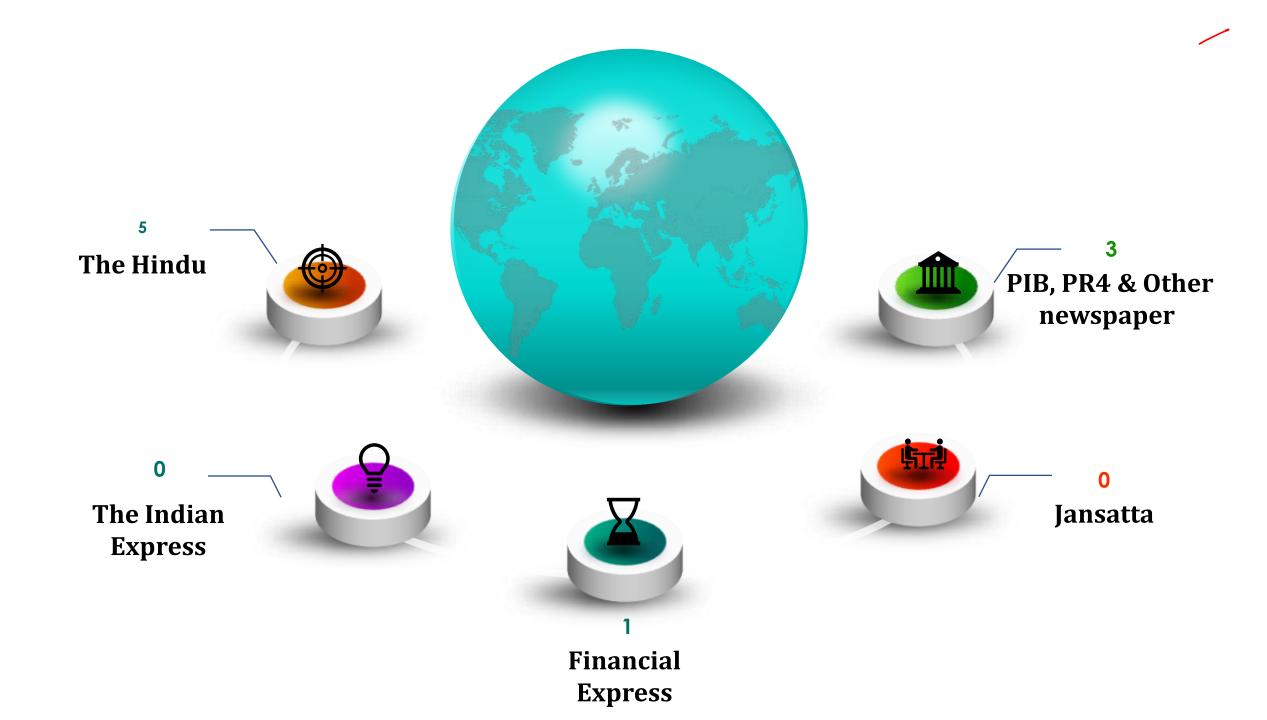




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HC upholds **Keiriwal's** arrest by CBI in excise case The Hindu Bureau

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Devesh K. Pandey

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Ministers. The case was reserved for judgment by a Bench of Chief Institute DY, Chandra-chud, Justices P.S. Nara-ehud, Justice DY, Chandra-the Stational J.B. Pardivala on May 17, 2023. Justice Na-raniofla axid hold the Justice nariotic for the Bench. The Rench Hold Stat the from Section 3 (2000) of the Debh Municipal Corresp. Legal question The legal question before the court was whether the L-G could nominate the 10 persons as a part of the statutory duty of his office or was he bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers "The statutory power The statutory power under section 3(3(b)(t) to name the 10 persons of special knowledge was vested in the L-0 for the first time through the 1993 amendments to the DMC Act, 1987 in order to incorporate constitutional changes in Articles 239AA and 239AB (provisions which deal with the esta-blakment of the Delhi go-vernment) of the Constitution in Part 9A concerning municipal administration DURTISH observed.

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Rabiul Alam DHAKA

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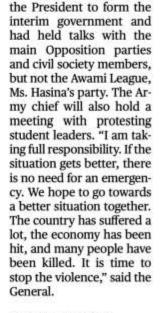
Later in the day, Ms. Hasina landed at the Hindon Air Force station near Delhi. Ms. Hasina has requested asylum from the U.K. Her sister Rehana, who holds U.K. citizenship, is accompanying her, sources told *The Hindu*.

In Dhaka, Army Chief Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman confirmed her resignation in an address to the nation. He urged protesters to stop the unrest and pledged to meet their demands and bring justice for those who were killed.

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'March to Dhaka'

On Monday, as a part of the 'March to Dhaka' campaign demanding Ms. Hasina's resignation, called by the Students Against Discrimination, thousands started gathering at the main points of Dhaka, defying a curfew order.

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nobhaban, the Prime Minister's official residence, and entered its premises.

A source close to Ms. Hasina confirmed that before leaving the residence, she wanted to record a speech. But she could not get an opportunity to do that. She and her sister were taken to a motorcade and was told that a huge crowd had

already gathered nearby and that they must not waste time.

