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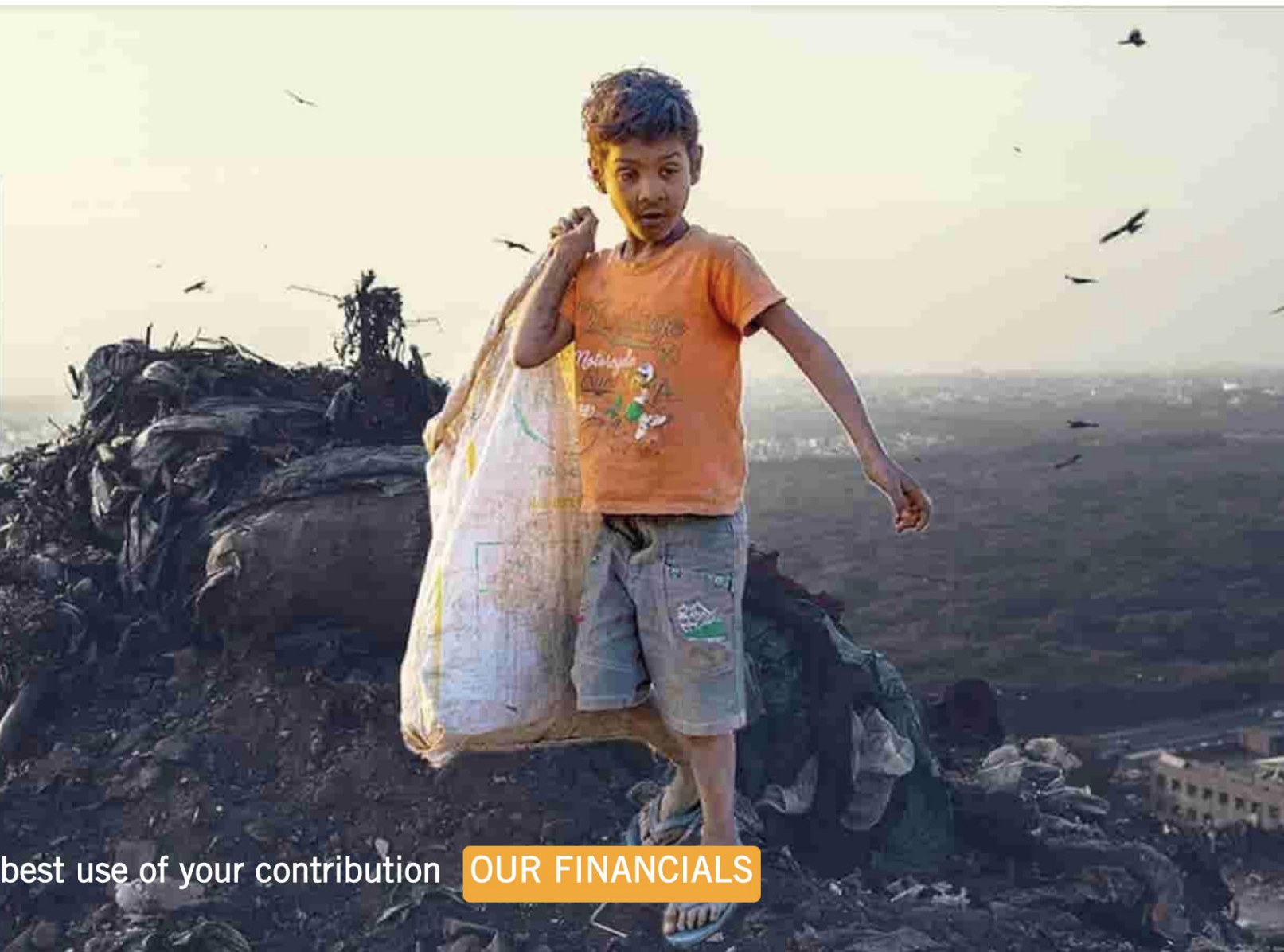




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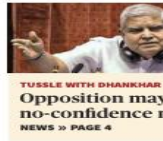
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Creamy layer not applicable to SC, ST quota: govt.

NEW DELHI
The Union Cabinet on Friday categorically asserted that the principle of creamy layer does not apply to reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said extensive discussions were held on sub-quota. » PAGE 3



Gazans flee Khan Yunis amid new Israel attack

KHAN YUNIS
Crowds fleeing Khan Yunis after an evacuation order gave way to empty streets in the residents escaped a new Israeli military operation in the town. Israel said it launched the strike following "intelligence indicating presence of terrorists". » PAGE 12

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Bench rules that the former Delhi Deputy CMs right to a speedy trial and prolonged incarceration make him eligible for bail; it declines plea to bar him from Secretariat, says he has 'deep roots in society' and there is no possibility of him fleeing

Krishnakant Rajasekar
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stressed the right to a speedy trial and personal liberty cannot be withheld as a punishment. If the state, prosecution agencies or even courts do not have the wherewithal to protect the rights of a person in a speedy trial, they should not withhold bail on the grounds of alleged crime was serious.

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At long last: Marish Sisodia after his release from Tihar jail on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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The bench said the Supreme Court was flooded with "open-and-shut" bail cases rejected by the trial and High Courts. The principle that 'bail is the rule and jail an exception' is being followed in breach.

SC refuses to put off NEET-PG, says it can't put careers at risk

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Noting that there were only five petitioners in the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice said "we cannot put the careers of so many candidates at risk because of these petitioners".



Petitioners said that the controversy over NEET-PG had an impact on NEET-PG.

Noting that the court was not in favour of rescheduling the exam, Mr. Hegde said the Bench should at least intervene with a direction to the authorities to hold one exam per day. He said the current schedule was grueling with two exams a day. But the court did not budge.

Three village volunteers killed in firing in Manipur

Abhinav Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Three village volunteers of the Kuki-Zo community were killed on Friday morning allegedly in firing between two groups in Tengnoupal district of Manipur. District authorities said the firing was reported near the Molmou village area around 9.30 a.m., according to police officials.

Joint operation launched by security forces, including BSF and Assam Rifles, posted in the area

The Manipur Police said a joint operation was launched immediately by the security forces, including the Border Security Force and the Assam Rifles, posted in the area. Officials said search operations revealed that a

Kuki-Zo civil society organisations (CSOs) have said that the bodies of the three village volunteers had been accounted for and were being kept in a Kuki-Zo village near the area. The sources added that the firing was a result of a "misunderstanding" between one of the SoO groups and village volunteers, both of whom have been standing guard at the Kuki-Zo side of the buffer zone ever since the conflict began.

Owning the mat



Demolition job: Wrestler Aman Sehrawat clinched a bronze for India, its fifth at the Paris Olympics, with a dominant show against Puerto Rico's Darian Tor Cruz in the 57kg category. REUTERS REPORT. PAGE 10

MHA creates committee to monitor the safety of Indians, minorities in Bangladesh

Yashita Singh
NEW DELHI

A five-member committee led by a senior Border Security Force (BSF) official has been set up to communicate with Bangladesh authorities "to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals, Hindus, and other minority communities living there," Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

er minority communities have been reported near the India-Bangladesh border, a government official said.

700 Bangladeshis were present among the crowd, which makes us suspicious about their movement. With the help of BSF and District Collector of Lalmonirhat in Bangladesh, they were per-

suaded to return. However, around 100 to 150 people are still present at the zero line," a senior government official said.

