

Daily Current Affairs



जनसत्ता



The Indian EXPRESS

THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS



6
The Hindu



5
PIB, PR4 & Other newspaper



1
The Indian Express



2
Financial Express



0
Jansatta

CURRENT AFFAIRS

By Bhunesh Sir

- ✓ UPDATED CURRENT AFFAIRS
- ✓ COMPLETE 2 YEARS (2023 + 2024) CURRENT AFFAIRS
- ✓ COMPLETE NOTES (PDF)
- ✓ 360° DEGREE EXAMS COVERED

~~₹1999/-~~ ₹599/-

Offer Date

02 oct.

USE CODE - B70

ON THE OCCASION OF GANDHI JAYANTI



COMPLETE GK/GS COURSE

By Bhunesh Sir

- ✓ STATIC GK
- ✓ HISTORY
- ✓ POLITY
- ✓ GEOGRAPHY
- ✓ ECONOMICS
- ✓ SCIENCE

~~₹1999/-~~ ₹599/-

USE CODE - B70

CALL FOR SUPPORT: +91-7414862047





SSC CGL



SELECTION BATCH



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



FEATURES

- 2 YEAR PROGRAM
- 700+ HOURS CLASSROOM CONTENT
- TEST SERIES
- BILINGUAL CLASSES
- UPDATED COMPLETE STUDY MATERIAL
- CLASSES BY INDIA'S BEST TEACHERS
- PREVIOUS YEAR PAPERS

LIVE SESSIONS

- DOUBT + REVISION SESSION
- MCQ DISCUSSION
- COMPLETE CONCEPT EXPLANATION

700+ HOURS
CLASSROOM CONTENT



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



INDIAS BEST TEACHERS



BHUNESH SHARMA
Current Affairs Expert
10+ Years Experience



UMESH CHOUHAN
Maths Expert
12+ Years Experience



RISHI SIR
Reasoning Expert
13+ Years Experience



SHIPRA MA'AM
Science Expert
9+ Years Experience



VEER CHOUDHARY
English Expert
11+ Years Experience



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE?

- GOOD INTERNET
- BASIC SMARTPHONE/LAPTOP/COMPUTER

HOW TO ENROL IN THIS COURSE



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP

Class24 App download

Class pdf

**10 Questions
test related to
this class**



Stay close to
anything that
makes you
glad you are
alive.

-Hafez



**'LACK OF SECURITY'
Bengal doctors to start 'cease-work' stir**

NEWS » PAGE 6



Southwest monsoon ends with 8% excess rainfall

NEWS » PAGE 6



**GST REVENUE
Growth slumps to 40-month low of 6.5%**

BUSINESS » PAGE 12



Torching Dalit homes a rising menace in Bihar

Fewer crimes against Dalits are probed

OPINION » PAGE 9



India cases to series win over Bangladesh

SPORT » PAGE 16

INSIDE



MUDA case: sale deeds of 14 cities to be cancelled

MYSIURU
With Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvatha B.M. expressing willingness to return the 14 sites allotted to her, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) wrote to the sub-registrar to cancel the sale deeds. » PAGE 3



Boeing system warning: DGCA to issue advisory

NEW DELHI
Following a U.S. NTSB warning over the rudder system on some Boeing 737 planes, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation is expected to issue an advisory to Indian airlines on possible mitigation measures. » PAGE 2

Sonam Wangchuk starts indefinite fast in Delhi

NEW DELHI
Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and other protesters detained by Delhi Police during a march demanding constitutional safeguards for Ladakh began an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi on Tuesday, even as Ladakh erupted in protest. » PAGE 4

ISRO is planning to launch Venus mission in 2028

BENGALURU
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday revealed the targeted launch window for India's maiden mission to Venus, which is scheduled for launch in March 2028. The \$1,236-crore Venus Orbiter Mission was approved by the Union Cabinet. » PAGE 3

Situation along China border is 'stable' but 'not normal', says Army chief

Disakar Peri
NEW DELHI
The situation along the line of Actual Control (LAC) with China is "stable" but "not normal", said Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday, adding that trust has been the "biggest" casualty.

He also highlighted against Chinese "grey zone" warfare tactics. He was speaking at the curtain-raiser to the Chanakya defence dialogue to be organised jointly by the Army and the Centre for Land

Iran fires missiles at Israel, warns against reprisal

Ballistic missiles trigger alarms across Israel; explosions in Jerusalem, Jordan River Valley

Reuters
Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM/BEIRUT
Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday in retaliation for Israel's campaign against Tehran's Hezbollah allies in Lebanon. Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River Valley after Israel's missile strikes. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts. Reuters journalists saw missiles intercepted in the airspace of neighbouring Jordan. Israeli military said Iran fired around 180 missiles, "100 (Israeli Army) systems have identified ap-



Under fire: Proxies above Israeli city of Ashdod on Tuesday seen from West Bank city of Hebron.

proximately 180 missiles fired towards Israeli territory from Iran," it said. Earlier, the military had announced that any ballistic missile strike from Iran was expected to be widespread and told the public to shelter in safe rooms in the event of an attack. Iran has vowed to retaliate following attacks that killed the top leadership of its Hezbollah allies in Lebanon. The firing of missiles came after Israel said its troops had launched ground raids into Lebanon, though it described the forays as limited. Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened to carry out "crushing attacks" against Israel if it retaliated for the missile attack. "If the Zionist regime

reacts to Iranian operations, it will face crushing attacks," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement carried by the Pars news agency. "The IRGC said the attack

was "in accordance with the United Nations Charter." It said it came "after a period of restraint" following an "attack on the sovereignty of Iran" — a reference to the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran in late July.

After the attack, Iran suspended flights at Tehran International Airport. Iranian media reported late Tuesday. "For the time being, we have suspended incoming and outgoing flights at Tehran International Airport," the ISNA news agency quoted airport chief Said Chahandari as saying.

Haniyeh praised Iran's missile attack as "heroic." "The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) blesses the heroic rocket launches carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iran against wide areas of our occupied lands," a statement said, adding it was "in revenge for the blood of our martyr".

Israel's UN envoy Danon said 'any enemy that attacks Israel should expect a painful response'

Israel's UN envoy Danon said "any enemy that attacks Israel should expect a painful response" in a statement. "We will continue strikes" Israel's military said it would continue "powerful strikes" through Tuesday night throughout West Asia after Iran's strike, Israeli media reported. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a few other Ministers were meeting in a bunker near Jerusalem, where the security Cabinet was due to convene shortly, two Israeli officials said. In Washington, U.S. President Joe Biden said the U.S. was prepared to help Israel defend itself from Iranian missile attacks. "We discussed how the United States is prepared to help Israel defend against these attacks, and protect American personnel in the region," Mr. Biden said on X about a meeting held with Vice-President Kamala Harris and the White House national security team earlier in the day. The Pentagon said that two U.S. Navy destroyers fired about a dozen interceptors against the Iranian missiles.

RELATED REPORTS
» PAGE 14

Sunny side up



Aiming high: A rehearsal for the Indian Air Force's mega air show takes place in the skies over Chennai's Marina Beach on Tuesday. The event, on October 6, is set to enter the Limca Book of Records for attracting the largest gathering for an air show. B. VELANJANAN RAJ

69.65% turnout in final phase of J&K election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The third and final phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections saw a voter turnout of 69.65% on Tuesday with polling conducted peacefully, according to the Election Commission.

Among the districts, Udhampur recorded the highest polling percentage of 76.09, followed by Samba at 75.48, while Baramulla was the lowest at 61.03, according to EC's district tally. 50 PM. A voter turnout of 61.38% and 57.13% had been recorded in the first and second phases, respectively. Counting of votes would take place on October 8.

On Tuesday, polling took place in 40 constituencies. More than 39.18 lakh voters were eligible to exercise their franchise to decide the fate of 415 candidates. These included former Deputy Chief Ministers Tara Chand and Muzaffar Baig and several former Ministers and legislators. "The Assembly elections marked a significant deepening of democracy, which will echo in the pag-

es of history and continue to inspire a democratic spirit across the state," Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said in a statement.

The Supreme Court had last year, while upholding the scrapping of Article 370, directed that Assembly election should be held by September 30. The last Assembly election was held in Jammu and Kashmir in November-December 2014 in five phases.

'Historic poll'
"The peaceful and participative elections are historic, wherein democracy is taking root more profoundly than ever before, driven by the will of people of J&K," Mr. Kumar said.

REFUGEES CELEBRATE
» PAGE 5

'Will protect convicts too from punitive demolitions'

Krishnamada Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday promised to protect even convicted criminals from State-sponsored punitive demolition of their legal private property but refused any kind of immunity to public space encroachments, whether they be Hindus or Muslims.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan said a conviction or being accused of a crime was no ground for States to bulldoze private homes and shops. The court, which has proposed to frame pan-India guidelines to protect private property from illegal and targeted demolitions, also said it would not shield public encroachments, irrespective of the faith of the violator.

'Rule for all'
"We are a secular country. Whatever we lay down, we lay down for all citizens. There cannot be a particular law for a particular religion. Unauthorised constructions belonging to members of any community have to go," Justice Gavai observed orally in court.

The Bench was hearing petitions accusing States like Uttar Pradesh of misusing municipal laws to bulldoze the private property of members of minority communities. "The petitions argued that municipal laws were misused for crime-fighting and grandstanding by ruling parties in these States. Justice Viswanathan pointed out during the hearing that there have been 4.45 lakh demolitions in recent years. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, agreed that even conviction in heinous offences such as rape, murder and terrorism should not lead to punitive demolition.

Warfare Studies on October 24 and 25. "The situation on the ground today is stable but it is not normal and is sensitive. We want the situation that existed and content," the Army chief said, whether it be the ground occupation or disengagement, the buffer zones that have been created on the patrolling that has been planned. Till the time that is not restored, as far as we are concerned, the situation will remain sensitive and we are operationally prepared to face any contingency...



General Upendra Dwivedi

ble? Everything we can do is on the table along the northern front, and it also includes Depsang and Demchok," Gen. Dwivedi said.

Manipur crisis
On the situation in Manipur, the Army chief observed that a rumour led to a win-win situation over a period of time, it has become a battle of narratives. "The polarisation between win-win communities, the situation may be stable today, but it is tense. There was weaponisa-

tion of society to some extent due to stolen weapons, he said, of which around 25% had been recovered so far, however, said there were no drone bombs. He also refuted claims of infiltration by 900 anti-national elements. "We are trying to calm down the situation. We are trying to restore trust. When social fracturing takes place, it takes some time to recover," he said. "To a question on new Chinese model villages coming up close to the

LAC, he said that there was hardly any Chinese or Tibetan population near the border. "They (China) are carrying out this artificial migration, settlement, which was no problem as it's their country. But what we see in the South China Sea is polarisation between the grey zone, initially we find fishermen and those are the kind of people. And in order to save them, then you find the military moving in..." he remarked.

JASHANKAR'S CHARGES
» PAGE 4

Iran fires missiles at Israel, warns against reprisal

Ballistic missiles trigger alarms across Israel; explosions in Jerusalem, Jordan River Valley

Firing of missiles comes hours after Israel said its troops had launched ground raids in Lebanon

Israel's UN envoy Danon said 'any enemy that attacks Israel should expect a painful response'

Reuters
Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM/BEIRUT

Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday in retaliation for Israel's campaign against Tehran's Hezbollah allies in Lebanon.

Alarms sounded across Israel and explosions could be heard in Jerusalem and the Jordan River Valley after Israelis piled into bomb shelters. Reporters on state television lay flat on the ground during live broadcasts.

Reuters journalists saw missiles intercepted in the airspace of neighbouring Jordan. Israeli military said Iran fired around 180 missiles. "IDF (Israeli Army) systems have identified ap-

proximately 180 missiles fired towards Israeli territory from Iran," it said.