Immediately, the security team took her to the Second World War-era airport at Old Tejgaon. She and her sister were brought to the airstrip and were airlifted in a Mi-17 helicopter. The helicopter arrived at Agartala from where they boarded the C-130, sources in the know confirmed. The BAF C130J first hovered over Kolkata and then made a dash towards the Hindon Air Force station, a source stated.

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chief of the Indian Air Force Western Air Command Air Marshal P.M. Sinha met Ms. Hasina at Hindon.

Ms. Hasina is expected to stay in India for a night or two as she awaits approval for asylum in the U.K., an official source said. The Indian High Commission staff continue to remain in Dhaka, sources confirmed. (With inputs from The Hindu Bureau in Delhi; Rabiul Alam is a freelance journalist based in Dhaka)

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Reign ends: Protesters storm Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's palace in Dhaka and display the national flag on Monday. AFP

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20 March	In office
	1991 – 30 March 1996
Prime Minister	
Preceded by	Abdur Rab
Succeeded by	Khaleda Zia
	In office
7 May	1986 - 3 March 1988
President	Hussain Muhammad Ershad
Preceded by	Asaduzzaman Khan
Succeeded by	Abdur Rab
P	ersonal details
Born	Hasina Sheikh ^[1] 28 September 1947 (age 76) Tungipara, East Bengal, Dominion of Pakistan
Political party	Bangladesh Awami League
Other political affiliations	Grand Alliance (since 2008)
Spouse	M. A. Wazed Miah (m. 1968; died 2009)
Children	Sajeeb · Saima
Parents	Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
	(father)
	Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib
	(mother)
Relatives	Sheikh-Wazed family

Resignation and Escape: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who served for 15 years, resigned and fled the country due to deadly unrest resulting in over 300 deaths.

Interim Government: The country is now set to have an interim government as confirmed by the Army chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, in a national address. **Flight to India:** Hasina, along with her sister Rehana, who holds UK citizenship, was airlifted to India. They landed at Hindon Air Force station near Delhi.

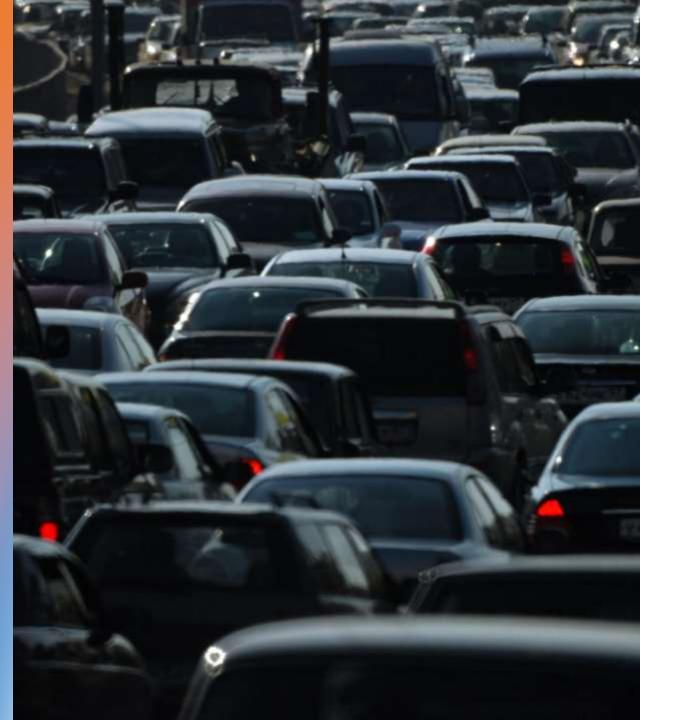
Request for Asylum: Hasina has requested asylum in the UK and is expected to stay in India for a short period while awaiting approval. March to Dhaka Campaign: Protests demanding Hasina's resignation intensified, leading to violent clashes with police as protesters stormed her residence.

Army Chief's Statement: The Army chief promised justice for the victims and encouraged dialogue with the protesters.

- Evacuation Process: Hasina and her sister were taken to safety in a C-130 aircraft after escaping their residence under siege.
- Future Implications:
- Awaiting Asylum: Hasina's political future remains uncertain as she seeks asylum, with India playing a key role in her temporary refuge.

Protests began in Bangladesh as student-led demonstrations against the government's hiring policies in July.

The protests culminated with the Prime Minister fleeing and the military declaring the formation of an interim government.



- Deaths and Injuries:Over a month of deadly protests led to at least 300 deaths.
- Clashes resulted in at least 32 more deaths and hundreds of injuries despite a curfew and soldier deployment.

Demands and Government Response:

Students' Demands:

- University students demanded reforms in the quota system for public sector jobs, claiming it favored loyalists of the ruling party.
- Students rejected Prime Minister Hasina's proposal on July 18, escalating the protests.

• Government's Action:

- The government ordered the closure of schools and universities and imposed an Internet blackout.
- Violence included attacks on state broadcaster Bangladesh Television and government buildings.



Supreme Court Ruling:

Verdict:

 On July 21, Bangladesh's Supreme Court ruled the job quota system illegal but did not abolish reserved jobs for children of 'freedom fighters.'

Prime Minister's Resignation:

Departure:

- On Monday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled Dhaka by helicopter following intense protests.
- Her departure followed the deadliest day of protests with 94 casualties.