Mr. Shah said on X that the committee had been formed "in the wake of the ongoing situation in Bangladesh".

The committee is chaired by Ravi Gandhi, BSF Additional Director General, Eastern Range, and includes Aditya Mishra, chairperson of the Land Ports Authority of India. However, Bangladesh being a friendly country, the BSF and ICR have laid down procedures up to the company commander level to deal with any emergent situation along the border.

He said that firing only takes place in extreme cases, while the border forces are instead allowed to use stun grenades and pump action guns to deter cross-border criminals.

stepped down as Bangladesh Prime Minister and escaped to India on August 5, violence erupted in the neighbouring country. In several cases, the Hindu community, and its temples and shops were specifically targeted.

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The Supreme Court on Friday stressed to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) that "every day counts in matters of personal liberty" while granting bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who spent over 17 months behind bars without trial for money laundering charges linked to the Delhi excise policy.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gvai and K.V. Viswanathan said the right to a speedy trial and personal liberty were sacrosanct. Bail cannot be withheld as a punishment. If the state, prosecution agencies or even courts do not have the wherewithal to protect an accused's right to a speedy trial, they should not withhold bail on the ground that the alleged crime was serious.

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"Keeping Mr. Sisodia in-

carcerated for an unlimited time in the hope of a speedy trial is a violation of his fundamental right to liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution," Justice Gvai, who authored the verdict, observed.

Prolonged trial

The court said there was not even the "remotest possibility" of the trial concluding in the near future. The prosecution has 493 witnesses lined up. There were over a lakh pages of

documents involved in the case.

"As observed time and again, prolonged incarceration before being pronounced guilty of an offence cannot be permitted to become punishment without bail," Justice Gvai noted.

The Bench said the Supreme Court was flooded with "open-and-shut" bail cases rejected by the trial and High Courts. The principle that 'bail is the rule and jail an exception' is be-

ing followed in breach.

Mr. Sisodia had undergone two earlier rounds of litigation for bail. The first round ended on October 30 last year with the top court denying him interim bail while upholding his right to speedy trial.

The probe agencies had assured the top court to conclude the trial in the next six to eight months. The second round culminated on June 4, 2024, again in the Supreme Court. Mr. Sisodia was denied interim bail but was allowed to "revive" his plea as soon as the final chargesheet was filed.

Rejecting the agencies' contention that Mr. Sisodia should seek his bail first in the trial court rather than directly approach the top court, Justice Gvai, on Friday, said the grant of bail was not a "snake-and-ladder game" and it would be a "travesty of justice" to relegate the bail plea to the trial court. "Procedure is the handmaid of justice not the mistress of justice," the court highlighted.

'BAIL, NOT JAIL'

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Bail Granted:

The Supreme Court of India granted bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in the Delhi excise policy case. Sisodia had been in jail for over 17 months without trial on money laundering charges.

The Court emphasized the importance of a speedy trial and personal liberty, stating that prolonged incarceration before being proven guilty is a violation of fundamental rights.




- **Conditions and Observations:**

- Sisodia is required to surrender his passport and report to the police station every Monday.
 - The Court noted that Sisodia has "deep roots in society" and there is no possibility of him fleeing or tampering with evidence.
 - The plea by the CBI and ED to bar Sisodia from entering the Secretariat was declined.
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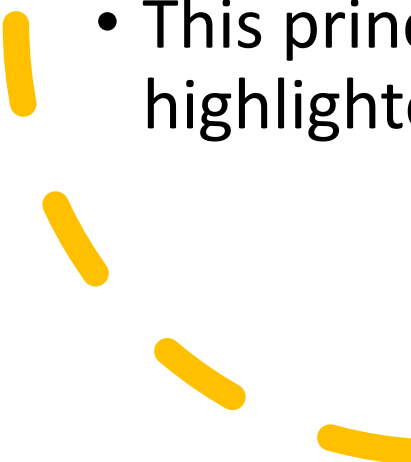


- **Trial Concerns:**

- The Supreme Court highlighted the slow progress of the trial, noting that the prosecution has listed 493 witnesses.
 - The Court stressed that bail is a rule and jail an exception, and criticized the lower courts for denying Sisodia's bail earlier.
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- **Revival of Principle:**

- The Supreme Court's judgment granting bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia reaffirmed the long-standing principle that "bail is the rule, jail is the exception," even in cases involving economic offences.
 - This principle, first articulated by Justice Krishna Iyer in 1977, was highlighted as often being overlooked by trial courts and High Courts.
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- **Criticism of Current Practice:**

- The Court criticized lower courts for preferring to "play safe" by denying bail, even in clear-cut cases, and called for the judiciary to recognize that the refusal of bail should be the exception, not the rule.
- The Supreme Court emphasized that detention should not become a form of punishment before the accused is proven guilty.

- **Economic Offences:**

- The Court acknowledged that while economic offences are serious, denying bail should not be a blanket rule. Each case should be considered on its own merits, and the primary focus should be on securing the accused's presence for trial.
- The judgment reiterated that the denial of bail should be an exception, even when the allegations involve grave economic offences.

- Which principle was reaffirmed by the Supreme Court in its judgment granting bail to Manish Sisodia?
 1. Jail is the rule and bail is the exception.
 2. Economic offences automatically deny the right to bail.
 3. Bail is the rule and jail is the exception.
 4. All accused in economic offences should remain in custody until trial.

IN BRIEF



I will argue my case against NIA petition, Malik tells HC

Separatist leader Yasin Malik on Friday told the Delhi High Court that he wished to argue for himself against a National Investigation Agency (NIA) plea seeking death penalty for him in a terror funding case. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief, who is serving a life term in the case, turned down the court's suggestion to appoint a lawyer on his behalf. "I argued myself [earlier], I will argue myself. I know my case much better. There was no lawyer in the trial court," Malik, who was virtually present for the court proceedings from Tihar jail, said. The High Court posted the hearing on the matter for September 19.

10,354 acres of defence land under encroachment: Centre

Around 10,354 acres of defence land across the country is under encroachment, Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on Friday. With 1,778.9 acres of encroached defence land, Uttar Pradesh topped the list, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 1,757.97 acres. At 0.003 acres, Mizoram recorded the least encroachment among the 32 States and Union Territories where encroachment had occurred. The other States in the top five are Maharashtra (1,031 acres), West Bengal (826 acres), and Haryana (780 acres). In Delhi, encroachment on 147.6 acres had been recorded.

NIA secures extradition of 'pro-Khalistan' terror accused

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested the brother of designated terrorist Lakhtar Singh, aka Landa, after securing his extradition from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in a case registered in 2022. The accused had been identified as Tarsem Singh, who is from Punjab and was wanted by the NIA for his links with the banned outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). The agency said he was a key aide of reigning-based "terrorists" Landa and Harwinder Sandhu aka Rinda.

A non-bailable warrant of arrest was issued against Tarsem Singh in June 2023. "He was a key member of BKI and an important terror node of designated terrorists Rinda and Landa in the UAE," it said.

India to roll out new treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB

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Hindu Shalun Perapadani
NEW DELHI

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SC verdict on Sisodia revives the 'bail, not jail, is the rule' adage

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court judgment granting bail to former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia revived a well-settled but endangered principle that "bail and not jail is the exception", even in economic offence cases.

The adage "bail, not jail, is the rule" came from the pen of Justice Krishna Iyer, in 1977.

