

"In fact, the 'one-third PM's' government was le-

gally obliged to deliver the project within the last 10 years, and ICG/HPCIL were obliged to examine the feasibility of the project within six months," Mr. Ramesh said, noting that it was only now that the government was initiating

the feasibility study.

The phrase "one-third PM" that the Congress has been using for Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in reference to the BJP's shrunken presence in the Lok Sabha with 240 seats. "This lackadaisical pace of implementation of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act was one of the reasons why Telugu Desam Party chief N. Chandrababu Naidu announced he would draw from the NDA in 2018. Perhaps now that the 'one-third PM' has lost his majority and his ego, we can expect rapid implementation of the Act," Mr. Ramesh said.

## Trial in ISRO case may be delayed

K.S. Sudhi  
KOCHI

The trial in the Indian Space Research Organisation espionage case may take a significant time to begin as a host of legal options are available for the accused to challenge the case proceedings, including the charge sheet filed against them.

The Central Bureau of Investigation had filed a charge sheet against four former Kerala Police officials and an Intelligence Bureau official in the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Thiruvananthapuram. The agency named pol-

ice officers S. Vijayan, Siby Mathew, K.K. Joisua, and P.S. Jayaprakash and former Intelligence Bureau official R.B. Sreekumar as the accused in the case.

The CJM listed Mardian Rasheed, who was allegedly involved by the first accused Vijayan and illegally detained and tortured by all the other accused, as a witness.

The prominent witnesses include former ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan, who too was illegally detained and tortured by the accused, former top police officer Ramon Sri-

vastava, and a few journal-

ists who had covered the issue when it unfolded two decades ago. The accused need not appear in person in court on July 12 when the CJM considers the case. The accused, if being served with summons from the court, can appear through their lawyers and seek an adjournment for appearance or appear in person and obtain bail after fulfilling the bail conditions imposed by the court.

The charges can challenge the proceedings in the CJM court in the case. The accused can move a discharge petition before the CJM argu-

ing that there is no sufficient grounds for framing charges against them.

They can argue for a charge up to the Supreme Court in the case. The CJM and HC turning down the discharge pleas. The legal process may take significant time to complete and the trial will be put on hold till the appeal court judge on the plea of the accused, sources say.

In the event of the dismissal of the discharge petitions, the trial will be held in the CJM court. Thiruvananthapuram, as the offences charged against the accused are triable by a magistrate court.

## 'Adjustment politics led to tepid show by Congress in Karnataka'

The Hindu Bureau  
BENGALURU

The simmering internal tensions in the Congress seem to have come out into the open with allegations being made before the AICC fact-finding committee of "adjustment politics" and "indifference to elections" shown by Ministers, leading to the tepid performance by the party in the Lok Sabha election.

Some senior Ministers have been accused of colluding with the BJP and JD (S) and working against the Congress candidates, resulting in defeat, party sources said. "The general feeling is that the party lost six to eight seats due to internal rift, jealousy, and adjustments," sources said.

Distribution of party ticket to children of Ministers led to the other Ministers showing "indifference" or "working against the party candidate", all of which were conveyed to the fact-finding committee led by AICC general secretary Madhuvan Mistry, the sources said.

"One of the biggest reasons identified for the party's under performance was the public spat between senior Ministers belonging to the Chief Minister's camp and the Minister camps over leadership tussle," they said.

The Congress increased its tally to nine in 2024 from one in 2019, but fell short of its expectation of winning 14 to 16 seats in Karnataka.

## T.N. will soon unveil policies on Deep Tech and AI: Minister

The Hindu Bureau  
CHENNAI

Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services Palaniivel Thiaga Rajan on Thursday said Tamil Nadu would soon unveil policies on Deep Tech and Artificial Intelligence (AI), and that the State was expecting to set up a Deep Tech fund.

"In the recent discussion on the demands for grant for the IT and Digital Services Department in the Assembly, we spoke about a mantra or slogan, 'Innovate in Tamil Nadu'. As we are the most industrialised State with the greatest talent pool, we need to use the innovation approach to stimulate our economy and achieve Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's vision of a \$1-trillion economy by 2030," he said at an event to mark the first anniversary of Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (TNT Hub).

"We are at an interesting inflection point in the technology space with the advent of Deep Tech and AI..." Mr. Thiaga Rajan said, adding that in alignment with the State's Deep Tech Policy, which is expected to be announced soon, the State government would focus on areas of technology product design to facilitate new product development with a confluence of product designers and developers, and manufacturing support.

Later, he told media persons that the Tamil Nadu government had been taking steps to ensure that



Palaniivel Thiaga Rajan

start-ups were set up in the State. Asked whether there would be two different policies for Deep Tech and AI, or an integrated one, he said the policy could mean different things. "It could be an incentive policy or a regulatory or a guideline policy which sets up how the Deep Tech would be developed," he said.

**Start-up ecosystems**  
Addressing the event through video-conference, S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, stressed the need to bring all start-up ecosystems together. At the event, the TNT Hub invited Moti with Tamil Nadu Smart and Advance Manufacturing Centre, in association with Siemens; Tamil Nadu Centres of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing, in association with Dassault Systemes; Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation; Amazon Web Services India; Microsoft India; D Labs; and Intel.

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### + Strong connection



A footbridge made from an old truck chassis has been built to connect Rampiah, Jaddu, a remote hamlet, with Kumbler in Karnataka's Kodagu district. For decades, the residents crossed the swollen river during the monsoon through a makeshift wooden footbridge. They can now have a sign of relief as their demand for permanent connectivity is being realised. UNESH S HETTIYAR

## Offence of cruelty by husband does not apply to live-in partner: Kerala High Court

The Hindu Bureau  
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has observed that a man who was not a legally wedded partner of a woman cannot be prosecuted for the offence of cruelty under Section 498(A) of the India Penal Code (IPC) as he does not come under the definition of husband in the Section.

Justice A. Badharudeen made the observation recently while quashing a case registered against a live-in partner on a complaint of a woman. The court observed that



Marriage is the constituent which takes the woman's partner to the status of her husband. Marriage means a marriage in the eye of the law. Thus, without legal marriage, if a man becomes a woman's partner, he will not be covered by the term 'husband' under Section 498(A) of IPC. The allegation against the man was that, while the woman was maintaining a live-in relationship with him, he sexually harassed her. The period from March 13, 2023 to August 20, 2023 at his house, he mentally and physically harassed her.

## Carrying 1,930 containers, San Fernando becomes first mothership to dock at Kerala's Vizhinjam port

The Hindu Bureau  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Scripting a new chapter in the maritime history of the country, the first mothership carrying cargo from the Xiamen port in China called at the Vizhinjam international seaport, India's first deep-water container transshipment port, on Thursday morning.

The Marshall Island-flagged container ship *San Fernando*, owned by SFL Corporation Ltd. and chartered by Maersk (AP Moller Group), Denmark, is managed by the German-based Bernhard Schulte Ship Management, Singapore. Adani Port pilots boarded the ship carrying 1,930

## Do not panic, Vizag steel plant will not be shut down, says Steel Minister Kumaraswamy

V. Kamalakara Rao  
VISAKHAPATNAM

Do not panic, we will not shut down the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), Union Steel & Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said on Thursday.

"The family of Rashtreeya Ispat Nigam Limited, the corporate arm of VSP, should not panic about its closure," Mr. Kumaraswamy said during his visit to the plant here for the first time. He was accompanied by Union Minister for Steel & Heavy Industries, Minister Sri-Nivasa Varma.

Mr. Kumaraswamy is president of the Karnataka unit of the Janata Dal (Sec-



Maiden visit: Union Minister of Steel & Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on Thursday.

ular), which is a part of the NDA coalition government at the Centre.

Addressing the trade union representatives, Mr. Kumaraswamy extended his best wishes to the plant, and said, "With the



support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, RINL will not be shut down and, instead, its production will reach 100%. We believe that RINL is one of the plants that will help in improving the country's GDP."

## Telangana starts exercise for Budget Session

The Hindu Bureau  
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has initiated the exercise for conducting the Budget Session of Legislature in the last week of this month.

