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Thal lawmakers elect Shinawatra heiress as PM

BANGKOK
The 37-year-old daughter of billionaire Thaksin Shinawatra, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, became Thailand's Prime Minister Friday, the third member of the influential but divisive clan to lead the country. > PAGE 12

NDA members get into huddle at Nadda's residence

NEW DELHI
A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi foregrounded the issue of a Uniform Civil Code — albeit in a new formulation as a "secular civil code", the members of the NDA met at BJP chief J.P. Nadda's residence. > PAGE 4

Demonetisation success claim an eyewash: Jalram

NEW DELHI
The government's assertion that the number of counterfeit notes detected has fallen is an "eyewash", the Congress said on Friday. Adding, the number of counterfeit ₹500 notes of the new series has nearly quadrupled between 2018-19 and 2023-24. > PAGE 5

Aadujeevitham bags nine Kerala film awards

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
Aadujeevitham, based on a real-life saga of human resilience in the face of unimaginable suffering, garnered nine awards including the top honours of Best Director for Bheem at the 54th Kerala State Film Awards. > PAGE 4

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Jammu & Kashmir: The election in the U.T. will be held in three phases.

Poll schedule

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Phase 2 (26 ACs)	September 25
Phase 3 (40 ACs)	October 1

Haryana: All 90 Assembly constituencies in the State will go to the polls on October 1.

Counting: Votes will be counted on October 4 for both Assemblies. J&K Assembly Constituencies: 100.

Battle lines drawn: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar with fellow Election Commissioners addressing a press conference, Jaipur, August 26.

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Interstellar itinerary



ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle-03 (SSLV-D3) lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on Friday. ANI (REPORT ON PAGE 4)

Modi speaks to Yunus, calls for safety of Hindus

Rajib Bhattacharjee
NEW DELHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke to Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser of the new interim government in Bangladesh, and reiterated his call for safety and security of "Hindus and all other minority communities" in the neighbouring country. The two leaders spoke for the first time against the backdrop of the fast-track developments in Bangladesh. "Received a telephone call from Professor Muhammad Yunus. Exchanged views on the prevailing situation. He assured protection, safety and security of Hindus and all minorities in Bangladesh," Mr. Modi said on X. **FULL REPORT > PAGE 5**

IMA announces 24-hour withdrawal of health services

Hindu Shiksha Paripadalan
NEW DELHI
The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has announced a 24-hour withdrawal of health services by all doctors of modern medicine across the country, irrespective of the sector and place of work. Emergency and casualty departments will function but no outpatient services and elective surgeries will be available, it said. The withdrawal of services is from 6 a.m. on Saturday to 6 a.m. on Sunday. Doctors are protesting against the rape and murder of a young doctor at the R.G. Kar Hospital in Kolkata on August 9. In a release issued on Friday, the IMA said that the incident has brought to fore the two dimensions of violence in the hospital — one, a crime of barbaric scale due to the lack of safe spaces for women and the other, the inhumanism that followed due to the lack of an organised security protocol. "Shocked the nation" "The crime and the vandalism have shocked the conscience of the nation. Today, both the medical fraternity and the nation are victims," said IMA national president R.V. Asokan. "The 36-hour duty shift

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that the victim was in and the lack of safe spaces to rest warrant a thorough overhaul of the working and living conditions of the resident doctors," the IMA stressed. Dr. Asokan said that doctors were also seeking meticulous and professional investigation of the crime and rendering of justice. "We also want proper identification of those who vandalised the hospital and punishment. Appropriate and dignified compensation should be given to the bereaved family." Delhi Medical Association president-elect Girish Tyagi said, "We are with the resident doctors as they are not getting the proper working conditions. In case their demands are not addressed in the next phase of the strike, emergency services will also be shut down. Meanwhile, the Central government on Friday said that "in the event of any violence against any healthcare workers on duty, the head of institution shall be responsible for filing an institutional FIR within a maximum of six hours from the incident." The government noted that the order was issued in view of the fact that violence had become common against doctors and other healthcare staff in government hospitals.

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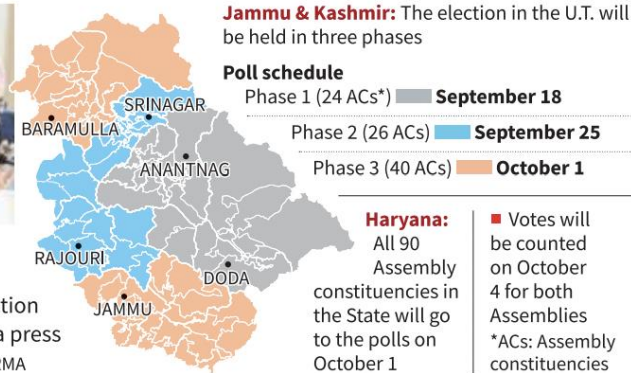
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Haryana poll

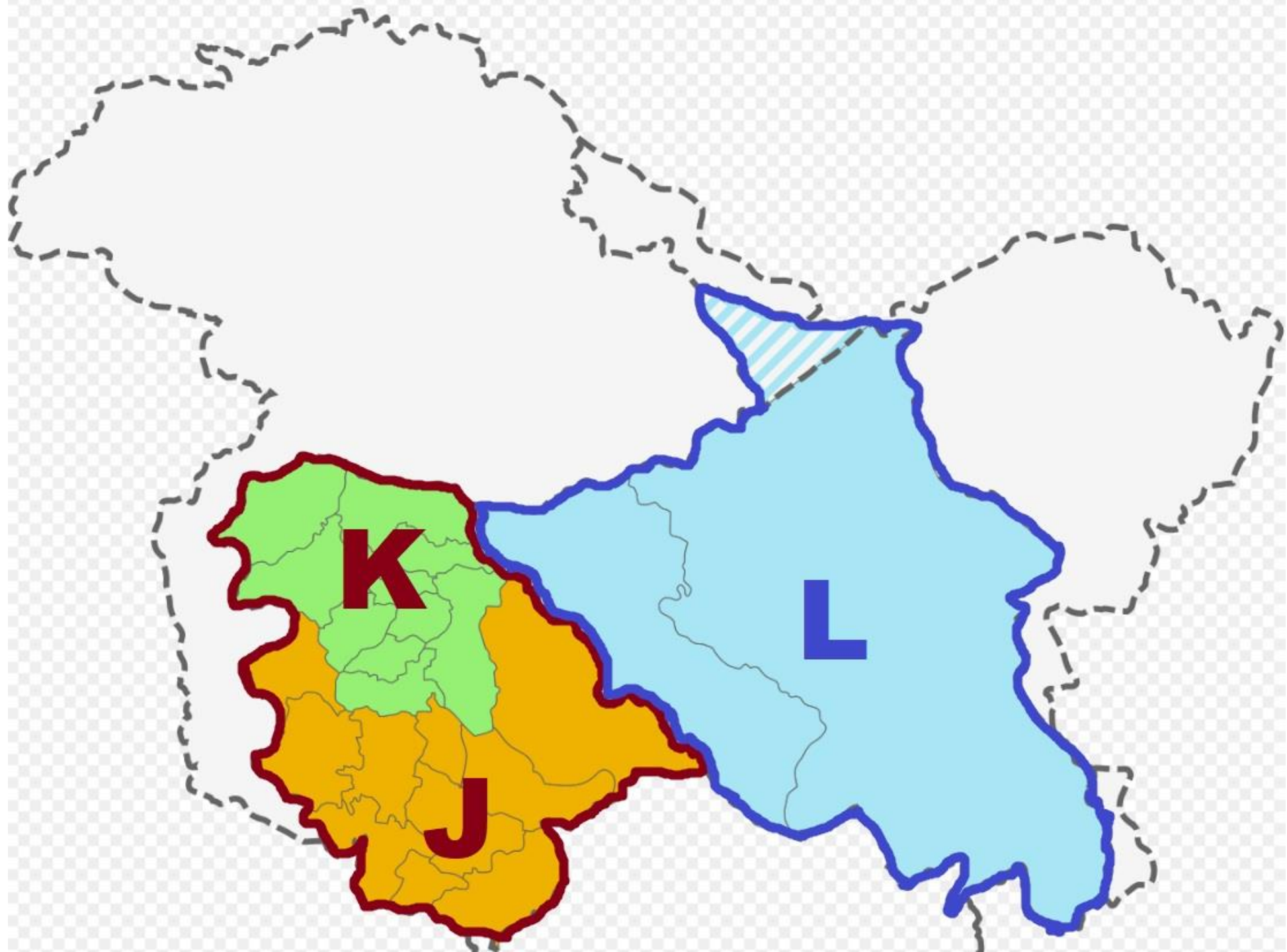
In Haryana, 2.01 crore voters – including 1.06 crore men, 95 lakh women, and 4.52 lakh first-timers – will exercise their franchise in 90 Assembly constituencies.

The last day to file the nominations of Haryana is September 12, the date of scrutiny is September 13, and the date of withdrawal of candidatures is September 16.

The current Haryana Assembly’s term ends on November 3.

In 2019, the BJP had won 40 of the 90 seats and formed the Haryana government in alliance with the Jananayak Janta Party.

Union territory	31 October 2019
Capitals	Srinagar (May–October) Jammu (November–April) ^[4]
Districts	20
Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">Body Lieutenant Governor National Parliament High Court	Government of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha Parliament of India : Lok Sabha (5) High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh
Area ^[a] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total	42,241 km ² (16,309 sq mi)
Highest elevation ^[5] (Nun Peak)	7,135 m (23,409 ft)
Lowest elevation (Chenab River)	247 m (810 ft)
Population (2011) ^[6] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Total Density	12,267,013 290/km ² (750/sq mi)
Languages <ul style="list-style-type: none">Official Spoken	Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English ^{[7][8]} Kashmiri, Gojri, Pahari, Punjabi, Bhadarwahi, Sarazi, Khowar, Shina, Burushaski, Bateri ^[16]