On Friday, a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan did not mince words while saying that High Courts and trial courts nowadays prefer to "play safe" and deny bail even if the case is an open-and-shut one. "From our experience, we can say that it appears that the trial courts and the High Courts attempt to play safe in matters of grant of bail... The principle that bail is a rule and denial is an exception is at times, followed in breach... It is high time trial courts and the High Courts recognised once again the principle that 'bail is the rule and jail is the exception'," Justice Gavai, who authored the 38-page verdict, observed.

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Manish Sisodia

tion or jail before being pronounced guilty should not become punishment without trial.

Economic offences
There is merit in granting bail in economic offence cases if trial is not going to commence in the foreseeable future. The court said it was not proper to equate an economic offence with cases punishable with death or imprisonment for life, murder, rape, dacoity, kidnaping for ransom, and mass violence. "Even if the allegation is a grave economic offence, it is not a rule that bail should be denied in every case... Ultimately, the consideration has to be made on a case-to-case basis, on the facts... The primary object is to secure the presence of the accused to stand trial," the Supreme Court said.

Political differences cast aside as thousands bid adieu to Buddhadeb

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

In a spontaneous outpouring of grief, thousands of people gathered at the office of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in Alimuddin Street in the heart of Kolkata on Friday to pay their last respects to former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee.

The veteran communist leader died on Thursday aged 80. On Friday, his body was donated to the Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital. On his last journey, the mortal remains were taken to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly where political differences were set aside as leaders across the political spectrum came together for the funeral.

Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Ba-



Last journey: Mourners gathered around the hearse of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee to pay their respects. DEBAMSI BHADURI

njerjee were seen in one frame offering tributes to Bhattacharjee who had been a member of the House for decades and Chief Minister from 2000 to 2011. Several Ministers of the State government, Speaker Binay Banerjee, and leaders of the Left party and the Congress were present.

The scene outside the CPI(M) State headquarters was poignant as people

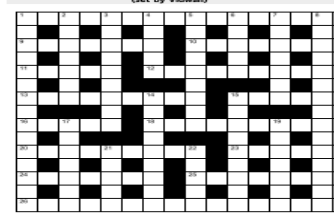
for the hearse. The only other occasion when Kolkata had witnessed such scenes was on January 17, 2010, when former Chief Minister Jyoti Basu's body was taken out in a procession before being donated for medical research.

Kilometre-long queue
People formed a kilometre-long queue with roses and white tulips in their hands and wanted to enter the Alimuddin Street party office.

Not everyone who gathered was a supporter of CPI(M). Prabir Kumar, who closed his small shop to pay homage to the former Chief Minister, said, "I have come because I respect the contribution these leaders have made to our State."

Former CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat said that with the passing of Bhattacharjee an era in the communist movement had ended.

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- How one may dive into water rashly? (9)
 - Watery discharge from nose and he sniffs rumi! (5)
 - Magical trap traps head of imaginary animal (5)
 - Composing clues, so in isolation! (9)
 - It helps to identify most efficient way of doing something like rambling tusk (4,5)
 - Deliver passes and linger (5)
 - Less? Rectal! (6,5)
 - Deliver by passion, one surrenders her heart to commit adultery! (5,2)
 - Need to bend rules perhaps for word plays! (6,9)
- Down**
- How communists celebrate in public! (5,3,4,3)
 - Praises come in a rush (7)
 - Speaker bores with racy fancy (9)
 - One having small time charge (5)
 - Soft drink bar, most wonderful (8)
 - Loaded without power, frosty (5)
 - Post-sunset ritual reportedly makes ester (7)
 - Arenas for pre-marital fights! (10,5)
 - Crudely shaped...when? (5-4)
 - Upstart's standard score at 66% of locations (7)
 - He asks to come to a Milan Club around six (7)
 - Small cattle with large frown (5)
 - Year and a century, hard time for a sailor (5)

- Across**
- Pick entertaining saint! Trick for media briefing! (5,10)
 - Popular, young and just (7)
 - A magnet used for labelling (4,3)
 - Pace of part-time love (5)
 - Leader of Tories talking like a duck and writing nonsense! (9)

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FAITH

Adhere to dharmic life

Our dharma is the most unique, compact, expansive and the easiest to follow. One may ask what is dharma. It is nothing but a manual of good conduct, as derived from the Vedas. One may ask who is the author of Vedas? Having emanated from the breath of the Lord, who has neither a beginning nor an end, but is omnipresent, the Vedas show the pathway to God through correct observations, said His Holiness Srman Sadagopa Ranganatha Vathindra Mahadesikan, the 46th pontiff of Ahobila Math, in his anugraha bhashanam.

The Vedas themselves are very difficult to comprehend, hence the dharma to be followed by various people is delineated in the sastras. The Brahmins have a pivotal role in that their adherence to the dharmic life will determine the welfare of the entire society. While following dharmic life benefits oneself and one's descendants, non-compliance brings harm all around. To instil the dharmic life and to espouse its importance, the Lord himself came to earth in several avatars. He also sent the Azhvans and the acharyas to ensure they teach devotees in a simple and easy-to-follow manner, and show the way of adherence to a principlife. Unless one follows the stipulated practices and routines (even one-third of what is stipulated is sufficient), one is not prepared and ready for *saranagathi* — the surrendering of oneself to the Supreme Lord to rid oneself of the cycle of rebirths. Women too have a crucial role to play in supporting and ensuring that the men follow dharma and perform the essential duties expected of them, as laid out in the sastras.

India to roll out new treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB

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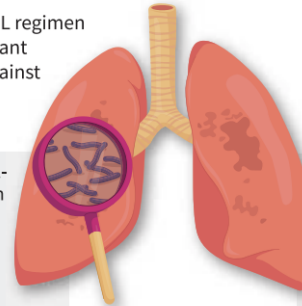
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Welcoming the announcement, Leena Menghane, South Asia head of humanitarian aid organisation Médecins Sans Frontières, said: "After the availability of generic bedaquiline cost to TB programmes has fallen – BPaLM price is \$426 (\$130 bedaquiline, \$238 pretomanid, \$31 linezolid and \$27 moxifloxacin). This is a momentous day for people with drug-resistant tuberculosis, because India will finally replace many of the longer, arduous, and less effective treatments by of-

fering better, safer, and shorter BPaLM treatment that is much more likely to cure this deadly disease."

A senior Health Ministry official explained that after the introduction of the new anti-TB drug pretomanid, which is prescribed as part of the BPaL regimen, medical practitioners and researchers noted that the combination drastically cut short the TB treatment duration by half.

From a treatment duration range of 18 to 24 months, BPaL brings down treatment time to around six months. Furthermore, the older all-oral drug regimen included nearly 14 different anti-TB drugs for a patient to take every day. With BPaL, it is likely to

come down to just three tablets daily.

In a paper titled "Savings from the introduction of BPaL and BPaLM regimens at the country level" published last month, the authors noted that in 2022, the World Health Organization recommended the six-month regimens BPaL (bedaquiline + pretomanid + linezolid) and BPaLM (BPaL + moxifloxacin) as treatment options for most forms of drug-resistant TB.

The study found that through the BPaL and BPaLM regimens, drug-resistant TB treatment has become more effective, shorter, less burdensome for patients, and cheaper for both health systems and patients.


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- **Introduction of BPaL Regimen:**

- India is preparing to introduce the BPaL (bedaquiline, pretomanid, and linezolid) regimen for treating all multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) patients.
- The training for this new treatment approach is scheduled to begin this month.