Earlier, the military had announced that any ballistic missile strike from Iran was expected to be widespread and told the public to shelter in safe rooms in the event of an attack.

Iran has vowed to retaliate following attacks that killed the top leadership of its Hezbollah allies in Lebanon. The firing of missiles came after Israel said its troops had launched ground raids into Lebanon, though it described the forays as limited.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened to carry out "crushing attacks" against Israel if it retaliated for the missile attack.

"If the Zionist regime



Under fire: Projectiles above Israeli city of Ashdod on Tuesday seen from West Bank city of Hebron. AFP

reacts to Iranian operations, it will face crushing attacks," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement carried by the Fars news agency.

The IRGC said the attack

was "in accordance with the United Nations Charter". It said it came "after a period of restraint" following an "attack on the sovereignty" of Iran – a reference to the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Hani-

yeh in Tehran in late July.

After the attack, Iran suspended flights at Tehran international airport, Iranian media reported late Tuesday. "For the time being, we have suspended incoming and outgoing flights at Tehran International Airport," the ISNA news agency quoted airport chief Said Chalandari as saying.

Hamas praised Iran's missile attack as "heroic".

"The Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) blesses the heroic rocket launches carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iran against wide areas of our occupied lands," a statement said, adding it was "in revenge for the blood of our heroic martyr".

Israeli military spokesperson Daniel Hagari said the attack would have consequences, as did Israel's UN Ambassador Danny Danon. "As we have previously made clear to the international community, any enemy that attacks Israel should expect a painful response", Mr. Danon said in a statement.

'Will continue strikes'

Israel's military said it would continue "powerful strikes" through Tuesday night throughout West Asia after Iran's strike, Israeli media reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a few other Ministers were meeting in a bunker near Jerusalem, where the security Cabinet was due to

convene shortly, two Israeli officials said.

In Washington, U.S. President Joe Biden said the U.S. was prepared to help Israel defend itself from Iranian missile attacks. "We discussed how the United States is prepared to help Israel defend against these attacks, and protect American personnel in the region," Mr. Biden said on X about a meeting held with Vice-President Kamala Harris and the White House national security team earlier in the day.

The Pentagon said that two U.S. Navy destroyers fired about a dozen interceptors against the Iranian missiles.

RELATED REPORTS
» PAGE 14

- **Iran's Missile Strike on Israel:**

- Iran fired **ballistic missiles** at Israel on Tuesday as retaliation for Israel's military operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon, which is an ally of Tehran.
- Alarms were triggered across Israel, including **Jerusalem** and the **Jordan River Valley**, leading people to take shelter.
- Israeli military identified about **180 missiles** fired by Iran, with some intercepted in Jordan.

Retaliation Context:

The strike was in response to Israeli ground raids in Lebanon and the killing of Hezbollah's top leadership.


Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened more crushing attacks if Israel retaliated.



- **International Reaction:**

- **Israeli military spokesperson Daniel Hagari** warned of consequences, stating any enemy that attacks Israel should expect a **painful response**.

- **U.S. President Joe Biden** affirmed the U.S. would help defend Israel and protect American personnel, indicating the U.S. was prepared for further action if necessary





- **Impact on Iran:**

- Following the missile attack, **Tehran suspended flights** at the international airport due to security concerns.
- Hamas praised Iran's missile strike as "heroic" and viewed it as a response to Israeli aggression.

D

- [Dezful \(missile\)](#)

E

- [Emad \(missile\)](#)

F

- [Fateh-313](#)

G

- [Ghadr-110](#)

H

- [Haj Qasem \(missile\)](#)
- [Hormuz-2 \(missile\)](#)

- [Hwasong-10](#)

I

- [Iranian underground missile bases](#)

K

- [Kheibar Shekan](#)

M

- [Missile Shower System](#)

P

- [Persian Gulf \(missile\)](#)
- [Project Koussar](#)

Q

- [Qiam 1](#)

S

- [Safir \(rocket\)](#)
- [Shahab \(missile\)](#)
- [Shahab-2](#)
- [Shahab-3](#)
- [Shahab-4](#)
- [Shahab-5](#)
- [Shahab-6](#)
- [Shahab-e-Saqeb \(missile\)](#)

Z

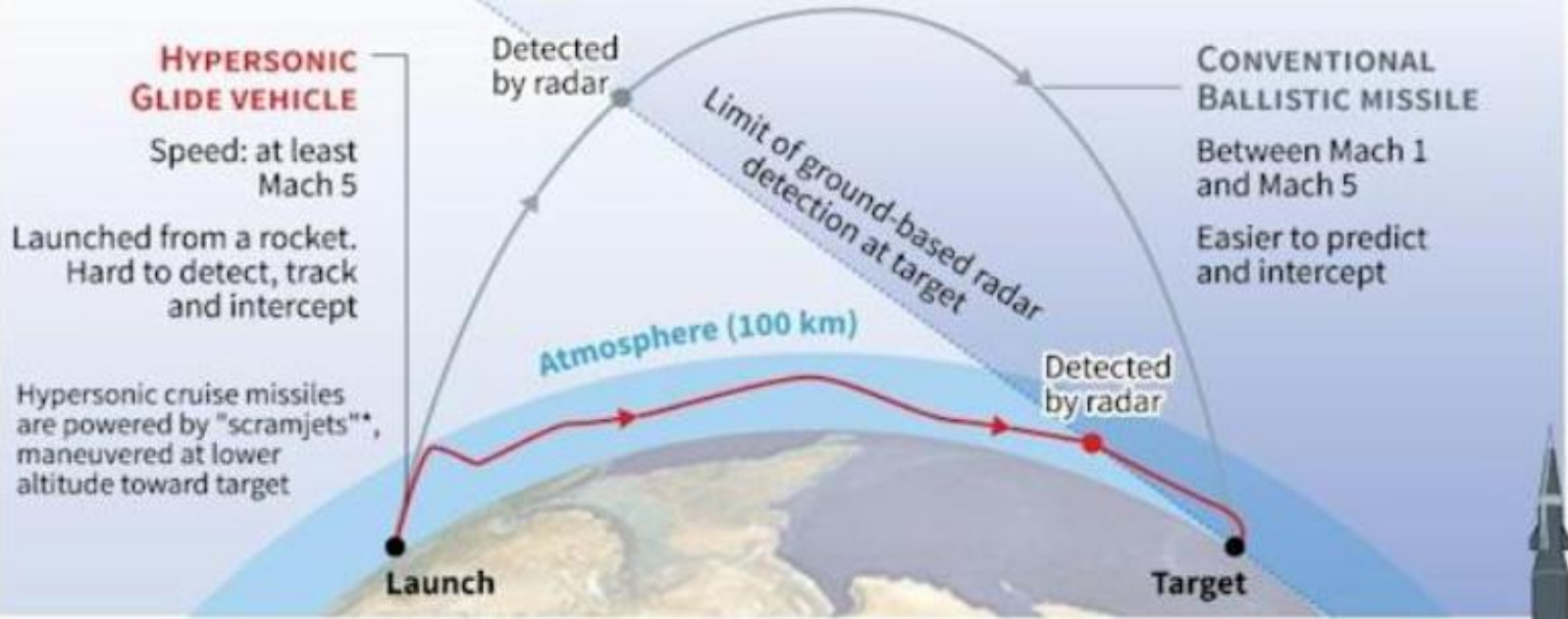
- [Zelzal-1](#)
- [Zelzal-2](#)
- [Zelzal-3](#)

System								
Maximum Range (km)	300-500	300	500	700	At least 750	Up to 2,000	Up to 2,000	2,000
Propellant Type	Solid	Liquid	Liquid	Solid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Solid
Deployment Mode	Road-mobile	Road-mobile	Road-mobile	Road-mobile	Road-mobile, Silo	Road-mobile, Silo	Road-mobile	Road-mobile

Hypersonic weapons

Considered the next generation of arms with conventional or nuclear warheads that are hard to detect and can travel more than five times the speed of sound

TRAJECTORY AND DETECTION



GLOBAL HYPERSONIC WEAPONS PROGRAMMES

ADVANCED (latest developments)

-  Russia had completed two launches of hypersonic cruise missiles, including one from submerged submarine in October
-  US successfully tested a scramjet-powered hypersonic in September
-  China launched a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile but missed target in August

DEVELOPING, COUNTRIES INCLUDE

-  Australia
-  India
-  France
-  Japan
-  Germany

BASIC RESEARCH

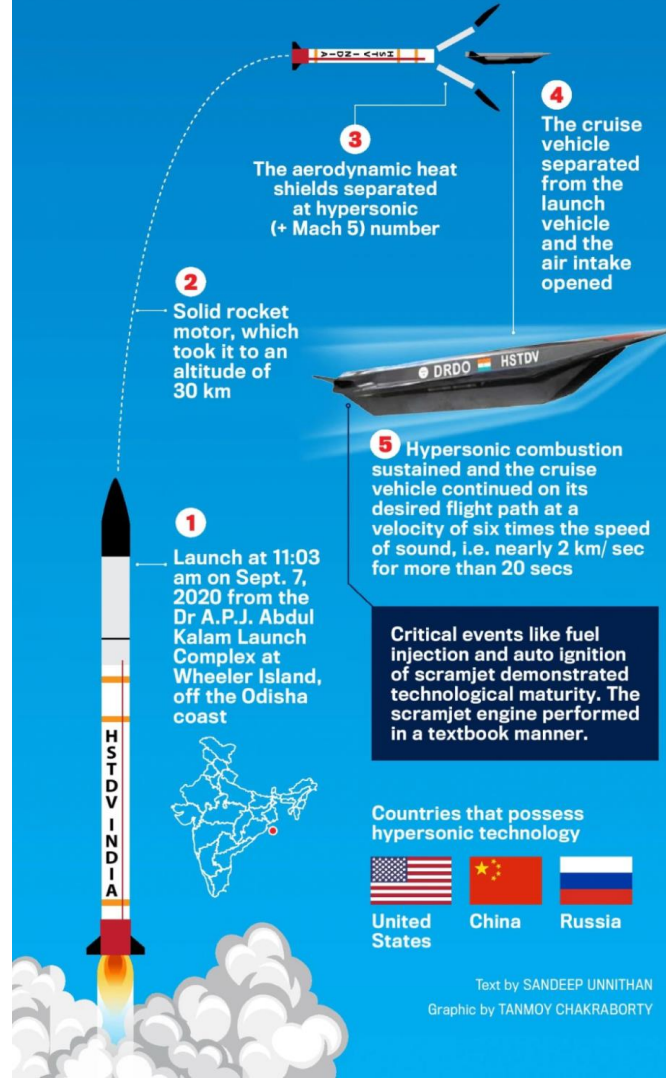
-  Iran
-  South Korea
-  Israel

-  North Korea claimed to have tested a hypersonic gliding missile (Hwasong-8) in September



THE HYPERSONIC BREAKTHROUGH

With the successful flight test of a Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV) by the DRDO, India joined an exclusive club of just three other countries



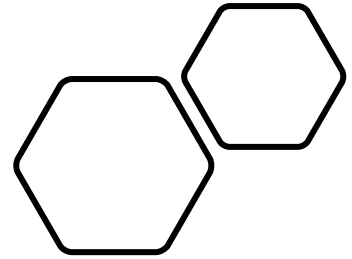
Text by SANDEEP UNNITHAN

Graphic by TANMOY CHAKRABORTY

ISRO is planning to launch Venus mission in 2028

BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday revealed the targeted launch window for India's maiden mission to Venus, which is scheduled for launch in March 2028. The ₹1,236-crore Venus Orbiter Mission was approved by the Union Cabinet. » **PAGE 3**



ISRO plans to launch 112-day mission to the planet Venus in March 2028

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's maiden mission to Venus, which is scheduled for launch in March 2028, will embark on a 112-day journey to reach the planet. The ₹1,236-crore Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) was recently approved by the Union Cabinet and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Tuesday revealed the targeted launch window for the mission.

