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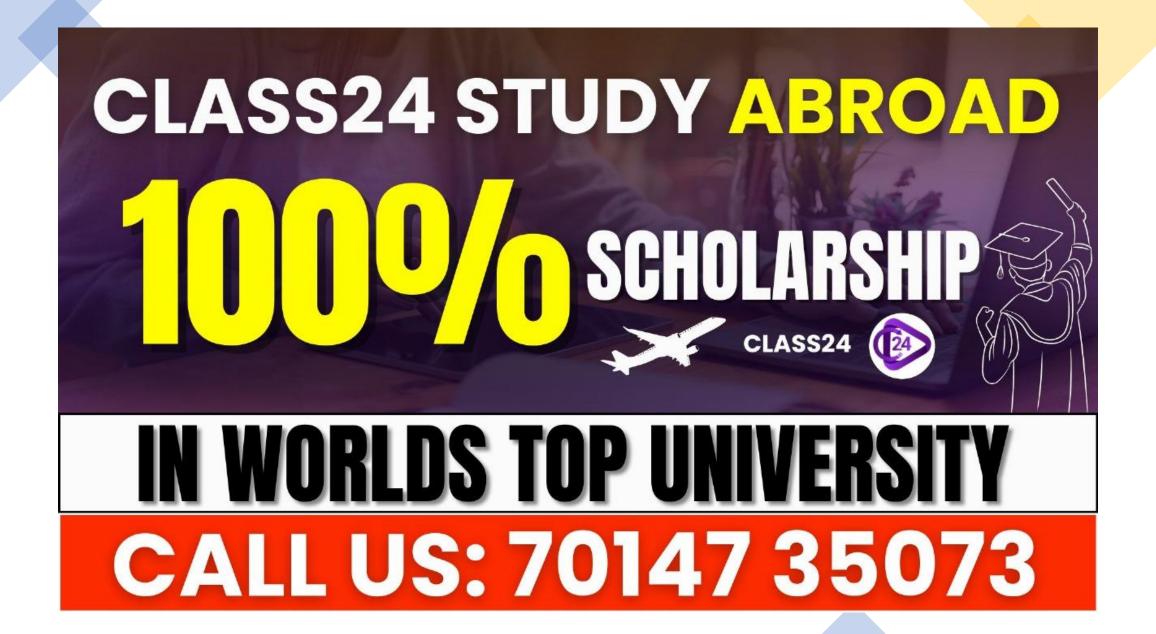


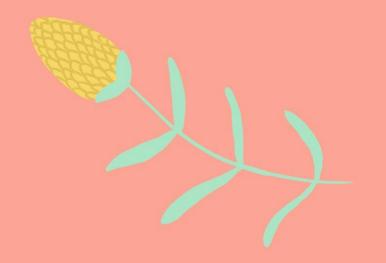
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A journey across the Palk Strait Demand for the ferry service has picked up since its return in Aug UND ZERO N PAGE 7



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Lokavukta

Stalin meets Modi, seeks more funds



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday M.K. Stalin on Friday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and submitted a memo-randum of three demands approval for 50:50 equi-ty by the Union and Tamil Nadu governments in the implementation of Chenimplementation of Chen-nai Metro Rail Phase-II, re-lease of funds under Sama-gra Shiksha, and securing the traditional fishing rights of Indian fishermen. The Metro Rail project has slowed owing to con-straints faced under the

straints faced under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, Mr. Stalin said, adding that expenditure had been li-mited to ₹8,000 crore. Hence, the commissioning of various stages was being delayed by nearly a year and completion date was

and completion date was pushed from 2027 to 2028. For Phase-II, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) must secure a principal debt of \$33,593 crore and a subordinate debt of \$17,434 crore. Without a correspond-ing equity contribution, an

ing equity contribution, an unfavourable debt-to-equiunravourable debt-to-equi-ty ratio would make CMRL, unsustainable. If the pro-ject received funding as re-commended by the Public Investment Board, CMRL would get ₹10.814.8 crore in equity. However, this being a State-sector project, "...this equity infusion by the State government

Funds not released The Project Approval Board for Samagra Shiksha

had approved an outlay of \$4,305.66 crore for 2024-25, with a committed liability of ₹3,585.99 crore, for Tamil Nadu. Of this, the Centre's 60% share amounted to ₹2,151.59 crore, Mr. Stalin said. Despite the proposal for the release of the first instalment (25%) having been sent or April 30 by the State Pro-ject Directorate, no unt had been released

As for the Union govern ment's position urging all States to establish schools under the PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) and formalise a Memorandur of Understanding, Mr. Sta-lin pointed out that one of lin pointed out that one of the clauses said the States would implement all the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, in their entirety. Ta-mil Nadu's concern regard-ing NEP mainly related to the three-language formula put forth in clause 4.12 of the policy, he said. "Histor-ically Tamil Nadu has been ically, Tamil Nadu has been following the two-language formula (Tamil and English) to protect the State's cultural identity and to ensure students' proficienc in global languages,

in global languages."

Mr. Stalin also called on
the chairperson of the
Congress Parliamentary
Party, Sonia Gandhi, on
Friday, DMK MPs T.R. Baa-lu and Kanimozhi were
present at the meeting.

NEW DELHI acquisition of extended rang rockets. It is also looking at futuristic ammunition, a sen officer said. » PAGE 5

TERUSALEM JERUNALEM Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to keep striking Hezbollah and fight "until victory" against Hamas, in an address to world leaders on Friday that defied calls for

Brisk business

police register FIR against Karnataka CM

court's directive, the Lo-kayukta police here on Friday registered an FIR against Karnataka Chief Mi-nister Siddaramaiah, his wife, and two others ove the alleged irregularities in the allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Deve-Authority

The FIR names Mr. Sid-

One shot dead, five arrested as T.N. police nab

gang involved in three ATM burglaries in Kerala

Jagan cancels Tirumala visit amid tension over laddu row

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy cancelled his visit to Tirumala, the abode of Lord Venkateswa-ra, scheduled for Friday. Following the decision, the tension that had built up in the temple town over his proposed visit dissipat-ed, helping the Tirumala Tirunsit Devasthaners Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) administration and the district police heave a sigh of relief.

Former Andhra Pradesh

'False narratives'

Mr. Reddy had planned the visit as part of his 'Papa Prakshalana' to seek atone-



ter N. Chandrababu Naidu, who he alleged had defamed the sacred town and the famed laddu with his

Prohibitory orders The Tirupati town, the threshold to the hill town,

was gripped in tension as several leaders and spiri-tual organisations vowed tual organisations vowed to oppose his visit and de-manded that he sign the mandatory declaration form (meant for the pil-grims belonging to other faiths) that he had faith in

Lord Venkateswara. Prohibitory orders un-der Section 30 of the Police Act were promulgated in

the town.