- **Significance of BPaL Regimen:**

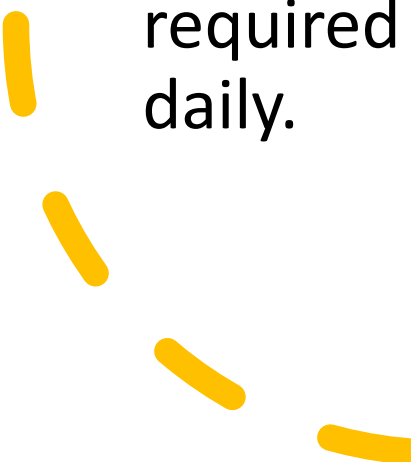
- This marks a major advancement in India's fight against MDR/XDR-TB, with the BPaL regimen showing positive results in countries like Pakistan, South Africa, and Ukraine.
 - The BPaL regimen significantly reduces the treatment duration from 18-24 months to around 6 months, with fewer tablets required daily.
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- **Advantages:**

- The BPaL regimen is expected to be more effective, safer, and more accessible, offering better patient outcomes.
- The regimen is also found to be more cost-effective for both patients and health systems.

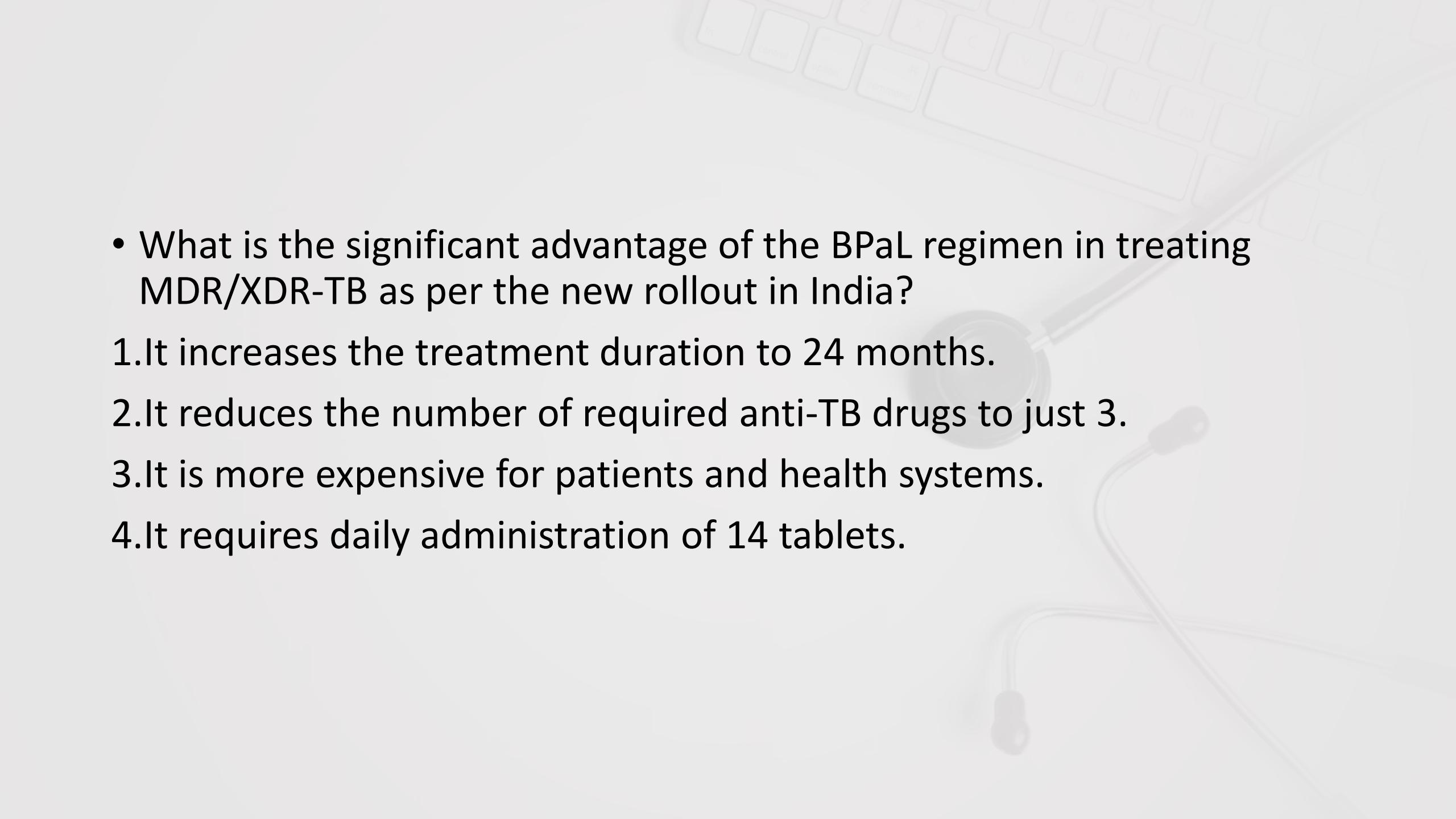


- **Global Context:**

- The World Health Organization (WHO) had endorsed the BPaL regimen as the preferred option for most forms of drug-resistant TB in 2022.
 - The regimen simplifies the treatment by reducing the number of required anti-TB drugs from 14 to just 3, which patients need to take daily.
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Importance of NAAT:

Scaling up nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT) will be an essential component of this strategy, helping to detect TB more effectively and initiate appropriate treatment promptly.

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- What is the significant advantage of the BPaL regimen in treating MDR/XDR-TB as per the new rollout in India?
 - 1.It increases the treatment duration to 24 months.
 - 2.It reduces the number of required anti-TB drugs to just 3.
 - 3.It is more expensive for patients and health systems.
 - 4.It requires daily administration of 14 tablets.

MOTHERLY LOVE

Neeraj's mother Saroj calls Arshad her son, praises his hard work



Neeraj Chopra's mother Saroj Devi struck an emotional chord and touched billions of hearts with remarks about Arshad Nadeem, who beat her son to win the Olympic javelin gold. "Nadeem is also good, he plays well...we are very happy with the silver, the one who got gold is also our child...all are athletes, all work hard."

LOVING SUPPORT

Arshad's mother says she prayed for her 'son' Neeraj also



Raziah Parveen, Arshad's mother, said she was praying for Neeraj also. "Wo (Neeraj) mere bete ka dost bhi hai aur bhai bhi. Main duniya mein duniya ke rozgar chahi." (He is both a friend and a brother to my son. I was praying for both of them) Raziah told the web-based Independent Urdu after her son's feat.

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RUN CONTINUES

Chen's 3m springboard gold gives China seventh diving medal



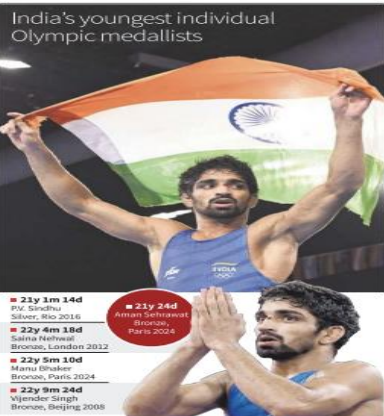
China's Chen Yiyen won gold in the women's 3-metre springboard on Friday extending China's winning streak in the 2024 Games diving events to seven. Australia's Maddison Keeney took silver and Chen's teammate Chang Yani took bronze. Chen who finished with 376 points was the only diver who scored over 70 points in each round.