According to the targeted launch window for VOM, the Earth departure date is scheduled on March 29, 2028, and the arrival date on Venus is July 19, 2028. VOM will be

launched by the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3).

“LVM-3 has been identified as the candidate launch vehicle which will place the spacecraft in an Elliptical Parking Orbit (EPO) of 170 km x 36,000 km, 21.5 degrees inclination and Argument of Perigee (AOP) of 178 degrees. Minimum energy requirement (expressed as incremental velocity, V) for the launch opportunity that exists in 2028 for placing a spacecraft in an elliptical orbit of 500 x 60,000 km around Venus,” ISRO said.

The agency said that after the cruise phase, Venus Orbit Injection (VOI) will be at 500 km x 60,000 km. “Aerobraking will be em-



LVM-3 is the chosen launch vehicle for the mission: ISRO

ployed for over a period of six to eight months from VOI to achieve the desired low altitude Science Orbit of 200 X600 km with an inclination of around 90 degrees, to carry out proposed science studies for a

period of five years,” it said.

ISRO said that 19 payloads will be onboard VOM, of which 16 are Indian payloads, two are Indian and international collaborative payloads, and there would be one international payload. ISRO added that VOM will explore the planet's atmosphere, surface and its interaction with the sun.

“Key objectives include examining dust in the Venusian atmosphere, mapping its topography in high resolution, studying the solar X-ray spectrum near Venus, analysing Venusian airglow, and investigating sub-surface characteristics.,” it added.

- **India's First Mission to Venus:**
- The **Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM)**, ISRO's maiden mission to Venus, is scheduled for launch in **March 2028**.
- The journey will take **112 days** to reach Venus, with the arrival expected on **July 19, 2028**.
- The mission will be launched using **LVM-3 (Launch Vehicle Mark-3)**, which will place the spacecraft in an **Elliptical Parking Orbit (EPO)** around the Earth before transferring it to Venus.



Mission

Mission Objectives and Payloads:

Carry

The mission will carry 19 payloads, with 16 Indian payloads, two collaborative payloads (Indian and international), and one international payload.


Key

Key mission objectives include:

- Examining dust in Venus's atmosphere.
- High-resolution topography mapping.
- Studying the solar X-ray spectrum near Venus.
- Analyzing the Venusian airglow.
- Investigating sub-surface characteristics.



- **Orbit Details:**

- After reaching Venus, the spacecraft will perform a **Venus Orbit Injection (VOI)** at an altitude of **500 km x 60,000 km**.
 - The mission will deploy **aerobraking** to achieve a low-altitude **Science Orbit** of **200 km x 600 km**, which will be maintained for **6-8 months** for detailed scientific studies.
- 

- **Consider the following statements about India's upcoming Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM):**

1. The mission is set to launch in March 2028 and will take 112 days to reach Venus.

2. LVM-3 will be used to place the spacecraft into a parking orbit around Venus.

3. The mission will study Venus's atmosphere, map its topography, and investigate sub-surface characteristics.

- **Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) 1 and 3 only

- b) 1 and 2 only

- c) 2 and 3 only

- d) All of the above

Sonam Wangchuk starts indefinite fast in Delhi

Ladakh Member of Parliament **Mohamad Haneefa** detained when he went to meet protesters at Singhu border; Rahul Gandhi slams Modi over police action; Leh Apex Body says it will intensify agitation; activists demand that Union Home Ministry resume dialogue with high-powered committee that was set up in 2023 to address grievances

Yashika Singh
NEW DELHI

Ladakh's Member of Parliament **Mohamad Haneefa** was detained by the Delhi Police on Tuesday, a day after more than a hundred protesters from Ladakh, including climate activist **Sonam Wangchuk**, were detained by police at the Delhi-Haryana boundary. Mr. Wangchuk and others in police detention began an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi on Tuesday, even as Ladakh erupted in protest. The entire region shut down in outrage over the "illegal and unconstitutional" detention of the delegation which started its march to Delhi from Leh on September 1 to demand constitutional safeguards for the region. The march was to culminate at Rajghat on Wednesday. Chherring Dorjay Lakruk, co-convenor of the Leh New Body (LNB), an influential civil society organisation, told *The Hindu*

that he was "shocked" by the treatment meted out to peaceful protesters, including 80-year old men and women, who have been walking since September 1, traversing rocky and hilly terrain. "Protests will intensify" "Our people are not used to walking in such heat, they have blisters on their feet. As they approached Delhi on Monday, they were detained and taken to a police station and made to strike on the floor," said Mr. Lakruk, a former member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He said that the Ladakhis would intensify their protest and demanded that the Union Home Ministry resume dialogue with the high-powered committee that was set up in 2023 to address their grievances. The Ladakh MP said that he was detained by the police when he went to meet a group of protesters from Kargil who were stopped at the Singhu border



People from Ladakh detained at Arya Samaj, Narela, in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHI, ANURAG VERMA

on Tuesday morning. His phone could not be reached through much of the day. When *The Hindu* spoke with Mr. Haneefa at noon, he said, "We don't know what the police are taking us." "Not even a single complaint of violence has been reported since the march started. Instead, it received

huge support from people in other States," Mr. Lakruk said. "The government may have been concerned with the huge support that we may get in Delhi and that people would come and join us in large numbers leading to the possibility of a law and order situation, that is why they curtailed the *padayatra* like this. The whole of Ladakh

is out on the streets today, they are angry," he added. "The government is also seeking job reservations for locals, and better electoral representation, in the form of two Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat. Ladakh became an Union Territory without a Legislative Assembly in August 2019, when the special sta-

tus of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 of the Constitution was struck down and the former State was split into the two UTs of J&K and Ladakh. "Frontline warriors" Former Army man **Mohammad Hussain** is among the 200 people detained since Monday, according to his wife **Zahida Bano**. "He retired from Ladakh Scouts in 2017, he dedicated his life to social work and joined the movement to demand a better future for our children. We thought that when he reaches Delhi, he will get respect, but instead he sustained injuries on his foot. It is heart-breaking," Ms. Bano said. **Sajjad Kargill** of the J&K under Article 370 was detained along with 30 others at the Arya Samaj Manoir in Narela, said that they "have now decided to go on a hunger strike".

Pleas filed n court against Wangchuk's detention

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Two petitions were filed in the Delhi High Court on Tuesday against the detention of climate activist **Sonam Wangchuk** and several others. The petitions, one filed by social activist **Azad**, who said he works closely with Mr. Wangchuk and the Leh Apex Body, and another by lawyer **Mustafa Haq**, legal adviser to the body, are listed for hearing on Thursday. "The petitions assailed the order of the Delhi Police prohibiting assembly of five or more 'unauthorised' people and protests in various parts of the capital, including the boundary, from September 30 to October 5. The first petition was mentioned for listing before the Chief Justice's Bench before it rose for a lunch break. Refusing to list the matter for listing, when the court agreed to list it for hearing on Thursday."

'TN. taking steps to increase storage in Mullaperiyar dam'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government was continuously taking steps to increase the storage in the Mullaperiyar dam to 152 feet, Minister for Water Resources **Durai Murugan** said on Tuesday. According to him, work to reach the dam to 152 feet is to be undertaken, and the work on restoring the dam seaway was completed on May 9 this year. The Tamil Nadu government has been consistently insisting Kerala for permission to complete the work pertaining to the baby dam, Mr. Duraimurugan added. **Palaniswami's** concerns The Minister's statement comes in response to the concerns raised by **AIADMK** general secretary **Edappadi K. Palaniswami** that the DMK government

had not taken steps to maintain the storage in the dam at 152 feet. Mr. Duraimurugan recalled the steps taken by the DMK government to implement the Supreme Court's 2006 judgment for Water Resources. Duraimurugan said he would raise the water level in the dam to 152 feet. He recalled Tamil Nadu's efforts in approaching the Prime Minister on Tuesday, had expressed his views in a Hudson Institute paper released last week. "He's Japanese. This is a country which has a treaty relationship with the United States," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that countries which had that history and that strategic culture would have a lexicon to match. The Minister was speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), a think tank headquartered in Washing-

India does not share Japanese PM's view of 'Asian NATO', says Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshmanan
WASHINGTON

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** has said India does not share Japanese Prime Minister **Shigeru Ishiba's** view of the Quad and other alliances involving Japan essentially forming an 'Asian NATO' like structure to deter China from using military force. Mr. Ishiba, who assumed the office of Prime Minister on Tuesday, had expressed his views in a Hudson Institute paper released last week. "He's Japanese. This is a country which has a treaty relationship with the United States," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that countries which had that history and that strategic culture would have a lexicon to match. The Minister was speaking at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP), a think tank headquartered in Washing-

ton, where he is on an official visit. "We have never been a treaty ally of any country. We don't have that kind of strategic architecture in mind," Mr. Jaishankar said, when asked about Mr. Ishiba's remarks. The Minister said he could see a certain evolution of this thinking about it but now it has become a policy doctrine for decades after its independence. Mr. Jaishankar said it differed in a few ways. For instance, he said, a non-aligned policy would not have been compatible with the Quad or Quadrilateral security Dialogue, a grouping of India, the U.S., Australia and Japan. India is now more willing to make choices, he said, adding that one of the characteristics of the non-aligned era was a reticence about an issue-based joining together with other countries. **Era of multi-alignment** "I think that reticence is less where our stakes are higher," Mr. Jaishankar said. "You would not have a Quad in the non-aligned era, you would have a Quad in [the era of] multi-alignment." The earlier era was also more defensive and less capable of setting up alliances like the Quad. He cited the example of India's attacks on Pakistan in the Red Sea. Forty years ago, India may have said something about it but now it can also send ships and contribute to an international effort to secure sea lanes. "India is also willing to take more risks since it wanted certain outcomes, in the multi-aligned policy era, Mr. Jaishankar said.

China reneged on border agreements with India: Jaishankar

Sriram Lakshmanan
WASHINGTON

Tensions between India and China would continue as long as there was the forward deployment of its soldiers for the fifth winter. The overall relationship with China had "not been great" over the last few years because China had reneged on certain agreements. It has with India about how to keep the border between the two countries tranquil, Mr. Jaishankar said during a discussion at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) in Washington on Tuesday. "Those agreements were violated by China in 2020," the Minister said, referring to clashes between Chinese and Indian soldiers in that year on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Both countries have moved thousands of troops to the LAC after the 2020 incident. "We have forward deployments of our militaries. There are resulting tensions. And until those forward deployments are addressed, the tensions will continue. If the tensions continue, it casts a natural shadow over the rest of the relationship," the Minister said. Asked about the high tensions to trigger blasts in the two countries, the Minister said that any kind of consumption or manufacturing has to inevitably come from China. The trade with China is almost always in deficit.

External Affairs Minister says until the forward deployments are addressed, tensions will continue. tually respectful," Mr. Jaishankar said. "It cannot be that one democracy has a right to comment on another, and that's about promoting democracy globally, but when others do that, it becomes foreign interference." Mr. Jaishankar denied that India was interested in the de-dollarisation of the world economy and seeking alternative currencies as a reserve mechanism. "I think you have us confused for someone else," he said, to CEIP director **Mariano-Florentino Cuellar** with whom he was in discussion on Tuesday morning. "We have never targeted the dollar," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that this was not part of India's economic or political thought. However, he said India had trade partners who do not have U.S. dollars and India had to consider either forgoing dealings with them or find alternative settlement mechanisms. **Global rebalancing** Mr. Jaishankar suggested that these were natural outcomes of multi-alignment and global rebalancing. "There's no malicious intent vis-à-vis the dollar as we are trying to do our business," he said, adding the U.S. sometimes makes a "mistake" because of its policies necessitating these workarounds. With bilateral trade worth \$1 billion, India and Russia have reportedly witnessed increasing levels of rupee-rouble payments to settle their balances and work around the sanctions that had impacted business with Russia since it invaded Ukraine in February 2022. India and Iran had previously made payments in rupees and Iranian rials, but the system had shut down for all practical purposes following India's stopping import of Iranian oil owing to U.S. sanctions.