Assembly Speaker G. Prasad Kumar and Council Chairman Gurba Sukhender Reddy conducted a preparatory meeting with senior officials on Thursday. The meeting was convened against the backdrop of the Union government's announcement on introducing the Budget for the FY 2024-25 in Parliament on July 23. The State government had passed a Vote on Account Budget on February 10.



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# Offence of cruelty by husband does not apply to live-in partner: Kerala High Court

**The Hindu Bureau**

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has observed that a man who was not a legally wedded partner of a woman cannot be prosecuted for the offence of cruelty under Section 498 (A) of the India Penal Code (IPC) as he does not come under the definition of husband in the Section.

Justice A. Badharudeen made the observation recently while quashing a case registered against a live-in partner on a complaint of a woman.

The court observed that



Marriage is the constituent which takes the woman's partner to the status of her husband, says Kerala HC.

the term "husband" means a married man, a woman's partner in marriage. Thus,

the marriage was the constituent which takes the woman's partner to the status of her husband. Marriage means a marriage in the eye of the law. Thus, without legal marriage, if a man becomes a woman's partner, he will not be covered by the term 'husband' under Section 498(A) of IPC.

The allegation against the man was that, while the woman was maintaining a live-in relationship with the accused, during the period from March 13, 2023 to August 20, 2023 at his house, he mentally and physically harassed her.



- **Definition of Husband / पति की परिभाषा**
- The term "husband" as per Section 498(A) refers to a legally wedded man.
- धारा 498(ए) के अनुसार "पति" का मतलब कानूनी रूप से विवाहित व्यक्ति है।










- **Case Details / मामले का विवरण**

- The case involved a complaint by a woman against her live-in partner alleging mental and physical harassment.
  - यह मामला एक महिला द्वारा अपने लिव-इन साथी के खिलाफ मानसिक और शारीरिक उत्पीड़न के आरोप वाली शिकायत से संबंधित था।
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- **Period of Alleged Harassment /  
कथित उत्पीड़न की अवधि**
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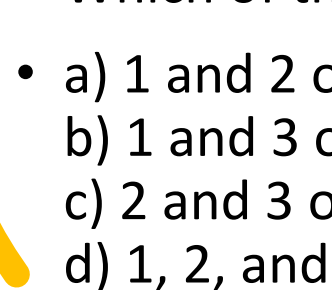


## Legal Implications / कानूनी निहितार्थ

### Impact on Live-In Relationships / लिव-इन रिश्तों पर प्रभाव

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    3. The case involved allegations of mental and physical harassment by a live-in partner.
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# Carrying 1,930 containers, *San Fernando* becomes first mothership to dock at Kerala's Vizhinjam port

**The Hindu Bureau**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Scripting a new chapter in the maritime history of the country, the first mothership carrying cargo from the Xiamen port in China called at the Vizhinjam international seaport, India's first deep-water container transshipment port, on Thursday morning.

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However, the project, which was scheduled to be commissioned in 2019, got delayed and missed several deadlines due to various reasons. The trial run of the port will officially begin on July 12, ahead of the revised scheduled commissioning in December 2024.







# Major Ports in India

# INDIA

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KANDLA  
JAMNAGAR  
ALL GUJARAT PORTS

HALDIA

KOLKATTA

MUMBAI

PARADIP

GOA

VISHAKAPATNAM

Artificial

Artificial  
MANGALORE

CHENNAI

Artificial

COCHIN

TUTICORIN

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- **Historical Event / ऐतिहासिक घटना**

- The first mothership carrying 1,930 containers, San Fernando, docked at Kerala's Vizhinjam international seaport, marking a new chapter in India's maritime history.

- पहला मदरशिप 1,930 कंटेनरों के साथ, सैन फर्नांडो, केरल के विज़िनजाम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बंदरगाह पर डॉक किया, जो भारत के समुद्री इतिहास में एक नया अध्याय है।







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सैन फर्नांडो एक मार्शल द्वीप-ध्वजांकित कंटेनर जहाज है जो एसएफएल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड के स्वामित्व में है और बर्नहार्ड शल्ट शिप मैनेजमेंट, सिंगापुर द्वारा प्रबंधित है।

- **Berthing Process / बरथिंग प्रक्रिया**
- Adani Port pilots navigated the ship through the buoyed channel to the tranquil breakwater area. The ship was aligned and pushed to the berth by four tugs.
- अदानी पोर्ट पायलटों ने जहाज को चैनल के माध्यम से शांत ब्रेकवाटर क्षेत्र में नेविगेट किया। जहाज को चार टग्स द्वारा बर्थ तक ले जाया गया।






- **Official Reception / आधिकारिक स्वागत**

- The official reception planned by the Kerala government will be attended by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, and others.

- केरल सरकार द्वारा आयोजित आधिकारिक स्वागत समारोह में मुख्यमंत्री पिनाराई विजयन, केंद्रीय शिपिंग मंत्री सर्बानंद सोनोवाल और अन्य शामिल होंगे।

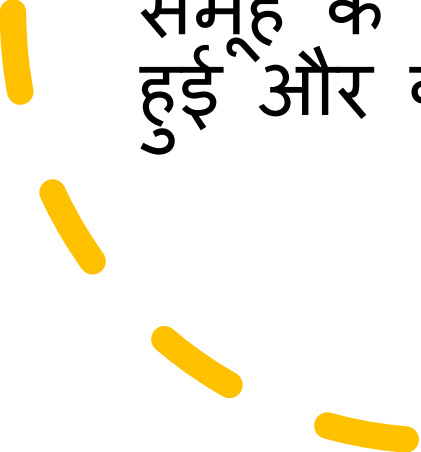






- **Project Details / परियोजना का विवरण**

- The ₹7,700-crore port project, started in December 2015 in a public-private partnership with the Adani Group, faced delays and missed several deadlines.

- ₹7,700 करोड़ की बंदरगाह परियोजना, जो दिसंबर 2015 में अदानी समूह के साथ सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी में शुरू की गई थी, में देरी हुई और कई समय सीमाएं छूट गईं।





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- **Trial and Commissioning / परीक्षण और कमीशनिंग**
  - The trial run of the port will officially begin on July 12, with the revised commissioning scheduled for December 2024.
  - बंदरगाह का परीक्षण आधिकारिक तौर पर 12 जुलाई को शुरू होगा, जिसमें संशोधित कमीशनिंग दिसंबर 2024 के लिए निर्धारित है।
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1. San Fernando is the first mothership to dock at India's first deep-water container transshipment port in Vizhinjam.

2. The Vizhinjam port project was started in December 2015 and is being developed in partnership with the Adani Group.

3. The trial run of the port is scheduled to begin in December 2024.

- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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## Will raise Manipur issue with full force in Parliament: Rahul

Press Trust of India  
NEW DELHI

The Congress and the INDIA bloc will raise the need for peace in Manipur with full force in Parliament to put pressure on the government to end this tragedy, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday, days after his visit to the violence-hit State. He also reiterated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should visit Manipur and appeal for peace. Mr. Gandhi made the remarks in a post in Hindi on X (formerly Twitter) as he shared a video of his interactions with the people of Manipur during his day-long visit to the State on Monday.

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Nistula Hebbar  
NEW DELHI

A 'robot tax' to cross-subsidise employees who lose jobs because of the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by their employers is a key item on the budget wishlist of the Swasthi Jagran Manch (SJM), which is affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). In a pre-Budget meeting of economists with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last month, the SJM also suggested that tax incentives be given to industries generating more employment, based on an employment-output ratio.

Ashwani Mahajan, economist and national convener of the SJM, who attended the June 20 meeting, told *The Hindu* that economic measures were needed to cope with the human cost of AI. "We are not against the adoption of cutting-edge technology including AI, but it is a fact that in the short run, this will lead to loss of employment among certain sections of employees, and a 'robot tax', as it's being termed, can be used for creating a fund that would help these workers upskill and adapt to new technologies," he said.