Addressing a press con-ference near Vijayawada later, Mr. Reddy said there were no buyers for Mr. Naidu's repeated allegations that adulterated ghee was

A 40-year-old driver of a A 40-year-old driver of a five-member gang alleged-ly involved in three ATM burglaries in Kerala was gunned down by the Tamil Nadu Police in Namakkal district on Friday. The gang members were arrested after a chase. At the accused half from

Haryana.
According to the police, an armed gang broke into the ATM klosks of a nationalised bank in quick succession in Thrissur, Kerala, in the early hours of Friused in the preparation of laddu prasadam at Tiruma-la. Hence he raked up the day. The gang, infamous for using gas cutters to break into ATMs, allegedly escaped with the looted cash in a car and headed

Crime trail: Forensic experts gather evidence from a truck used by the gang, in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu. E. LARSHMI NARAYANAN

container truck. The car used for the burglary was concealed in the truck. The Kerala Police then alerted the Tamil Nadu Police about the truck.
"From the very first look

towards Tamil Nadu in a gang', infamous for similar operations and active in areas such as Mewar (Rajasthan) and Haryana, was behind this. They carried out a similar operation i Kannur in 2021. They use to follow a modus operandi of using containers, which they had followed in Kan-

nur as well. We issued alerts to police chiefs of bordering districts, especially Krishnagiri, Erode. School of the state of the state

ciently and issued alerts because of which we could

respond within just half an hour," said Mr. Ilango. The Namakkal police conducting vehicle checks at Komarapalayam tried to stop one such truck, when the vehicle began speed-ing. The police personnel gave a chase, stopping trafgang attacked the police by throwing stones and tried wing stones and tried

to flee. In the attack, inspecto In the attack, inspector Thavamani and a sub-in-spector sustained injuries. The police, in retaliation, opened fire, in which the truck driver, Juman, was killed. The police found the car in the truck and arrested the five some members.—S.

Shoukeen, B. Mubarik Add, and A. Mohammed Igram. Bundles of cash were recovered from the car and the total amoun could be discerned only at ter counting, which would

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NEW DELHI

he Supreme Court on Friday questioned the effectiveness of the Commission for Air Quality Management's (CAQM) interventions to curb pollution, saying that its directions only have a temporary impact on violators.

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National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, which provide teeth to the CAQM.

"There has been total non-compliance of the Act. Please show us a single direction issued to any stakeholder under the Act... We are of the view that though the Commission has taken steps, it needs to be more active. The Commission must ensure that its efforts and directions issued actually translate into reducing the problem of pollution," the Bench observed.

'Marked difference'

The CAQM, represented by Additional Solicitor Gener-

al Aishwarya Bhati, responded that the interventions of the Commission have made a marked difference to pollution caused by stubble-burning. CAQM chairperson Rajesh Verma, who was present via video conference, said that the Commission has been holding meetings with stakeholders and States.

The court directed the CAQM to file a status report by the next hearing on October 3.

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Last November, the Supreme Court had directed the State governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Delhi to ensure that stubble-burning was "forthwith" stopped as an immediate measure to protect

the lives and health of people.

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SC Raps Air Quality Panel

- The Supreme Court criticized the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) for not effectively curbing Delhi's pollution, saying its measures have only a temporary effect.
- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली की प्रदूषण समस्या पर प्रभावी रूप से रोक न लगाने के लिए वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग (CAQM) की आलोचना की और कहा कि इसके उपाय केवल अस्थायी प्रभाव डालते हैं।

Temporary Impact

- The court remarked that CAQM's directions, like pollution, are "in the air," meaning they are not followed thoroughly.
- अदालत ने टिप्पणी की कि CAQM के निर्देश भी "हवा में" हैं, जिसका अर्थ है कि उनका पूरी तरह पालन नहीं किया जा रहा है।

Non-compliance of Law

- Justice Oka mentioned the noncompliance of laws related to pollution control, particularly in the case of stubble-burning in neighboring states.
- न्यायमूर्ति ओका ने विशेष रूप से पड़ोसी राज्यों में पराली जलाने के मामले में प्रदूषण नियंत्रण से संबंधित कानूनों के अनुपालन न होने की बात कही।



Status Report Requested

- The Supreme Court has asked CAQM to submit a status report on its actions to curb stubble-burning by October 3.
- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने CAQM से 3 अक्टूबर तक पराली जलाने पर काबू पाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों पर स्थिति रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने को कहा है।



- About Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM):
- The CAQM is a statutory body established under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region (NCR) and Adjoining Areas, Act 2021.
- Mandate: Better coordination, research, identification, and resolution of problems surrounding the air quality index and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

- It undertakes action for the prevention and control of Air pollution in Delhi-NCR & Adjoining Areas which impacts the air quality of the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.
- The Commission is required to coordinate its actions on monitoring of air quality with the government of Delhi and the adjoining states, which includes Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.



Powers:

- Restricting activities influencing air quality.
- Investigating and conducting research related to environmental pollution impacting air quality, preparing codes and guidelines to prevent and control air pollution,
- Issuing directions on matters including inspections, or regulations, which will be binding on the concerned person or authority.
- All the directions and orders by the Commission are of binding nature, and any person, officer, or authority shall be bound to comply with the same.
- The commission is directly accountable to the parliament.

Composition:

- Chairperson: To be chaired by a government official of the rank of Secretary or Chief Secretary. He will hold the post for three years or until s/he attains the age of 70 years.
- It will also have five ex officio members who are either Chief Secretaries or Secretaries in charge of the department dealing with environment protection in the States of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Three full time technical members.
- Three members from non-government organisations.
- Technical members from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Indian Space Research Organisation, and NITI Aayog

case of Mpox infection

The Hindu Bureau

The Kerala Health Department has reported second case of Mpox on Friday. A 29-year-old native of Ernakulam district has been confirmed to have contracted Mpox infection. The man, who arrived for the contracted of the contracted

admitted to a private hos-pital in Kochi earlier with Mpox symptoms. He had taken adequate precautionary measures by isolat-ing from his family after noticing the symptoms. Samples tested at the Nafirmed the infection. The

The Health department said that isolation facilities have been arranged in all districts in Kerala and disstrengthened at airports for effective management of Mpox in the State. Test-ing facilities have been arred in five State labs

Mpox spreads through very close contact or inte-raction with patients, skin-

EC asks Maharashtra why it did not follow transfer order

Chief Secretary, DGP rebuked for failing to comply with directive; the poll body had asked State administration to relocate officials who had served in their current posting for over three years

he Election Com-mission has repri-manded the Mahaposting of bureaucrats, in-cluding a Joint Commis-sioner of Police, ahead of the Assembly election. It tary and DGP.

An EC team led by Chief Election Commissioner Ra-jiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu is on a two-day vi sit to Maharashtra to assess the State's electoral prepa redness, with the election scheduled to take place before the Assembly term ends on November 26.

In a letter dated July 31, the Commission had di-rected the Chief Secretary and the Director-General of Police (DGP) to ensure the transfer of all officers falling under specified con-ditions, it had asked for the ditions. It had asked for the relocation of officials who had served in their home districts or current posting for over three years.

The Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners attending a meeting with senior Maharashtra officials. X/9ECISVEEP

on August 22, September 11, and September 25, no such report was received

from the Chief Secretary.

The EC instructed that police inspectors should not be moved between revenue districts within the same commissionerate, such as Mumbai. This means that instead of transferring officers from Mumbai city to the sub-urbs, they must be posted outside the city.

If these orders are im-

If these orders are im-plemented, several high-ranking officers, along with numerous police sta-relocated out of Mumbai. However, it is anticipated that the State government may seek an exemption for some of the senior officers. "Transferring several

practical. The top officials might seek an exemption in some cases. A few IPS of ficers are already trans-ferred," an official told The

'Remove DGP'
The delegation also met
with representatives of all
major political parties to On Wednesday, the Chief Electoral Officer of seek their input for the election. The BIP proposed Maharashtra forwarded a letter from the Additional holding elections on a reg-ular working day, while the DGP, indicating only par-tial compliance with the Commission's instructions, Congress demanded the 'removal' of DGP Rashmi Shukla, who is on extension post superannuation. The Congress also called for the transfer of consta-The EC, however, in a let-ter to the Chief Secretary on Friday, noted that no reon Friday, noted that no re-port had yet been received from him.