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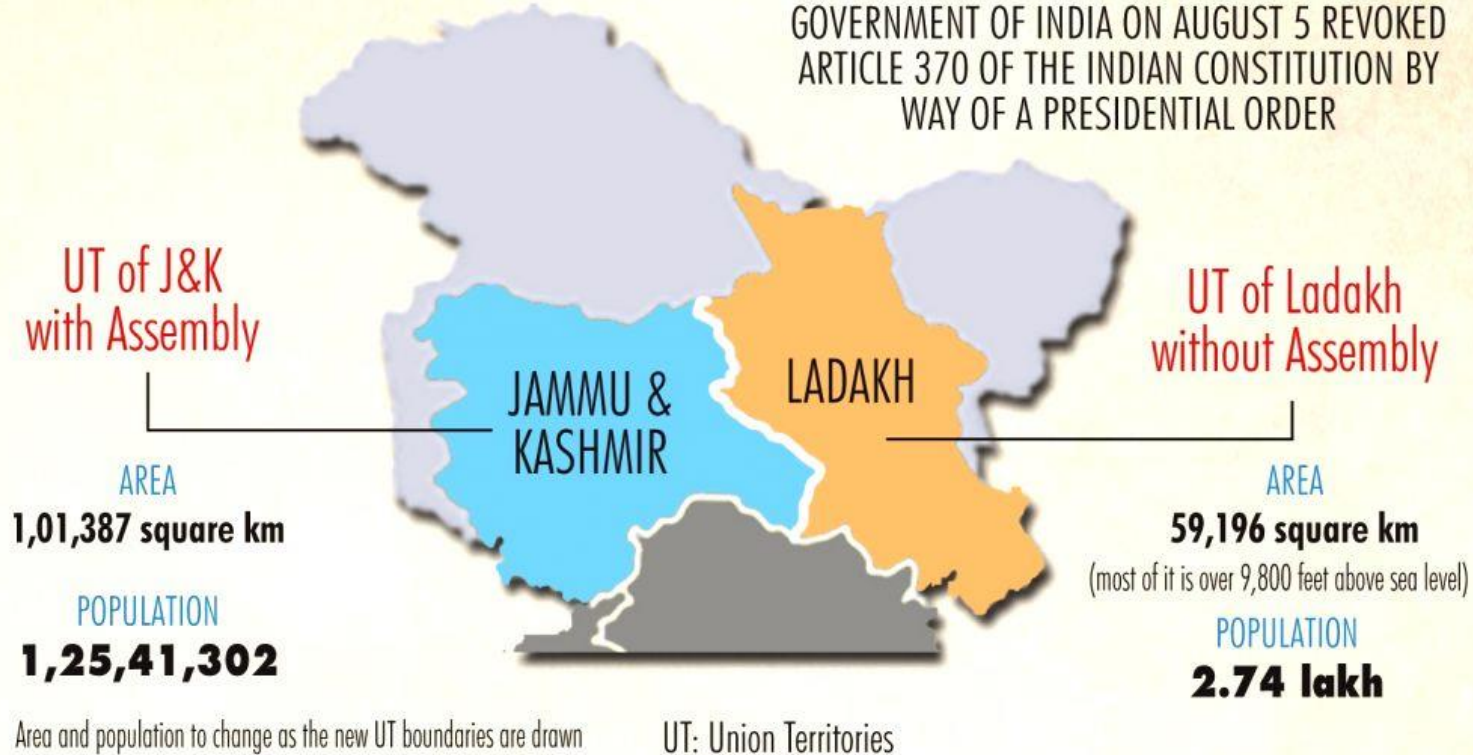
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IN BRIEF: UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON AUGUST 5 REVOKED ARTICLE 370 OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION BY WAY OF A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER



JAMMU & KASHMIR AFTER ARTICLE 370 IS REVOKED:

- **No dual citizenship**
- **Central laws can directly apply**
- **No separate laws for J&K**
- **Indian citizens from**
- **other states can buy land & property**
- **No two flags**
- **Elections every five years**
- **Centre can declare**
- **financial emergency under Article 360**
- **Police will be managed by the Centre**

Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Elections:

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Election Phases and Constituencies:

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Phase 3: October 1 - Voting in 40 Assembly constituencies


Context and Background:

The last Assembly election in J&K was held in 2014.

The Supreme Court had directed that Assembly polls in J&K be held by September 30, 2023, following the scrapping of Article 370.



- **Challenges and Security Measures:**

- Conducting the Assembly election in J&K involves significant deployment of Central and State police forces to ensure peaceful and fair elections.
 - The Election Commission (EC) has considered several factors, including the weather and security concerns, in scheduling the polls.
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Haryana Assembly Elections:

Haryana will vote in a single phase on October 1.

The counting of votes for both the J&K and Haryana Assembly elections will be held on October 4.



- **Key Statistics:**

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 - In Haryana, 2.01 crore voters are eligible to vote, including 1.06 crore men, 95 lakh women, and 4.52 lakh first-time voters.
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When will the first phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections be held?

a) October 1

b) September 25

c) September 18

d) October 4

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The Hindu Bureau
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Hindi Film award as well, while Niki Joshi won the Best Costume Designer award for *Kutch Express*.

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Pritam won the Best

Music Director (songs) award and Arijit Singh was adjudged the Best Male Playback Singer for the song, "Kesariya", both for *Brahmastra-Part 1: Shiva*.

The Best Female Playback Singer award went to Padma Shri awardee Bombay Jayashri for "Chaayum Veyil", a song in *Saudi Vel-laka CC 225/2009*, which also won the award for the Best Malayalam Film.

Brahmastra-Part 1: Shiva has been adjudged the best film in the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comic category.

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National Film Awards

Current: *70th National Film Awards*



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- Country** India
- Presented by** [National Film Development Corporation](#)
- Hosted by** [New Delhi](#)
- First awarded** 10 October 1954; 69 years ago
- Last awarded** 24 August 2023; 11 months ago

List of films with most awards

Film (Year)	No. of Awards won
<i>Lagaan</i> (2001)	8
<i>Bajirao Mastani</i> (2015)	7
<i>Godmother</i> (1998)	6
<i>Kannathil Muthamittal</i> (2002)	6
<i>Aadukalam</i> (2010)	6
<i>RRR</i> (2022)	6

70th NATIONAL FILM AWARDS GOES TO...

Best Actor in a Leading Role

Kantara, *(Kannada)*

Actor: Rishabh Shetty



Manasi, Rishabh, Nithya

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Thiruchitrabalam,
(Tamil)

Actress: Nithya Menen

Kutch Express, *(Gujarati)*

Actress: Manasi Parekh

Best Direction

Uunchai (Zenith), *(Hindi)*

Director: Sooraj R Barjatya

Best Music Direction

Brahmastra- Part 1:
Shiva, *(Hindi)*

Music Director (Songs):
Pritam

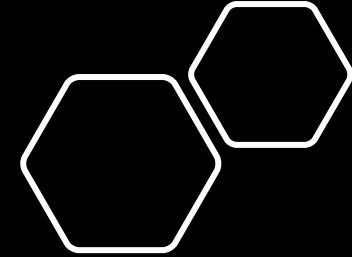
Ponniyin Selvan-Part I,
(Tamil)

Music Director *(Background Music):* A R Rahman

Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Neena Gupta

Uunchai (Zenith), *(Hindi)*



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Awards for Aattam:

Aattam also won awards for Best Editing (Mahesh Bhuvanend) and Best Screenplay (Anand Ekarshi).



- **Other Major Awards:**

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 - Sooraj R. Barjatya won the Best Director award for *Uunchai: Zenith* (Hindi).
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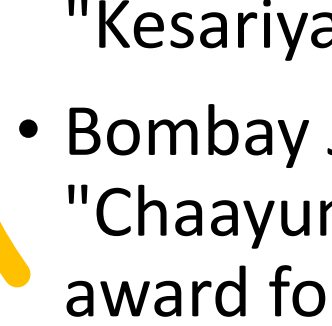
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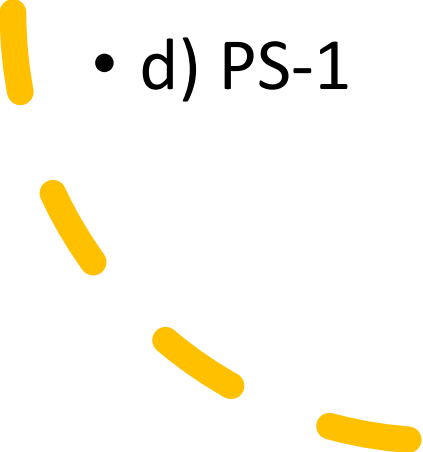
- **Special Mentions:**

- *PS-1 (Ponniyin Selvan: Part 1)*, directed by Mani Ratnam, won multiple awards, including Best Music Director (A.R. Rahman), Best Tamil Film, Best Cinematography, and Best Sound Design.
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 - a) Kantara
 - b) Thiruchitrambalam
 - c) Aattam
 - d) PS-1
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Calcutta High Court raps police over R.G. Kar Hospital vandalism

Court says incident reflects absolute failure of the State machinery, questions urgency of renovations done at the hospital; counsel for Bengal government says crime spot was not damaged; Chief Minister says CBI must solve the case by tomorrow

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Coming down heavily on the Kolkata Police over the vandalism at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in the early hours of Thursday, the Calcutta High Court on Friday said the incident was an "absolute failure of State machinery" and that the Central Bureau of Investigation was at its liberty to visit the hospital premises and make an assessment.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and leaders from the Opposition parties hit the streets to protest against the rape and murder of a doctor at the hospital on August 9 and the subsequent vandalism of the hospital. Petitions were filed before the Division Bench of Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Hiraman Singh Bhattacharyya, alleging that the scene of the crime — the seminar hall on the fourth floor of the hospital where the doctor



In solidarity, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee takes part in a rally in Kolkata on Friday. (K. S. Dey)

was raped and murdered — had been compromised after the mob attack. Allegations were also raised that renovations were done in the hospital to destroy the crime scene.

The State government's counsel told the court that the point of occurrence had not been damaged or destroyed. On the issue of vandalism, the counsel said it was difficult to contain the 7,000-strong mob that the demonstration had turned into. "If 7,000 people gathered, it was hard to believe

with as far as the vandalism was concerned. The High Court also expressed anguish over renovation in the building and said, "What was the urgency?... We will shift patients to other hospital close to the (R.G. Kar) hospital. That will be the best." It directed the media and persons known to the victim not to circulate photographs or any information related to the victim's identity.

The court noted that the CBI had presented in a sealed cover documents that contained the first information report registered by the agency on August 13. Vinest Kumar Goyal, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, told prespers that about 25 persons have been arrested for the August 15 violence. The police admitted an assessment failure on their part to estimate the number of protesters outside the hospital and expressed concern about the rumourous going the rounds.

An inquiry report by the National Commission for Women in the rape and murder of the trainee doctor referred to lapses in security and poor infrastructure at the hospital. "Attempts are being made to hide the truth by circulating fake news on social media... The truth to come out but some quarters are peddling lies to mislead people," she said. Leaders of Opposition parties, particularly the BJP, held protests across the State, while the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) observed a 12-hour strike on Friday. Vinest Kumar Goyal, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, told prespers that about 25 persons have been arrested for the August 15 violence. The police admitted an assessment failure on their part to estimate the number of protesters outside the hospital and expressed concern about the rumourous going the rounds.

Jurisdiction of courts defined by Constitution: Dhanekar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In an apparent attack on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhanekar, without naming him, said on Friday that it was extremely worrying that a person holding a constitutional position was asking the Supreme Court to "give wings to a narrative" aimed at destroying the country's economy. Mr. Dhanekar was likely referring to Mr. Gandhi's recent statement urging the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the recent Hindenburg report that targets Madhabi Puri Buch, the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India. The Congress termed Mr. Dhanekar's statement a "troll" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr. Dhanekar, speaking at the National Law University here, asked students to rebuff and neutralise forces that keep partisan or self-interest above that of the nation. "Jurisdiction of Constitu-

NDA members get into a huddle after PM's 'secular civil code' pitch

Nistala Hebbar
NEW DELHI

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi foregrounded the issue of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in a new formulation as a "secular civil code" — meaning allies like the Dal (U) and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) wary and worried, the members of the ruling alliance met at BJP president J.P. Nadda's residence for a coordination meeting on Friday. According to senior BJP sources, the NDA resolved that regular meetings of all the NDA ministers should take place on a monthly basis and issues resolved within that forum. A case in point is the "secular civil code", BJP leaders called for the NDA meeting after the announcement, also keeping in mind that when the Waqf Amendment Bill was cleared by the Union Cabinet, its allies had raised very strong objections. However, during the debate in Parliament, the TDP's Harish Bhalagodi sought to refer it to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for further consideration. The Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and Jana Sena Party are also in favour of a JPC. It is said.