**On job creation**  
Apart from the 'robot tax', some concerns raised during the Lok Sabha poll campaign are also reflected in the SJM's wishlist. With unemployment rising as a major theme during the campaign, the SJM has suggested that industries be incentivised to create more jobs through tax measures. With regard to food inflation, it proposed that small farmers be given subsidies for micro-irrigation projects that they can start on their lands to increase productivity. On the issue of housing for all, the SJM suggested that a wealth tax be imposed on those who own "vacant land", in order to "discourage unnecessary land holding on the pretext of future requirements".

## Indian ship crew win 'exceptional bravery' awards for Red Sea rescue

Press Trust of India  
LONDON

Captain Avilash Rawat and his crew of an oil tanker have been named among the winners of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2024 award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for their "exceptionally courageous" actions shown in a Red Sea rescue mission.

Captain Rawat and his crew were declared winners of the award by the IMO on Tuesday for the "determination and endurance" demonstrated while coordinating firefighting and

## SKM farmers to meet MPs, send petition to Prime Minister with 14 demands

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Farmers groups belonging to the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha have renewed their struggle with a charter of 14 demands, including the immediate enactment of a law to guarantee minimum support prices (MSPs) for their produce in accordance with the M.S. Swaminathan Committee's formula.

The charter will be presented to the Centre and Opposition parties, with petitions to be sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi. Farmers also plan to meet all MPs to ensure that their demands are raised in Parliament. SKM leaders told journalists during a day after a general body meeting on Wednesday. The SKM is an umbrella body of the farmers groups who held a year-long agitation outside Delhi in 2020 and 2021 against three bills that sought to increase the power sector and against prepaid smart meters. The charter includes a demand for comprehensive public sector insurance coverage for all crops and animal husbandry, scrapping the Pradhan

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The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

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If the recommendation comes through, Justice Singh will be the first judge from Manipur to be elevated to the Supreme Court Bench.

"Mr Justice N. Kottiswar Singh originally hails from Manipur... His (Justice Singh) appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court will provide representation to the North-East, and in particular he will be the first serving judge of the Madras High Court including the Judges from the Supreme Court Bench. Chief Justice outside the Madras High Court. At this stage, the Collegium has given precedence to the candidature of Mr. Mahadevan in order to give representation to the backward community, the reservation explained.



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The Collegium said Justice Mahadevan was "eminently suitable" for appointment as a Supreme Court Judge. He belongs to a Scheduled Caste from Tamil Nadu, and will bring diversity to the Supreme Court Bench. "The Collegium has taken due note of the fact that Mr. Mahadevan ranks third in the order of seniority among the judges of the Madras High Court including the Judges from the Supreme Court Bench. Chief Justice outside the Madras High Court. At this stage, the Collegium has given precedence to the candidature of Mr. Mahadevan in order to give representation to the backward community, the reservation explained.

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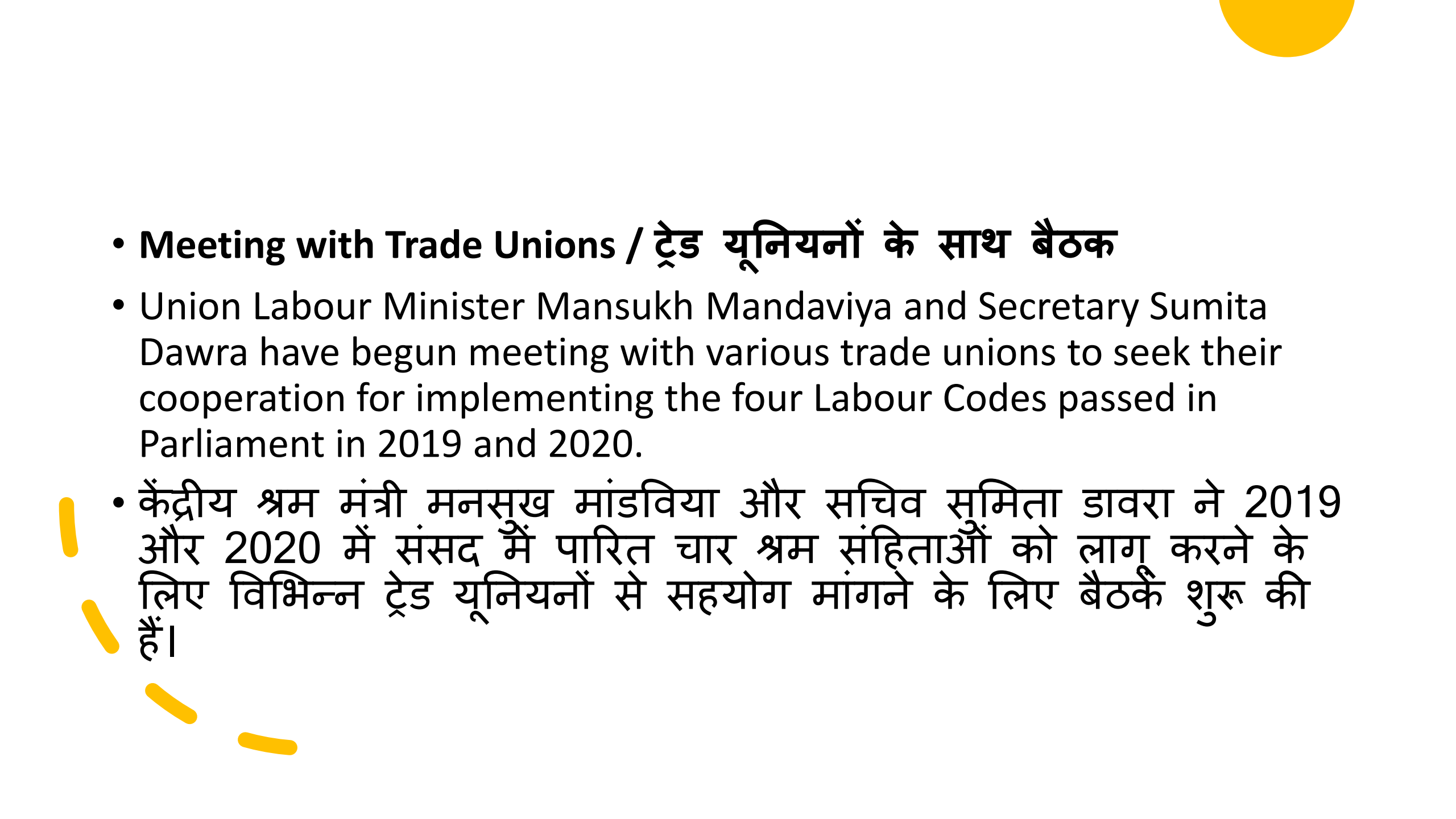
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Manali Shah, national secretary of SEWA, said the issue came up in the meeting and the Centre is keen to implement it. She, however, said SEWA is opposed to the four codes and the purpose of visit was mainly to raise the lack of social security measures for unorganised and migrant workers.

“The current social security legislation fails to adequately safeguard their rights as State policies and laws concerning social security offer no specific provisions for migrant workers. Both migrant workers crossing State borders and workers employed outside India face similar deprivation of protection under social security laws and schemes,” a memorandum by SEWA said. Ten Central unions, including SEWA, had written to Mr. Mandaviya urging him to meet the trade unions on the issues of workers.



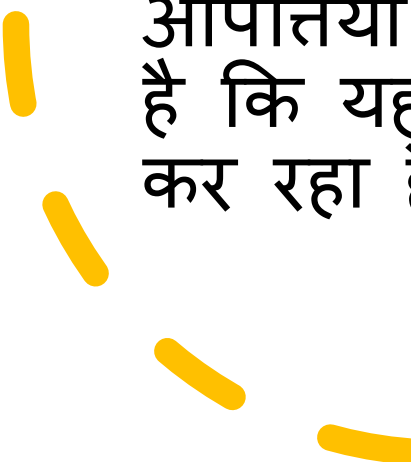
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- **Meeting with Trade Unions / ट्रेड यूनियनों के साथ बैठक**
  - Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Secretary Sumita Dawra have begun meeting with various trade unions to seek their cooperation for implementing the four Labour Codes passed in Parliament in 2019 and 2020.
  - केंद्रीय श्रम मंत्री मनसुख मांडविया और सचिव समिता डावरा ने 2019 और 2020 में संसद में पारित चार श्रम संहिताओं को लागू करने के लिए विभिन्न ट्रेड यूनियनों से सहयोग मांगने के लिए बैठकें शुरू की हैं।



- **Pending Operationalization / संचालन लंबित**


- Although passed in both Houses, the Codes are not yet operational due to objections raised by trade unions. The Centre claims it is assisting States in framing the Rules to complete the process.