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

CPI MP seeks breach of privilege proceedings against Shah

The Hindu Bureau

Moving another privilege motion against Home Mi-nister Armit Shah, for allege edly misloading Parlia-ment with his claims that Karala was forewarmed about the landsildes in Waxatuad, Communist Parabout the landsildes in Wayaraad, Communist Par-ty of India (CPD Rajya Sab-ha member R. Sandosh Ku-the affected area was never under a "yead alert". He al-no pointed out that the warnings Mi. Shah was re-fering to were vagate. The first sector of the same fering to were vagate.

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to the State. "According to the com munication from the India Meteorological Depart-ment (IMD), the affected area and the sub-division area and the sub-division were never under a red al-ert, which warrants taking action. It was only after the occurrences of landslides that the area was placed under red alert," Mr. San doah wrote in his perition doah wrote in his perition to Rajaa Sabha Chairman jagdeep Dhankhar. Mr. Sandoah also gave i detailed account of IMD's warnings. 'B appears that the statement made by the

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Absence of manual weather stations in hill districts a worry

Dhinesh Kalinogal THIBUVASANTHAPURAM

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Valmiki case: former Minister not named in SIT chargesheet

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The lone Indian siris, at Kumaradevam, had been featured in over IOO movies, it is believed to be the most photographed tree near Godavari river, the tree fell due to heavy flow of floodwater

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A.P. govt. to bring out Vision Document 2047 on Oct. 2

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'Brain-eating amoeba' claims one more life in Kerala

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Students sport Palestine flag during graduation ceremony

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Telangana CM seeks investment from U.S. Telugu community

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'Decision on Kasturirangan report after consulting with Cabinet'

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Karnataka Forest and Environment Minister B. Eshwar Khandre on Monday said the decision on whether to implement the Centre's fresh draft notification on the Kasturirangan Committee report on conservation of the Western Ghats would be taken only after discussing the issue in the State Cabinet and with leaders of all political parties of the State.

Recently, the Union government reissued the draft notification classifying parts of the Western Ghats in six States, including Karnataka, as ecologically sensitive areas (ESAs).

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He said that the State government has already taken the decision to reject the report.

The Minister also clarified that the State government issued an order saying that encroachment of forest land for livelihood will not be vacated if the combined land area and encroachment land does not exceed three acres. • Minister's Statement: Karnataka Forest and Environment Minister B. Eshwar Khandre announced that the decision on implementing the Kasturirangan Committee report on the conservation of the Western Ghats will be made after consulting with the State Cabinet and political leaders. **Reissue of Notification:** The Union government reissued a draft notification classifying certain areas of the Western Ghats in six states, including Karnataka, as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs).

Area Declared as ESA: Over 20,668 sq. km in Karnataka has been designated as ESA, affecting 1,576 villages in districts like Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Mysuru, and others.



- State Government's Position:
- **Rejection of Report:** The Karnataka State Government has decided to reject the report.
- Land Encroachment Policy: The state clarified that forest land used for livelihood will not be vacated if the total land, including encroachment, does not exceed three acres.

Which of the following statements is true regarding the Karnataka government's decision on the Kasturirangan report?

A) The Karnataka government has accepted the report and plans to implement it immediately.

B) The Karnataka government has decided to consult with the Union government before making any decisions.

C) The Karnataka government has decided to reject the Kasturirangan report after consultation with the State Cabinet and political leaders.

D) The Karnataka government has declared the entire state as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA).

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Justify inclusion of 77 castes in OBC list: SC to Bengal govt.

Krishmadas Hajagopal NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday gave the Wext Rengal go-vernment an "opportuni-ty" to justify the reason for

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ctal and educational back-wardness of these communities, and their in-

adequacy of representa-tion in the State public ser-vices, which warranted their inclusion in the OBC

hat. The court asked the state to respond to allega-tions raised by private wa-pondents, led by Amal Chandra Das, who were the



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on 5 lakh OBC certificates issued since 2010: advocate for Bensal says administration is at risk

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Opposition criticises 'plans' to amend Waqf Act, says it will oppose Bill in Parliament

Ishita Mishra

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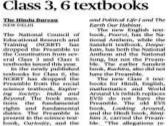
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Authority quietly denotifies

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cancles in Services and Posts) Act, 2012. Among the Sections nul-lifted were Section 16, the

second part of Section 20b, and Section 560 of the Act, which distributed reserva-

when percentages of 10% and 7%, respectively, to the sub-classified categories. Consequently, the sub-classified categories OBC-A and OBC-B were removed from schedule I of the Act.

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The sage was furious when he was made to wait. He gave her an angry glare like the one which had burnt the

bird. The woman asked, "Did you think you could burn me down as you burnt that bird?" Astroanded, the sage asked her how she know what had happened in the forest. She directed him to a sheemaker. The sheemaker said. "Did the lady residing in the first

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Preamble dropped from several NCERT Class 3, 6 textbooks

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

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In the newly published texbooks for Class 6, the NCERT has dropped the Preamble from the social science textbook, *Exploring Society: India and Beyond.* The book mentions the fundamental rights and fundamental duties. The Preamble is present in the science textbook, *Curiosity*, and the Hindi textbook, *Malhar*.