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Aadujeevitham bags top honours at 54th Kerala film awards

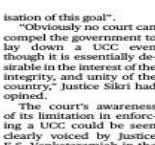
The Hindu Bureau
THRIUVANANTHAPURAM

Aadujeevitham, based on a real-life saga of human resilience, has won the award for the best debutant Director. The other awards won by Aadujeevitham include Best Popular Film, Best Adapted Screenplay for Blessy, Best Cinematography award for Prithviraj Sukumaran at the 54th Kerala State Film Awards. Kaathal-The Core, Jeo Baby's sensitive take on homelessness, won the award for Best Film as well as Best Story Uravshi, who subtly portrayed the inner turmoil of a woman in dealing with unforeseen circumstances in Utholathukki, shared the original acting honours with Beena R. Chandran, who por-

SC has campaigned for UCC, but refused to enforce it

Krishnasdas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has pushed for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) over the years, calling it "desirable", but refused to "enforce" it. The apex court has held that Article 44, which enjoins upon the state to endeavour to secure to its citizens a UCC, corresponds to Part IV of the Directive Principles of State Policy, which are only guidelines and do not create any justiciable rights in favour of any person. But this has not stopped the last four Indian successive governments for not taking effective steps to make UCC a reality. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for "secular civil code" in his Independence Day address



Courts' support: As late as in 2019, the SC recorded that no action has been taken to secure for the citizens a UCC, unless, success...

has brought the issue into focus. Looking back The court's largest Bench in history has a paragraph devoted to the UCC in its S.M. Sikri, on the 13-judge Bench in the Kesavananda Bharati case in 1973, in his minded the then govern-

ment that the state should endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India. But the court had also held back, observing a "desirable as it (UCC) is, the government has not been able to take any effective steps towards the realisation of this goal". "Obviously no court can compel the government to lay down a UCC even though it is essentially desirable in the interests of integrity, and unity of the country," Justice Sikri had opined. The court's awareness of its limitation in enforcing a UCC could be seen clearly in the landmark E.S. Venkataramiah in the 1982 Constitution Bench case of the Shaheen Bano Workers versus F.R. Ramakrishnan. However, this court enforced a UCC in respect of all civil code throughout the country. "It is the state which is charged with the duty of securing a uniform civil code for the citizens of the country and, unquestionably, it has the legislative competence to do so,"

ISRO's SSLV-D3 successfully launches earth observation satellite EOS-08 into orbit

Hemant G.S.
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation on Friday launched the EOS-08 Earth Observation Satellite on board the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D3) from the costly Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota. The SSLV-D3, in its final development flight, lifted off from the first launch pad of SDSC at 9:17 a.m. Seventeen minutes later, the EOS-08 satellite was injected into a 475-km circular orbit as intended. "The third developmental flight of SSLV, the SSLV-D3, with the EOS-08 satellite, has been successfully accomplished. The mission has placed the spacecraft in a very precise orbit as intended (CRISP) Package. Structural panel embedded with PCB, embedded battery, Micro-GA (Dual Gimbal Antenna), M-PAA (Phased array antenna) and Flexible solar panel & Nano star sensor etc., for on-board Technology Demonstration. It carries three payloads, namely

Sky high: ISRO's SSLV-D3 blasts off with Earth Observation Satellite EOS-08 on Sriharikota on Friday. (PTI)

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Ambedkar supported UCC, says Naqvi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Describing the proposed "secular civil code" as an inclusive reform, BJP leader and former Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Friday said illustrious personalities like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly were in favour of a "uniform secular civil code". Speaking to the media-persons, Mr. Naqvi said there was a need to remain "conscious and cautious" of the "conspiracy of communal confusion on secular civil code". The country had been waiting for the constitutional guidelines of "uniform secular civil code" to become a reality, but "this inclusive reform has been a victim of communal" objections, he said.

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EOS-08 is a first-of-its-kind mission built on a standard ISRO's Microsat/IMS-1 bus with a suite of ad-



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vanced payloads for observation in the IR range, novel GNSS-R Payload and SiC UV dosimeter.

The satellite boasts a host of new technological developments in satellite mainframe systems like an Integrated Avionics system – Communication, Baseband, Storage and Positioning (CBSP) Package, Structural panel embedded with PCB, embedded battery, Micro-DGA (Dual Gimbal Antenna), M-PAA (Phased array antenna) and Flexible solar panel & Nano star sensor etc., for on-board Technology Demonstration. It carries three payloads, namely

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EVOLUTION OF THE INDIAN LAUNCH VEHICLE

Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-3):

Height: 22m

Fuel: Four solid stages

Weight: 17 tonnes

Capability: Placing 40kg class payloads in low earth orbit



Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle

Height: 23.8m

Weight: 40 tonnes, 23.8 m tall

Fuel: Five stage, all-solid propellant

Capability: Orbiting 150kg class satellites into 400km circular orbits



Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

Height: 44.4m

Weight: 295 tonnes

Capability: 1600kg satellites in 620km sun-synchronous polar orbit and 1,050kg satellite in geo-synchronous transfer orbit (GTO)

Fuel: Four stages using solid and liquid propulsion systems alternately



GSLV Mark I and II

Height: 49 m

Weight: 414 tonne

Capability: Placing INSAT-II class of satellites (2000 – 2,500kg) into GTO

Fuel: Three stages, S125 solid booster with four liquid (L40) strap-ons, GS2 liquid engine and GS3 cryogenic stage



GSLV Mark III

Height: 42.4m

Weight: 630 tonnes

Fuel: Three stage; two identical S200 Large Solid Booster (LSB) with 200 tonne solid propellant, the L110 re-startable liquid stage, the cryogenic stage

Capability: Placing communication satellites of INSAT-4 class, weighing 4,500-5,000kg in GTO, LEO, polar and intermediate circular orbits





SLV-3
17t
Lift-off weight
40kg
Payload mass
Propulsion:
All solid
Orbit: Low
Earth Orbit
(2,000km)



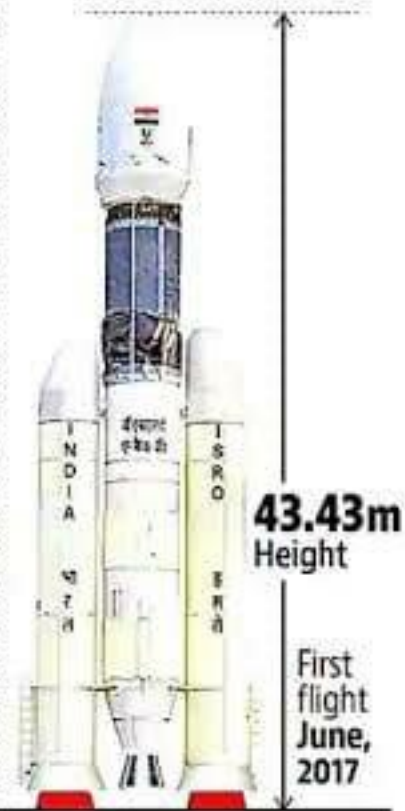
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Orbit: Low
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(2,000km)



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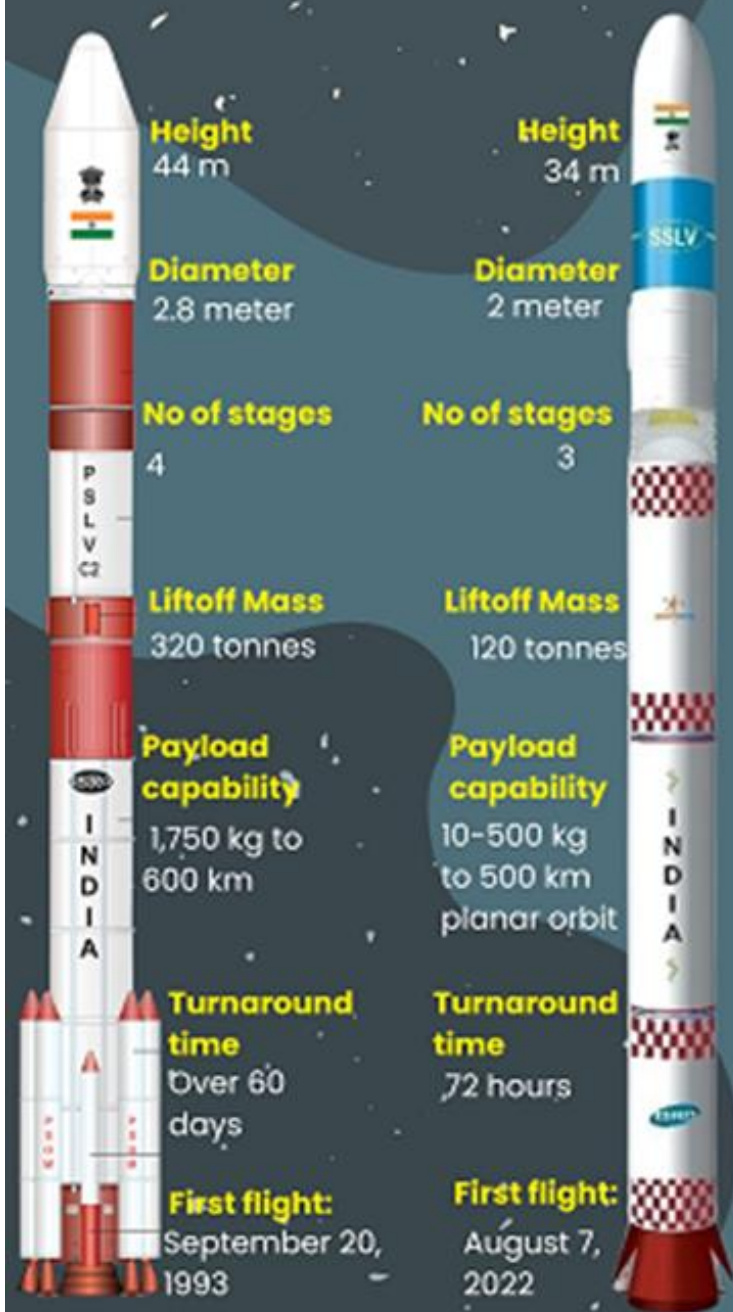


GSLV-Mk II
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Lift-off weight
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Payload mass
Propulsion: Solid,
liquid and cryogenic
Orbit: Geosynchro-
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PSLV vs SSLV






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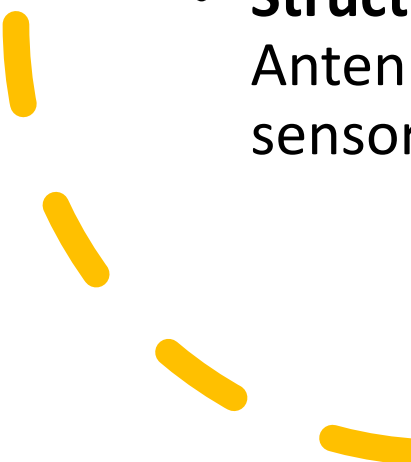
- **Satellite Injection and Orbit:**



- The EOS-08 satellite was injected into a 475-km circular orbit 17 minutes after launch.
 - ISRO Chairman S. Somanath confirmed that the satellite was placed in orbit as planned, with no deviations in the injection conditions.
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- **Technological Innovations:**


- EOS-08 is built on ISRO's Microsat/IMS-1 bus, featuring advanced payloads and technological developments, including:

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 - **Structural Enhancements:** Embedded PCB, battery, Micro-DGA (Dual Gimbal Antenna), M-PAA (Phased array antenna), flexible solar panel, and nano star sensor
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 - **GNSS-R Payload:** Demonstrates remote sensing capabilities for applications like Ocean Surface Winds, soil moisture, cryosphere applications, and flood detection.
 - **SiC UV Dosimeter:** For UV radiation measurement.
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1. Mission Objectives:

1. The spacecraft is designed for on-board Technology Demonstration and has a mission life of one year.
 2. The mission aims to showcase the capabilities of new satellite mainframe systems and advanced payloads.
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What was the primary purpose of ISRO's SSLV-D3 mission with the EOS-08 satellite?

a) To deploy a communication satellite for global internet services.

b) To test the capabilities of the GSLV rocket for deep space missions.

c) To demonstrate new technological developments in satellite systems and observe Earth through advanced payloads.

d) To launch a crewed mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

PRIDE OF PLACE Sumit and Bhagvashri named flag-bearers for Paralympics OC



Tokyo Paralympics gold medalist Sumit Antil and Asian Para Games silver winner Bhagvashri Jadhav will be India's flag-bearers at Paris Paralympics opening ceremony...