The Countieslon furth-the Countieslon furth-received that the origi-nal naturations outlined in its July 31 letter be imme-diately implemented. It has also asked both the Chief Secretary and the DGP to explain the reasons

who have been posted at the same police stations for extended periods. "The EC must sack Ms. Shukla to ensure that the election are held in a fair

for the delay in submitting the compliance reports. It also expressed its 'dis-satisfaction' over the in-conveniences faced by vo-ters at polling stations in Mumbal during the Lok Sabba election. Top offi-corner voter facilities for

prove voter facilities for the Assembly election. In a review meeting, the EC

stressed the need to ensure all polling stations provide

basic amenities such as benches, fans, drinking

water, and shelters.

Congress reprimands | FIR against Himachal Minister for 'nameplate' order

The Hindu Bureau

The Congress' central leadership rebuked a Hima-chall Pradesh Miniater on the Pradesh Miniater on the Congress of the Congres

tya Singh, to convey the displeasure expressed b party president Mallika jun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

He told the Minister that the party followed Mr. Gandhi's philosophy of fighting hate with love, and asked him to stick to the party ideology. Mr. Singh claimed that he had been misquoted by the media.

'Cannot create hatred' 'Cannot create hatred'
"I strongly conveyed the
sentiments of the Congress
party. No Minister or party
the party policies and ideology. Rahul Gandhi is doing the politics of love and
affection against hatred.
Mallikarjun Khargeji is also
talking about love and af-



Vikramaditya Singh

fection among the people We cannot create hatred, Mr. Venugopal said afte

Singh's announcement re-garding the mandatory display of names by street vendors, the Himachal Pradesh government was forced to clarify on Thursday that no such decision had been taken.

The clarification cam after the central leadership of Congress intervened in the matter, with the All India Congress Committee's Himachal Pradesh in-charge Rajiv Shukla speak-ing to both Mr. Singh and his boss, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. On Wednesday, Mr.

On Wednesday, Mr. Singh had said that it would be mandatory for street vendors, especially those selling food items, to display their identity cards at each of the shops. He had quoted the example of the Yogi Adiryanath-led United Pradeds government.

Siddaramaiah. wife registered in MUDA case

The Hindu Bureau

Acting on a direction from a special court in Bengalu-ru, the Lokayukta police here on Friday registered an FIR against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddara-maiah, his wife, and two others over the alleged in regular court in the country of the country of the regular court in the country of t ment sites by Mysuru Ur-

The FIR has named Mr. Siddaramaiah as accused no. 1, his wife Parvathi B.M. as accused no. 2, Mr. Sidda-ramaiah's bookhor is amaiah's brother-in-law who sold the plot of land to

accused no. 4. The court's directions to register an FIR against the was preceded by a decision of the Karnataka High Court to dismiss Mr. Sidda ramaiah's petition agains Governor Thaawarchand

leged MUDA scam.

Meanwhile, the BIP Meanwhile, the BJP stepped up its demand for the resignation of Mr. Sid-daramaiah. However, he ruled out his resignation,

U.K. PM Starmer backs permanent | At UN meet, Pakistan PM Shehbaz seat in UN Security Council for India | Sharif likens Kashmir to Palestine

+ Press Trust of India

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer joined the leaders of the U.S. and France in backing India's bid for a permanent seat on the UNSC to make it a more reentative body that is

not "paralysed by politics".

During his speech at the
UN General Assembly (UN-Starmer called for retorms to ensure the global multi-lateral system is "more re-presentative and more res-ponsive". Besides



for India, Africa, Brazil, Japan and Germany, the U.K. also made a pitch for more seats for elected members

willing to act – not para-lysed by politics. We want to see permanent African representation on the Council, Brazil, India, Ja-

to those who need it most," said Mr. Starmer.
"So we will make the case not just for fairer out change in Britain's apparation in how we reach them; and this also applies to the Security Council. It has to change to become a more representative body, wards partnership for the future. Offering game-changing British expertise and working together in a spirit of equal respect." French President Emma-French President Emma-nuel Macron also backed India's bid for permanent membership in the UNSC to make the UN more effi-cient and representative.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly criticised Indian government actions in Kashmir drawing a parallel between Jammu and Kashmir and Palestine.

"Similarly, like the peo-ple of Palestine, the people of lammu and Kashmir too. of Jammu and Kashmir too, have struggled for a centu-ry for their freedom and right to self determina-tion," he said, accusing In-dia of reneging on its com-mitments to implement United Nations Security

Council (UNSC) resolu-

ons. Mr. Sharif accused India

of extra-judicial killings, prolonged curfews in the region and other "dracoan measures", "In a classic settler colonial project, India is seizing Kashmiri lands and pro-perties and settling outsiders into occupied Jammu and Kashmir [Jammu and Kashmir] in their nefarious design to transform the Muslim majority into a mi-nority," he said.

Military capabilities Mr. Sharif highlighted the expansion in India's military capabilities and said India's leadership had "threatened to cross the

'Bangladeshi infiltration' is

changing demography of a

most decisively to any In-dian aggression," he said, thumping the lectern.

In a segment on Islamo phobia, he identified wha he termed the "Hindu su premacist agenda" in India as the "most alarming masaying it was ain jugating Indian Musli and the "obliteration of dia's Islamic heritam'

Naming Arunachal peak after the sixth Dalai Lama 'illegal, null and void': China

Dinakar Peri NEW DELHI

Reacting to the naming of a mountain peak in Aruna-chal Pradesh by a mountaisixth Dalai Lama, the Ch nese Foreign Ministry said it was "illegal, and null and void for India to set up th so-called 'Arunachal Pra desh' in Chinese territory On Wednesday, the de fence spokesperson in Gu wahati announced the suc cessful summit of cessful summit of a previously unnamed and unclimbed mountain peak located at 20,942 feet in chall pradeal from the analysis of the transpector of transpector of the transpector of transpector of the tra taised the momentous reat by naming the peak Tsan-gyang Gyatso Peak in ho-nour of His Holiness the 6th Dalai Lama Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso," the

spokesperson said.



The accomplishment was achieved by a team from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS). him, NIMAS aims to pay the beautiful of the Montaine of Montaine of

Responding to a ques-tion at a press conference, the Chinese Foreign Minis-try spokesperson Lin Jian said, "The area of Zangnan is Chinese territory, and it's

illegal, and mill and wold

illegal, and null and void for india to set up the so-called 'Arumachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory, Chi-is consistent and clear." NIMAS has informed the indian Mountaineering cent and the decision to name the peak, the de-termed the consistency of the cent and the decision to name the peak are being completed to ensure being completed to ensure being completed to ensure being completed to ensure the necessary formalities for naming the peak are being completed to ensure the completed to ensure

Tourism can foster global peace, boost development: V-P

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

mitment to elevate India's position on the global tourism map, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday encouraged the forma-tion of task forces to eval-uate ground realities and generate results in various tourism sectors. He was speaking on the occasion speaking on the occasion of World Tourism Day here. Noting that India is now a favourite global tou-rism destination, he said:

rism destination, be said:
"From the land of spirituality, sublimity, and 5,000
years of civilisational ethyears of civilisational ethearly spirituality.

He highlighted the expomential progress India
had made over the last derism, as an engine of economic growth, held
significant potential tosignificant potential tocoming a developed nation coming a developed nation by 2047. The Vice-Presi-dent also underscored the vital role of tourism in fostering global peace, eco-nomic development, and ment.

rism contributes massively to peace. The entire world is yearning for peace, and any conflagration anywh-ere is a pain for all."