In the old textbooks, the Preamble was printed in the English book, *Honey Suckle*, the science book, the Hindi textbook, *Durva*, and all three social science books – *Our Pasts-I*, *Social* and Political Life-I and The Earth Our Habitat.

The new English textbook, *Poorvi*, has the National Anthem, while the Sanskrit textbook, *Deepakam*, has both the National Anthem and the National Song, but not the Preamble. The earlier Sanskrit book, *Ruchira*, also did not have the Preamble.

The new Class 3 textbooks for Hindi, English, mathematics and World Around Us (which replaces EVS) do not have the Preamble. The old EVS book, Looking Around, and the Hindi book, Rimjhim 3, carried the Preamble. "The allegations regarding removal of the Preamble from textbooks do not have a sound basis," Professor Ranjana Arora, Head of the Department of Curriculum Studies and Development at NCERT, said.

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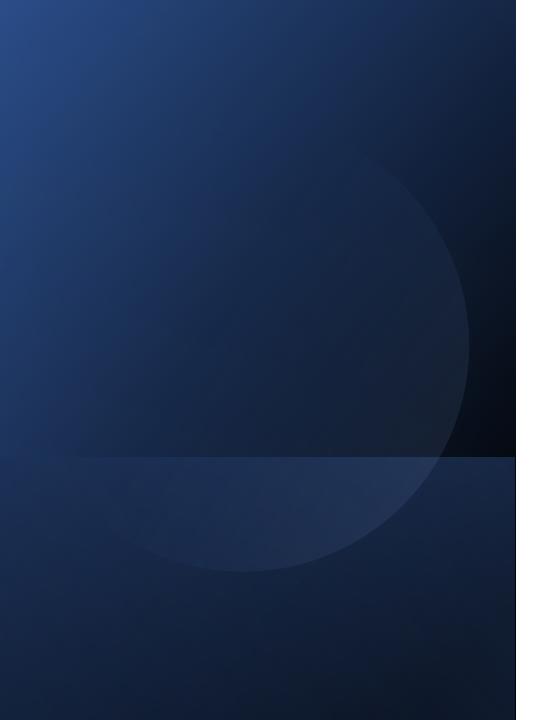
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• Official Statement:

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THE HINDU Opinion

Powering India's future

In her seventh consecutive Budget appech, the Finance Minister announced environment in Bodarding trapy ransfilton. These measures include developing policies on payment developing policies on payment mainten policies on payment and the seventh of the seventh machan environment and the seventh of the seventh basavanes, which drave up power demands, are still freih. They reflect both a growing content and a warming climate, What will near a seventh of the seventh and a warming climate, What will preversely? her seventh. Por the NDA government,

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resulting in power outages to address the concerns Shahi Agrawal nter of in all the ant area Water ICEEWS -Disha Agarwal

Investing in a cleaner, flexible and resilient

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To address this concerns First, the government must raise targets for renewable energy and of the second second second second (GW is 2020). Despite past efforts to add renewable suparity, its share in indick power generation mis in just 12%. Previous power supply shortages and expectations of rising strargy demand have driven poincybe not not. A super second sec cagnicity. Instead, we must strive to mise the share of renewables in india's power generation this and scale up storage solutions. Renewables and storage can support peak demand, are cest competitive, and are faster to build. Senior Programmie Lead at the Council no Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)

Second, steer faster deploymen Second, theer tasks report, of diverse clean energy resources in 2023 alone, China added 200 GW of solar and wind capacity. while the European Union added 73 GW, As of March, India's 73 GW, As of March, India's runniative renewable capacity atood at 644 GW, with another 128 GW in the spipiline, This comparison indicates the uppenty of deploying clean resources at speed and acate. This requires tapping the RP potential in more States as well as fueter grid commercified and acate. connectivity and access to suitable, conflict-free land for the summer, conflict-free land for the timely commissioning of projects. Diversifying from solar unsergy to other clean technologies would also help holia meet its evolving domand.

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the time that year, due to planned maintenance or technical faults. maintenance of technical faults. Stats regulators imait revise the norms to enable timely uplace or the coal fleet and compensate for investments to make select coal plants flexible. Finally, fior-track digitalisation to empower discours and to empower discoms and consumers to play an active role in consumers to play an active role in Induce energy transition. Smart moters would enable disconts to forecast power demand accurately. plan networks better, and integrate renewables cost-effectively. More renewables cost-effectively, more than it million smart meters have Hun 11 million amart meters have already been installed in india, with half of these in lithar and Asaum. However, India's amount metering drive is far from the 250 million target, Discome must overcome their hesitation and take inspiration from Rihar and Assam. inupration from Illhar and Assam, which are already reaging lementis like reduced losses and timely hill delivery to consumers through smart metering. But keeping consumer privacy and avature preparedness against cyberatacks at the heart of regulations and digitalisation efforts would be errorial. All eyes are on the indian government to deliver to this critical decade. Investing in a cleaner, flexible, and resilient power grid will help our economy grow matainably and create jobs in the clean energy sectors.