Aman keeps India and Chhatrasal's flag flying high

The Indian shakes off the humbling loss in the semifinals, goes through the rigmarole of making the weight before dominating Cruz for the 57kg bronze



Insatiable hunger: Smarting from his loss in the last-four bout, Aman — relentless like a pitbull — racked up takedown after takedown against Cruz. BY RAJ KISHAN



India's youngest individual Olympic medalists

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- 22y 5m 10d Manu Bhaker Bronze, Paris 2024
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There was no time for self pity. The 21-year-old rushed out and began his weight control regime. He had 1.5 kilos to lose before Friday morning's weigh in so that he could make weight for the bronze medal. Aman wasn't taking any chances. He pulled on his black sweatshirt and headed to the mat in the training hall. He shadow practised for the next hour and a half. Then he hit the gym. When he stood on the scales three hours later, he saw what he was looking for. 56.80. He didn't drink nor eat, but importantly he went to bed relieved. "It was hard but not anything more than what he can do. This is what we should do," said coach Virender Singh.

Only after he passed his weigh in, did Aman drink something. By evening, he was ready to go. That staked for his opponent Darian Toi Cruz of Puerto Rico. A former collegiate champion in the USA, he is good. But the Indian had a hunger that would not be satiated by food. Cruz puts up a challenge early on and even led 3-2 but Aman was relentless like a pitbull. He keeps highlighting, snapping Cruz's neck down and sapping his energy. As the fight wore on, the Indian's pace took its toll. A close fight at 6-5 became a blowout as Aman racked up takedowns after takedown to win 13-5. Aman thus joins an elite list of men's Olympic wrestling medalists including two-time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar, 2012 bronze medalist Yogeshwar Dutt, Tokyo silver medalist Ravi Dahiya and bronze medalist Bajrang Punia. All of them have emerged from an akhara that is to Indian wrestling what La Masia is to Spanish football.

No easy days There are no easy days at Chhatrasal Akhara in New Delhi. It is an all male boot camp. The boys live cramped five or more to a room. In the winter you shiver. In the summer you sweat. The place smells constantly of sweat. There's no place for weakness or softness here. If you think you are special, you will be quickly cut to size. There's always someone as hungry as you. Willing to do more than you. You do what you have to do or you go home. But Chhatrasal isn't just an academy for Aman. It's also home. When he was 11 he was brought there by his uncle. Although he had wrestled in his village Bhirhar in Haryana, that wasn't the only purpose he was brought there. He had nowhere else to go. Aman's past is indeed painful. When he was 10, his mother died by suicide. His grief-stricken father died the same way a year later. At Chhatrasal if not a wrestler he could at least get three meals a day and help out some of the more established wrestlers. Since he arrived at

Chhatrasal, Aman's life revolved around training and competition. "He has almost no distractions. He has singular minded focus on training," says Pravesh Kumar, one of the coaches at Chhatrasal. "Chhatrasal Stadium is my home. The wrestlers here are my family. If someone comes and asks me to go somewhere for Diwali, I don't agree. I make it clear I'm not leaving Chhatrasal. Now people also know that this is my mentality, I don't like roaming around or going around Delhi either," says Aman. Aman slowly made a name for himself. He made his way through the Nationals winning gold in 2022. He even started making a mark at the international level — becoming India's first U-23 World Champion in 2022 and then winning an Asian Championship gold in 2023. His exploits earned him the only real concession Chhatrasal provides it's best athletes — a prefabricated room which he only had to share with two others. On its wall Aman put up a handpainted poster of the Olympic rings. Below it — in English — he wrote "If it was easy everyone would do it". But while he dreamt of the Olympics, he had to get through his biggest challenge yet. Fellow Chhatrasal trainee Ravi Dahiya had won the Olympic silver medal. After two losses, Aman finally beat his senior rival at the Paris trials. He missed out on a quota at the Asian qualifiers but started preparing right after for the World Olympic qualifiers and won the quota. Placed in a tough group in Paris, he once again did what he had to do both on the mat and outside. By the time he was done with the competition he had as a memento a raw cut on the bridge of his nose to go with the bronze medal around his neck. The cut will heal, while the medal he said will not satisfy him. Life will not change that much. Aman said he'll go back to the same room he shares with two other athletes. He'll continue to train as he's always done. The only change is his dream. "I'm going to win a gold medal next time," he says.

Hockey and India's emotional connect

when Indian hockey plunged to its lowest by not qualifying for the Beijing Games, the then Union Sports Minister M.S. Gill had said that hockey is "India's spiritual game". As the national side overcame several odds — starting from its disappointing outing in the home World Cup in January last year to being groomed by a new coach with about a year left for the Olympics, to finally finish third — it was a moment of joy for everyone. The big difference is a reason for optimism. For the countrymen who have won a bronze medal, but it is like a gold for us," said former

Indian hockey team captain and Hockey India (HI) president Dilip Tirkey. Goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh, who retired from international hockey on a high after defending India to another bronze medal win, nicely puts the comparison between cricket and hockey into perspective. "Cricket is a beautiful game, but the media showcases cricket a lot and the others are not getting the opportunity to watch hockey, that is one of the reasons. The big difference is, I think, financial. When it comes to hockey, we've got the support. The entire country attaches to the

emotion through hockey. "Our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) said this to us, 'Whatever happens, whoever wins a medal, but when Indian hockey teams win a medal, that's special' and we feel it. We care (for) what the people show us. That's really important for us. They never give up on us. They always support." Now, HI wants to cash in on the success to prepare players and coaches, by exposing them to top brand of hockey through the Hockey India League (HIL), for big events in future. "Our preparations for Los Angeles 2028 begin now," said Tirkey.



Back to the hill: Goalkeeper Sreejesh put the Indian fan support as a big plus for the team. REUTERS

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THE GOVERNMENT ON Friday introduced a Bill in Parliament to amend five banking laws to streamline services and governance standards...

CEO: UNDERLYING RESILIENCE OF HDFC TWINS INTACT

BRUSHING ASIDE APREHENSION about merger of HDFC bank and HDFC, MD & CEO Jagdishan said on Friday that the stability of metrics show that the underlying resilience of the two institutions is intact...

IMPORT OF PULSES MAY FALL TO 4-4.5 MT IN FY25

THE COUNTRY'S IMPORT of pulses is likely to decline to 4 to 4.5 million tonnes (MT) in the current fiscal from a record 6.13 MT in FY24 because of adequate monsoon rain and substantial imports...

AT \$674.91 BN, FOREX RESERVES AT NEW HIGH

INDIA'S FOREX RESERVES jumped by \$7.533 billion to a new record high of \$674.91 billion for the week ended August 2, RBI said on Friday...

RENTAL CORNER: TRENT PROFIT RISES TWO-FOLD; INDUCE UP 56%

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FE SPECIALS

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LARGE DEAL WINS A DRAG India IT firms' revenues from Europe see sequential decline



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AUTOMAKERS TO THRASH OUT ISSUES ON SUNDAY P calls truce meet to douse hybrid-EV fire

Tata Motors, M&M had opposed registration fee waiver on hybrids

AT OPPOSITE ENDS Automakers like Maruti Suzuki, Toyota Kirloskar, which make hybrid vehicles and stand to gain from the move, are backing it while Tata Motors, M&M and Hyundai Motor India, are strongly opposing it.