Change in J&K

Mr. Dhankhar also shared a personal reflection on the transformation in Jammu and Kashmir's tourism landscape, "When I visited landscape. "When to using the Srinagar as part of the Council of Ministers, I could barely see a dozen could barely see a dozen day, over two crore people visited Kashmir as tourists last year." The Union government also awarded 36 seems and the seems of the seems

memoranda of under-standing (MoUs) between eight leading hospitality groups and 21 Central Insti-tutes of Hotel Manage-

In a report submitted to he Union Home Ministry.

the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has asserted that "Bangladeshi infiltration" is taking place in Jhark-hand's Santhal Pargana re-gion, and that the demog-raphy of the region has the officer significant of the Commission have said. Asha Lakra, member, and the commission have a commission has a commission have a commission has a commission have a commission have a commission has a commission have a commission has a commissio

Morcha (JMM) president and Chief Minister Hemant Soren's seat – Barhait – comes under the Santhal Pargana region. "We cannot really say

when exactly these infiltra South – all are Adivasi vil-lages. Today, Adivasis here have reduced in numbers. have reduced in numbers. This proves that infiltration has happened, and this seems to have happened in the last two decades or so,"

the last two decades or so,"
Ms. Lakra told The Hindu.
The report was submitted
not been made public.
The Home Ministry had
submitted before the Barktember II that infiltration
had taken place in the retember II that infiltration
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disprincipally since 1981. But
the Ministry had not linked
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Jharkhand region: ST panel [sic] to be assessed." Ms. Lakra, who is also

co-incharge of the BJP in West Bengal, has been among those at the fore-front of alleging that the demographic changes in Santhal Pargana were Santhal Pargana were caused by "illegal infiltration of Bangladeshis". This allegation has been ampli fied by the top leadership

Meanwhile, the Jhari-hand Janadhikar Mahasab-han, a conglomerate of Adi-ivasi rights bodies, on Friday wrote to State Chief Secretary and Director-General of Police, seeking prosecution of Bp Jeaders, including the Prime Minis-ter, under hate speech ter, under hate speech laws as per directions of

sembly election in the rate among tribals, conver-tricts of Sahibganj, Pakur, State. Jharkhand Mukti sion to Christianity and Godda, and Jamtara.

Naming Arunachal peak after the sixth Dalai Lama 'illegal, null and void': China

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Reacting to the naming of a mountain peak in Arunachal Pradesh by a mountaineering team after the sixth Dalai Lama, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said it was "illegal, and null and void for India to set up the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory."

On Wednesday, the defence spokesperson in Guwahati announced the successful summit of a previously unnamed and unclimbed mountain peak located at 20,942 feet in Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on the Tawang-West Kameng region. "After overcoming immense challenges including sheer ice walls, treacherous crevasses, and a two-kilometre-long glacier, the team has immortalised the momentous feat by naming the peak Tsangyang Gyatso Peak in honour of His Holiness the 6th Dalai Lama Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso," the spokesperson said.



On a high: The NIMAS team on the 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' on September 21. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The accomplishment was achieved by a team from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS). By naming this peak after him, NIMAS aims to pay tribute to his "timeless wisdom and his profound contributions to the Monpa community and beyond," the spokesperson said.

Responding to a question at a press conference, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said, "The area of Zangnan is Chinese territory, and it's

illegal, and null and void for India to set up the socalled 'Arunachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory. China's position on this issue is consistent and clear."

NIMAS has informed the Indian Mountaineering Foundation about the ascent and the decision to name the peak, the defence spokesperson said, "The necessary formalities for naming the peak are being completed to ensure that "Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' is recognised on the official map."

Naming of Arunachal Peak After Sixth Dalai Lama

- India named a mountain peak in Arunachal Pradesh after the 6th Dalai Lama, Tsangyang Gyatso, at an altitude of 20,942 feet.
- भारत ने अरुणाचल प्रदेश में एक पर्वत चोटी का नाम छठे दलाई लामा त्संग्यांग ग्यात्सो के नाम पर रखा, जिसकी ऊंचाई 20,942 फीट है।

NIMAS Team Achievement

- The National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) successfully scaled the previously unnamed peak in the Gorichen range.
- राष्ट्रीय पर्वतारोहण और साहसिक खेल संस्थान (NIMAS) ने पहले से बिना नाम वाली चोटी को गोरिचेन श्रृंखला में सफलतापूर्वक पार किया।

Tribute to Dalai Lama

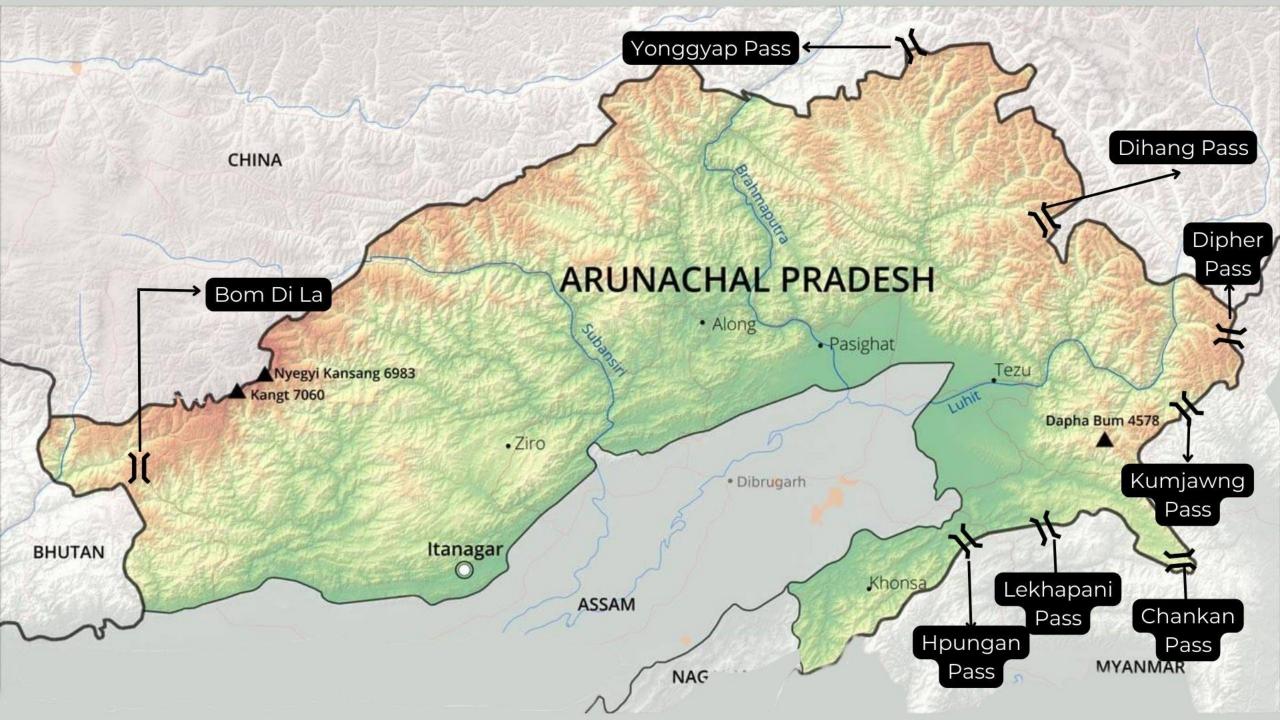
- The peak was named in tribute to the Dalai Lama's wisdom and contributions to the Monpa community.
- इस चोटी का नाम दलाई लामा की बुद्धिमता और मोनपा समुदाय में उनके योगदान के सम्मान में रखा गया है।