- दोनों सदनों में पारित होने के बावजूद, ट्रेड यूनियनों द्वारा उठाई गई आपत्तियों के कारण संहिताएं अभी तक चालू नहीं हुई हैं। केंद्र का दावा है कि यह प्रक्रिया पूरी करने के लिए राज्यों को नियम बनाने में मदद कर रहा है।






- **Concerns and Objections / चिंताएँ और आपत्तियाँ**

- Trade unions, including the Central trade unions (CTUs) and the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), have expressed concerns about anti-worker provisions and lack of social security measures.
  - केंद्रीय ट्रेड यूनियनों (CTUs) और स्व-नियोजित महिला संघ (SEWA) सहित ट्रेड यूनियनों ने श्रमिक विरोधी प्रावधानों और सामाजिक सुरक्षा उपायों की कमी के बारे में चिंताएं व्यक्त की हैं।
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- **Labour Codes / श्रम संहिताएं**

- The four Labour Codes include the Code on Wages, Industrial Relations Code, Social Security Code, and Occupational Safety and Health Code.
  - चार श्रम संहिताओं में वेतन संहिता, औद्योगिक संबंध संहिता, सामाजिक सुरक्षा संहिता, और व्यावसायिक सुरक्षा और स्वास्थ्य संहिता शामिल हैं।
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- Consider the following statements regarding the recent efforts to implement Labour Codes in India:

1.The four Labour Codes were passed in Parliament in 2019 and 2020.

2.The Codes are currently operational despite objections raised by trade unions.

3.The Code on Wages and the Code on Social Security are among the four Labour Codes.

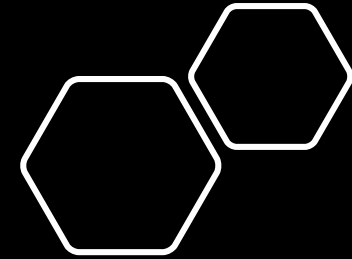
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## IAF contingent lands in Australia for biennial exercise

An Indian Air Force contingent landed at the Royal Australian Air Force base in Darwin on Thursday to participate in the biennial multinational Exercise Pitch Black scheduled to be conducted from July 12 to August 2. “The IAF contingent comprises of over 150 highly skilled air warriors including pilots, engineers, technicians, controllers and other subject matter experts, who will be operating the formidable Su-30 MKI multirole fighters, with the C-17 Globemaster and the IL-78 Air-to-Air refuelling aircraft in combat enabling roles,” the IAF said in a statement. “The exercise would provide IAF with an opportunity towards force integration with participating nations and mutual exchange of best practices,” it added in the statement



# Indian ship crew win 'exceptional bravery' awards for Red Sea rescue

**Press Trust of India**

LONDON

Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew of an oil tanker have been named among the winners of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2024 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for their "extraordinary courage" shown in a Red Sea rescue mission.

Captain Rawat and his crew were declared winners by the IMO on Wednesday for the "determination and endurance" demonstrated while coordinating firefighting and

**The crew were given the award by the International Maritime Organisation**

damage control efforts to combat a fire that broke out after an anti-ship missile reportedly fired by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels struck their vessel 'Marlin Luanda' earlier this year.

Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of the Indian Navy ship *INS Visakhapatnam* have been conferred a Letter of Commendation for their sup-

port to the oil tanker when in distress.

"On the evening of J26 January 2024, the Marlin Luanda, carrying 84,147 tonnes of Naphtha, was en route from Suez to Incheon when it was struck by an anti-ship ballistic missile. The explosion ignited a cargo tank, creating a significant fire hazard with flames exceeding 5 meters," reads the award citation.

"Despite the damage, Captain Avhilash Rawat swiftly organised firefighting efforts, ensuring the crew's safety and maintaining the ship's navigabil-

ity amidst the chaos. With the starboard lifeboat destroyed, the remaining crew mustered at the port lifeboat station, ready for potential evacuation," it added.

Despite the extreme danger and the constant threat of further attacks, Captain Rawat and his crew fought the fire using fixed foam monitors and portable hoses. The fire continued to spread, particularly affecting an adjacent tank, but the crew managed to contain it using seawater after foam supplies were exhausted, the IMO said.

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| <b>Abbreviation</b>        | ILO   |
| <b>Formation</b>           | 11 April 1919; 105 years ago  |
| <b>Type</b>                | <a href="#">United Nations specialized agency</a>   |
| <b>Legal status</b>        | Active  |
| <b>Headquarters</b>        | <a href="#">Geneva</a> , Switzerland  |
| <b>Official languages</b>  | <a href="#">English</a> · <a href="#">Spanish</a> · <a href="#">French</a>                                    |
| <b>Director-general</b>    | <a href="#">Gilbert Hougbo</a>  |
| <b>Parent organization</b> | <a href="#">United Nations General Assembly</a><br><a href="#">United Nations Economic and Social Council</a> |
| <b>Award(s)</b>            | <a href="#">Nobel Peace Prize (1969)</a>  |





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# Impact of Red Sea crisis

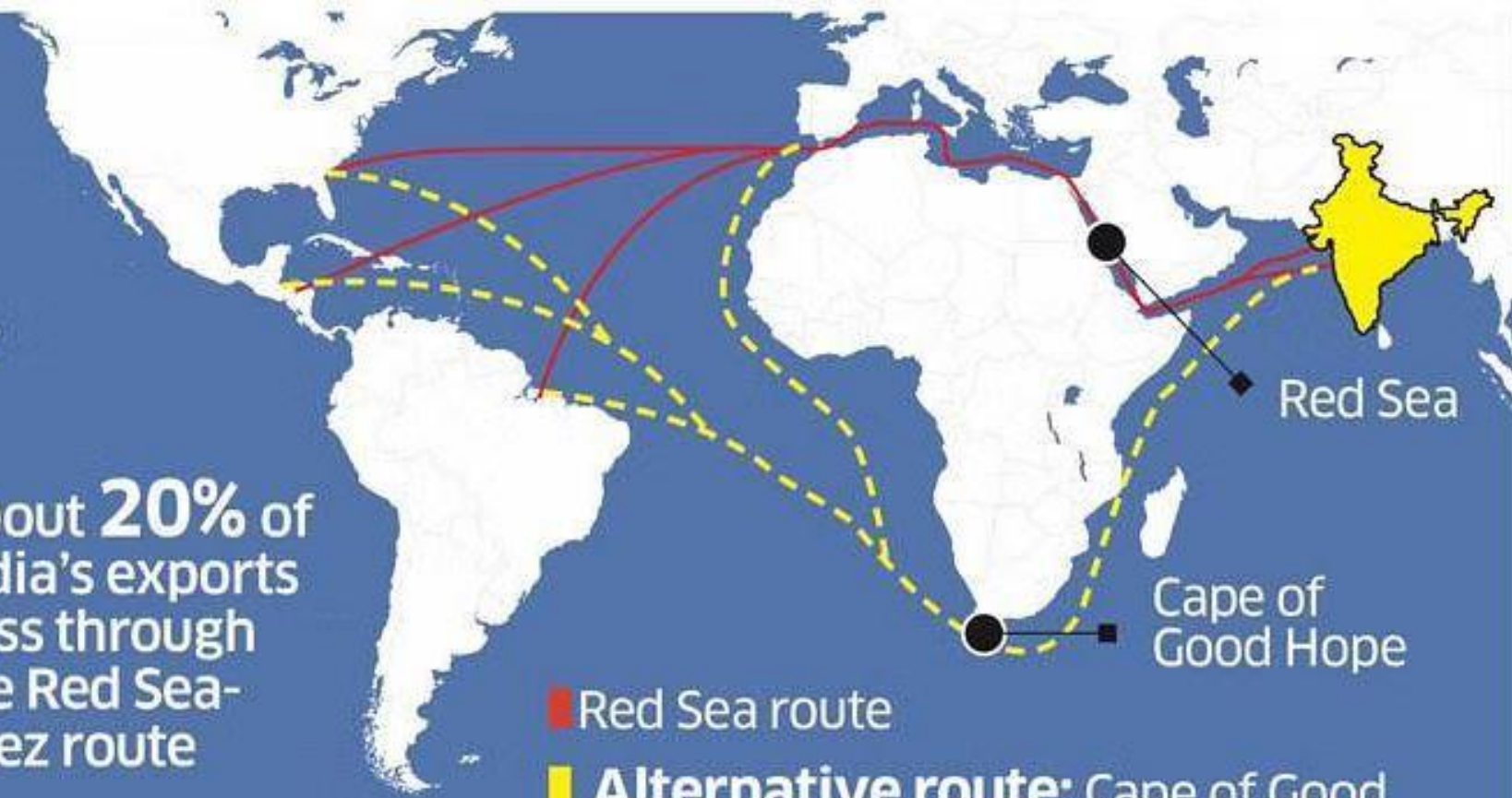
War risk premiums higher by around Rs 10-15 lakh