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the Centre for approval and will require the President's nod. As 'Prisons' fall under the State List of the Seventh Sche-dule of the Constitution, it is within the exclusive domain of state governments to legislate on and regulate prisons in their jurisdiction. Currently, many jurisdiction. Currently, prisons in most Status includ-ing Maharashtru, are governed by the colonial Prisons Act of BB94 and underlying rules passed at the State level. To improve prison gover-nance, the Union government finalised the Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023 (Model Bill) in May 2023, and urged States to adopt it. The Bill addresses aspects ranging from staffing to tech-hology to mental health in According to data pu-bilished by the State's Prison Department, Maharahtra has over 60 prisons muchding nine central, 28 district, and 19 central, 28 district, and 19 print pricos, 1, 2024, thene prinsma house over 40,428 pri-sovers against the same dored around a same set of the same around a same set of the top-flow fluxies with the mast pri-has ranked amongst the top-flow fluxies with the mast pri-mark and same set of the same transformation rules were passed between 1962 and 1979. These rules have oc-

The Bill addresses issues like overcrowding and poor conditions in prisons **Moharashtra** casionally been amended but they are neither sufficient no easily available. Combined with the number of custodial deaths, peritons filed, and poor prison conditions, this to incarceration makes a competing case for why prison reforms are unde-niably needed. The new Nill The new Maharashtra Bill has adopted asveral provisions from the Model Bill and has norme additional provisions. Gne auch provision is the role of the sinteket overseen. A comvict overseer is a prisoner se-lected by the authorities and given certain supervisory powers. In turn, they are entit-led to benefits such as higher remission. While this is still practised in a few States, it has been severely criticised. Moreover, the bill status that all convict overseers will be 'pablic servatis' under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, aver. Idializatiya Nyaya Nanhita, 2003. A public servant usually ref-irs to a government official and will grant them certain privileges, duties, and powers. While there is a similar pro-ti-tion of the second pro-tion of the second pro-ment must assess the rela-With focused stakeholder consultations and a few charge es, this could be a perfect op-portunity for Mabarashira to begin the long overdae pro-cess of overhauting the prison ment must asseas the rele-vance of such a clause in cur-rent times. Another feature is the constitution of a 'Prisons and Cor exetence in the State rectional services Porce. It will comprise the Director General of Prisons, the Special imagector General of Prisons.

Maharashtra Prisons Bill: a hit or miss?

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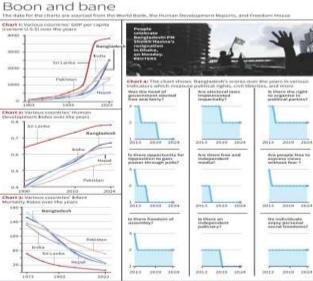
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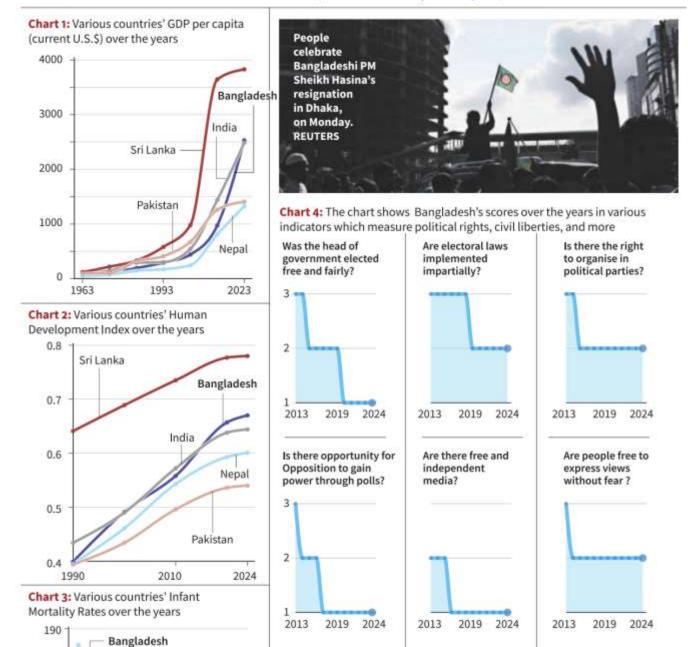
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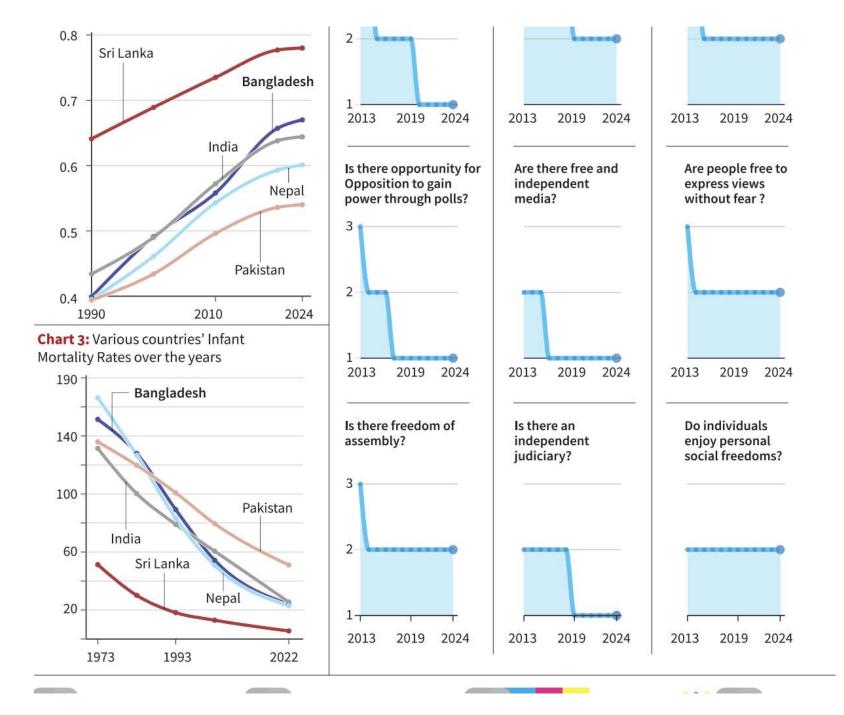
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Adani Energy Solutions raises ₹8,373.10 crore via QIP