HOPEFUL Smith eves an IPL comeback after a stellar show in MLC



Bolestered by his strong showing in MLC, Australian batter Steve Smith is hopeful of making a return to the IPL next year...

IN TROUBLE Sri Lanka's Niroshan Dickwella suspended for doping violation



Wicketkeeper-batter Niroshan Dickwella has been suspended by Sri Lanka Cricket following allegations of an anti-doping violation...

GOING STEADY South Africa III for one in second essay after bowling out WI for 144



South Africa was 111 for one at tea in its second innings of the second Test day two against West Indies at Providence on Friday...

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Kamesh Srinivasan NEW DELHI

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Rare success: One of Pragganandhaa's two wins on the first day of blitz came against Nepomniachtchii...

Pragg stutters in blitz also, stays at bottom

with tournament leader Alireza Firouzja of France but lost the remaining six games in the blitz section...

Ishan in top form as he powers Jharkhand to a 52-run lead over Madhya Pradesh



Ishan Kishan marked his return to red-ball cricket with a superb 114 (107b, 8x4, 10x6) against Madhya Pradesh on day two of the All India Buchi Babu invitation cricket tournament at Tirunelveli on Friday...

Darke's unbeaten century carries Australia-A to facile win over India-A



Opener Maddy Darke's unbeaten 106 propelled Australia-A to an eight-wicket win over India-A in the second women's one-day match on Friday...

Korean raider Lee set to return to PKL with Patna Pirates

Over two days, 118 players went under the hammer in the auctions for the Pro Kabaddi League's eleventh edition here...

Could have competed till 2032 under circumstances, says Vinesh in emotional post

Wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Saturday said that under "different circumstances" she could have competed till 2032 because she still has a lot of left in her...

Indians and my family, it feels like the goal that we were working towards and what we had planned to achieve is unfinished...

PRIDE OF PLACE

Sumit and Bhagyashri named flag-bearers for Paralympics OC



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▲ Tokyo Paralympics gold medallist Sumit Antil and Asian Para Games silver winner Bhagyashri Jadhav will be India's flag-bearers at Paris Paralympics opening ceremony. Javelin thrower Sumit won gold in Tokyo with a world record in the F64 category, while shot-putter Bhagyashree claimed silver in the F34 section at Asian Para Games.

India at the Paralympics



IPC code IND

NPC Paralympic Committee of India

Website www.paralympicindia.org.in 

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 57th	9	12	10	31

Games	Athletes	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Rank
 1960 Rome	<i>Did not participate</i>					
 1964 Tokyo						
 1968 Tel Aviv	10	0	0	0	0	-
 1972 Heidelberg	10	1	0	0	1	25
 1976 Toronto	<i>Did not participate</i>					
 1980 Arnhem						
 /  1984 Stoke Mandeville/New York	5	0	2	2	4	37
 1988 Seoul	2	0	0	0	0	-
 1992 Barcelona	9	0	0	0	0	-
 1996 Atlanta	9	0	0	0	0	-
 2000 Sydney	4	0	0	0	0	-
 2004 Athens	12	1	0	1	2	53
 2008 Beijing	5	0	0	0	0	-
 2012 London	10	0	1	0	1	67
 2016 Rio de Janeiro	19	2	1	1	4	43
 2020 Tokyo	54	5	8	6	19	24
 <i>2024 Paris</i>	<i>Future event</i>					
 <i>2028 Los Angeles</i>						
 <i>2032 Brisbane</i>						
Total		9	12	10	31	57

Athlete	Games	Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Devendra Jhajharia	 2004 Athens  2016 Rio de Janeiro  2020 Tokyo	 Athletics	2	1	0	3
Mariyappan Thangavelu	 2016 Rio de Janeiro  2020 Tokyo	 Athletics	1	1	0	2
Avani Lekhara	 2020 Tokyo	 Shooting	1	0	1	2
Joginder Singh Bedi	 /  1984 Stoke Mandeville/New York	 Athletics	0	1	2	3
Singhraj Adhana	 2020 Tokyo	 Shooting	0	1	1	2

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All set for the action: Members of the Indian Paralympic team with Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for sports Raksha Khadse, and PCI president Devendra Jhajaria. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

The Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya urged the Paris-bound Indian Paralympics contingent to come up with its best performance ever.

In a warm send off ceremony in the Capital, Mandaviya and the Minister of State for Sports, Raksha Khadse, were unanimous in addressing the athletes as the “pride of the nation” and expressed confidence that they would continue to script inspiring stories.

The president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), double Paralympic gold medallist

Devendra Jhajaria, was confident that the 84-member contingent, the biggest ever, would win more than 25 medals in Paris. “We had 56 athletes in Tokyo, competing in 12 disciplines. Now, we are competing in three more disciplines. We have 47 first timers. Many have already reached Paris and are training,” said Jhajaria.

Avoid pressure

With his vast experience, spread across many years in Paralympics, Jhajaria told the athletes not to be weighed down by the pressure of expectations.

“Don’t come under pressure. You have to give your best. Once you do

that, medal will be assured”, he said, equally confident that India would finish among the top-20 countries in the Games.

“Your journey is very inspirational. For most of us, it is a learning experience”, said Raksha.

“At the government, we do everything we can to support you. The government is with you. Am sure you will get more than 25 medals. And when you come back, there should be regional language interviews of our champions so that their inspirational journey reaches the people”, said Ms. Raksha.

“You have the ability to challenge the challenge, and convert adversity into

a favourable situation. Despite all the struggle, you don’t complain to God, but prove to the world that anybody can do anything. You are the pride of the nation”, said Mandaviya.

The minister was particular in bringing forth the role of the parents of the athletes and the early coaches in shaping their career, saying that they deserved the credit for putting their wards on right track and backing them.

Flag-bearer Sumit Antil, athletics chief coach Satyanarayan and many others were also felicitated on the occasion. A vibrant inspirational song was also released as the Paralympic anthem for the contingent.

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- **Indian Paralympics Team Send-Off:**
 - The Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and the Minister of State for Sports, Raksha Khadse, addressed the Indian Paralympics contingent in a warm send-off ceremony.
 - The 84-member contingent, the largest ever, is headed to Paris for the 2024 Paralympic Games.
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Ministerial Encouragement:

Dr. Mandaviya urged the team to deliver their best performance and expressed confidence that the team would win more than 25 medals in Paris, possibly finishing among the top 20 countries.

Raksha Khadse emphasized the government's support for the athletes and the inspirational value of their journey.

Athletes and Preparation:

The team includes 47 first-time Paralympians.

Many team members have already arrived in Paris and are currently training.

Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) President's Remarks:

Devendra Jhajaria, President of PCI and a double Paralympic gold medalist, advised athletes to avoid pressure and focus on doing their best.

How many first-time Paralympians are part of the Indian contingent for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games?

a) 56

b) 47

c) 25

d) 84

India needs to create 60-148 mn more jobs: IMF's Gita Gopinath

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IN THE NEWS

RULES TIGHTENED FOR PEER-TO-PEER LENDING PLATFORMS

THE RBI ON Friday tightened the rules for peer-to-peer (P2P) lending platforms, prohibiting them from taking any credit risk, offering credit enhancement or providing guarantees, reports Sachin Kumar. A P2P platform should not promote peer-to-peer lending as an investment product, said the RBI. ■ PAGE 6

FOOD INFLATION SEEN PEAKED, MAY REMAIN AT 5.5-6%

FOOD INFLATION, WHICH peaked at 6.6% for a year till June, may have seen the peak, economists said, reports Priyanka Verma and Sandip Das. It rose 9.36% in June, fell to 5.42% in July. However, price pressures are moderating, and in the remaining months of FY25, it may average between 5.5-6%. ■ PAGE 2

HINDUSTAN ZINC 1.25 TIMES ON DAY 1

THE OFFER sale of Vedanta group firm Hindustan Zinc received a strong response on Day 1, with non-retail investors placing bids for 6.3 crore shares, according to a regulatory filing, reports PTI.

URBAN JOBLESS RATE EASES IN Q1, RISES AMONG FEMALES

THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in urban areas eased a tad to 6.6% in April-June from 6.7% in the previous quarter, reports Priyanka Verma. The unemployment rate of males fell to 5.8% in Q1FY25 from 6.1% in Q4FY24, while that of females rose to 9% from 8.5%. ■ PAGE 2

WARBURG PINCUS TO BUY 75-80% IN EBCO IN ₹3,500-CR DEAL

WARBURG PINCUS HAS acquired around 75-80% stake in Ebcoco at a valuation of ₹3,500 crore, reports Vivek Susan Pinto. Ebcoco's promoter family, led by Geoffrey Nagpal, would retain a minority stake. ■ PAGE 4

FE SPECIALS

Citroën Basalt: The French have finally found their rock

After four models that did not work, Citroën has finally made a car that can rock. ■ PHOTOBANK, PP

Bundled health and life cover plans can be cost-effective

These also offer critical illness cover & waiver of premium benefit. ■ PERSONAL FINANCE, PP

US RECESSION FEARS EASE, FED RATE CUT HOPES RISE

Markets jump nearly 2%

Log biggest single-day gain of the month

VIVEK KUMAR M Mumbai, August 16

BENCHMARK INDICES REGISTERED their biggest single-day gain of the month on Friday, as hopes of the US Federal Reserve beginning its rate cut cycle in September picked up pace. This optimism comes in the backdrop of US data showing that annual retail inflation in the world's largest economy eased below 3% in July for the first time since 2021.

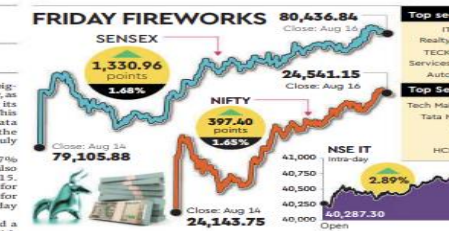
The Sensex surged 1,330.96 points or 1.7% to close at 80,436.84 and the broader Nifty also jumped 397.40 points or 1.7% to 24,541.15. While there was the biggest single-day gain for the Sensex since June 7, for

Nifty, it was the best day since July 26. The markets snapped a two-week losing streak with broad-based gains with all sectoral indices closing in the green, while the fear gauge — India VIX — eased

from 20.28 to 18.75. The biggest gainers were information technology, real estate, automobile and financial services firms.

While domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought shares worth ₹2,604.18 crore, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) purchased shares to the tune of ₹766.72 crore, according to a provisional data. This was only the third session where FPIs have been buyers in India so far in August. HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank contributed 25% to the Sensex's gains, while IT sector majors Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services made up 17% of the gains.

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Ola Electric shares surge 20%

AKSHATA GORDE Mumbai, August 16

SHARES OF OLA Electric Mobility jumped another 20% on Friday after it announced its foray into the electric motorcycle segment and brokerage firm HSBC initiated coverage on the stock with a "buy" rating at a price target of ₹140. As a result, the market capitalisation of the ₹500 crore-backed firm surged to ₹98,538 crore. With its 'Roadster'-e-bike series, Ola Electric Mobility is set to intensify competition in the world's second-largest two-wheeler market, where it

will have to tackle bigger rivals like Bajaj Auto, TVS Motor and Hero MotoCorp. Ola's plan to build an "all important" battery and its efforts to make most of its EV parts in the country, HSBC said, should attract investors looking to play the electrification theme in India. While HSBC remains conservative on the EV penetration in India along with other uncertainties, the brokerage firm believes that Ola Electric is "well positioned", considering the sustained regulatory support, its ability to reduce costs and a positive risk-reward in its investment.

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Key economic ministries undergo major reshuffle

FE BUREAU New Delhi, August 16

ADAY AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged in his Independence Day address to press ahead with major reforms in the economic and governance areas, key economic ministries saw a major bureaucratic reshuffle on Friday. Manoj Govil, corporate affairs secretary, has been shifted to the expenditure department, handled by finance secretary TV Somanath, who has been elevated to the post of Cabinet secretary.

Deepti Gaur Mukherjee will be the new corporate affairs secretary and Nagaraju Maddirala the new department of financial services (DFS) secretary. Amandeep Singh Bhakha has been appointed as secretary, department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPFIT), with incumbent Rajesh Kumar Singh set to join the defence ministry as officer on special duty, before he takes over as defence secretary.

Mukherjee, 1993 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been the chief executive officer of the National Health Authority, while Maddirala of the same batch from Tripura cadre is currently additional secretary in the ministry of coal. Vivek Joshi, currently DFS secretary, will now be secretary, personnel and training in the ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions. Amandeep Singh Bhakha (IAS, NL-93) is currently additional secretary in the department of commerce. Among other appointments, minority affairs secretary Katikithala Srinivas (IAS, GJ-89) has been named as housing and urban affairs secretary.

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TOP-LEVEL BUREAUCRATIC REJIG

Manoj Govil expenditure secy

Nagaraju Maddirala new financial secy

Vivek Joshi secy DoPT secy

Deepti Gaur Mukherjee new MCA secy

Amandeep Singh DFS secy

Rajesh Kumar Singh to join defence ministry as officer on special duty, before he takes over as defence secy

Katikithala Srinivas is new housing & urban affairs secy

Adani's Bangla plant to now sell power to India

HARIKISHAN SHARMA New Delhi, August 16

THE ONLY POWER plant in India contracted to export its entire output to Bangladesh, but now allowed to sell in India, accounts for a bulk of \$1 billion of electricity exports in 2023-24. With electricity exports surging, power accounted for 9.3% over \$1 billion of India's total exports (\$1.1 billion to Bangladesh in 2023-24, up from a little over 3% two years ago (\$498 million).

Following uncertainty in Bangladesh after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled Dhaka to India, a new interim government is in place. But New Delhi recently amended its power export rules to de-risk the only plant in India that is currently contracted to export its entire output from its 1,600 MW (mega watt) plant in Jharkhand to Bangladesh. As per records available with the Kolkata-based Eastern Regional Power Committee (ERPC), the APJ's Godda plant exported at least 7,508 million units (MU) of power — or 6.5% of the total exports 11,933.83 million units — to Bangladesh in April-March of 2023-24.

The move to amend a 2018 ministry of power regulation for

'import/export (cross border) of electricity', made through an office memorandum dated August 12, came less than a week after Hasina flew to New Delhi in the wake of appalling protests.

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THIRD SSLV FLIGHT LIFTS OFF

QUICK PICKS

J&K headed for polls after ten years

TEN YEARS SINCE the last Assembly election in September and the first for the UT that was created in September and October, headed for a three-phased election in September and October, reports Damini Nath. Polling will be held in J&K on September 18, September 25 and October 1, and votes will be counted on October 4. The EC also announced the schedule for Haryana polling on October 1 and counting on October 4. ■ PAGE 7

JSW Cement files ₹4k-cr IPO papers

JSW Cement filed IPO papers with the SEBI on Friday. The company is looking to raise up to ₹4,000 crore through the issue, reports Urvi Mahavani. The company is seeking to mop up ₹2,000 crore by selling new shares and ₹2,000 crore by way of the offer-for-sale route. The OFS will be by two private equity investors — Apollo Global Management and Synergy Metals Investment Partners, and State Bank of India. ■ PAGE 6

Boeing faces a steep climb in catching up to Airbus

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PLANE AND SIMPLE

Over 3,800 jets delivered by Airbus since 2019 beginning

Salima Hussain, an analyst at AlphaValue, an equity research firm. Airbus is gaining market share while Boeing needs to recover. "These two companies aren't competing in the global passenger plane market, but Airbus has far outper-

Shifting the balance of power back in its favour

Boeing is working closely with regulators on improving safety and quality

Boeing's fate rests largely on the new plane, which may not arrive for another decade

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SpaceX to launch methane satellite

THERE'S ABOUT TO be a new methane eye in the sky. SpaceX is scheduled to launch on Friday the Tanager-1 satellite.

The nonprofit Carbon Mapper is behind the satellite and will make the data available once it's operational in the coming months. Tanager-1 is the second methane-detecting satellite launched in the past six months by a nonprofit, reflecting the growing scrutiny around the potent greenhouse gas and the satellites' low cost relative to others used for atmospheric monitoring.

Developed by Planet Labs PBC with technology from NASA's Jet Propulsion Labora-



tory, Tanager-1 will be able to help pinpoint methane and carbon dioxide emissions from individual facilities. The satellite

— no bigger than a mini-fridge
— will attribute emissions within 50 meters of the source.

Carbon Mapper will focus on tracking methane “super emitters,” which include oil and gas wells, large livestock operations, landfills, and industrial refineries. This is the first step in the plan from the Carbon Mapper Coalition, a philanthropically funded public-private partnership, to deploy a constellation of satellites to observe up to 90% of major sources of emissions globally.

The energy industry's methane emissions are at record levels despite reduction pledges. Between 20% and

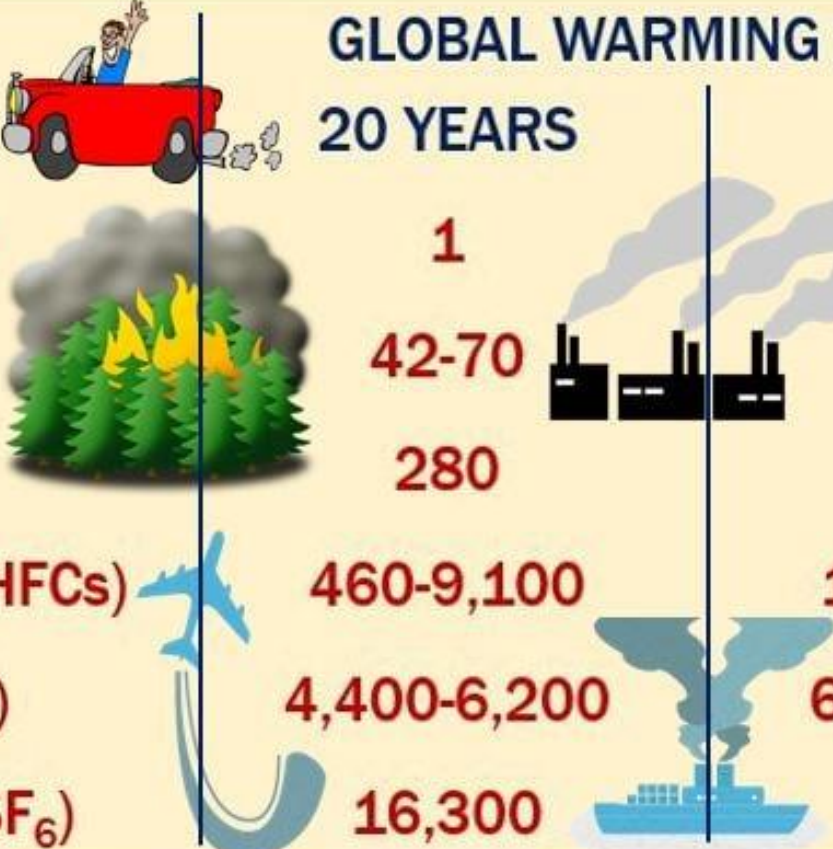
60% of methane emissions from US oil and gas basins come from just 1% of super-emitting sources.

The gas is roughly 80 times more potent than CO₂ over 20 years, and better oversight of super emitters could pay major climate dividends. The public emissions data could become a market mechanism according to Riley Duren, CEO, Carbon Mapper.

“If you have empirical evidence of [methane leaks from] liquid natural gas, then you can differentiate between cleaner consumers and producers of natural gas,” he says.