1. China's Reaction

- 1. The Chinese Foreign Ministry condemned the naming, calling it "illegal, null and void," stating that the area is part of China.
- 2. चीनी विदेश मंत्रालय ने इस नामकरण की निंदा की, इसे "अवैध, शून्य और निरर्थक" करार देते हुए कहा कि यह क्षेत्र चीन का हिस्सा है।

2. India's Stand

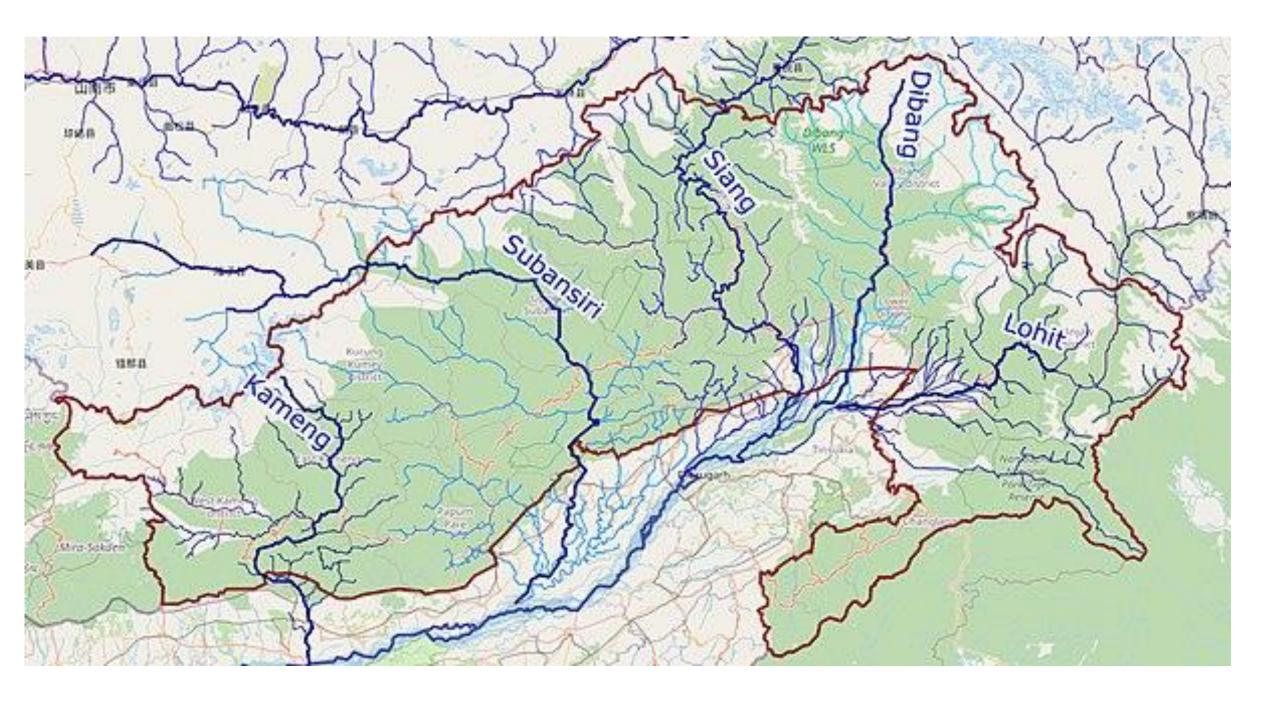
- 1. India continues to maintain its stance, and the Indian Mountaineering Foundation is completing formalities for the peak's recognition on official maps.
- 2. भारत अपनी स्थिति पर कायम है, और भारतीय पर्वतारोहण फाउंडेशन आधिकारिक मानचित्रों पर इस चोटी को मान्यता देने के लिए औपचारिकताएँ पूरी कर रहा है।



Major Mountains and the

Mountain name	Peak
Kangto #	7,089 metres (23,258 ft)
Nyegyi Kansang #	7,047 metres (23,120 ft)
Chumo #	6,890 metres (22,600 ft)
Tapka Shiri # **	6,565 metres (21,539 ft)
Gori Chen	6,530 metres (21,420 ft)
Shalundi	4,810 metres (15,780 ft)
Dapha Bum	4,578 metres (15,020 ft)
Komdi	4,185 metres (13,730 ft)
Vorjing	3,991 metres (13,094 ft)
Ladu	3,041 metres (9,977 ft)







INBRIEF



Textile sector to create 6 cr. jobs by 2030, says Minister

Union Minister of Touriles Garrial Stages saids here on Frieldy that the industry will prove to SESO billion by 2030, generating a total of 4.5 crore to 6 crore jobs across the world. Talking to preporters on 100 days' achievements of his reporters on 100 days' achievements of his provide employment to farmers. Projects such as the Eri Sericulture Promotional Project launched in Gujara will be expanded across the country. He said the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) parks, with an investment of \$70,000 crore, is expected to create 21 lakh jobs.

Passengers suffer injuries as stones thrown at train in Bihar

A few passengers suffered minor injuries when stones were thrown at the Swatantirata Senani Thursday when the train was on its way from Jainagar to Delhi. The incident caused panic among passengers. The window panes of the damaged. Around 9.30 p.m. when the train was passing the Samastipus tation, stones were thrown at it. Following the incident, the train was took a person in custody, who was found to be took a person in custody, who was found to be "mentally disturbed", upon interrogation.

Long-range rockets, futuristic ammunition on Army wish list

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A Class 2 student was killed A Class 2 student was killed as part of an alleged "sa-crificial ritual" performed by the owners of a school in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh to make it more

Samridhi Tewari

Class 2 boy killed in U.P. as sacrifice for

'school's prosperity'

Pradesh to make it more "prosperous", the police said on Friday. The police said the inci-dent took place at the D.L. Public School in Rasgwan

village.

The owner, Jasodhan Singh, who believed in tantrik rituals, asked his son Dinesh Baghel, the school's director, to sacrifice a child for the "prosperity" of the school and his family. Mr. Jasodhan had taken

a loan to start the residen-tial school, but it only had a few students. This led him to take the step, the police

said. Besides the owner and Besides the owner and the director, the principal and two teachers identi-fied as Laxman Singh, Ramprakash Solanki, and by, were arrested for their alieged involvement in the illiling that took place on September 23, they said. A murder case has also been according to the police, According to the police, the post-mortem report of

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Post-mortem report of the child, who stayed in the hostel, revealed that he

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tarth, revealed that he had been strangled. Hathras Additional Su-perintendent of Police Ash-construction of September 23, the stu-dent was abducted from the school's hostel by Mr. Solanki, Mr. Baghel, and Mr. Jasodhan. They took him to a secluded place for the sacrifice but the student woke up and began crying, the officer said, adding that they then stran-gled him. "Veerpal Singh and principal Laxman Singh were guarding the place," he said.

Basic Education Officer (Hathras) Swati Bharti is (Hathras) Swati Bharti is-sued an order to shut the school and hold an inquiry. She said the school ran without permission for Classes I to 8 and that the hostel was functioning ille-rable.

Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairperson Devendra Sharma called it a heinous incident and as-sured that action would be taken in the matter.