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Sundaram Finance OI net profit rises 9% to ₹308 crore

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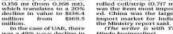
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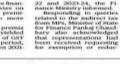
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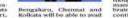
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Aidline Co-founder Ba hud Bhatia rold The Hindu that he product will bring affordable business class travel to Indian air travell-ers on demestic flights. "Indian demostrationd travel and economy class." Mr. Bhatta said. "We are deling exectly the same.

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Sea of red: All major sectoral indices closed in the red, with metals and realty indices correcting sharply. PTI

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"In the backdrop of weak global sentiment, the benchmark indices corrected sharply," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head -Equity Research, Kotak Securities. "All the major sectoral indices traded in the red, with metals and realty indices correcting sharply," he added.

The Indian rupee fell to its all-time low of 84.09 against the U.S. dollar, weakening by 37 paise in the session as the equity sell-off and foreign fund outflows weighed on sentiment in the currency.

Market Decline:

The S&P BSE Sensex dropped by nearly 3% amid global market turmoil.

Concerns about a potential recession in the U.S. led to a broader equity slump.

Japan's Nikkei index faced a steep fall of 12.4%, marking its worst decline since October 1987.

Major U.S. indices like the Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq Composite fell 2.2%, 2.5%, and 3.1%, respectively.

- Specific Stock Performances:
- Sensex closed at 78,759.40, a fall of 2.74%.
- Significant losses were noted in Tata Motors (-7.3%), Adani Ports (-5.9%), Tata Steel (-5.3%), State Bank (-4.3%), Power Grid (-4.25%), and Maruti (-4.17%).



Currency Impact:

The Indian rupee hit a record low of 84.09 against the U.S. dollar.

The rupee weakened by 37 paise due to the equity sell-off and foreign fund outflows affecting market sentiment.

• Expert Insight:

- Shrikant Chouhan from Kotak
 Securities
 highlighted the
 impact of weak
 global sentiment on
 market indices.
- Metals and realty sectors experienced sharp corrections.



Which of the following statements regarding the market impact mentioned in the article is true?

A) The Indian rupee strengthened against the U.S. dollar due to positive market sentiment.

B) The Sensex experienced a rise of 2.7% amid a global sell-off.

C) Japan's Nikkei index faced its worst single-day drop since 1987, falling 12.4%.

D) The article reports that the U.S. economy showed strong growth, leading to market stability.

Right to Be Forgotten



- Recently, the Supreme Court of India has agreed to hear a case that could redefine the "right to be forgotten" in India, where no statutory framework currently exists.
- This right, also known in European privacy law as the "right to erasure," pertains to an individual's ability to remove their digital footprint from public view when it violates their privacy.
- The outcome is expected to significantly influence how this right is understood and implemented in the country.

- What is the Right to Be Forgotten?
- Definition:
- The right to be forgotten allows individuals to request the removal of their personal data from digital platforms when it is outdated, irrelevant, or harmful to their privacy.
- European Context: Established by the Luxembourg-based Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in 2014, the right to be forgotten was highlighted in the "Google Spain case" that required Google to remove 'inadequate, irrelevant, or no longer relevant' data upon request.

- In the EU, the right to be forgotten is enshrined in Article 17 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which emphasises informational self-determination and the right to control personal data.
- Other Nations: Countries like Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina, and Japan have adopted similar laws. In 2023, a Canadian court upheld the right to demand search blocks on personal data.

- Judicial Recognition:
- The 2017 ruling in Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India recognised the right to privacy as a fundamental right under the Constitution, which implicitly includes the right to be forgotten.
- Rajagopal vs. State of Tamil Nadu Case, 1994: This landmark case discussed the "right to be let alone" but distinguished it from the publication of public records, such as court decisions, which remain a legitimate subject for public comment.