Over **30%** increase in container freight rates

Avg 2-week increase in shipping time

About **20%** of India's exports pass through the Red Sea-Suez route

10 navies come together to address security challenges in the southern Red Sea



- **Award Announcement / पुरस्कार की घोषणा**
- Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew from an oil tanker won the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 2024 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.
- कप्तान अविलाष रावत और उनके क्रू ने IMO 2024 पुरस्कार जीता है, जो समुद्र में असाधारण बहादुरी के लिए दिया गया है।



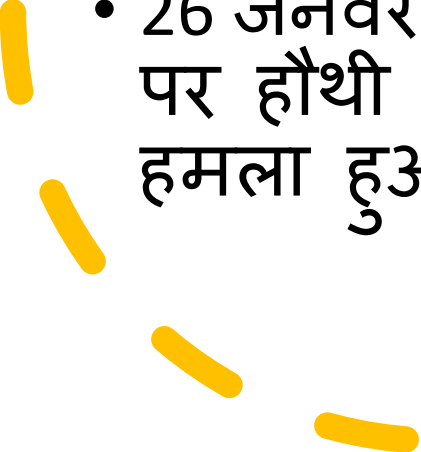
- **Reason for the Award / पुरस्कार का कारण**
- They were recognized for their "extraordinary courage" shown in a rescue mission in the Red Sea, demonstrating determination and endurance during firefighting and damage control efforts after an anti-ship missile attack.
- उन्हें लाल सागर में बचाव मिशन के दौरान असाधारण बहादुरी दिखाने के लिए मान्यता मिली, जहां उन्होंने जहाज पर हमला होने के बाद दमकल और नुकसान नियंत्रण प्रयासों में दृढ़ता और सहनशीलता का प्रदर्शन किया।







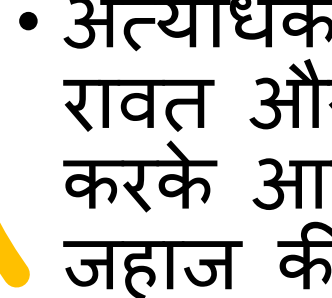
- **Details of the Incident / घटना का विवरण**

- On January 26, 2024, the Marlin Luanda, carrying 84,147 tonnes of Naphtha, was struck by an anti-ship ballistic missile reportedly fired by Houthi rebels. This caused a significant fire hazard with flames exceeding 5 meters.
  - 26 जनवरी 2024 को, मार्लिन लुआंडा, जिसमें 84,147 टन नेफथा था, पर हौथी विद्रोहियों द्वारा दागी गई एंटी-शिप बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का हमला हुआ। इससे 5 मीटर से अधिक ऊंची आग लग गई।
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- **Firefighting Efforts / दमकल प्रयास**



- Despite the extreme danger and threat of further attacks, Captain Rawat and his crew fought the fire using foam monitors and portable hoses, ensuring the crew's safety and maintaining the ship's navigability.

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- अत्यधिक खतरे और आगे के हमलों के खतरे के बावजूद, कप्तान रावत और उनके क्रू ने फोम मॉनिटर और पोर्टेबल होसेस का उपयोग करके आग से लड़ाई की, जिससे क्रू की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित हुई और जहाज की नेविगेशन क्षमता बनी रही।

## Commendation for Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना के लिए प्रशंसा पत्र

Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of INS Visakhapatnam were conferred a Letter of Commendation for their support to the oil tanker in distress.

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- Consider the following statements regarding the Indian ship crew winning the 'Exceptional Bravery' awards:
    1. Captain Avhilash Rawat and his crew were awarded by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) for their bravery in the Red Sea rescue mission.
    2. The Marlin Luanda was struck by an anti-ship missile fired by Houthi rebels.
    3. Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of INS Visakhapatnam were awarded the same IMO bravery award.
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## DDA VC cites inquiry which refers to 'L-G role' in tree felling case

In affidavit to Supreme Court, DDA VC points to mail which DDA engineer had earlier termed as 'manipulated'

**MALLICA JOSHI & JATHI ANAND**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

TEN DAYS AFTER a Delhi Development Authority (DDA) engineer submitted a deposition in the Supreme Court stating that an email sent from his account allegedly implicating the L-G for felling of trees in the Southern Ridge was "manipulated... and changed with malicious intent", DDA Vice Chairman Subhasish Panda wrote to the L-G's Principal Secretary pointing out that an inquiry had revealed that an email by the engineer had mentioned

that the HLG (Honourable Lieutenant-Governor) had directed the clearing of trees. A fresh affidavit filed by DDA in the Supreme Court on Wednesday includes a letter written on June 28, 2024, by Panda to Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary to the L-G, which states: "In compliance of the... (Supreme Court) order an inquiry has been instituted by me by constituting a three-member committee of senior officials of DDA to identify the person(s) who entrusted the job of felling of trees to the contractor without waiting for permission from the honourable Supreme Court. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## In midnight visit, J&K cops detain HC Bar Association's chairman

**Nazir Ahmad Ronga booked under PSA, says family**

**BASHAARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 11

THE JAMMU and Kashmir police have detained the chairman of the J&K High Court Bar Association Nazir Ahmad Ronga following a midnight visit to his home in Srinagar, his son said on Thursday.

The family claims they were informed in the morning that advocate Ronga has been booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

Ronga's son Umair Ronga, also an advocate at the Srinagar High Court, first posted online, "My father, advocate N A Ronga, has just been arrested in a deeply disturbing turn of events. At 1:10 am, a contingent of J&K Police arrived at our home without any arrest warrant, merely stating, 'It's an order from above (upper order hat). We are left in a state of shock and profusion in our faces. We can only hope this is not another instance of the PSA being misused to intimidate the members of the Bar Association."

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Umair said, "This morning, when he was being taken for a medical check-up, police told us he has been booked under the PSA. We were told that he would

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## VIZHINJAM WELCOMES FIRST MOTHERSHIP

The Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL) in Thiruvananthapuram, India's first deepwater trans-shipment port, received its first mothership, MV *Xian Ferrandis*, on Thursday. The 300-metre-long Marshall Islands-registered ship berthed at VISL after arriving from Xiamen in China. PTI

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## PM'S MEETING WITH ECONOMISTS Budget focus likely on jobs, rural economy and manufacturing

**ANCHAL MAGAZINE**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

A RENEWED THRUST on jobs, alongside a concerted push to manufacturing and rural businesses, were the key issues flagged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a meeting with economists on Thursday.