BrahMos Aerospace to have job quota for Agniveers

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firm notifications by a com-pany, BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd. has announced reservation for Agniveers in the organisa-

tion for recruitment of Ag-niveers for at least 15% of ministration vacancies at its work centres. There is 50% reservation for the va-

50% reservation for the va-cancies for security and administrative functions at work centres, where it has "The soldiers coming out of Agnipath scheme are well-trained, qualified, disciplined and motivated through rigorous selection and training pre-sea, bett and training process... if recruited in BAPL, in their respective fields will be as-sets to the organisation," the company said.

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BRICS significant for multipolarity, global diversity: Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshman

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with his BRICS counterparts to af-firm its role in a multipolar world. The meeting took place on the sidelines of

Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE. Thursday's meeting was convened by Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira. The group focused on

and strengthening deve-lopment, the Minister said. They also discussed the Sustainable Development Goals, debt, fair trade, and poverty alleviation, ac cording to Mr. Jaishankar.

Different aspects Asked earlier this week at the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) about what also BRICS and the (Shanghai Coopera-Organisation), Mr.

Jaishankar said each of these groupings represent-ed a different aspect of Ined a different aspect of In-dia's goals.
"I think each one is a dif-ferent facet ... of our inter-ests and our activities," he said. The BRICS group was made in the context of non-Western countries feeling they were not getting a fair hearing in the overall scheme of things, Mr. Jaish-ankar said.

EY affiliate released dues only after outrage: mother of deceased staffer

The mother of Anna Sebas-tian Perayil, the 26-year-old Pune-based employee of EY member firm SRBC who died of a heart attack, has said the company did not release the full and fi-nal settlement of her daughter for more than two months, and contest-ed the information given by SRBC to the Maharash-

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"Anna's CTC was 59.5 lakh. Three times the amount is 228.5 lakh. We amount is 228.5 lakh. We after the media attention. We were given the money on September 18," she said told The Hindu that "SRB do told The Hindu that "SRB dad deposited 228.5 lakh to Anna's account for the em from March 11, 2024, to July 19, 2024. The company said it provided double re

muneration for extra work. It said the employees are given comp off for extra work hours. As per preli-minary information, Anna

However, Ms. Ania con-tested many of these things. She said Anna was working till the evening of July 20 when she fell ill. The company had told the labour department that she had worked till July 19, and that July 20 and July 21 and that July 20 and July 21 were her off. "There are mobile chasts on her phone with the property of the prop

tails," she said. Giving details about the offer letter, Ms. Anita said the amount received "is

employee".

"The letter stated that if the employee had chil-dren, their education will be supported. Also, if the employee has spouse, the company will help in pro-viding employment. These are the death condition benefits. These two conditions didn't apply to Anna. But we want to say that there was no overtime or

extra feave or compensa-tion," she said.

Ms. Anita said that Anna worked every weekend, and that she logged into her laptop on weekends as well. "She had come to Ko-chi twice. Both times, she flew in on Saturday morn-ing and left on Sunday ing and left on Sunday morning. She would open her laptop and sit and work. She always said there were no off," she said.

Rust, weak structure led to collapse of Shivaji statue'

The Hindu Bureau

and weak structure of the frame led to the collapse of the statue of Shivaji in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg, a probe panel of Naval offic-ers, domain experts, and government officials said. The 16-page report was submitted to the State government a few days ago

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sembly (UNGA) "Underlined its signifi-

cance for multi-polarity and global diversity," Mr. Jaishankar said on social

Range of topics The group, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, expanded at the start of this year to include Egypt,



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FAITH

God is impartial

God has no partiality between celestials, ogres, demons, devils, or human beings. He does not stipulate that only some groups will be granted moksha and not others. He will be pleased with those who are sincerely devoted to Him irrespective of who they are and what race they be-

ting oneself to God is a kind of devotion known as "Atma Nivedanam*. Growing a good plant takes time, energy, and effort, while weeds and grass grow by themselves without any effort. The path that people choose should be righteous so that they may derive the blessings of God and

If people pray to fulfil a desire, it may be called the be-ginning stage or the first step of devotion. The ultimate sond of prayer should be to leave everything at His feet as de knows better.

However dexterous or intelligent a thief may be, he will However dexterous or intelligent a thief may be, he will still leave a trail of evidence, which is sufficient for the in-vestigating authorities. Though the demon Hiranyakasipu had all types of boons so as not to be killed, the Lord su-perseded them to don the manifestation of Narasimha fit enough to be out of the ambit of the conditional demands

of the demon.

Even after slaying Prahlada's father, Hiranyakasipu, the Lord's fury did not subside. Brahma, the God of creation, asked the child devotee Prahlada that he alone could calm down the Lord.

4 6 9 7 1 7 1 5 3 8 Prahlada pleaded and prayed for the welfare of people all around the world.

Long-range rockets, futuristic ammunition on Army wish list

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uilding on the lessons from the Ukraine war and the offensive by Israel in Gaza, the Indian Army is going for extended range rockets, which have proven to be decisive, and indigenising and diversifying the vendor base, especially for 155mm artillery shells, to build resilient supply chains. It is also going for futuristic ammunition, a senior officer said.

The indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launch system is being widely exploited and their ability is second to none, Lt. Gen. Adosh Kumar, Director-General of the Regiment of Artillery, said speaking to the media ahead of the Regiment's 198th raising day on Saturday.

"We are looking at extending range of the Pinaka rockets and lot of work is going on, first to double and then to almost [make it] four times the present range. The Defence Research and Development Organisation is confident of achieving it."

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The Pinaka rocket launch system during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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The development trials of Pralay are almost over, the officer said. The trials for Nirbhay are on and in April it was tested with an indigenous engine. It is expected to be given to the Army for trials next year.

The other aspect is that the Pinaka can fire a variety of ammunition and that is where its efficacy in the battlefield comes in, the officer noted.

Trials on

"Trials are currently on for guided extended range Pinaka rockets. High altitude are already done, trials in the plains are scheduled next month. If the trials are successful, we hope to conclude the deal soon and that will double present range of Pinaka. And they are also guided which means their precision will automatically improve."

As reported earlier, the guided ER rockets will take the range of Pinaka to 75 km and beyond. The HI-MARS (high-mobility artil-

lery rocket system), which the U.S. has supplied to Ukraine, and similar systems also use guided rockets, officials observed.

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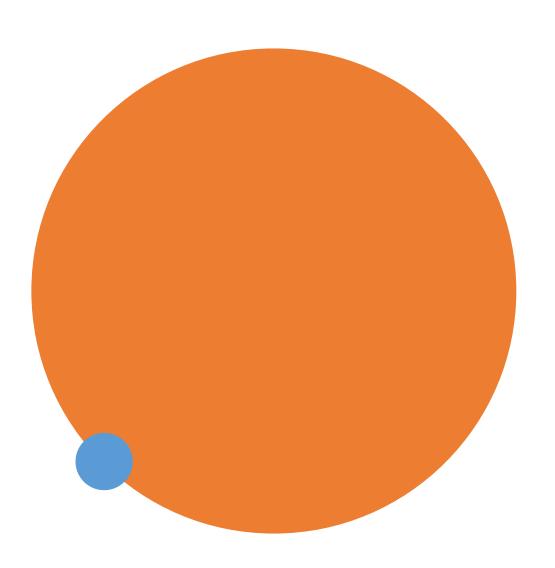
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The ADM rocket system was successfully flight-tested by the DRDO and the Army first in April 2022.

The war in Ukraine is in its third year and has shattered perception that wars will be short and swift, Lt. Gen. Kumar said.