Odisha plans wind, solar projects for ₹4,671 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

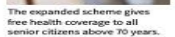
A Single Window Committee (SWC) has accorded in-principle approval for investment proposals worth ₹4,671.81 crore in renewable energy sector in Odisha. In its seventh meeting, the SWC, chaired by **Hemant Sharma**, principal secretary of the energy department, accorded in-principle approval to 740.5MW of renewable energy projects consisting of a 600MW pumped storage plant (PSP) project by OJPL in Kalahandi district, three wind power projects totalling 148.5 MW by ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited in Nabarangpur, Khordha and gantsingpur districts, and a 1.4MW rooftop solar project in Bhubaneswar. The investments reinforce the State's commitment to meet its renewable energy target of 10 GW by 2030, the department said.

Health Ministry ironing out wrinkles to enrol senior citizens under AB-PMJAY

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry is in the process of identifying and removing any technical hurdles senior citizens registering for the expanded Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) may face. The initiative, launched in September, provides free health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, regardless of their income. The expansion of the scheme is expected to benefit about six crore senior citizens. The Union Health Ministry official said that care was being taken to facilitate the process smoothly for senior citizens registering for the first time. "We have two sets of people to be covered under this scheme, where we have the new entrants, and those [already]

existing scheme or opt for the AB-PMJAY. Moreover, senior citizens eligible for the scheme and currently enrolled under private health insurance policies or the Employees' State Insurance Scheme could avail benefits of the AB-PMJAY, the official said. A paper released by the NITI Aayog titled "Senior Care Reforms in India" states India is witnessing an exponential growth in the number and proportion of elderly people, coupled with a decreasing fertility rate (less than 2.0) and increasing life expectancy (more than 70 years). The official added that senior citizens aged 70 years and above who were availing the benefits of other health insurance schemes, including the Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) Health Scheme (CGHS), the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECSS), and the Ayushman Central Armed Police Forces (Ayushman CAPF) may either choose to remain with their



The expanded scheme gives health coverage to all senior citizens above 70 years.

existing scheme or opt for the AB-PMJAY. Moreover, senior citizens eligible for the scheme and currently enrolled under private health insurance policies or the Employees' State Insurance Scheme could avail benefits of the AB-PMJAY, the official said. A paper released by the NITI Aayog titled "Senior Care Reforms in India" states India is witnessing an exponential growth in the number and proportion of elderly people, coupled with a decreasing fertility rate (less than 2.0) and increasing life expectancy (more than 70 years). The official added that senior citizens aged 70 years and above who were availing the benefits of other health insurance schemes, including the Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) Health Scheme (CGHS), the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECSS), and the Ayushman Central Armed Police Forces (Ayushman CAPF) may either choose to remain with their

NIA seizes a live explosive device in Assam's Lakhimpur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday seized an improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the Lakhimpur district of Assam. It was later defused by the NIA's disposal squad of the police. "The NIA found out about the bomb during the investigation into a case related to the 2012 assassination of IEDs from North Lakhimpur district by the Assam police," the NIA said. The State police had swung into action following the release of a video by **Parsh Baruah**, self-styled commander of the NIA from Bengachur on September 24. During interrogation, he allegedly admitted the location of the IED which was projected by the Assam police. **Parsh Baruah** had also called for a public boycott of the Independence Day celebrations, warning of dire consequences if people disobeyed his instructions.

The NIA, which took over the investigation from the State police on September 17, found out that the IED's leadership had coordinated the placement of several IEDs with the intention to trigger blasts at multiple locations across Assam to protest against the celebrations of Independence Day this year. "The bomb struck the minds of people, as part of a diversion in India," according to the agency. Its probe revealed the involvement of one **Girish Baruah** aka **Gautam Baruah** in the IED's placement in North Lakhimpur. He was arrested by the NIA from Bengachur on September 24. During interrogation, he allegedly admitted the location of the IED which was projected by the Assam police. **Parsh Baruah** had also called for a public boycott of the Independence Day celebrations, warning of dire consequences if people disobeyed his instructions.

Sonam Wangchuk starts indefinite fast in Delhi

Ladakh Member of Parliament Mohmad Haneefa detained when he went to meet protesters at Singhu border; Rahul Gandhi slams Modi over police action; Leh Apex Body says it will intensify agitation; activists demand that Union Home Ministry resume dialogue with high-powered committee that was set up in 2023 to address grievances

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Ladakh's Member of Parliament Mohmad Haneefa was detained by the Delhi Police on Tuesday, a day after more than a hundred protesters from Ladakh, including climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, were detained by police at the Delhi-Haryana boundary.

Mr. Wangchuk and others in police detention began an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi on Tuesday, even as Ladakh erupted in protest. The entire region shut down in outrage over the "illegal and unconstitutional" detention of the delegation which started its march to Delhi from Leh on September 1 to demand constitutional safeguards for the region. The march was to culminate at Rajghat on Wednesday.

Cherring Dorjay Lakruk, co-convenor of the Leh Apex Body (LAB), an influential civil society organisation, told *The Hindu*

that he was "shocked" by the treatment meted out to peaceful protesters, including 80-year old men and women, who have been walking since September 1, traversing rocky and hilly terrain.

'Protests will intensify'
"Our people are not used to walking in such heat, they have blisters on their feet. As they approached Delhi on Monday, they were detained and taken to a police station and made to sleep on the floor," said Mr. Lakruk, a former member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He said that the Ladakhis would intensify their protests and demanded that the Union Home Ministry resume dialogue with the high-powered committee that was set up in 2023 to address their grievances.

The Ladakh MP said that he was detained by the police when he went to meet a group of protestors from Kargil who were stopped at the Singhu bor-



People from Ladakh detained at Arya Samaj, Narela, in New Delhi on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

der on Tuesday morning. His phone could not be reached through much of the day.

When *The Hindu* spoke with Mr. Haneefa at noon, he said, "We don't know where the police are taking us."

"Not even a single complaint of violence has been reported since the march started. Instead, it received

huge support from people in other States," Mr. Lakruk said. "The government may have been concerned with the huge support that we may get in Delhi and that people would come and join us in large numbers leading to the possibility of a law and order situation, that is why they curtailed the *padayatra* like this. The whole of Ladakh

is out on the streets today, they are angry," he added.

The Congress backed the protests, with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi stating that the detention of Ladakhis peacefully marching for environmental and constitutional rights was unacceptable. "Why are elderly citizens being detained at Delhi's border for standing up for

Ladakh's future? Modi ji, like with the farmers, this '*Chakravyuh*' will be broken, and so will your arrogance. You will have to listen to Ladakh's voice," he said in a post on X.

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi was not allowed to meet Mr. Wangchuk, who has been detained at Bawana police station. A heavy police force was deployed outside the station and its entrance was barricaded.

Demanding Statehood

Since 2020, the LAB and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have been demanding Statehood for Ladakh, and its inclusion under the sixth schedule of the Constitution, which protects tribal areas. They are also seeking job reservations for locals, and better electoral representation, in the form of two Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat.

Ladakh became a Union Territory without a Legislative Assembly in August 2019, when the special sta-

tus of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) under Article 370 of the Constitution was struck down and the former State was split into the two UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

'Frontline warriors'

Former Army man Mohammad Hussain is among the 200 people detained since Monday, according to his wife Zahida Bano. "He was detained with Sonam Wangchuk on Monday. After retiring from Ladakh Scouts in 2017, he dedicated his life to social work and joined the movement to demand a better future for our children. We thought that after he reaches Delhi, he will get medical care as he sustained injuries on his foot. It is heart-breaking," Ms. Bano said.

Sajjad Kargili of the KDA, who has been detained along with 30 others at the Arya Samaj Mandir in Narela, said that they "have now decided to go on a hunger strike".

6th Schedule of Indian Constitution

The 6th schedule talks about the administration in tribal dominant area of four North-eastern states of India.

Assam, Mizoram, Tripura & Meghalaya

The 6th schedule was added in the constitution on the recommendation of Bardoloi Committee.

It provides a limited autonomy to the tribal region, so that they can conserve their Rights, Culture and Ethnicity.

Gopinath Bardoloi was also the 1st Chief Minister of Assam.

WHAT ARE SCHEDULED AND TRIBAL AREAS?

THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PLACES TRIBAL DOMINATED AREAS IN CERTAIN STATES UNDER TWO SCHEDULES: FIFTH AND SIXTH. THIS ALLOWS THESE AREAS INCREASED AUTONOMY IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. BUT THESE TWO CATEGORIES HAVE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THEMSELVES.

Fifth Schedule

Areas under this category are called 'Scheduled Areas'

Tribal dominated areas in 10 States: Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana.

Tribal Advisory Committees in Scheduled Areas do not perform administrative duties directly and do not have much autonomy.

Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas is applicable here.

Sixth Schedule

Areas under this category are called 'Tribal Areas'.

Tribal dominated areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

Autonomous District Councils in Tribal Areas have much autonomy, and carry out local level governance.

Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas is not applicable here as these areas already have autonomy in their self governance.

Sonam Wangchuk



Wangchuk in 2017

Born	1 September 1966 (age 58) Alchi, Jammu and Kashmir (now in Ladakh , India)
Education	B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering) DSA (Earthen Architecture)
Alma mater	National Institute of Technology, Srinagar , India Craterre , France
Occupation(s)	Engineer, educator

Organization	Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh
Known for	Ice Stupa , SECMOL , Ladags Melong , Operation New Hope
Parents	Sonam Wangyal (father) Tsering Wangmo (mother)
Awards	Global Award for Sustainable Architecture (2017) ^[1] Fred M. Packard Award (2016) ^[2] Rolex Awards for Enterprise (2016) ^[3] Real Heroes Award (2008) Ashoka Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship (2002) ^[4] Ramon Magsaysay Award (2018) ^[4]

-
- **Protest Context:**
 - Ladakh's Member of Parliament (MP) Mohd Haneefa and climate activist **Sonam Wangchuk** were detained by police during a peaceful protest.
 - The protest began as a demand for constitutional safeguards, with over 100 protestors, including senior citizens, marching from Ladakh to Delhi.

- **Protest Demands:**
- The protestors demand that Ladakh be included under **the Sixth Schedule** of the Constitution, providing autonomy and protection for local traditions and resources.
- They also seek **job reservations** and **better electoral representation** with two Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat for Ladakh.





- **Wangchuk's Hunger Strike:**

- Wangchuk and others detained have started an indefinite hunger strike in Delhi. The detentions were described as **illegal** and **unconstitutional** by the protestors.

- There is an outcry over the harsh treatment of the elderly protestors, many of whom have sustained blisters after walking long distances in the heat.




- **Support and Political Reactions:**
- Former Congress President **Rahul Gandhi** criticized the Modi government's response to the peaceful protests.
- Delhi Chief Minister **Atishi** was not allowed to meet Wangchuk at the police station where he is detained.
- **Sajjad Kargili** of the KDA (Kargil Democratic Alliance) was also detained with 30 others.





1. Ongoing Protests:





1. The protestors, led by the **Leh Apex Body** (LAB) and **Kargil Democratic Alliance** (KDA), began their march on September 1, planning to culminate at Rajghat in Delhi.
 2. The protestors intend to intensify their demonstrations if their demands are not met.
- 



- **Consider the following statements regarding the ongoing protests in Delhi led by Sonam Wangchuk:**

1. The primary demand of the protestors is the inclusion of Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.
2. The protestors are seeking two Lok Sabha seats and one Rajya Sabha seat for better electoral representation.
3. The protestors were stopped by the police at the Delhi-Haryana border and are currently detained in Haryana.