With less than a fortnight for the presentation of the Union Budget 2024-25 on July 23, the Prime Minister is learnt to have also touched upon the complexities of Centre-state relations, particularly with the Centre funding many programmes or schemes, and states not assum-



PM Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at a meeting with economists in Delhi. ANI

ing full accountability over implementing these on the ground. The meeting was held in the NTI Aayog office with Finance

## UGC-NET row: JNU may go back to own entrance exam for PhD

**VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU University (JNU) has started discussions on going back to the old system of conducting its own entrance examination for PhD admissions. This move comes in the wake of the recent cancellation of the University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) today after it was held, following questions over its integrity.

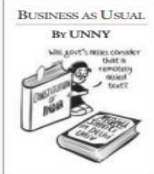
Confirming this, JNU Vice Chancellor Santishree D Pandit said: "We have begun the process and are taking the opinion of all stakeholders.

The UGC-NET is a crucial examination for entry-level teaching jobs and PhD admissions in universities.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Pandit initiated the move on July 3 and it may take up to eight weeks to reach a decision. A source said: "JNU is not abandoning UGC-NET. Rather, it is considering holding its own PhD entrance exams, as many other Central universities do."

It was only in April that JNU had announced it would take the UGC-NET scores into account for PhD admissions, in line with the National Education Policy 2020, instead of the National Testing Agency (NTA) entrance test. The NTA was given the charge of conducting computer-based tests for PhD admissions three years ago, with the change seeing

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## Three acres 'gifted' to Karnataka CM's wife under scanner, his poll affidavits show mismatch

**JOHNSON T A**  
BENGALURU, JULY 11

ASSET AFFIDAVITS filed by Karnataka Chief Minister M Siddaramaiah across the past three assembly polls contain several inconsistencies in submissions regarding the ownership of a 3.16-acre parcel of "agricultural land" in Mysore that was "gifted" to his wife 14 years ago, according to an analysis of official documents by *The Indian Express*.

This land parcel, which was gifted to the Chief Minister's wife B M Parvati Siddaramaiah in 2010 by her brother, is also at the

## 'SAFE HOUSES, URBAN DENS' Citing 'Naxalism in urban areas', Maharashtra Govt tables Bill

jail term even if not a member of 'unlawful organisation' but 'aids' it

**ALOK DESHPANDE**  
MUMBAI, JULY 11

STATING THAT the "menace of Naxalism" is "increasing in urban areas... through Naxal front organisations", the Maharashtra government on Thursday tabled the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, 2024, which proposes jail term even if a person is not a member of an unlawful organisation, but "contributes/receives/solicits any contribution or aid" or "harbours" a member. The bill grants the state the authority to declare an organisation as "unlawful" — a decision which can be reviewed by an advisory board set up by the state government. Citing "safe houses and urban dens of the Maoist network" in Maharashtra, it says such groups seek to "propagate their ideology of armed rebellion against the constitutional mandate".

The Bill defines an "unlawful activity" as one which constitutes a danger or menace to public order, peace and tranquility; interferes with maintenance of public order; "administration of law or established institutions and personnel"; designed to show criminal force to any public servant; including in or propagating acts of violence, vandalism, use of firearms, explosives or disrupting communications by rail, road, air or water; "encouraging or peaching disobedience to established law and its institutions"; collecting money or goods to carry out unlawful activities.

### THE key provisions

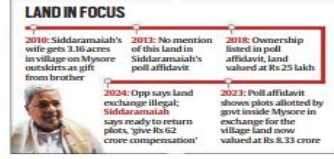
- 3-YEAR JAIL TERM, Rs 3 lakh fine** for member of an 'unlawful organisation'.
- 2-YEAR JAIL TERM, Rs 2 lakh fine** even if not a member, but "contributes/receives/solicits any contribution or aid" or "harbours" a member.
- 3-YEAR JAIL TERM, Rs 3 lakh fine** if a person "manages/assists in management" such an organisation or "promotes/assists in promoting" its meeting or any member.
- 7-YEAR JAIL TERM, Rs 5 lakh fine** if a person commits/abets/attempts/plans to commit "any unlawful activity" of such an organisation.

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| West Bengal   | 78.31 lakh         | 1.05 crore        | 88.68 lakh         | 1.36 crore        |
| Maharashtra   | 68.07 lakh         | 1.86 crore        | 47.79 lakh         | 0.91 crore        |
| Tamil Nadu    | 62.29 lakh         | 0.85 crore        | 49.48 lakh         | 0.97 crore        |
| Bihar         | 37.01 lakh         | 0.59 crore        | 34.46 lakh         | 0.53 crore        |
| All-India     | 6.50 crore         | 10.96 crore       | 6.34 crore         | 11.3 crore        |

November 2016, rollout of the Goods and Service Tax in July 2017, and the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, on the growth of unincorporated enterprises and the employment in these enterprises. The ASLSE for 2021-22 and 2022-23 also showed that the

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centre of a political storm in the state with the BJP calling for protests in Mysore, the home district of Siddaramaiah, on July 12. The BJP and JD(S) have

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# Why location sharing can't be bail condition

**AJOY SINHA KARPURAM**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday held that courts cannot impose bail conditions that require accused persons to share their location on Google Maps.

A Bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan also held that in cases where the accused is a foreign national, courts cannot demand a “certificate of assurance” from relevant Embassies or High Commissions that the accused will not leave the country.

On May 31, 2022, the Delhi High Court granted bail to Nigerian national Frank Vitus in a drug smuggling case, subject to the condition that he and co-accused Ebera Nwanaforo “shall drop a PIN on the Google map to ensure that their location is available to the Investigation Officer of the case”. They were

also required to obtain a certificate of assurance from the High Commission of Nigeria saying they would not leave the country.

## Why did the SC reject Delhi HC's unusual conditions?

After considering an affidavit submitted by Google which clarified that sharing a pinned location “does not enable real-time tracking of the user or their device”, the SC held that the condition imposed was “completely redundant” as it does not help authorities track the accused persons.

The court also held that “any bail condition which enables the Police/Investigation Agency to track every movement of the accused by using any technology or otherwise would undoubtedly violate the right to privacy guaranteed under Article 21”. The court then ordered the removal of this condition.

On the subject of the “certificate of assurance”, the court held that the grant of such a certificate is “beyond the control of the accused”, and ordered the removal of this condition as well. It stated that if the Embassy does not grant such a certificate within a reasonable time, the accused “cannot be denied bail” on the basis of a condition which is simply “impossible for the accused to comply with”.

## EXPLAINED LAW

### What was the case about?

In May 2014, Vitus, Nwanaforo, and one Eric Jayden were arrested in Mahipalpur, Delhi by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials who claimed to have received “secret information” regarding a consignment of drugs. According to the NCB, the three were in a taxi at the time, and Jayden was found carrying a bag containing 1.9 kg of Methamphetamine.

Vitus and Nwanaforo argued in court that

there was no incriminating evidence on their person. They said that they had been incarcerated for eight years, and were thus entitled to bail as per the SC's directions in *Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee Representing Undertrial Prisoners vs Union of India & Ors* (1994).

In this case, the SC had held that when there is a delay in disposing of cases under the NDPS Act, if the accused is charged with an offence punishable with 10 years' imprisonment or more, they “shall be released on bail if he has been in jail for not less than five years provided he furnishes bail in the sum of Rupees one lakh with two sureties for like amount”. Other “general conditions” included, in the case of foreign nationals, obtaining a “certificate of assurance” from the relevant Embassy stating that they will not leave the country.


In line with this, the Delhi HC granted bail to Vitus and Nwanaforo, but added the requirement of submitting their Google Maps pin.