- 'Right to Privacy' is protected under which Article of the Constitution of India? (2021)
- (a) Article 15
 (b) Article 19
 (c) Article 21
 (d) Article 29

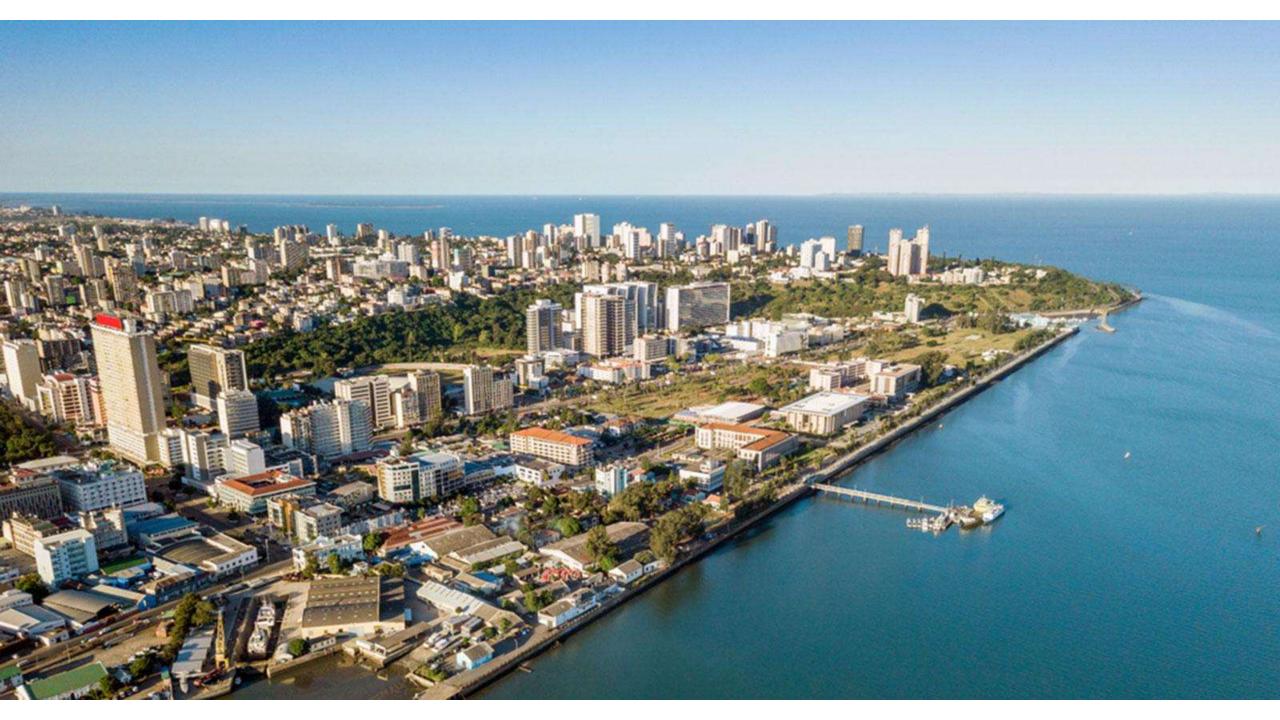


India to Import Tur Dal from Mozambique









- Recently, India has restarted the import of Tur dal (Pigeon pea) from Mozambique after it was disrupted by an "anti-India" group.
- What is the Current State of Pulses Import in India?
- India imported 4.65 million metric tons of pulses in the fiscal year 2023-24 (up from 2.53 million tons in 2022-23), the highest since 2018-19.



- In value terms, imports of pulses jumped 93% to USD 3.75 billion.
- In 2023-24, India imported 7.71 lakh tons of Tur/Pigeon pea, with 2.64 lakh tons (one-third) from Mozambique. Malawi is also a major supplier of tur to India.

- **Red lentil** imports, particularly from **Canada**, doubled to 1.2 million tons.
- Yellow peas are imported from Russia and Turkey.
- The South Asian nations including India, usually import pulses from Canada, Myanmar, Australia, Mozambique, and Tanzania.



- What is the Status of Pulse Production in India?
- India is the largest producer (25% of global production), consumer (27% of world consumption) and importer (14%) of pulses in the world.
- Pulses account for around 20% of the area under food grains and contribute around 7-10% of the total food grain production in the country.

• The top 5 pulses-producing states are Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

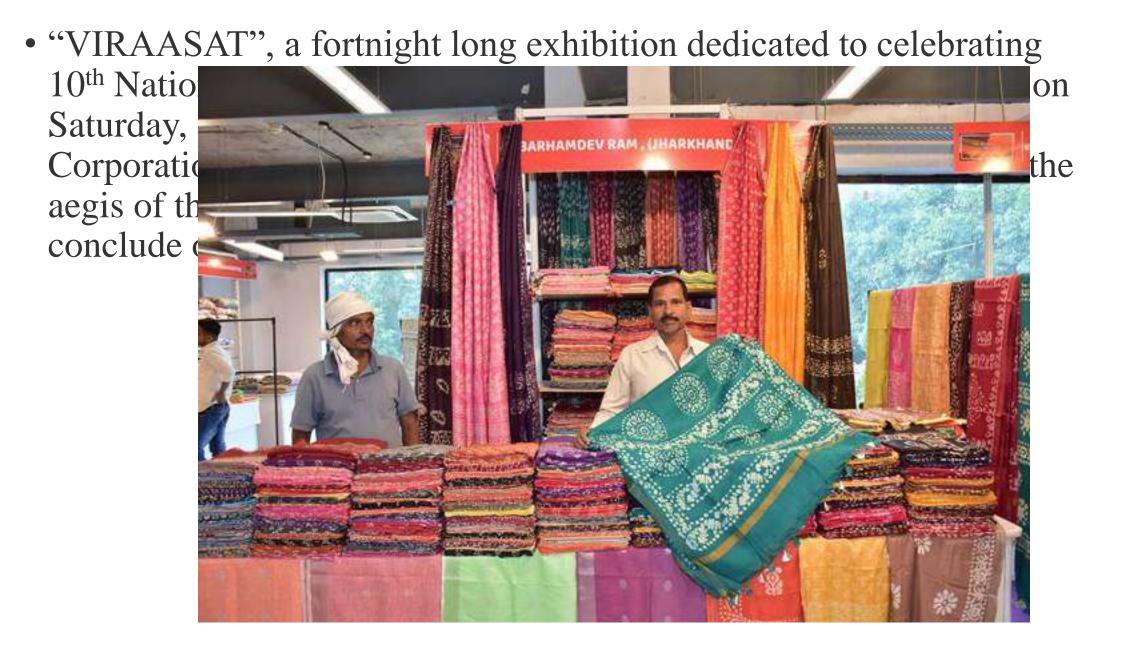
- What are Key Facts About Tur dal (Pigeon Pea)?
- It is a vital **legume crop** and **protein source** in India.
- It thrives in tropical and semi-arid regions.
- Climatic Requirements:

- Rainfall: Needs 600-650 mm annually, with moist conditions early on and dry conditions during flowering and pod development.
- Temperature: Grows best at 26°C to 30°C in the rainy season and 17°C to 22°C post-rainy season.
- Soil: Prefers sandy loam or loam, though it can adapt to various soil types.

With reference to pulse production in India, consider the following statements: (2020)

- 1.Black gram can be cultivated as both kharif and rabi crop.
- 2.Green-gram alone accounts for nearly half of pulse production.
- 3.In the last three decades, while the production of kharif pulses has increased, the production of rabi pulses has decreased.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
 (b) 2 and 3 only
 (c) 2 only
 (d) 1, 2 and 3

"VIRAASAT", an exhibition to celebrate 10th National Handloom Day begins at Handloom Haat, New Delhi

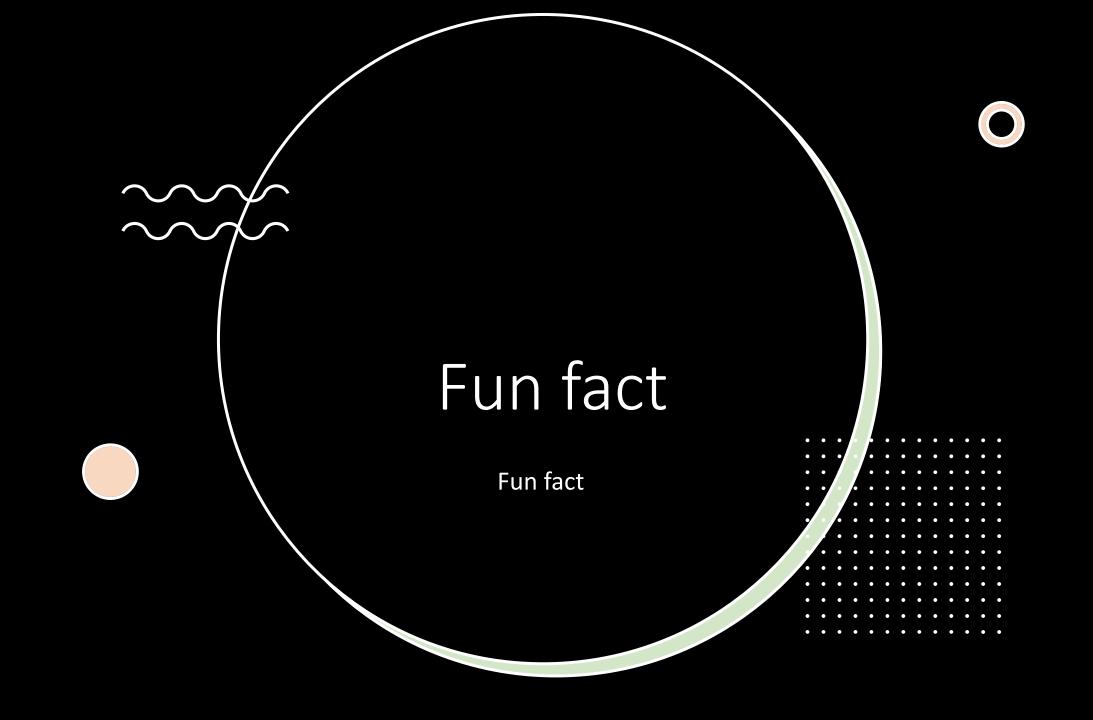




Newly launched apps

- Recently, the union government launched e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and e-Summon App for three new criminal laws.
- Launched by-Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Aim- The apps aim to <u>strengthen the technical</u> <u>competency</u> of the entire system

e-Summon	 Under e-Summon, <u>court summons</u> will be sent <u>electronically</u> to the police station and the recipient.
e-Sakshya	 Under e-Sakshya, all <u>videography, photography, and testimonies</u> will be stored on the e-evidence server, accessible to courts immediately.





The First Modern Olympics Had No Gold Medals: In the first modern Olympic Games held in Athens in 1896, winners were awarded a silver medal and an olive branch, while runners-up received a bronze medal and a laurel branch.



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