- **Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- 
- a) 1 and 2 only
 - b) 1 and 3 only
 - c) 2 and 3 only
 - d) All of the above
- 
- 
- 

IN BRIEF



Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sarin is first woman to head AFMS

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin on Tuesday became the first woman officer to assume charge as the Director-General of the Armed Forces Medical Services, the Defence Ministry said. The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Defence Ministry for overall medical policy matters relating to the armed forces. "The Flag Officer has the rare distinction of serving in all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, having served as Lieutenant to Captain in the Indian Army, from Surgeon Lieutenant to Surgeon Vice-Admiral in the Indian Navy and as an Air Marshal in the Indian Air Force," the Ministry said. She is an alumna of AFMS, Pune and was commissioned into AFMS in December 1985.

Seven children injured in Bihar explosion; probe on

At least seven children were injured in an explosion near a garbage dump in Bhagalpur district of Bihar on Tuesday. The children were admitted to the nearest Government Medical College and Hospital in Bhagalpur, where the condition of three is said to be critical. The police have started an investigation into the incident, which took place at Shahjahan ground in Khalifat Nagar locality under Habibpur police station around noon. The children, all girls, are aged below 12, were playing when the explosion took place.

India and France discuss defence cooperation and efforts to advance peace

Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday

France appreciates Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives to advance peace, French President Emmanuel Macron said on Tuesday, while meeting National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, who was in Paris for the India-France Strategic Dialogue.

Mr. Doval also discussed India's plans to procure French planes and submarines for the Navy during talks with his counterpart, the French President's Diplomatic Adviser Emmanuel Bonne, as well as French Armed Forces Minister Sebastien Lecornu. Sources have confirmed that France had agreed to a "significant reduction" in the cost of 26 Rafale-M fighters. [Mr. Doval] reiterated

Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday

the commitment to implement the Horizon 2047," the Indian Embassy in France said in a post, adding that Mr. Macron had stressed the value of India and France's efforts to advance peace and address global challenges, appreciated Mr. Modi's initiatives. While the reference to the peace initiatives is mainly in relation to the

Russia-Ukraine conflict, and New Delhi's efforts to mediate between Kyiv and Moscow, the NSA's visit came even as Israel announced its ground invasion of Lebanon. In the past few days, Mr. Macron has called the U.S. President Joe Biden, asking him to put pressure on Israel to stop its advances in Lebanon. The association mem-

Members of the citizen forum, including doctors, protest on Tuesday against the rape and murder of a resident doctor in Kolkatta. AP

West Bengal resumed their cease-work agitation on Tuesday, alleging that the State government had not taken adequate steps to ensure their security and safety in State-run hospitals.

"In this situation, we are compelled to return to a full cease work, starting from today. Unless we receive clear action from the government on safety, patient services, and the policies of fear, we will have no choice but to continue our full strike," the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF) said.

It was on September 21 that the doctors resumed their cease-work strike after a meeting on August 9, following the rape and murder of a woman doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkatta.

The doctors, who sought safety and an end to the "threats and harassment," returned to work following assurances from the West



Members of the citizen forum, including doctors, protest on Tuesday against the rape and murder of a resident doctor in Kolkatta. AP

in their statement on Tuesday, they reiterated their 10 demands, including the removal of the State's Principal Health Secretary, establishment of fast lanes in every State college, increased police protection in hospitals, and immediate hiring for all staff vacancies.

The WBJDF's decision comes a day after the Supreme Court hearing, where counsel Indra Jaisingh representing the junior doctors informed the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud that doctors had resumed essential services, including in-patient and

out-patient services. "On September 19, the Chief Secretary assigned the Health Secretary the responsibility to implement all decisions related to structural changes for fast lanes in every State college. However, even after 11 days, we have seen no visible changes," the WBJDF said on Tuesday. The WBJDF's decision despite their resuming duty, the State government had made little progress on measures such as installing CCTV, recruiting police, ensuring a centralised referral system or hiring of healthcare workers.

During the hearing on September 30, counsel re-

presenting the government said the promised measures would be completed by October 31, and some by October 15.

Aniket Mahato, a junior doctor, said, "We are not saying we will resume work only after the implementation of all directives. We had hoped to see a proactive approach from the State government in fulfilling what they had promised us, but they have displayed no willingness to do so."

On Tuesday, junior doctors also cited instances of attacks on doctors at the Sagore Dutta Medical College and Hospital and the National Medical College and Hospital.

Congress leader Kamal Ghosh said the doctor's decision to go on strike was "unfortunate" considering the flood of rain in the Brahmaputra river basin in south Bengal and the Durga Puja festivities.

Union Minister and BJP leader Sukanta Majumdar said the time was right for Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to resign, claiming that she was unable to resolve the situation.

CM orders probe into sexual harassment at Mumbai hospital

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday directed Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Bhubhan Gargani to immediately transfer Sudhir Medhekar, dean of B.Y.L. Nair Hospital and Medical College, in light of a sexual harassment case against a nurse suspended assistant professor.

Dr. Medhekar was accused of not taking timely action against the accused despite receiving complaints from students.

The Association of State Medical Interns (ASMI) met Mr. Shinde and requested a thorough probe into the case. Following this, the Chief Minister has called for swift action and assured that justice would be delivered to the victims. The association mem-

bers urged the administration not to assign the transferred faculty member until the current batches have graduated. A member also requested that these faculty members should not be appointed as external coordinators during exams. "Along with these two demands, we are also calling for stronger enforcement of POHS regulations," the members added.

The Chief Minister said a special inquiry committee will be formed to conduct a thorough investigation into the case. We will ensure a full investigation and take strict action against those responsible, he said.

Recently, several women students lodged complaints against the assistant professor, accusing him of sexual harassment.

8 products used by Assam tribe, including traditional food items, granted GI tag

Sangeetha Kandavel CHENNAI

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai has granted the GI tag to eight products from Assam, including traditional food items and several unique varieties of rice beer.

The first variant, 'Bodo Jou Gishi', has the highest percentage of alcohol (about 16.1%) compared with other varieties of rice beer made by the Bodo community.

The second variant, 'Maibra Jou Bidwi', known locally as 'Maibra Jou Bidwi' or 'Maibra Zou Bidwi', is revered and served as a welcome drink by most Bodo tribes. It's prepared by

The southwest monsoon in August was 8% over its long-term average, however, rainfall is likely to continue in October and November with above-normal rainfall expected, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

About 35% of the country received excess rainfall and slightly over half, or 54%, received normal rainfall. Monthly rainfall over the country as a whole was 89% of the average in June-September.

The actual monsoon performance - of above average rainfall - is in line with what the agency has forecast since July.

During the monsoon months, the agency had said that a key factor for plentiful rainfall would be La Nina, or a minimum half a degree cooling of the Central Equatorial Pacific, that was to have set in by September. This, however, has not happened with most of the international climate models, including India's, going wrong on this factor. "We don't know

Monsoon ends with 8% more rainfall than normal in season: IMD

specifically why La Nina hasn't set in but most models, on average, give a 71% chance for La Nina to set in during October, November, and December," said M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD.

The main reason for good rainfall was the formation of several low pressure systems, or moisture-laden winds from the Arabian Sea or the Bay of Bengal, with 14 of them having formed from June to September.

According to the IMD's forecast, the rainfall over south peninsular India consisting of five meteorological subdivisions (Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala, and south interior Karnataka) during the post-monsoon season from October to December will likely be above normal, or at least 12% more than what is usual for the three months combined. The average rainfall from 1971 to 2020 is about 33 centimetres.

However, most parts of northeast India, some parts of northeast India, and southernmost parts of India are likely to receive normal to below-normal rainfall. "We don't know

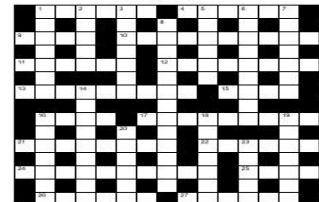
A GI tag has been secured by Bodo Napham, a dish prepared with fermented fish

The 'Bodo Gwkhra' has also received the GI tag. Locally also known as 'Gwkh Gwkh', it's prepared during the Bwisaga festival.

The fourth speciality given the GI tag is 'Bodo Narzi', a semi-fermented food prepared with jute leaves (Corchorus capsularis), a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins and essential minerals, including calcium and magnesium.

The 'Bodo Arosai', a small, beautiful, also has the GI tag following the application by the Association of Traditional Bodo Weavers.

TH CROSSWORD 14295 (set by Vidwan)



- Across 1. Weak funk around! Bold live on the edge! (6) 4. Did men fly about in the mood? (6) 9. Unemployed evacuated for heartless evil (4) 10. Liberal presented in an Islamic Republic, a hero? (7) 11. Understand cops' hard for segregated minority! (8) 12. The best fellow drops in (8)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site @ https://qzooz.puzzles.dink.in/TH

- 13. Sensual, generous love arouses! (9) 15. Spheres of zen exercises encompassing love! (4) 16. Colliery ambience, now and then! (4) 17. Speed, speed and speed, switched-on for long distance traveller! (9) 21. Electrical switch is sort of a resistance tool! (8) 22. Rotating its head, deer turns back towards right to find an antelope! (5) 25. First proper gold ring! (8) 26. Count, without queen's support, is dead! (4) 28. Dig air around new leader of Labour! (6) 27. Most come in contact with divined image! (6)

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 2, 1, 6, 2, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9, 3, 2, 8, 5, 3, 7, 6, 5, 6, 3, 4, 8, 7, 5, 6, 3, 2, 4, 9, 8

- 1. More hair, different, trimmed at the front? (7) 2. Not so shy, not loudly, perfect pitch! (5) 3. Wild one going off to rest! (3,4) 5. Attack and raid on poor! (6) 6. Mockeries of gangsters' entertaining ex-queen and spies from neighbourhood! (9) 7. Fate creeps in clandestinely! (7) 8. Rights back at the start! Heads to higher position with every failure! Ignoring society! That is socialism! (5,5,3) 9. Noble land has new Latin name from the South! (9) 10. Furry creature with ape-man, possibly for amusement park! (7) 11. Composer's heart rears evil! (7) 12. Working male in an Islamic Republic, a hero? (7) 13. Staff has right to strip! (6) 15. When nuisance camouflages boredom! (5)

FAITH Importance of Mahalayam

The Tamil month of Purattasi is extremely auspicious and significantly so, as this is the period of Mahalaya Puskaram. The two weeks from Krishna paksha pradhmani to the Amavasya of Bhadrapada month is called Mahalaya Puskaram, with the final day of Mahalaya Puskaram being the Mahalaya Amavasya. Mahalayam means coming to live together in groups, and one's ancestors are believed to descend from pitru loka and dwell with their descendants during this auspicious period, said Tirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh. Legend has it that when Karma died in the Kurukshetra war and attained Indra Loka, he wanted to have some food, but was only offered gold and silver. When he wondered at the treatment, Brihaspati, the preceptor of the deity, informed him that since he made only donations via valuables in his lifetime as an earthing, he was "reaping as he sowed". Quoting the scriptures, Yama reitended the manifold benefits arising out of performing tharpanam and offering annadanam during the period of Mahalaya Puskaram. It is recommended that men perform the tharpanam for their ancestors on all 15 days plus one, which is the Puskaram coming after Mahalaya Amavasya. One should also perform the shradddham for the ancestors in full, on one of the days in the Mahalayam. Performing these rituals on the banks of holy rivers will fetch more benefits. Many devotees voluntarily embrace satvik practices during this period as a means of invoking the blessings of one's forefathers for wisdom, health and wealth of one's offspring.



Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sarin is first woman to head AFMS

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin on Tuesday became the first woman officer to assume charge as the Director-General of the Armed Forces Medical Services, the Defence Ministry said. The DGAFMS is directly responsible to the Defence Ministry for overall medical policy matters relating to the armed forces. “The Flag Officer has the rare distinction of serving in all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces, having served as Lieutenant to Captain in the Indian Army, from Surgeon Lieutenant to Surgeon Vice-Admiral in the Indian Navy and as an Air Marshal in the Indian Air Force,” the Ministry said. She is an alumna of AFMC, Pune and was commissioned into AFMS in December 1985.