- **SC Ruling on Bail Conditions / जमानत की शर्तों पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट का निर्णय**
- The Supreme Court ruled that courts cannot impose bail conditions requiring accused persons to share their location on Google Maps.
- सप्रीम कोर्ट ने फैसला सुनाया कि अदालतें अभियुक्तों को गूगल मैप्स पर अपनी लोकेशन साझा करने की शर्त के तहत जमानत नहीं दे सकतीं।

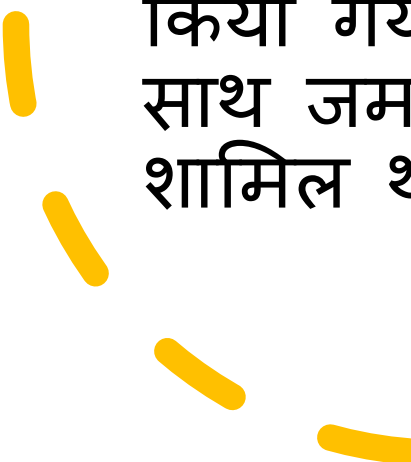
- **Foreign Nationals and Certificate of Assurance / विदेशी नागरिक और आश्वासन प्रमाणपत्र**
- Courts cannot demand a "certificate of assurance" from embassies or high commissions for foreign nationals, stating that the accused will not leave the country.
- अदालतें विदेशी नागरिकों से देश नहीं छोड़ने का आश्वासन देने वाले दूतावासों या उच्चायोगों से "प्रमाणपत्र" की मांग नहीं कर सकतीं।

- **Delhi HC's Unusual Conditions / दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट की असामान्य शर्तें**
- The SC rejected the Delhi High Court's conditions, which required the accused to drop a PIN on Google Maps, as it does not provide real-time tracking and violates privacy.
- सप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट की उन शर्तों को खारिज कर दिया जिसमें अभियुक्तों को गूगल मैप्स पर पिन लगाने की आवश्यकता थी, क्योंकि यह वास्तविक समय में ट्रैकिंग प्रदान नहीं करता और गोपनीयता का उल्लंघन करता है।





- **Case Background / मामले का पृष्ठभूमि**

- Vitus and Nwanaforo were arrested in a drug smuggling case in 2014. The Delhi HC granted them bail in 2022 with unusual conditions, including location sharing on Google Maps.
  - विटस और नवानाफोरो को 2014 में ड्रग तस्करी मामले में गिरफ्तार किया गया था। दिल्ली हाईकोर्ट ने 2022 में उन्हें असामान्य शर्तों के साथ जमानत दी, जिसमें गूगल मैप्स पर लोकेशन साझा करना शामिल था।
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- **Violation of Privacy / गोपनीयता का उल्लंघन**
- The SC noted that any bail condition enabling the tracking of the accused's every movement violates the right to privacy under Article 21.
- सप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि कोई भी जमानत की शर्त जो अभियुक्तों के हर आंदोलन को ट्रैक करने में सक्षम बनाती है, अनुच्छेद 21 के तहत गोपनीयता के अधिकार का उल्लंघन करती है।






• Consider the following statements regarding the Supreme Court's ruling on bail conditions:

1. The Supreme Court ruled that courts cannot impose bail conditions requiring accused persons to share their location on Google Maps.
2. The Supreme Court allowed the requirement of a "certificate of assurance" from embassies for foreign nationals as a bail condition.
3. The Supreme Court stated that tracking the accused's every movement violates the right to privacy under Article 21.




• Which of the above statements is/are correct?


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



# Financial inclusion Index



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- The Financial inclusion index, capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country, rose to **64.2 in March 2024**, showing growth across all parameters.
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- **What is RBI's financial inclusion index?**
  - In 2021, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** launched a Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) to track the process of ensuring access to financial services, timely and adequate credit for vulnerable groups such as weaker sections and low-income groups at an affordable cost.

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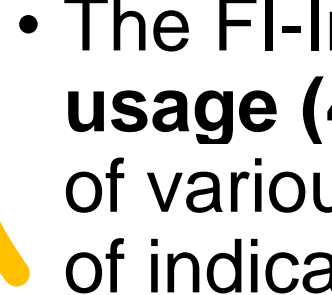
- The index incorporates the **details of banking, investment, insurance, postal, and pension sectors** in consultation with government and respective sector regulators.
- The FI-Index has been constructed **without any ‘base year’**. The FI-Index is **published annually** in July.
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- **Range and Parameters of FI-Index**

- The index captures information on various aspects of financial inclusion in a single value ranging between 0 and 100, where **0 represents complete financial exclusion** and **100 indicates full financial inclusion**.



- The FI-Index comprises three broad parameters, **access (35%)**, **usage (45%)**, and **quality (20%)**, with each of these consisting of various dimensions, which are computed based on a number of indicators.

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# Durand Cup Tournament


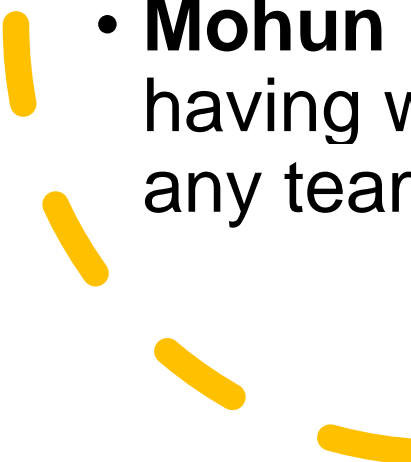


Recently, the President of India has unveiled the **Trophies of the Durand Cup Tournament 2024**.

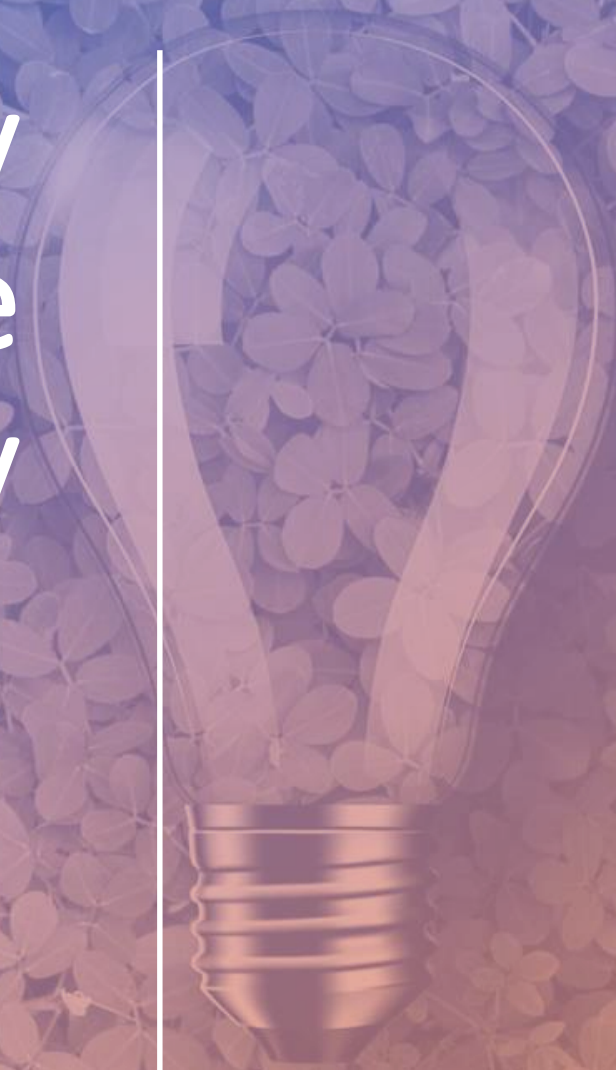
- The Trophies unveiled include the **Durand Cup, the President's Cup and Shimla Trophy**.

## Durand Cup Tournament

Organized by the Indian Armed Forces, it is **Asia's oldest** and the world's third oldest football tournament.

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- Inaugurated in Shimla in 1888 as an Army Cup and only open to British Indian Army troops in India, later opened up to civilian teams.
  - It is named after its founder, **Sir Mortimer Durand**, Foreign Secretary of British India.
  - **Mohun Bagan Super Giant** are the defending champions, having won the tournament for a record 17th time, the most by any team.
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# Global Energy Independence Day

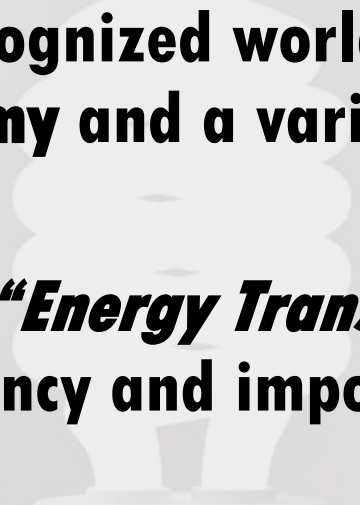


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Global Energy Independence Day, celebrated globally on 10th July every year, marks a pivotal moment for countries striving to achieve energy self-sufficiency and sustainability.