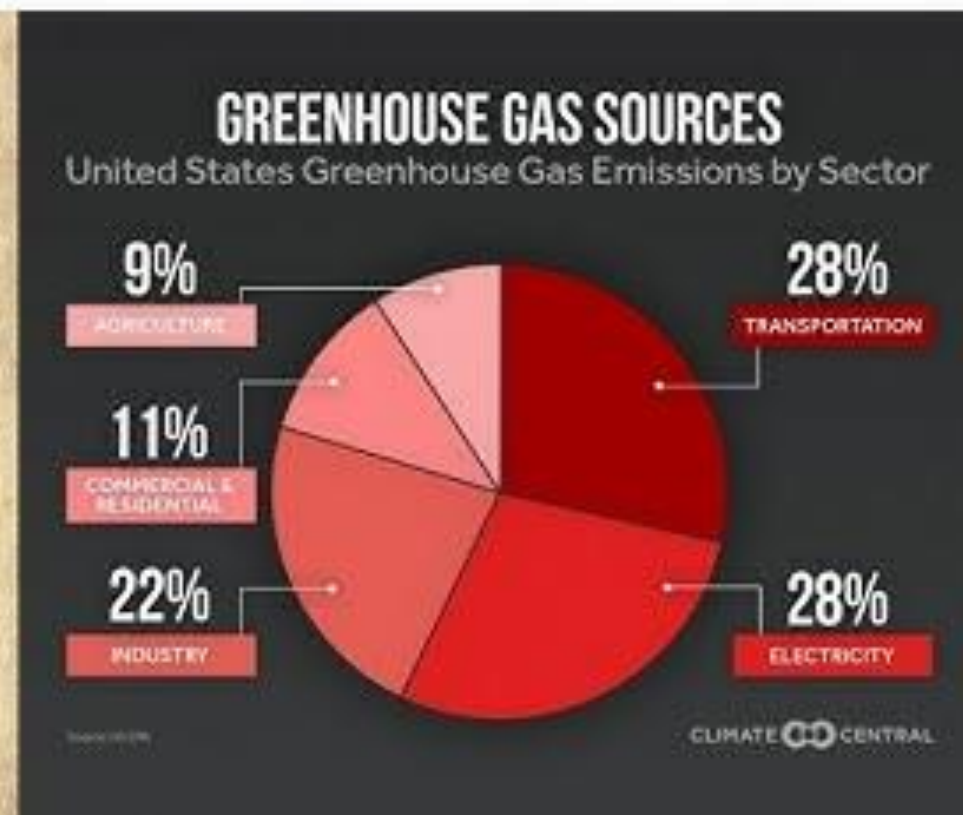
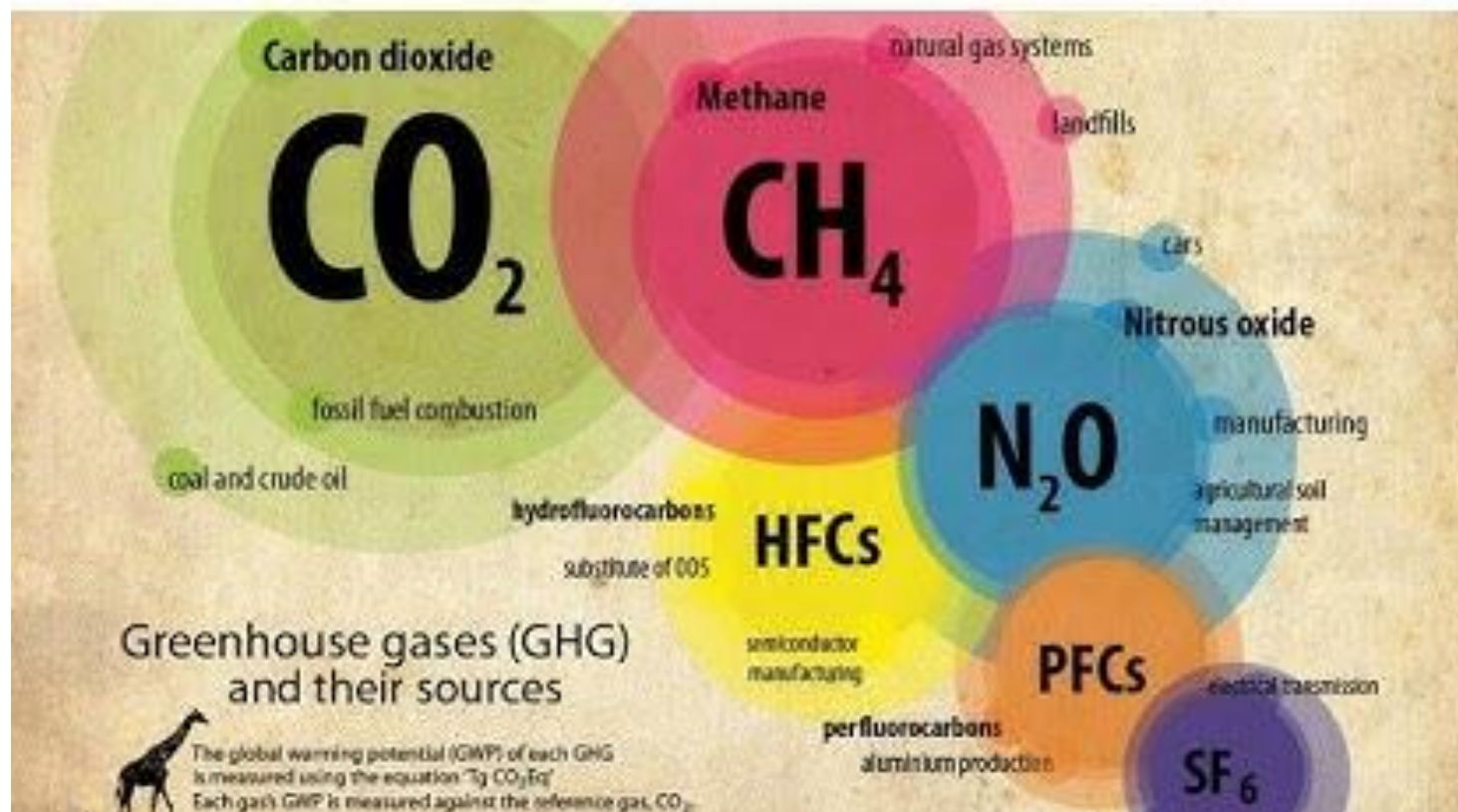
—**BLOOMBERG**

What is the Global Warming Potential?

GREENHOUSE GAS		GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL	
		20 YEARS	20 YEARS
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)		1	1
Methane (CH ₄)		42-70	16-26
Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O)		280	310
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)		460-9,100	140-11,700
Perfluorocarbon (PFC)		4,400-6,200	6,500-23,900
Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF ₆)		16,300	23,900

A relative measure of how much heat greenhouse gas traps in the atmosphere.

GREENHOUSE GASES & THEIR SOURCES



TOP FIVE SECTORS CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL WARMING?



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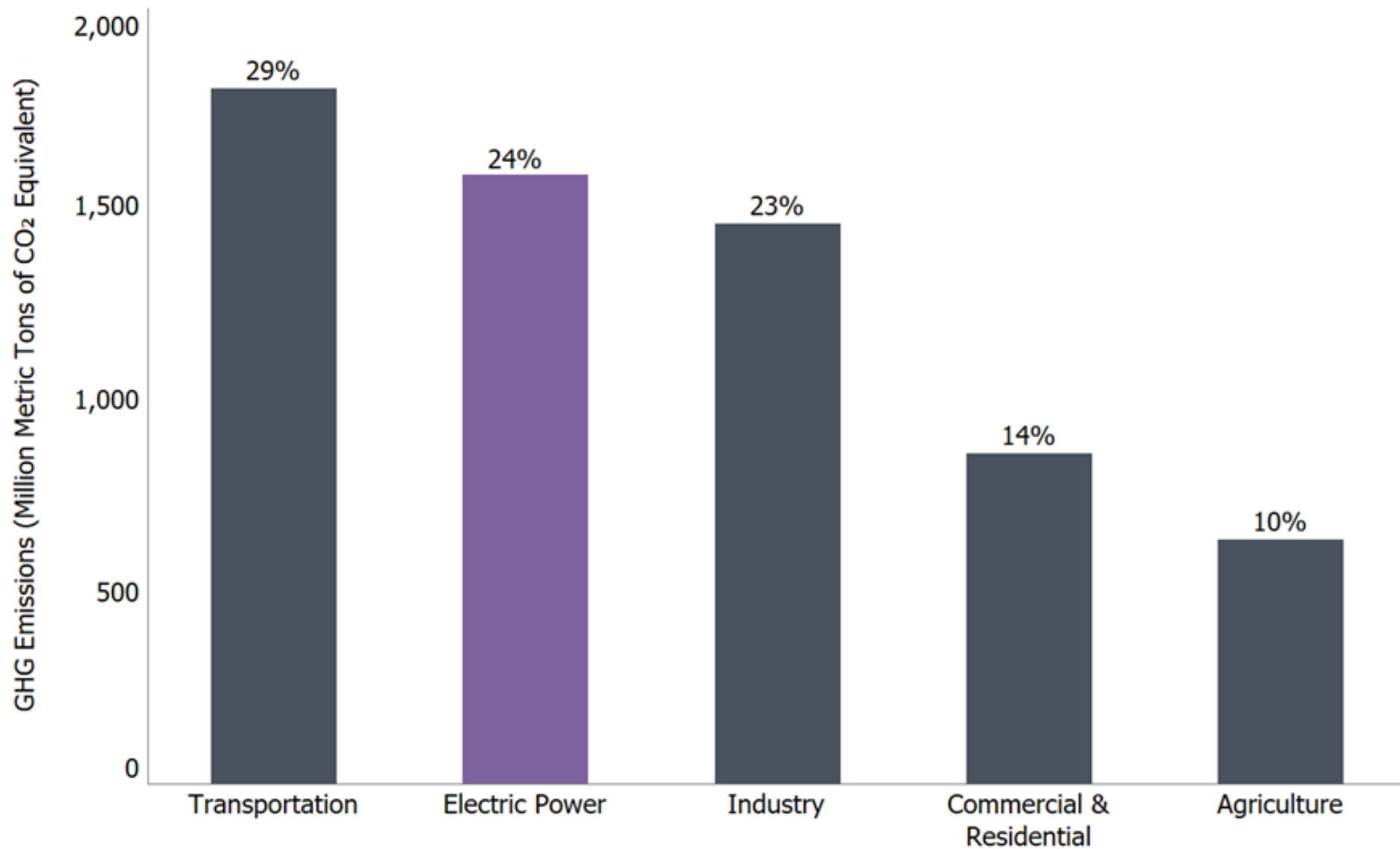


INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING



HUSBANDRY

Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector



SpaceX Launch of Tanager-1:

SpaceX is scheduled to launch the Tanager-1 satellite, which is designed to detect methane emissions.

The satellite is part of a broader initiative by the nonprofit Carbon Mapper to track methane "super emitters."

Tanager-1 and Its Purpose:

Tanager-1 is the second methane-detecting satellite launched by a nonprofit in the past six months.

The satellite will be able to attribute methane emissions to sources within 50 meters of their origin.

It is equipped with advanced technology developed by Planet Labs PBC in collaboration with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Targeted Emission Sources:

The satellite will focus on significant methane emitters such as oil and gas wells, large livestock operations, landfills, and industrial refineries.

These emitters account for a substantial portion of methane emissions, with 60% of emissions from U.S. oil and gas basins coming from just 1% of super-emitting sources.

Importance of Methane Monitoring:

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, roughly 80 times more impactful than CO₂ over 20 years.

Enhanced monitoring of methane emissions, particularly from super emitters, could have significant climate benefits.