SWARAJ BAGODKAR Mumbai, August 9 THE UTTAR PRADESH government will thrash out the differences between automakers at a meeting on Sunday over its recent move to waive registration tax on hybrid vehicles.

is provided to hybrids. The reason for that is simple: Hybrid vehicles roughly cost around ₹1.5-1.8 lakh more than diesel, and if registration charges are waived, they cost almost the same.

Ola Electric makes a sizzling debut, up 20%

FE BUREAU Mumbai, August 9 AFTER A SLOW start, Ola Electric Mobility's shares soared to ₹91.20 on their listing debut on Friday, hitting the 20% upper circuit.

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Equity MF inflows in July fall 8.6% m-o-m

INFLOWS INTO equity mutual funds in July at ₹97,113 crore were the second highest monthly numbers ever and marked the 41st straight month of inflows, reports Anand Kumar M. This was, however, a lower compared with June figures.

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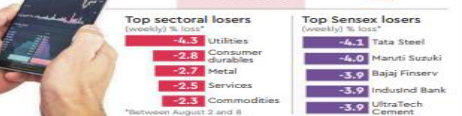
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The image captures the Jaisalmer Fort, a remarkable example of Rajasthani architecture. The structure is built from light-colored, weathered stone, featuring a complex series of stepped terraces and walls. Several arched niches are integrated into the design, providing a rhythmic pattern to the facade. The perspective is from an elevated position, looking down into the fort's interior, which emphasizes the depth and scale of the stepped walls. The warm, golden light of the sun creates strong shadows, highlighting the geometric forms and textures of the stone.

Jaisalmer Fort


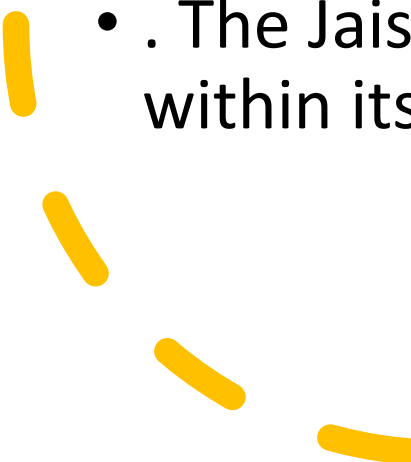



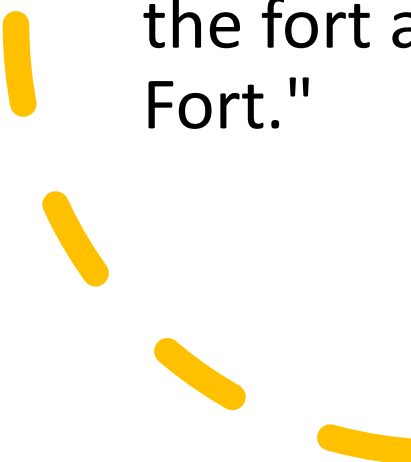








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- The historic Jaisalmer Fort in Rajasthan, experienced a collapse of its walls following heavy rainfall, highlighting the need for better maintenance and preservation of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.
 - The collapse is attributed to weakened walls due to a lack of proper maintenance
 - . The Jaisalmer Fort is India's only 'living' fort, with residents living within its walls, making its maintenance crucial for their safety.
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- Built in 1156 AD by Raja Rawal Singh, the fort was strategically constructed to protect the kingdom from invasions.
 - It was an important trade centre along the Silk Route, connecting India with Central Asia.
 - Constructed from yellow sandstone that changes colour with sunlight, the fort appears golden, earning it the name "Sonar Quila" or "Golden Fort."
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- **The Raj Mahal (Royal Palace) is the largest palace within the fort, featuring ornate balconies and intricate carvings. It is a splendid example of medieval Rajasthani architecture, featuring a remarkable blend of Islamic and Rajput style influences.**



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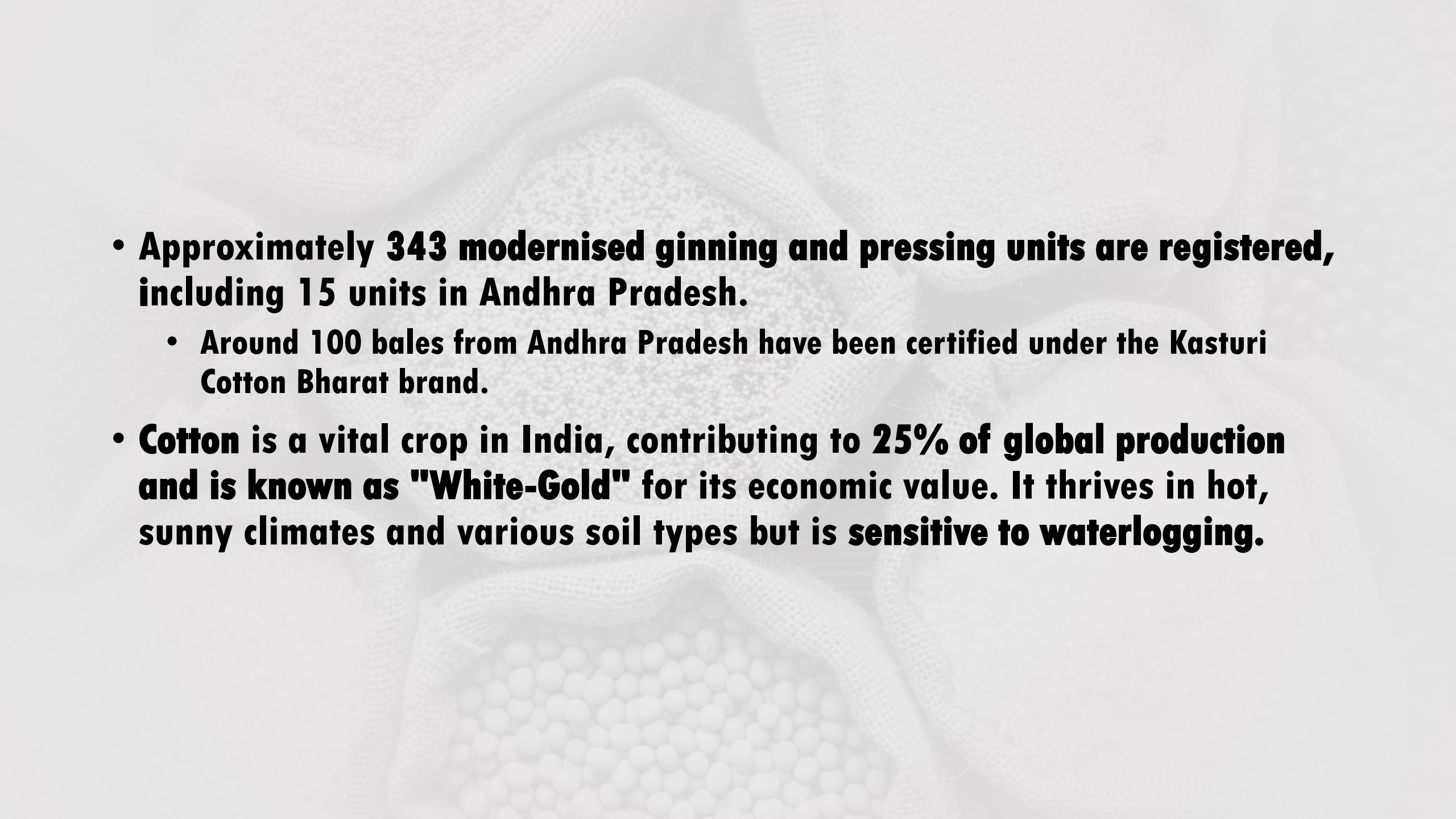