Indian Army's Expansion Plans

- The Indian Army is looking to extend the range of its Pinaka rockets, learning lessons from the Ukraine war.
- भारतीय सेना अपने पिनाका रॉकेटों की रेंज बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है, यूक्रेन युद्ध से सीख लेते हुए।



Diversifying Supply Chains

- The army is focusing on diversifying its vendor base, especially for 155 mm artillery shells, to build resilient supply chains.
- सेना विशेष रूप से 155 मिमी तोपों के गोले के लिए अपने आपूर्ति शृंखलाओं को मजबूत करने के लिए विक्रेताओं का आधार विविधतापूर्ण बना रही है।

- Acquisition of Advanced Rockets and Ammunition
- The Defense Acquisition Council approved procurement of Pralay tactical ballistic missiles and Nirbhay cruise missiles with long-range capabilities.
- रक्षा अधिग्रहण परिषद ने प्रलय सामरिक बैलिस्टिक मिसाइलों और निर्भय क्रूज मिसाइलों की खरीद को मंजूरी दी है, जो लंबी दूरी की क्षमताओं से लैस हैं।

Pinaka Rocket Development

- The development trials for extending the Pinaka rocket range are ongoing, aiming to double and eventually quadruple the range.
- पिनाका रॉकेट रेंज को बढ़ाने के लिए विकास परीक्षण जारी हैं, जिसमें इसे पहले दोगुना और बाद में चार गुना करने की योजना है।

1. Futuristic Ammunition

- 1. The Army is focusing on futuristic ammunition like guided extended-range rockets and dual munition systems (ADM), which can target both tanks and aircraft.
- 2. सेना उन्नत आयुध जैसे कि मार्गदर्शित विस्तारित-रेंज रॉकेट और द्वैध गोला-बारूद प्रणाली (ADM) पर ध्यान केंद्रित कर रही है, जो टैंकों और विमानों दोनों को निशाना बना सकती है।

2. Learning from Global Conflicts

- 1. The war in Ukraine has shown the importance of long-range, precise weapons, and the Indian Army aims to implement these lessons.
- 2. यूक्रेन युद्ध ने लंबी दूरी के, सटीक हथियारों के महत्व को प्रदर्शित किया है, और भारतीय सेना इन सीखों को लागू करने की योजना बना रही है।

- What is the Indian Army's key focus in its modernization plan, as mentioned in the article? लेख के अनुसार, भारतीय सेना की आधुनिकीकरण योजना में मुख्य ध्यान किस पर केंद्रित है?
- 1. Upgrading infantry weapons
- 2.Extending the range of Pinaka rockets and acquiring futuristic ammunition
- 3.Increasing the number of soldiers
- 4. Developing naval capabilities



Has MG Windsor taken the Throne of the EV Game?

Good pricing, spacious cabin, battery-as-a-service model, quirky design. MOTOBAHN, P9



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Household financial wealth soars

Gross financial assets of households may have hit a new high at 157.9% of GDP in Q1FY25, according to Nikhil Gupta. economist at Motilal

Oswal, ahead of the 152.9% seen in Q4FY21. At the same time, their financial liabilities (debt) are estimated to have touched 42% of GDP in Q1FY25, marking record This implies net wealth increased to an all-time high of 115.9% of GDP

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SURPRISE OUTCOME PROMPTS A RALLY IN YEN

'Asian NATO' backer Ishiba to become new Japan PM

ALASTAIR GALE & YUKI HAGIWARA September 27

JAPAN'S RULING PARTY picked Shigeru Ishiba as its next leader, positioning an advocate of an "Asian NATO" to become prime minister in a surprise result that jolted the yen.

Ishiba, a 67-year-old party veteran who has served in several senior roles including defence minister, favours ramping up security arrangements in the region, an idea that risks further inflaming tensions with China.

"What do we mean by an Asian NATO? The essence of collective security becomes obligatory," he said during a post-victory press conference. "The right of collective self-defence is, as the word indicates, a right."

The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) chose Ishiba over Sanae Takaichi, whose signature policies include opposing Bank of Japan (BoJ) rate hikes. Takaichi was favoured to win, and the surprise outcome prompted a rally in Japan's currency as traders foresaw the BoJ staying on course to normalise policy — a campaign that Ishiba has supported.

The yen strengthened more than 1% to as much as 142.8 against the dollar, unwinding several days of declines on speculation over a Takaichi victory. The currency has been closely watched by international investors after a rapid unwind

FIFTH TIME LUCKY



■ The 67-year-old's successful bid after four attempts puts him at the helm of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party ■ The former defence minister narrowly prevails over hardline nationalist Sanae Takaichi in an unpredictable race

ministries and agencies out of Tokyo to help revive Japan's moribund regions

The former defence nister narrowly prevails political backlash to

He also criticised the US political backlash to Nippon Steel's bid for US Steel, saying it casts Japan as a national security risk

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SHIGERU ISHIBA,

INCOMING PM, JAPAN

as agriculture minister,

Ishiba, who also served

promises to move some

of yen carry trades roiled global markets in early August.

"Clearly, whatever doubts lawmakers had about Ishiba, they overcame them," said Tobias Harris, the founder of Japan Foresight LLC, a political risk advisory. "Maybe it's as simple as the fact that they know the broader public supports him."

Fraying ties with China emerged as a key theme late in the LDP election campaign period after the fatal stabbing earlier this month of a Japanese schoolboy in China. All of the candidates called for a full investigation and demanded steps to protect Japanese citizens.

Tensions have also been inflamed after Chinese military aircraft made an unauthorised entry into Japanese airspace for the first time last month. And this week Japan reportedly sent a Maritime Self-Defence Force warship through the Taiwan Strait for the first time, a move all but certain to anger Beijing.

During the campaign, Ishiba emphasised the need to increase Japan's defence capa-

bilities and floated the idea of creating an Asian NATO-style collective security agreement to better deter aggression from countries like China and North Korea.

"Ishiba's main challenge is likely to be foreign policy, so we will have to wait and see how he does in that area," said Nobuyasu Atago, chief economist at Rakuten Securities Economic Research Institute. "I think that, for the time being, there will be no major shocks in terms of economic policy." —BLOOMBERG

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- Shigeru Ishiba Elected as Japan's Next Prime Minister
- Japan's ruling party, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), has selected Shigeru Ishiba as its new leader, and he is set to become the next Prime Minister.
- जापान की सत्तारूढ़ पार्टी, लिबरल डेमोक्रेटिक पार्टी (LDP), ने शिगेरू इशिबा को अपना नया नेता चुना है, और वह जापान के अगले प्रधानमंत्री बनने वाले हैं।

Advocate of "Asian NATO"

- Ishiba is a strong advocate for an "Asian NATO," emphasizing the importance of collective security arrangements in the region, which could strain relations with China.
- इशिबा "एशियाई नाटो" के समर्थक हैं और क्षेत्र में सामूहिक सुरक्षा व्यवस्था के महत्व पर जोर देते हैं, जिससे चीन के साथ तनाव बढ़ सकता है।

Political Background

- Ishiba has served in several high-ranking roles, including defense and agriculture minister, and this is his fifth attempt to win leadership.
- इशिबा ने रक्षा और कृषि मंत्री सहित कई उच्च पदों पर सेवा दी है, और यह उनका पांचवां प्रयास है नेतृत्व जीतने का।

Economic Impact

- The announcement of Ishiba's victory led to a rally in Japan's yen, strengthening it against the dollar as markets responded positively to his selection.
- इशिबा की जीत की घोषणा के बाद जापानी येन में उछाल आया, और यह डॉलर के मुकाबले मजबूत हुआ क्योंकि बाजारों ने उनके चयन पर सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी।

Foreign Policy and Relations

- He also plans to increase Japan's defense capabilities and focus on creating collective security measures with regional allies to deter threats from China and North Korea.
- वह जापान की रक्षा क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने और क्षेत्रीय सहयोगियों के साथ सामूहिक सुरक्षा उपायों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने की योजना बना रहे हैं ताकि चीन और उत्तर कोरिया से खतरे को रोका जा सके।

- What is Shigeru Ishiba's primary foreign policy focus as Japan's incoming Prime Minister? जापान के आने वाले प्रधानमंत्री शिगेरू इशिबा की प्राथमिक विदेशी नीति का मुख्य ध्यान क्या है?
- 1.Strengthening trade with the U.S.
- 2. Fostering ties with Europe
- 3. Establishing an "Asian NATO" and increasing defense capabilities
- 4.Improving Japan's infrastructure

India Water Week 2024



• Theme:

• The theme of IWW 2024, 'Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and Management' highlighted the pivotal role of collaborative efforts across sectors and nations in tackling the escalating water challenges of the 21st century.