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It is a call to action for individuals, businesses, and governments to recognize the importance of reducing dependence on non-renewable energy sources and transitioning to cleaner, more sustainable energy solutions.

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- It has since become widely recognized worldwide and **highlights the significance of energy autonomy and a variety of sustainable energy sources.**
  - The theme for the year 2024, ***“Energy Transition Now: Embrace the Future,”*** encapsulates the urgency and importance of adopting sustainable energy practices.





# Alice Munro: Ethical Issues

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Alice Munro, a Canadian Nobel laureate renowned for her short stories, is now the subject of a disturbing revelation by her daughter, Andrea Robin Skinner.

Weeks after Munro's death, Skinner disclosed that Munro's second husband, Gerald Fremlin, had sexually abused her repeatedly.

- Despite being aware of the abuse, Munro chose to stand by Fremlin, prioritizing her own needs over her daughter's suffering.
- This revelation has tarnished Munro's legacy, highlighting the moral fallibility of literary idols.
- Skinner's estrangement from her family lasted until Munro's death, and she ultimately shared her story to shed light on the hidden darkness behind Munro's celebrated literary career.




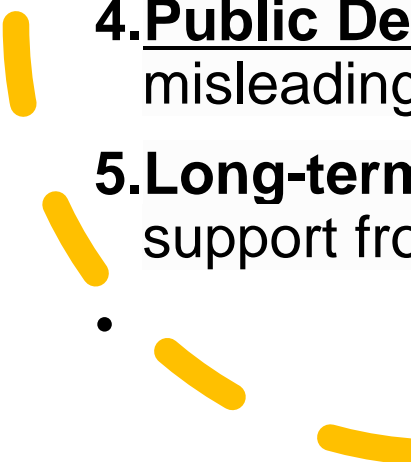
- **Ethical Issues involved in the case:**

1. **Failure to Protect**: Alice Munro did not protect her daughter from abuse despite knowing about it.

2. **Silent Acquiescence**: Munro's choice to remain silent and support her abuser over her daughter.

3. **Victim Blaming**: Fremlin blamed Skinner for the abuse, and Munro did not challenge this narrative.



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1. **Complicity**: Munro's family and others close to the situation did not take action to stop the abuse or support Skinner initially.
  2. **Prioritizing Personal Needs**: Munro prioritized her own relationship with Fremlin over her daughter's well-being.
  3. **Abuse of Power**: Fremlin used his position of trust as a stepfather to abuse Skinner.
  4. **Public Deception**: The true nature of Munro's family life was hidden, potentially misleading the public about her character.
  5. **Long-term Trauma**: The prolonged impact of abuse on Skinner and the lack of support from her mother and family.
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- **Course of Action:**

1. **Therapy and Counseling**: Ensure continued psychological support for Skinner to help her heal.

2. **Public Apology**: The Munro family should issue a public apology acknowledging past mistakes and supporting Skinner's account.

3. **Advocate for Victims**: Use Munro's literary legacy to raise awareness about sexual abuse and advocate for victims' rights.



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- 1. Family Reconciliation:** Encourage ongoing dialogue within the family to rebuild trust and support Skinner.
  - 2. Legal Review:** Review any remaining legal actions to ensure justice and closure for Skinner.
  - 3. Educational Outreach:** Support programs and initiatives that educate the public about the importance of protecting and supporting abuse victims.
  - 4. Establish a Fund:** Create a fund or foundation in Munro's name to support abuse survivors and promote mental health services

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- **Ambivalent (adjective)**

- **Definition:** Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.

- **Example Sentence:** She felt ambivalent about the promotion; it was a great opportunity, but it also meant longer hours.

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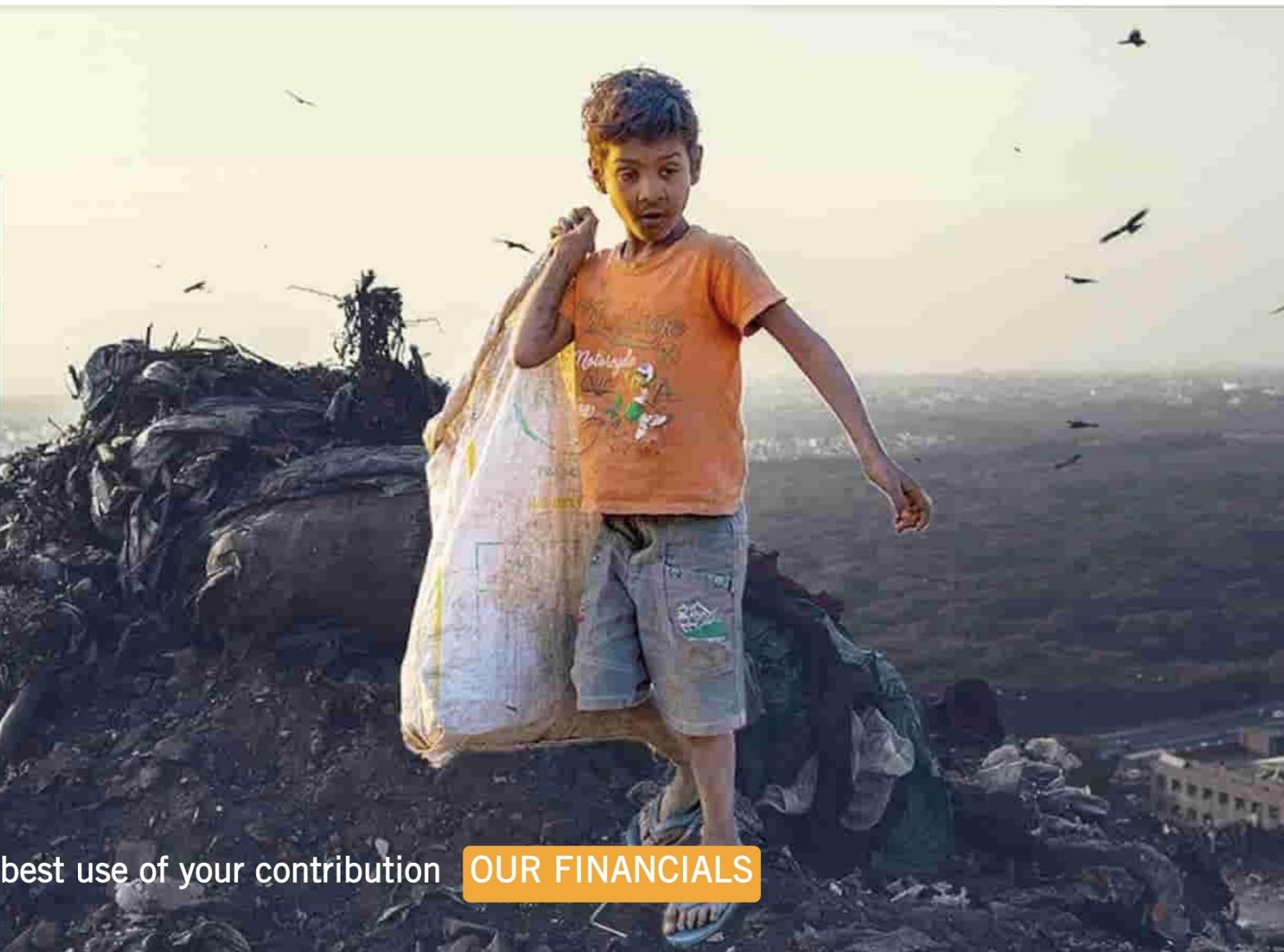







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