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- **The hill forts of Rajasthan, including Chittor, Kumbhalgarh, Ranthambore, Gagron, Amer, and Jaisalmer Forts, were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013.**
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Kasturi Cotton Bharat Initiative



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- The Kasturi Cotton Bharat programme of the Ministry of Textiles is a pioneering effort in traceability, certification and branding of Indian cotton. It is a collaboration between the Government of India (Cotton Corporation of India), trade bodies, and industry to enhance cotton traceability and certification.
 - A microsite with QR code verification and a blockchain platform has been developed for end-to-end traceability and transaction certification.
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- **Approximately 343 modernised ginning and pressing units are registered, including 15 units in Andhra Pradesh.**
 - **Around 100 bales from Andhra Pradesh have been certified under the Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand.**
 - **Cotton is a vital crop in India, contributing to 25% of global production and is known as "White-Gold" for its economic value. It thrives in hot, sunny climates and various soil types but is sensitive to waterlogging.**

Major Cotton Growing Areas of India





India's Renewable Energy Capacity Surge in 10 Years



- Recently, the Union Minister informed that India's installed renewable energy capacity has increased by 165% over the past decade, rising from **76.38 Gigawatts (GW) in 2014 to 203.1 GW in 2024.**

- **Solar Power:** Back in **March 2014**, Solar power generation was **2.82 GW**, and it is around **85.47 GW** of solar power in June 2024. That's nearly 30 times the original capacity.
 - India achieved 4th position globally in RE (Renewable Energy) Installed Capacity.
- **Wind Power:** Wind turbines have been spinning their way to success too. It has surged from 21.04 GW to a breezy 46.66 GW in the same period.
 - India achieved 5th position globally in it.

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- For the first time ever, India has surpassed the 200 GW mark from non-fossil fuel sources. It includes:
 - 85.47 GW of solar power
 - 46.93 GW of large hydro
 - 46.66 GW of wind power
 - 10.95 GW of biopower
 - 5.00 GW of small hydropower
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- **Budget and Tariff**

- The budgetary allocation for the Ministry of Renewable Energy has doubled from Rs10,000 crores last year to more than Rs20,000 crores this year.
- Solar power tariffs have gone from Rs. 10.95 per unit in 2010-11 to a mere Rs. 2.60 in 2023-24.

- **India Towards a Greener Future**

- India aims to reach a non-fossil fuel energy capacity of **500 GW by 2030** and fulfil at least half of its energy requirements via renewable energy by **2030 at the COP26**.

- To achieve this ambitious target, the MNRE is targeting the bidding of around 50 GW of renewable energy projects per annum.

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- – It is a significant increase from the previous target of 450 GW.
 - The plan involves an investment of at least ₹2.44 lakh crore or ₹2.44 trillion.
 - India's renewable energy sector has the potential to employ around one million people by 2030, and most of the new jobs would be generated by **small-scale renewable energy projects.**
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- **Government Efforts in India's Renewable Energy Sector**
 - **Permitting FDI:** India has permitted FDI up to 100% under the automatic route to attract foreign investments.
 - **Waiver of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges:** For inter-state sale of solar and wind power for projects, ISTS charges have been waived off.



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Project PARI





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- Recently, Project PARI was initiated on the occasion of the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting,

- **About Project PARI**

- The Project PARI (Public Art of India) was launched by the Ministry of Culture.

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- It is managed by Lalit Kala Akademi and National Gallery of Modern Art.



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- **Art Forms:** Includes traditional and contemporary art such as Phad paintings, Thangka paintings, Warli art, Gond Art, Alpona art, Cheriya painting, Tanjore paintings, Kalamkari, Pithora Art, and Kerala Murals.
 - **Objective:** To celebrate and enhance the public art scene by blending India's cultural heritage with contemporary themes
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International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples



- The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on **August 9** every year.
- **About**
- The day was chosen in recognition of the **first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations** held in **Geneva in 1982.**
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- **The day recognises** the unique cultures, languages, and traditions of Indigenous peoples, as well as their contributions to global diversity and sustainable development.
 - Moreover, the day serves as a **call to action for governments, organizations, and individuals to uphold the rights of indigenous peoples**, promote their empowerment, and work towards achieving justice, equality, and reconciliation.
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- **About the Indigenous Peoples**
- Indigenous Peoples are inheritors and practitioners of unique cultures and ways of relating to people and the environment.
- They reside in remote forests rich in natural resources in **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Peru and Venezuela.**



- There are an estimated **476 million Indigenous Peoples** in the world living across 90 countries. They make up less than **6 percent of the world's population**, but account for at least **15 percent of the poorest**



Lower Coffee Production in India



- **The Coffee Board of India** hinted that **coffee production for 2024-25 may be significantly lower.**
 - There has been a **considerable loss of plants and berries** on account of high temperature, heavy rainfall and landslides in the Wayanad.