Public Emissions Data:

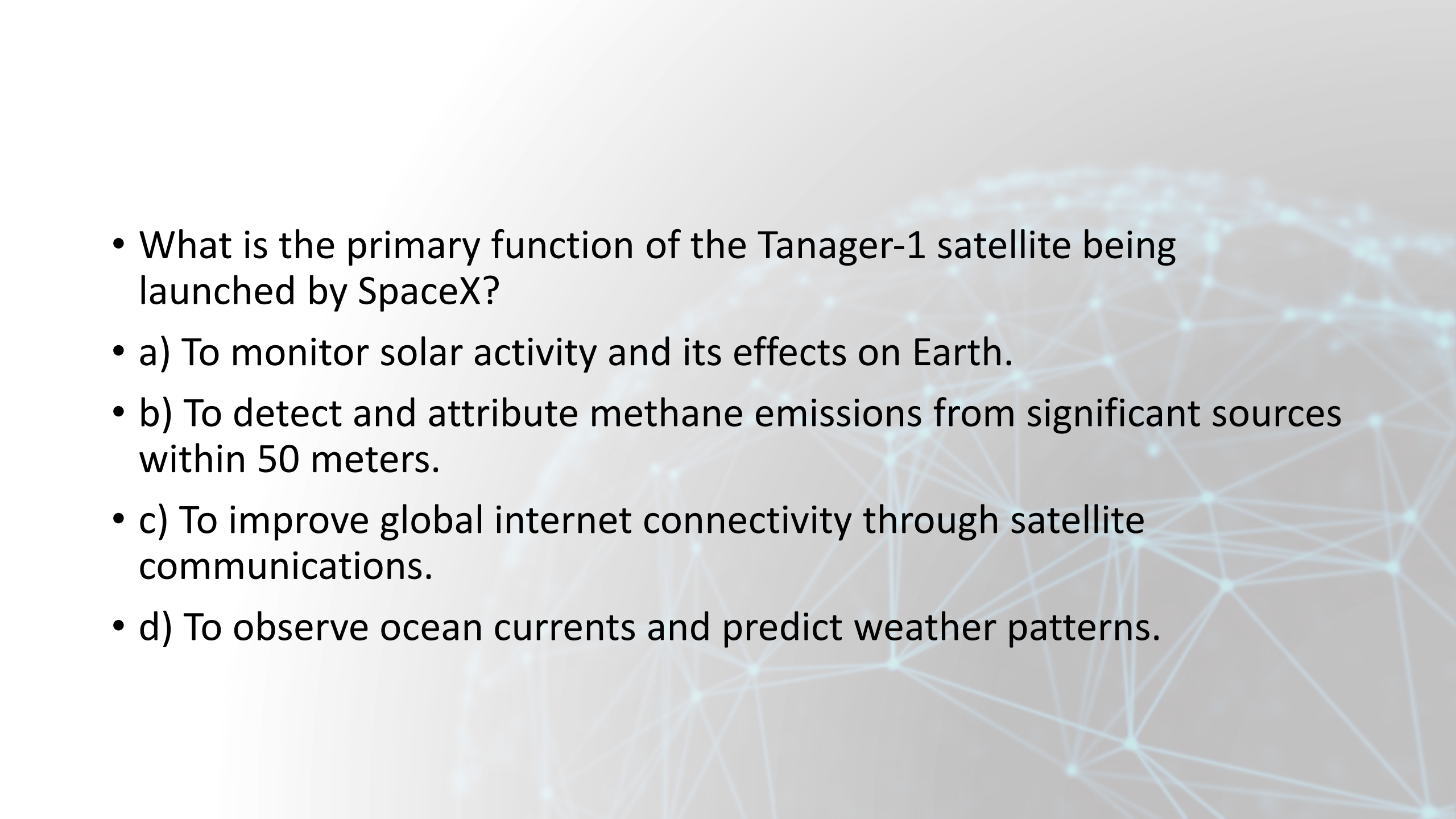
The data collected by Tanager-1 and similar satellites could help create a public emissions database, potentially influencing market mechanisms.

This could lead to greater transparency and differentiation between cleaner and more polluting producers of natural gas.

Long-Term Plan and Goals:

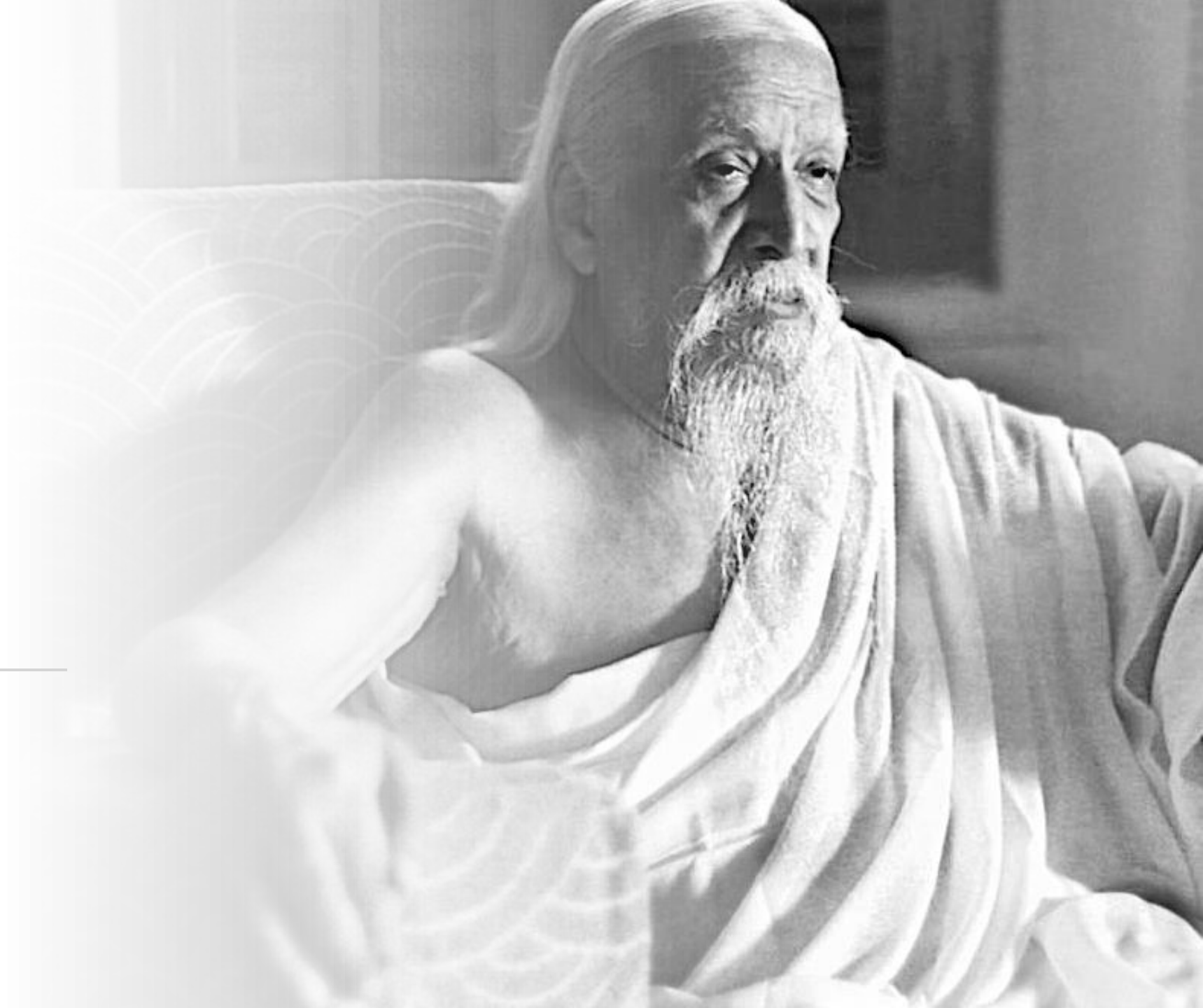
The Carbon Mapper Coalition plans to deploy a constellation of satellites to monitor up to 90% of major global methane emissions sources.

The initiative is part of a public-private partnership aimed at reducing methane emissions and mitigating climate change.

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- What is the primary function of the Tanager-1 satellite being launched by SpaceX?
 - a) To monitor solar activity and its effects on Earth.
 - b) To detect and attribute methane emissions from significant sources within 50 meters.
 - c) To improve global internet connectivity through satellite communications.
 - d) To observe ocean currents and predict weather patterns.



Sri Aurobindo



- PM Modi paid homage to the revered philosopher, thinker, and spiritual leader Sri Aurobindo, on his **152nd birth anniversary**.
- **Early Life**
- Primary education from **England – St. Paul's School, London**, and at **King's College, Cambridge**.
- He returned to India in **1893** and worked for the next thirteen years in the **Princely State of Baroda** and as a professor in Baroda College.

Role in freedom struggle

In **1906**, Aurobindo was appointed the **first principal of the National College in Calcutta (Bengal National College)**, and started to impart national education to Indian youth.

He was the first political leader in India to openly put forward the **idea of complete independence** for the country in his newspaper **Bande Mataram**.

In **1907** at the **Surat session of Congress**, he led along with extremists.

He helped establish a series of youth clubs, including the **Anushilan Samiti of Calcutta in 1902**

- He was arrested in 1908 in connection with the **Alipore Bomb Case**.

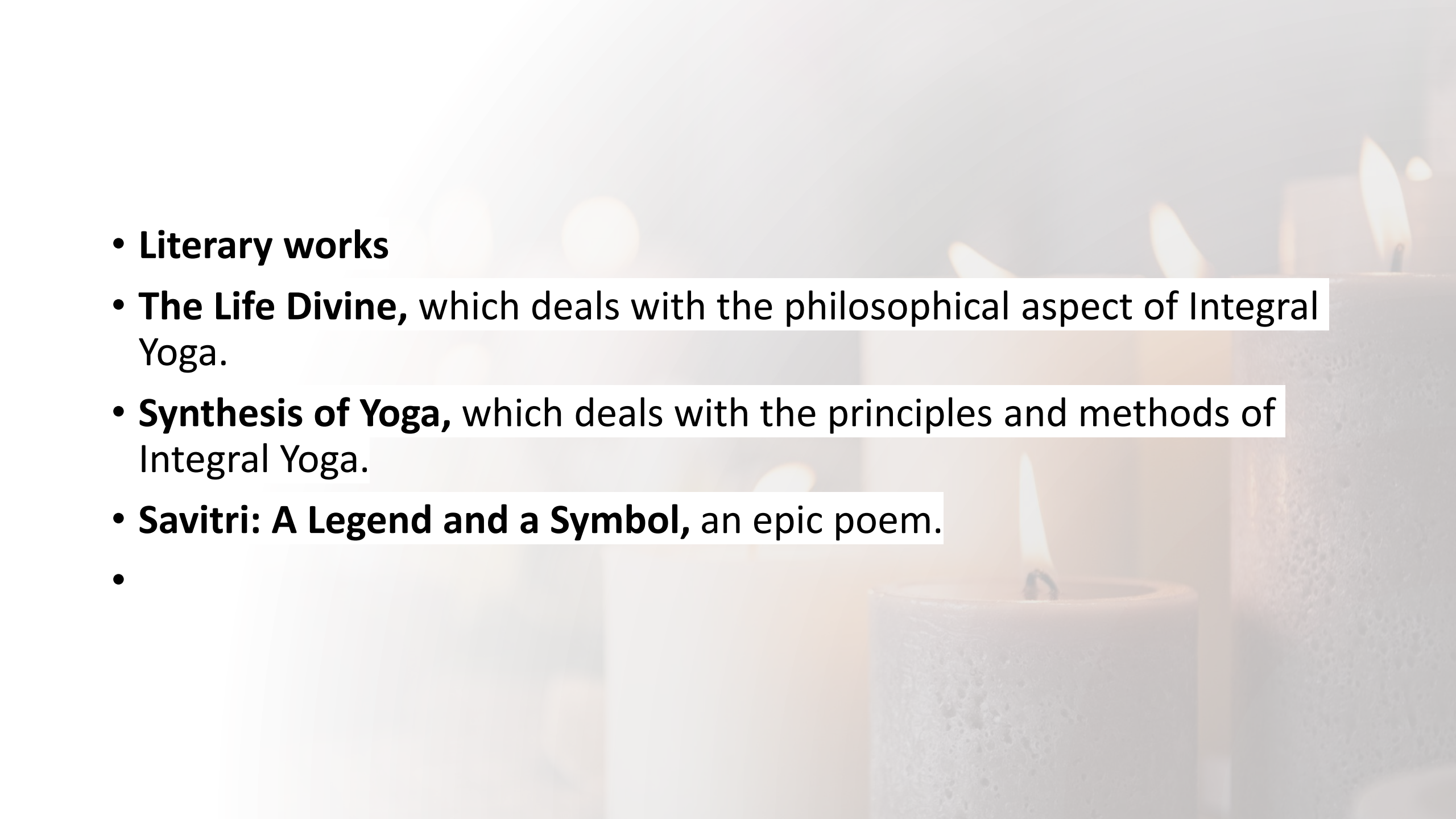
- **Yogic Life**

- Sri Aurobindo had **begun the practice of Yoga in 1905** in Baroda.