Monsoon ends with 8% more rainfall than normal in season: IMD

Jacob Koshy

NEW DELHI

The southwest monsoon this year was 8% over its long-term average, however, rainfall is likely to continue in October and November with above-normal rainfall expected, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

About 35% of the country received excess rainfall and slightly over half, or 54%, received normal rainfall. Monthly rainfall over the country as a whole was 89% of the average in June, 9% more than normal of July, 15% above the normal of August, and 12% over the normal of September.

The actual monsoon performance – of above average rainfall – is in line with what the agency has forecast since July.

During the monsoon months, the agency had said that a key factor for bountiful rainfall would be La Nina, or a minimum half a degree cooling of the Central Equatorial Pacific, that was to have set in by September. This, however, has not happened with most of the international climate models, including India's, going wrong on this factor. "We don't know

specifically why La Nina hasn't set in but most models, on average, give a 71% chance for La Nina to set in during October, November, and December," said M. Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD.

The main reason for good rainfall was the formation of several low pressure systems, or moisture-laden winds from the Arabian Sea or the Bay of Bengal, with 14 of them having formed from June to September.


October-December rain

According to the IMD's forecast, the rainfall over south peninsular India consisting of five meteorological subdivisions (Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Kerala, and south interior Karnataka) during the post-monsoon season from October to December will likely be above normal, or at least 12% more than what is usual for the three months combined. The average rainfall from 1971 to 2020 is about 33 centimetres.

However, most parts of northwest India, some parts of northeast India, and southernmost parts of India are likely to receive normal to below-normal rainfall.



- **Overall Monsoon Performance:**

- The southwest monsoon delivered 8% more rainfall than the long-term average.
 - About 35% of the country received excess rainfall, while 54% received normal rainfall.
 - The monthly rainfall across the country was 89% of the average in June, 9% above the normal for July, 15% above the normal for August, and 12% over the normal for September.
- 

Rainfall Distribution:

The formation of low-pressure systems and moisture-laden winds from the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal were the main contributors to the excess rainfall.

IMD had predicted La Nina to set in by September, which usually leads to bountiful rains, but this has not occurred yet.

1. Post-Monsoon Forecast:

1. Rainfall for October to December in southern peninsular India, including Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rayalaseema, and interior Karnataka, is expected to be above normal, at least 12% higher than the usual average of 33 cm.
2. However, northwest India, parts of northeast India, and southernmost parts of India are likely to receive normal to below-normal rainfall.



- **Consider the following statements regarding the 2023 southwest monsoon in India:**

1. The monsoon delivered 8% more rainfall than the long-term average in the season.
2. The formation of low-pressure systems over the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal was a key factor for the bountiful rains.
3. The northwest and northeast parts of India are expected to receive above-normal rainfall in October to December.

- **Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) All of the above

8 products used by Assam tribe, including traditional food items, granted GI tag

Sangeetha Kandavel

CHENNAI

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai has granted the GI tag to eight products from Assam, including traditional food items and several unique varieties of rice beer.

The application for Geographical Indication tags for three variants of rice beer was filed by the Bodo Traditional Brewers Association.

The first variant, 'Bodo Jou Gwran', has the highest percentage of alcohol (about 16.11%) compared with other varieties of rice beer made by the Bodo community.

The second variant, 'Maibra Jou Bidwi', known locally as 'Maibra Jwu Bidwi' or 'Maibra Zwu Bidwi', is revered and served as a welcome drink by most Bodo tribes. It's prepared by

A GI tag has been secured by 'Bodo Napham', a dish prepared with fermented fish

fermenting half-cooked rice (*mairong*) with less water, and adding a little 'amao' (a potential source of yeast) to it.

The third variant, called 'Bodo Jou Gishi', is also a traditionally fermented rice-based alcoholic beverage.

The GI filing states Bodo land has had a tradition of consuming rice beer since times immemorial. The Bodo people believe the drink originated from Lord Shiva, and it's taken as a medicine.

The Association of Traditional Food Products applied for four GI tags and obtained them successful-

ly. A GI tag has been secured by 'Bodo Napham', a dish prepared with fermented fish.

A GI tag has also been secured by 'Bodo Ondla', a rice powder curry flavoured with garlic, ginger, salt, and alkali.

The 'Bodo Gwkha' has also received the GI tag. Locally also known as 'Gwka Gwkhi', it's prepared during the Bwisagu festival.

The fourth speciality given the GI tag is 'Bodo Narzi', a semi-fermented food prepared with jute leaves (*Corchorus capsularis*), a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids, vitamins and essential minerals, including calcium and magnesium.

The 'Bodo Aronai', a small, beautiful cloth, also has the GI tag following the application by the Association of Traditional Bodo Weavers.



Bodo, is an ethnolinguistic group native to the state of Assam in India. They are a part of the greater Bodo-Kachari family of ethnolinguistic groups and are spread across northeastern India.



They are concentrated mainly in the Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam, though Boros inhabit all other districts of Assam and Meghalaya.


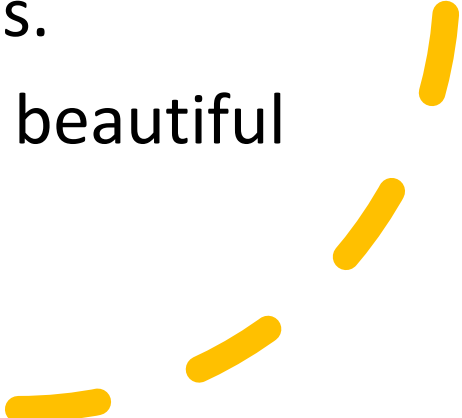


- The Boro people are recognised as a plains tribe in the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, and have special powers in the Bodoland Territorial Region, an autonomous division; and also as a minority people

The article discusses the granting of Geographical Indication (GI) tags to eight traditional products used by the Bodo tribe of Assam.

The GI tags are for food items and rice beer varieties.

- 
- **Rice Beer Varieties:**
 - **Bodo Jou Gwran:** A rice beer with the highest alcoholic content (16.11%). It has cultural and religious significance, with Bodos believing it originated from Lord Shiva.
 - **Maibra Jou Bidwi:** Another traditional rice beer variety, revered by Bodo tribes and commonly served as a welcome drink.
 - **Bodo Jou Gishi:** A traditionally fermented rice-based alcoholic beverage.
- 

- 
- **Traditional Food Products:**
 - **Bodo Napham:** A dish prepared with fermented fish.
 - **Bodo Ondla:** A rice powder curry flavored with garlic, ginger, salt, and alkali.
 - **Bodo Gwkha (Gwa Gwkhi):** Prepared during the Bwisagu festival.
 - **Bodo Narzi:** A semi-fermented food prepared with jute leaves, rich in omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, and minerals.
 - **Bodo Aronai:** A traditional small, beautiful cloth.
- 

Cultural and Medicinal Importance:

These traditional products have deep cultural significance and some are even considered medicinal by the Bodo people.

The rice beer and food items are intricately tied to Bodo festivals and daily life.

- **Consider the following statements regarding the traditional products of the Bodo tribe in Assam that received GI tags:**

1. The rice beer "Bodo Jou Gwran" has the highest percentage of alcohol among all rice beers made by the Bodo community.
2. "Bodo Napham" is a dish prepared with fermented fish and rice powder.
3. The traditional food item "Bodo Narzi" is prepared with jute leaves and is rich in Omega-3 fatty acids.

- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

MARKETS, P.16
Not in a hurry to cut interest rates: Powell



COMPANIES, P.17
Tata plant fire: Apple may turn to China



INTERNATIONAL, P.18
Samsung set to cut thousands of jobs



NEW DELHI, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER & FACEBOOK. APP AVAILABLE ON APP STORE & PLAYSTORE WWW.FINANCIALEXPRESS.COM

FINANCIAL EXPRESS

VOL. L NO. 183, 34 PAGES, ₹12.00 (PATNA & RAIPUR ₹12.00) PUBLISHED FROM: AHMEDABAD, BENGALURU, CHANDIGARH, CHENNAI, HYDERABAD, KOCHI, KOLKATA, LUCKNOW, MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, PUNE
SENSEX: 84,266.29 ▼ 33.49 NIFTY: 25,796.90 ▼ 13.95 NIKKEI 225: 38,651.97 ▼ 732.24 HANG SENG: 21,333.48 ▼ 501.38 ₹/₹: 83.82 ▼ 0.02 ₹/₹: 93.03 ▲ 0.74 BRENT: \$71.51 ▼ \$0.19 GOLD: ₹75,213 ▲ ₹162

IN THE NEWS

SWIGGY INDEMNITY TO SOFTBANK, ACCEL & PROSUS DIRECTORS

▲ AHEAD OF ITS initial public offering (IPO), food-tech unicorn Swiggy has granted special indemnity to the directors on its board who were appointed by its major investors — Accel, Prosus and Softbank, the company's IPO documents showed. ■ PAGE 4

ANGEL ONE TO DISCONTINUE ZERO BROKERAGE MODEL

▲ WITH SEBI'S 'TRUE to label' rules and the exchanges' revised transaction rates taking effect on Tuesday, most brokerage houses have started adjusting transaction charges while keeping brokerage fees unchanged, reports Akshata Gorde. However, discount broker Angel One has decided to implement a new structure for brokerage charges from Nov 1. ■ PAGE 4

WAR TAKES A TOLL ON EXPORTS TO WEST ASIA

▲ INDIAN TRADE WITH countries directly involved in the Russia-Ukraine conflict has seen sharp fall and as the hostilities enter another phase, the country must remain vigilant and adapt to the fast-changing geopolitical trade landscape, according to a trade policy think-tank. ■ PAGE 2

ABOVE-NORMAL RAINS LIKELY IN OCT-DEC: IMD

▲ THE MET DEPARTMENT expects above-normal rainfall in several parts of central, southern peninsula, and north-east India in the October-December period, the IMD said on Tuesday, reports Sandip Das. ■ PAGE 3

FE SPECIAL



To scare or not to scare
Ad industry experts discuss ways to improve anti-tobacco ads
■ BRANDWAGON, PP

NO NEW CASE AFTER APR 1; TRIBUNAL TO TAKE UP PENDING ONES

Govt brings the curtains down on GST anti-profiteering law

PRIYANSH VERMA
New Delhi, October 1

STARTING APRIL 1, 2025, tax authorities will not register any fresh case of 'profiteering' under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has said. This would mark the end of the 2017-born anti-profiteering regime under the GST framework, which has remained controversial due to its incompatibility with free market principles. The anti-profiteering mechanism examines if input tax credit (ITC) availed by any registered person or the reduction in tax rate have actually resulted in a 'commensurate reduction in the price of the goods or services or both' supplied by that person. The CBIC, in a notification dated September 30, said from April 1 next year, the authority designated to look into cases of profiteering will not accept any request for till examination. Additionally, through a separate order, it transferred the mandate of

PHASED ROLLOUT OF SIX NORMS

Sebi tightens rules to check F&O frenzy

Minimum contract value raised to ₹15 lakh

AKSHATA GORDE
Mumbai, October 1

IN A MOVE expected to curtail retail participation in the futures and options (F&O) segment, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday introduced six regulations. These include a higher minimum contract value of ₹15 lakh, upfront options premium payment, limit on weekly expiry to just one per exchange and a cap in margins closer to expiry.

REASONS: The new rules come into effect in a phased manner with only three changes — higher contract size, rationalisation of weekly expiries, and a

25% increase in extraordinary loss margin on all short options contracts on expiry day starting November 20.

Other measures include the upfront collection of options premium from buyers, and removal of calendar spread on expiry day on the day of expiry — taking effect from February 1. The final rule of mandating intra-day monitoring of position limits will be in place from April 1, 2025.