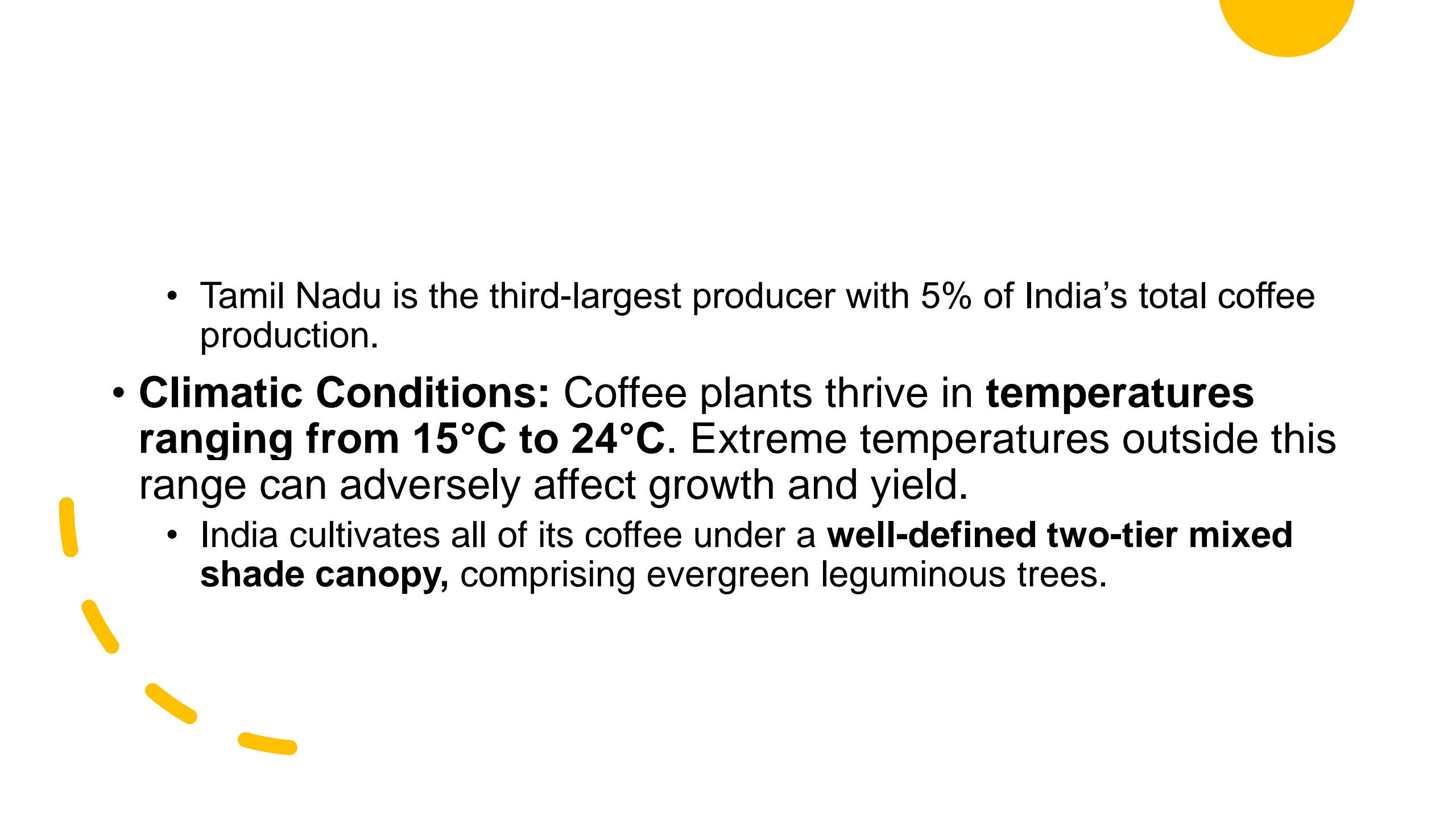
- **Coffee Production in India**

- India became the **world's eighth largest coffee** grower during 2022-2023.

- Indian coffee is **one of the best coffees** in the world owing to its high quality and pertains to being premium in the international markets. India produces two **types of coffee: Arabica and Robusta.**

- **Karnataka accounts for 70%** of the country's total coffee production, while Kerala is the second-largest producer with a contribution of 23%.



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- Tamil Nadu is the third-largest producer with 5% of India's total coffee production.
 - **Climatic Conditions:** Coffee plants thrive in **temperatures ranging from 15°C to 24°C**. Extreme temperatures outside this range can adversely affect growth and yield.
 - India cultivates all of its coffee under a **well-defined two-tier mixed shade canopy**, comprising evergreen leguminous trees.



- **Coffee Board of India**

- Government of India established the 'Coffee Board' through a constitutional act "**Coffee Act VII of 1942**" under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.



- The Board comprises 33 members including the Chairman and the Secretary & Chief Executive Officer.





- It is an organisation that **promotes coffee production in India**.



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Lake Turkana



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- A **comprehensive survey of Lake Turkana**, Africa's fourth-largest lake, has been conducted for the first time in **50 years**, revealing high fish potential.
 - Led by UNESCO and the World Food Programme, and funded by the Dutch Government, the **10-year project aims to enhance the economic well-being and food security of the region's population.**
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- Lake Turkana is the largest desert lake in the world and is known for its unique greenish-blue colour.
 - It is part of the Omo-Turkana basin, which stretches into four countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda
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Ephemeral (adjective)

- *Definition:* Lasting for a very short time.
- *Example sentence:* The beauty of the sunset was ephemeral, disappearing within minutes as the night took over.
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Fun fact

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- **Host City Repeating:** London is the only city to have hosted the Summer Olympics three times: in 1908, 1948, and 2012.

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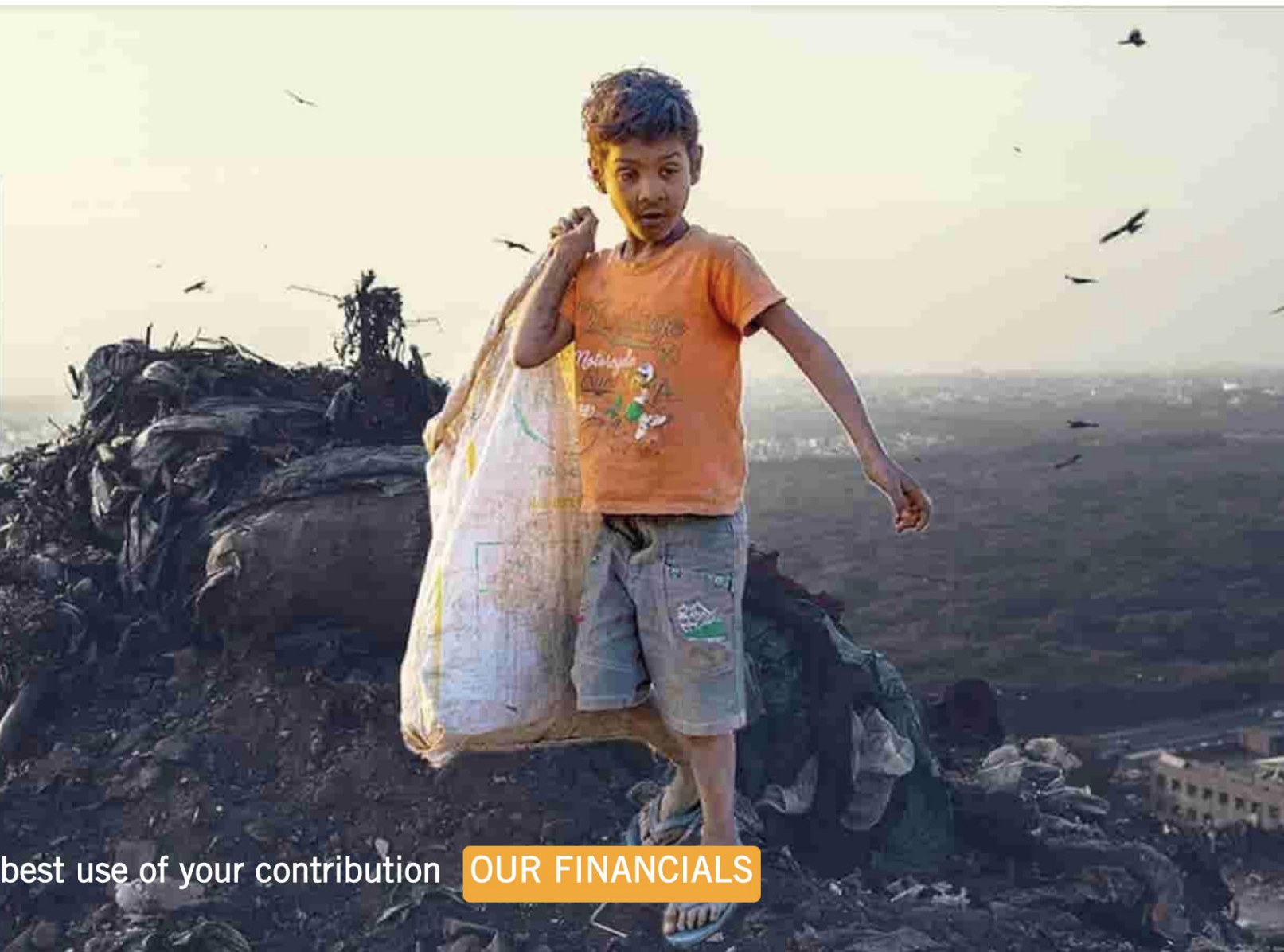





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