- **In 1910 he withdrew from politics** and went to Pondicherry in order to devote himself entirely to his inner spiritual life and work.

- During his forty years in Pondicherry he evolved a new method of spiritual practice, which he called the **Integral Yoga**.

- In **1926**, he founded the **Sri Aurobindo Ashram**.

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- The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of several lit candles. The flames are warm and glowing, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere. The candles are arranged in a row, with some in the foreground and others receding into the background.
- **Literary works**
 - **The Life Divine**, which deals with the philosophical aspect of Integral Yoga.
 - **Synthesis of Yoga**, which deals with the principles and methods of Integral Yoga.
 - **Savitri: A Legend and a Symbol**, an epic poem.
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SC has Designated Senior Advocates

The **Supreme Court** has designated 39 lawyers, including 10 women as senior advocates recently.



Senior Advocates



Section 16 of the Advocates Act, 1961 prescribes two different classes of advocates: senior advocates and other advocates.



- The designation of senior advocate is a **mark of excellence to advocates** who have distinguished themselves and have made a significant contribution to the **development of the legal profession.**
- It identifies advocates whose standing and achievements would justify an expectation that they can provide outstanding services as advocates in the best interest of the administration of justice.



Section 16 also states that senior advocates may be **subject to certain additional restrictions.**

They are barred from filing a vakalatnama, appearing before a court without a junior or an advocate-on-record, doing drafting work, or directly accepting briefs for cases from clients.



Recommendation: The Chief Justice of India, along with any other Supreme Court judge, can recommend in writing the name of an advocate for the designation.

The new guidelines prescribe the **minimum age as 45 years** to apply for the 'senior advocate' designation.

- This **age limit may, however, be relaxed** by the Committee for Designation of Senior Advocates, the CJI, or a Supreme Court judge, if they have recommended an advocate's name.

Grading: Applicants for the designation are graded out of 100 marks

A glowing green padlock is centered on a blue circuit board background. The padlock is illuminated with a bright green light, making it stand out against the darker blue background. The circuit board has various traces and components, some of which are also glowing with a soft blue light. The overall scene is a digital or technological representation of security and vulnerability.

Multidimensional Vulnerability Index

The UN General Assembly has recently introduced a new “vulnerability” index to help small island and developing nations access low-interest financing.

MVI- It is a framework developed to assess the vulnerabilities faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

It is designed to complement traditional metrics like Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to better assess development and vulnerabilities.

Agency- United Nations.

Aim- It aims to provide a more nuanced understanding of the structural challenges these nations encounter, particularly in the context of global crises such as climate change, economic instability, and health emergencies.

Launch- The MVI was officially launched during the 2023 Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, following extensive advocacy from the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the UN.

Background- Historically, SIDS has struggled with traditional measures like Gross National Income (GNI) per capita, which do not adequately capture their unique vulnerabilities.

Purpose- The MVI was proposed to address this gap by considering multiple dimensions of vulnerability economic, environmental, and social rather than relying solely on income metrics.

This shift is crucial for improving access to concessional financing and support for sustainable development initiatives.



Exposure to fluctuations in international trade and financial flows

Exposure to fluctuations in export earnings

Exposure to fluctuations in strategic import prices



Exposure to natural hazards

Exposure to extreme weather events

Exposure to ecosystem pressure



Exposure to global health shocks

Spillover effects of regional violence

Increased stress due to entrance of international forced displacement of people



Watermarking on AI Generated Content

Recently, ChatGPT-maker OpenAI developed a tool to detect whether its AI (Artificial Intelligence) chatbot has been used to write essays, research papers, or generate photos.

To address issues concerning the authenticity and ownership of such content, leading technology companies like OpenAI, Meta, Microsoft, Google, and Adobe are developing and implementing watermarking techniques.

Artificial Intelligence(AI)

AI is the simulation of human intelligence in machines programmed to think and learn like humans, capable of problem-solving, reasoning, and adapting to new information.

AI Timeline - Major Milestones

- 1950s** Turing Test Proposed; First AI Programs Developed
- 1956** Dartmouth Conference Coins "Artificial Intelligence"
- 1960s** Eliza Chatbot Created; Early Neural Networks Emerge
- 1996** Deep Blue - a Chess-Playing Program
- 2012** Deep Learning Breakthrough in Image Recognition
- 2014** Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) Introduced
- 2020** GPT-3 Demonstrates Advanced Language Generation
- 2022** Chatgpt Launches, Bringing Conversational AI to Masses
- 2023** Generative AI Boom; Major Tech Companies Release AI Models



Applications of AI

- Healthcare:** Personalised medicine
- Finance:** Algorithmic trading
- Transportation:** Autonomous vehicles
- Marketing & Customer Service:** Targeted advertising, chatbots
- Education:** Adaptive learning systems, personalised tutoring
- Agriculture:** Crop monitoring
- Cybersecurity:** Threat detection
- Energy:** Smart grid management, consumption forecasting

Concerns

- Deepfakes & misinformation
- Algorithmic bias
- Automation & job displacement
- Privacy issues
- Data ownership & liability issue
- Ethical decision-making complexes

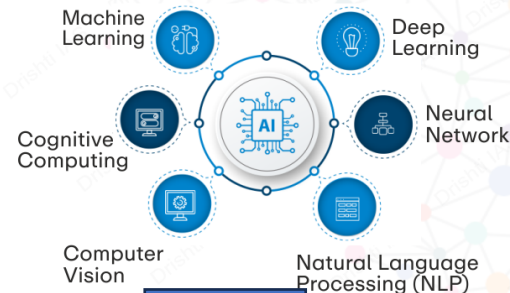
Regulating AI

- Global Partnership on AI (GPAI)** launched in 2020
- Bletchley Declaration (2023):** Enhance Global Collaboration on AI
- G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (2023):** Harnessing AI responsibly for good and for all
- Hiroshima AI Process (2023)** by G7

India and AI

- National Strategy For AI 2018**
- AI For All:** Self-learning online program
- GPAI Summit 2023** hosted by India
- IndiaAI Mission 2024**
- US India Artificial Intelligence (USIAI) Initiative:** AI cooperation in critical areas
- AIRAWAT** (AI Research, Analytics and Knowledge Assimilation Platform): Supercomputer

KEY COMPONENTS OF AI



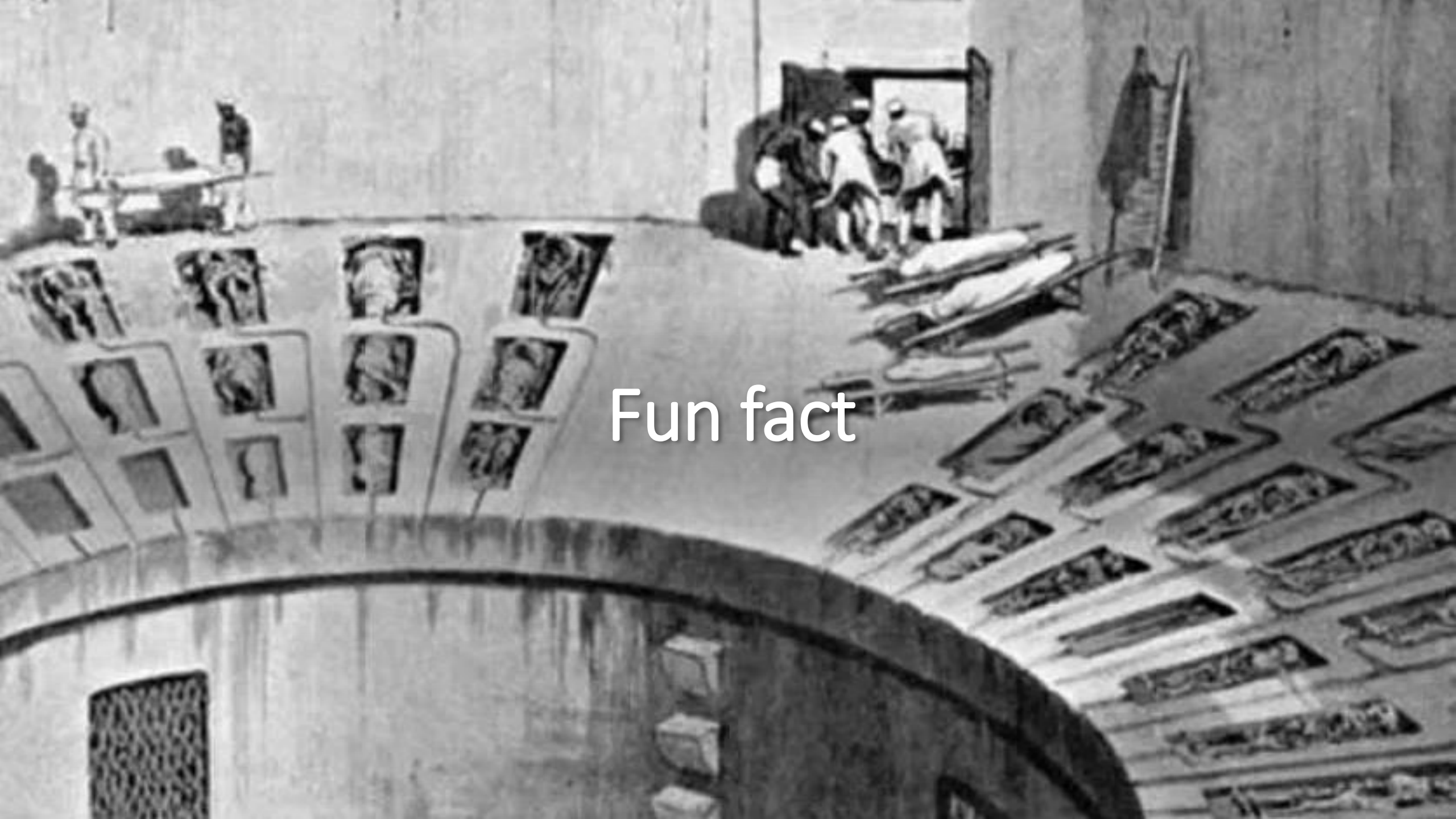
- **With the present state of development, Artificial Intelligence can effectively do which of the following? (2020)**

1. Bring down electricity consumption in industrial units
2. Create meaningful short stories and songs
3. Disease diagnosis
4. Text-to-Speech Conversion
5. Wireless transmission of electrical energy

- **Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only
- (b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5





Fun fact

Tower of Silence



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• LIVE DOUBT SESSION



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Thank you
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