The clarifier comes a day after the Sebi board surprised traders by deferring the

STRICTER FRAMEWORK

- Upfront collection of options premium from buyers** Feb 1, 2025
- Removal of calendar spread treatment on expiry day** Feb 1, 2025
- Intra-day monitoring of position limits** Apr 1, 2025
- Contract size for index derivatives** Nov 20, 2024
- Rationalisation of weekly index derivatives products** Nov 20, 2024
- Increase in tail risk coverage on day of options expiry** Nov 20, 2024



announcement. The board was widely expected to approve the slew of measures proposed by the regulator in July, aimed at curbing the increased retail investor frenzy and speculation in the ₹500 crore F&O market.

Continued on Page 7

Centre appoints 3 new external MPC members

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, October 1

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday appointed three new external members — Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya and Nagesh Kumar — to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monetary policy committee, a move just in time for the next meeting of the rate-setting panel on October 7. The new members of the MPC would hold office for a period of four years, with immediate effect or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the government said. With this, the current external members of MPC — Ashima Goyal, R Varma and Shashank Bhadde — cease to be on the panel. Their tenure was to end on Friday.

Among the new members, Singh holds a doctorate in economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University and a post-doctoral degree from Harvard University. His areas of expertise include public economics, taxes and public

finance, law and economics, banking and financial regulations and Indian economy. Singh has over 20 years of experience in teaching, research and publishing.

Bhattacharya is an economist with over 30 years of experience in economic and financial markets analysis, policy advocacy, infrastructure and project finance, consumer behaviour and analytics. A regular writer of columns including for FE, he is currently a senior fellow at the Centre for Policy Research. Before joining CPRE, he was the chief economist and executive vice-president at Axis Bank.

Kumar, who holds a doctorate in economics from Delhi School of Economics, is known for his expertise in international trade policies.

Continued on Page 7



COMING TO AN END

■ From next fiscal, authority designated to look into profiteering cases will not accept any request, a CBIC notification said

■ CBIC also transferred mandate of adjudicating complaints of profiteering from CCI to principal bench of GST Appellate Tribunal, effective Tuesday

■ GSTAT to hear past profiteering cases, and new ones registered till March 31, 2025

adjudicating complaints of profiteering from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to the principal bench of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), effective Tuesday. The GSTAT will hear the past profiteering cases, and the new ones registered till March 31, 2025.

According to Abhishek A. Rastogi,

founder at Rastogi Chambers, this shift (from CCI to GSTAT) would expedite the legal process and help resolve long-standing cases concerning the computation of the quantum of profiteering, which have been delayed for an extended period.

Continued on Page 7

Capex pace picks up after polls

₹5.51-cr new projects announced in Sept quarter, up 43% y-o-y

SAIKAT NEOGI & PRIYANSH VERMA
New Delhi, October 1

THE VALUE OF new investment projects announced grew 43% on-year to ₹5.51 lakh crore in the just concluded July-September quarter of the current fiscal, after contracting for the previous four quarters, indicating a prompt capex revival after elections. Sequentially, new projects grew 19.3% after contracting 84% in the previous quarter. The value of new investment projects by the (larger) private sector grew 43% to ₹4.1 lakh crore, not far behind the growth shown by the government sector (44% to ₹1.4 lakh crore), data from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) show.

Economists are of the view that the data reflect a quick rebound in investments after the lull caused by the elections. They, however, also cite the low base (-37%), which boosted the Q2FY25

DATA MONITOR



number. What is to be seen is if the post-election momentum will be sustained and accelerated. The share of the private sector in new investment projects rose to 75% in Q2FY25 after slipping to 53% in the previous quarter, when companies adopted a guarded approach due to the general election.

Continued on Page 7

Manufacturing PMI at 8-month low

INDIA'S MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY in September was the slowest in eight months as rates

stood at ₹17.3 lakh crore, slightly lower than the mop-up of ₹1.74 lakh crore in the previous month, official data released on Tuesday showed, reports Priyansh Verma. The y-o-y growth recorded in September collections was 6.5%, the lowest in 39 months, while Hyundai Motor India saw dispatches decline by 6%. ■ Page 4

GST mop-up falls a tad to ₹1.73L cr

THE GROSS GST COLLECTIONS for September, reflecting the

transactions in August, stood at ₹17.3 lakh crore, slightly lower than the mop-up of ₹1.74 lakh crore in the previous month, official data released on Tuesday showed, reports Priyansh Verma. The y-o-y growth recorded in September collections was 6.5%, the lowest in 39 months, while Hyundai Motor India saw dispatches decline by 6%. ■ Page 4

Sept PV sales in the slow lane

THE WHOLESALE DESPATCHES of passenger vehicles (PVs) stood around 355,000-

360,000 units in September, up just 0.5% year-on-year, reports Swarn Bhatnagar. With inventory levels already high, automakers continue to cut supplies of new cars ahead of the festive season. Maruti Suzuki saw its total PV volume slide by 4% y-o-y to 1.44, 962 units, while Hyundai Motor India saw dispatches decline by 6%. ■ Page 4

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

Our service to society is a tribute to his greatness!

Union Bank of India is committed to improving the quality of life, empowering the underprivileged, advancing education, providing healthcare, and supporting technological advancements. On the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**, Union Bank of India re-dedicates itself to social welfare through CSR programmes.

RSETIs
(Rural Self Employment Training Institutes)

- Training & Empowerment of unemployed youth
- Managed by Women

Donation of Digital Blackboards
to support & improve quality of education

Procuring & Installation of MRF Scanners at Cancer Institute

Reach of Digital Public Library Extended for promoting digital literacy and education among masses

CSR initiatives by Union Bank
Social Foundation Trust

Healthcare
Dialysis Centre providing treatment for kidney patients

COMING TO AN END

■ From next fiscal, authority designated to look into profiteering cases will not accept any request, a CBIC notification said

■ CBIC also transferred mandate of adjudicating complaints of profiteering from CCI to principal bench of GST Appellate Tribunal, effective Tuesday


■ GSTAT to hear past profiteering cases, and new ones registered till March 31, 2025

(Toll Free No.) 1800 208 2244 / 1800 425 1515 / 1800 425 3555 | 9666060600 | www.unionbankofindia.co.in

Facebook | Twitter | LinkedIn | YouTube | Instagram



International Day of
Older Persons, 2024

- 
- The International Day of Older Persons, is commemorated on **1 October** each year.
 - **About**
 - **Origin:** The idea was initiated by the United Nations. It stems from the **Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging**, which was adopted in **1982** by the World Assembly on Ageing.
 - **UN General Assembly Resolution:** In **1990**, the UN General Assembly formally established October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons through Resolution 45/106.

Objectives: To raise public awareness about the opportunities and challenges with ageing populations and to mobilize the families, community groups and stakeholders to address the difficulties faced by older people.

Theme for 2024: 'Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide'.

Current Demographics of India

As of **2021**, India had around **138 million** elderly persons (aged 60 years and above), accounting for roughly **10%** of the total population.

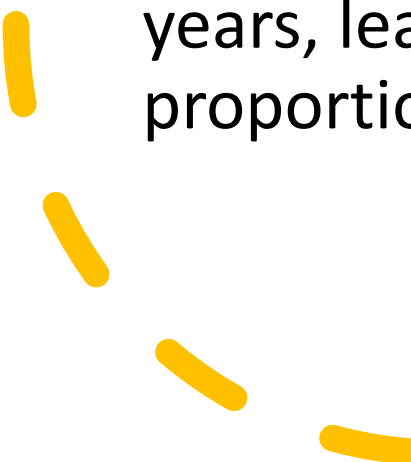
According to projections, **by 2050**, the elderly population in India is expected to reach around **319 million**, making up approximately **19.5%** of the total population.



- **Reasons for Elderly Population Growth**

- **Increasing Life Expectancy:** The life expectancy in India has increased from around 50 years in 1970 to approximately 70 years in 2023 due to better healthcare and living conditions.

- **Declining Fertility Rate:** India's fertility rate has declined over the years, leading to a shrinking younger population and a rising proportion of older persons.



BharatGen: World's First
Government-funded Multimodal
Large Language Model



- 
- **BharatGen**” world’s first government-funded multimodal LLM initiative launched by the Ministry of Science & Technology.
 - **About BharatGen**
 - **Aim:** To revolutionize public service delivery and enhance citizen engagement by developing foundational models in language, speech, and computer vision.
 - **Implementation:** By IIT Bombay under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary **Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS)**
- 

The left side of the page is decorated with various geometric shapes: a blue circle at the top left, a green triangle at the top center, two yellow vertical bars on the left, a green square at the bottom left, a blue circle in the middle right, a large orange semi-circle in the middle left, a large orange circle at the bottom center, and several yellow dashed lines scattered around the orange shapes.

Exercise KAZIND

- The 8th edition of the India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise, KAZIND-2024, commenced at the Surya Foreign Training Node in Auli, Uttarakhand.
- **About Exercise KAZIND**
- It is an **annual exercise**, which began in 2016, aims to enhance joint military capabilities for counter-terrorism operations in sub-conventional scenarios, particularly in semi-urban and mountainous terrains..




RoDTEP scheme



-
- The RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme has been extended for domestic tariff area (DTA) units until September 30, 2025.

- **About**



- The scheme was launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in January 2021 to refund un-reimbursed taxes, duties, and levies incurred by exporters during the production and distribution of goods.
- The was introduced to replace the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), which was challenged at the World Trade Organization (WTO).
 - MEIS was deemed non-compliant with global trade rules

The left side of the slide features several abstract geometric shapes: a blue circle at the top left, a green triangle at the top center, two yellow vertical bars on the left, a large orange semi-circle in the middle left, a blue circle in the middle right, a green square outline at the bottom left, and a large orange circle at the bottom center with four yellow dashed lines radiating from its top edge.

Greenhushing and its Implications

- Recently, there has been an increase in carbon-neutral certified firms across the globe, but many choose not to promote their environmental achievements, leading to a global trend known as "greenhushing."
- " Firms motivated by altruism and a desire to maintain their social salience are reluctant to communicate and tend to greenhush."



- 
- What is Greenhushing?
 - Greenhushing occurs when firms **under report or strategically withhold information** about their environmental **goals and achievements**.
 - Greenhushing firms **don't advertise their green credentials** or deliberately remain silent about their future commitments to environmental sustainability.
- 

GREENHUSHING

= WHEN COMPANIES DELIBERATELY CHOOSE TO UNDER-REPORT OR HIDE THEIR SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS.



WHY IS IT A CONCERN?

1



Being **silent about a huge global issue** means that there's less impact and inspiration.

2



Lack of truthful information can lead to **mistrust from buyers interested in sustainability.**

3



The vagueness could earn the brand **a false reputation of quiet consciousness.**

BUT... WHY WOULD BRANDS DO IT?