- Participants: Nations like Denmark, Israel, Australia, and Singapore presented their water-related innovations and experiences.
 - China and Bangladesh did not participate in the International Water Week events in India.

- What is the Current State of Water in India?
- Water Scarcity: As of 2024, India has 18% of the world's population but only 4% of its freshwater resources, making it one of the most water-stressed countries globally.
- **Groundwater Depletion:** Groundwater is crucial for 80% of drinking water and two-thirds of irrigation needs.

- Water Pollution:
- Around 70% of India's water is contaminated, with nearly half of the country's rivers unsafe for drinking or irrigation. This makes India rank 120th out of 122 countries on a Global Water Quality Index 2024.

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)

- The second edition of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) seminar on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing was conducted at Naval War College, Goa.
- About Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- Formation: Established in 1997, is a multilateral organization comprising 23 member countries from Africa, West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australia.
 - IORA was inspired by a speech by Nelson Mandela in 1995, where he emphasized the need for cooperation among Indian Ocean states.

Aim: It focuses on fostering cooperation in the Indian Ocean region on issues like maritime safety, trade facilitation, fisheries management, disaster risk management, and climate change.

Membership: Comprises 23 member countries from Africa, West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Australia, all located around the Indian Ocean. These include countries like India, Australia, Indonesia, South Africa, Malaysia, UAE, and more.

Dialogue Partners: The IORA has 11 dialogue partners, including China, U.S., Japan, Germany, Russia, and Saudi Arabia.

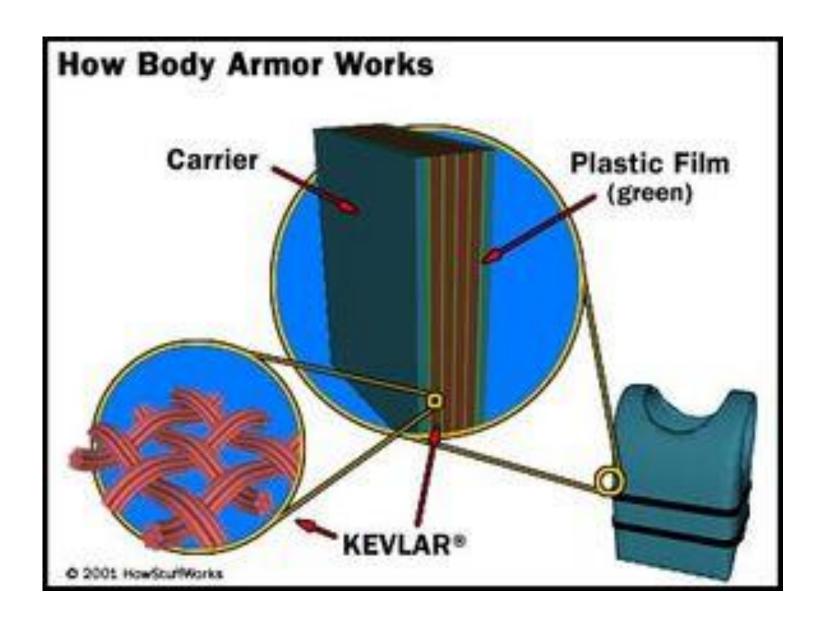
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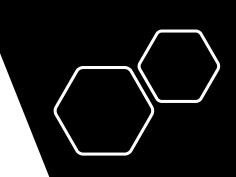
- The Union Minister for Food and Public Distribution during the India Sugar & Bio Energy Conference said that India is now the world's third largest producer and consumer of Ethanol.
- About
- During 2014-24, the area of sugarcane cultivation increased by about 18% while the sugarcane production has increased by 40%.
- Also India is the second largest producer of sugarcane after Brazil.

- Steps taken to increase ethanol production
- The Minimum Selling Price (MSP) of sugar was introduced in 2018 to protect the interests of farmers and the sugar industry by the Centre.
- Bio-Refineries: India is setting up multiple second-generation ethanol biorefineries to produce ethanol from agricultural waste.
 - For example, in 2022, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
 launched Asia's first 2G Ethanol Biorefinery in Panipat, Haryana.

- Tax reduction: The Government has lowered the Goods and Services Tax rate to 5% from 18% on ethanol meant for blending under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme.
- The National Policy on Biofuels-2018, as amended in 2022, has identified various feedstocks for ethanol production, like C & B Heavy Molasses, sugarcane juice, sugar containing materials, starch containing materials such as corn cassava, rotten potatoes etc.

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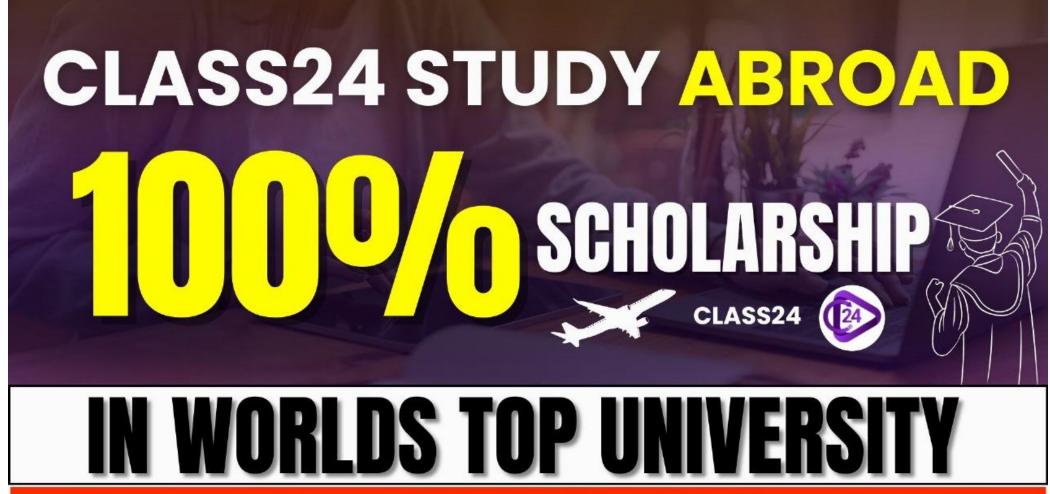
• The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with researchers from IIT Delhi, has developed the **ABHED bulletproof jacket**.

About ABHED

- These are the lightweight bulletproof jackets.
- The jacket uses a combination of polymers and boron carbide ceramic materials, known for their high strength-to-weight ratios.

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