1



Fear of criticism and bad reputation

2



To reduce consumer guilt

3



Negative perception with sustainable products

4



Lack of confidence in sustainability targets

5



Small companies find it hard to tick the boxes


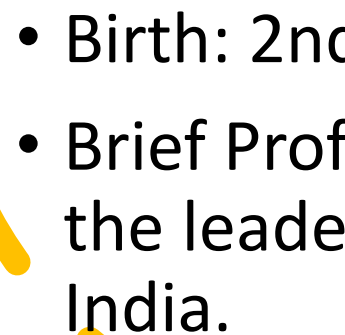
6







Uncertainty about how to communicate sustainability


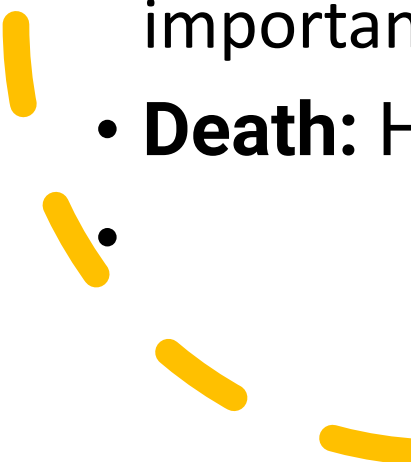
Birth Anniversary of Gandhi Ji and Shastri Ji


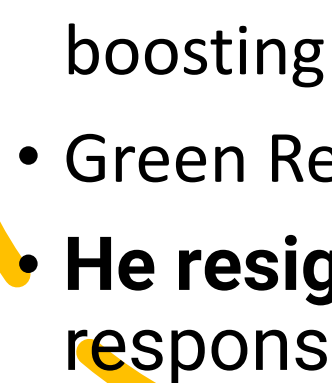


- 
- 2nd October, every year is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.
 - Both of these leaders have played a monumental role in shaping our Nation.
 - What are the Key Facts About Mahatma Gandhi?
 - Birth: 2nd October 1869 in Porbandar (Gujarat).
 - Brief Profile: Lawyer, politician, social activist, and writer who became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India.
- 

- 
- **Books Written:** Hind Swaraj, My Experiments with Truth (Autobiography)
 - **Death:** He was **shot dead by Nathuram Godse on 30th January 1948**
 - The **Belgaum session in 1924** was the only Congress session which was presided over by Gandhi Ji.
- 

- 
- **Non-Cooperation Movement (NCM) (1920-1922)**
 - **Salt March (1930):** Gandhi led the **Salt March** to the Gujarati coastal town of **Dandi**, protesting the British salt tax. This marked the beginning of the **Civil Disobedience Movement**.
 - **Quit India Movement (QIM) (1942):** Gandhi called for the QIM, demanding an end to British rule in India.
- 

- 
- What are the Key Facts About Lal Bahadur Shastri?
 - **Birth:** He was born on **2nd October 1904** in **Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh.**
 - **Brief Profile:** He was the **second Prime Minister of India**, known for his leadership and his **slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan,"** emphasising the importance of both soldiers and farmers in nation-building.
 - **Death:** He **died on 11th January 1966, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**
- 

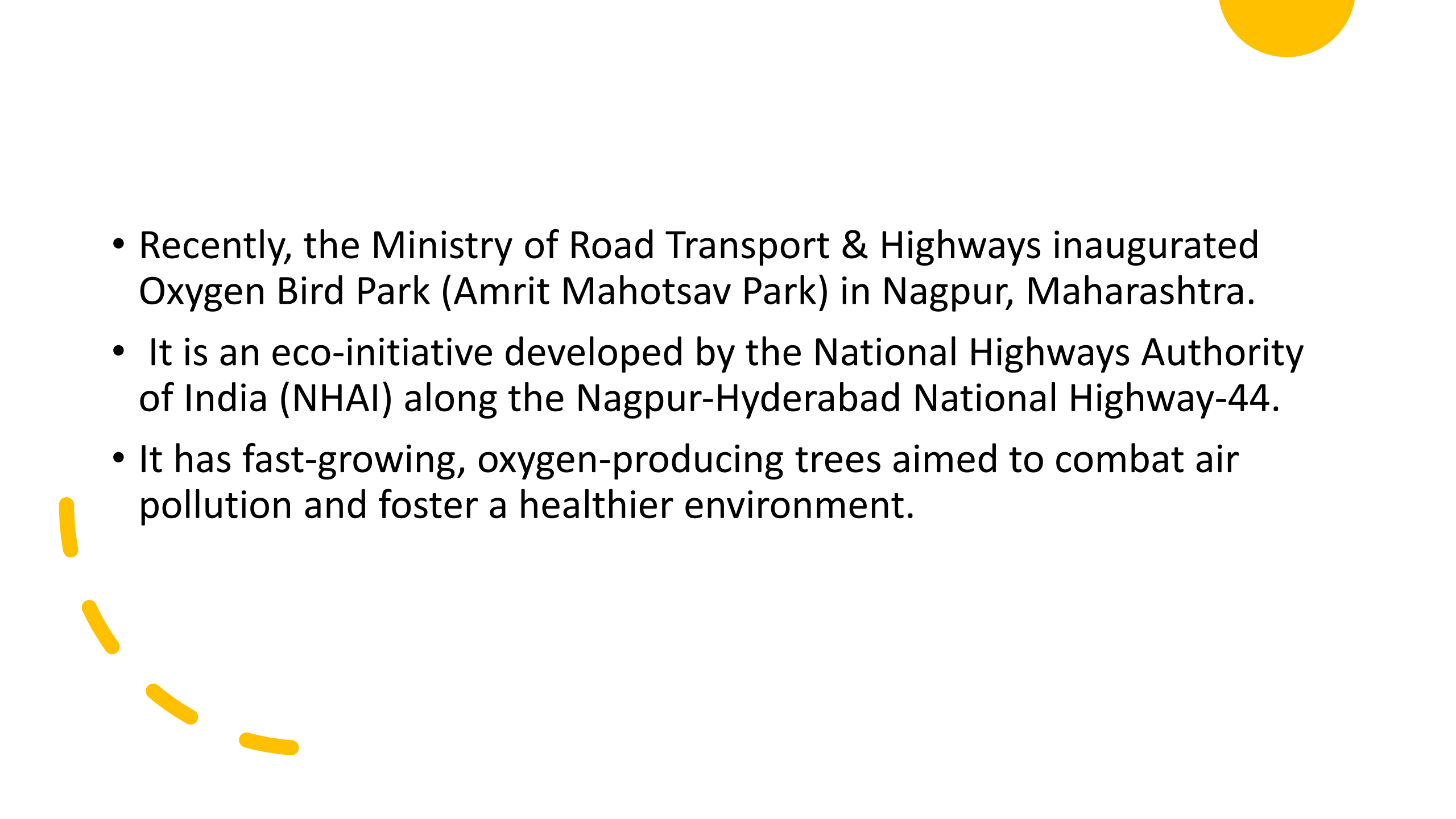
- 
- He was the first person to be posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna (1966).
 - His Role in Nation Building:
 - Leadership in the 1965 Indo-Pak War:
 - Lal Bahadur Shastri effectively led India during the 1965 war, boosting national morale.
 - Green Revolution:
 - **He resigned as Rail Minister in 1952**, taking moral responsibility for a rail accident that resulted in casualties.
- 



- **Who among the following translated the Autobiography of Madam Curie in Hindi? (2008)**
- **(a)** Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- **(b)** Lal Bahadur Shastri
- **(c)** Choudhary Charan Singh
- **(d)** Gobind Vallabh Pant





Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park)



- 
- Recently, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways inaugurated Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
 - It is an eco-initiative developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) along the Nagpur-Hyderabad National Highway-44.
 - It has fast-growing, oxygen-producing trees aimed to combat air pollution and foster a healthier environment.



- 
- It is designed to mimic natural ecosystems to conserve both local and migratory bird species.
 - It aims to preserve rare and endangered tree species native to Central India like the Vulnerable Indian Bael, Gum Karaya and the Endangered Yellow Flame of the Forest.
- 


- 
- It also features a lotus/lily pad pond, reed bed (natural water filtration), bamboo and palm plantation.
 - A part of the park is dedicated to social forestry.
 - Social forestry focuses on growing trees on unused land, either individually, in groups, or in strips.
- 

Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav

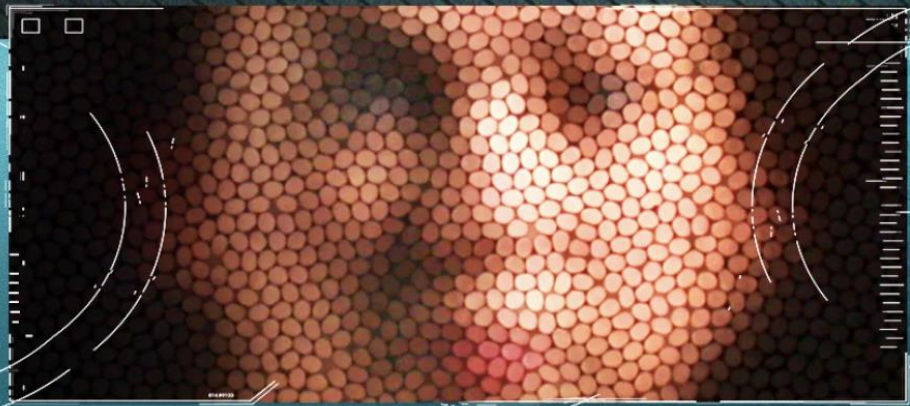


- 
- On 28th September 2024, the President launched the first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam in Secunderabad (Hyderabad).
 - It is an eight-day festival, organised by the Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of the North-east Region (DoNER) and the Ministry of Culture.
 - It is to celebrate the vibrant cultural heritage and showcase the art, crafts, and culinary diversity of the North-Eastern states.
- 

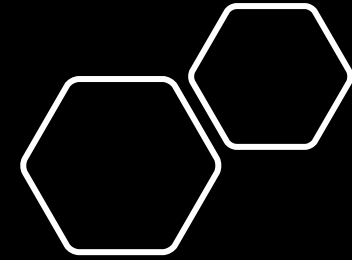
- 
- **Rashtrapati Nilayam:** It is one of India's three presidential retreats (one is in Delhi and the other is in Shimla) and the only one in Southern India.
 - It was constructed in **1860 with a total land area of 90 acres** and was taken over by the **Nizam of Hyderabad** after independence.
- 

- 
- Fun fact

Honeybees can **recognize human faces**. It was previously thought that only mammals with large brains could distinguish faces.



Despite their tiny brain size, which contains only **1 million neurons**, honeybees use visual processing mechanisms that are similar to humans', which enables reliable facial recognition.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

By Bhunesh Sir

- ✓ UPDATED CURRENT AFFAIRS
- ✓ COMPLETE 2 YEARS (2023 + 2024) CURRENT AFFAIRS
- ✓ COMPLETE NOTES (PDF)
- ✓ 360° DEGREE EXAMS COVERED

~~₹1999/-~~ ₹599/-

Offer Date

02 oct.

USE CODE - B70

ON THE OCCASION OF GANDHI JAYANTI



COMPLETE GK/GS COURSE

By Bhunesh Sir

- ✓ STATIC GK
- ✓ HISTORY
- ✓ POLITY
- ✓ GEOGRAPHY
- ✓ ECONOMICS
- ✓ SCIENCE

~~₹1999/-~~ ₹599/-

USE CODE - B70

CALL FOR SUPPORT: +91-7414862047





SSC CGL



SELECTION BATCH



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



FEATURES

- 2 YEAR PROGRAM
- 700+ HOURS CLASSROOM CONTENT
- TEST SERIES
- BILINGUAL CLASSES
- UPDATED COMPLETE STUDY MATERIAL
- CLASSES BY INDIA'S BEST TEACHERS
- PREVIOUS YEAR PAPERS

LIVE SESSIONS

- DOUBT + REVISION SESSION
- MCQ DISCUSSION
- COMPLETE CONCEPT EXPLANATION

700+ HOURS
CLASSROOM CONTENT



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



INDIAS BEST TEACHERS



BHUNESH SHARMA
Current Affairs Expert
10+ Years Experience



UMESH CHOUHAN
Maths Expert
12+ Years Experience



RISHI SIR
Reasoning Expert
13+ Years Experience



SHIPRA MA'AM
Science Expert
9+ Years Experience



VEER CHOUDHARY
English Expert
11+ Years Experience



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP



WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE?

- GOOD INTERNET
- BASIC SMARTPHONE/LAPTOP/COMPUTER

HOW TO ENROL IN THIS COURSE



DOWNLOAD CLASS24 APP

Word of the day

Druthers:

the right or chance to choose


Synonym: preference

Usage: *Given my druthers, I would eat cake.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/drutherspro

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ˈdɪʌðəz/



Thank you
guys.
