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Bangladesh recalls envoy from India

NEW DELHI The interim government of Bangladesh this week transferred Mostafizur Rahman, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, back to Dhaka. He is asked to return to Dhaka without delay. Bangladesh is yet to announce his replacement. > PAGE 4

'Marital ties must be exempt from rape provisions'

NEW DELHI The Union government on Thursday told the Supreme Court that punishing non-consensual sexual acts by a man with his wife as rape will impact conjugal relationship and lead to "serious disturbances" in the institution of marriage. > PAGE 6

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Reign of colours



Festive spirit: A dancer performs garbi on the first day of Navratri at the Sports Club in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Thursday. The nine-day festival began on Thursday and will go on till October 12. UJAY SONELI

Campaign for Haryana polls ends; voting tomorrow



Ashok Kumar GURUGRAM Leaders of major political parties in Haryana held a series of rallies, road shows, and mukad sabhas (street-corner meetings) across the state before campaigning for the election. The 30-member Haryana Assembly ended on Thursday. The State will vote on Saturday. A total of 1,031 candidates, including 101 women, are in fray in the economic and political crisis. In Lebanon, the Israeli military said it "targets belonging to Hezbollah's intelligence headquarters in Beirut". Lebanon's state-run Nabatiyyeh. "For your own safety,

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Centre says Wangchuk is 'free' but continues to confine him

Vijaya Singh
NEW DELHI

The movements of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk continued to be restricted by police and security agencies for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday despite the Union Government informing the Delhi High Court that he has been released from detention. On Thursday around 5 p.m., Mr. Wangchuk was stopped by security personnel from leaving the Ladakh Bhawan. Mr. Wangchuk, who led a march of around 150 people from Ladakh on September 1 to demand constitutional safeguards for the



Sonam Wangchuk

region, was detained by Delhi Police after reaching the Delhi-Haryana boundary at Singhu on September 30. On Wednesday, Mr. Wangchuk and other members of the delegation were taken to Rajghat under heavy police presence. Ladakh Member of Parliament Mohamad Hanuwa told The Hindu that talks were on with Union Minis-

try of Home Affairs to ensure Mr. Wangchuk's free movement. "Even I was detained for a day by the police when I reached Singhu border on October 1 to receive protesters from Kargi. I have asked the government for an explanation," said Mr. Hanuwa. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta on Thursday informed the Delhi High Court that Mr. Wangchuk and his associates have been released from detention. He told the court that the Delhi Police has withdrawn an order prohibiting assembly and protests in various parts of Delhi. (With inputs from Rocky Singh)

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Attacks aftermath: Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli air strike at a neighbourhood in Beirut's southern suburbs. THE STRAITS TIMES

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subjected to arbitrary arrest.

“Everyone is born equal. There cannot be any stigma attached to the existence, touch or presence of any person... More than 75 years since Independence, we have not been able to eradicate the evil of caste discrimination,” a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y.

Chandrachud observed.

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- **Supreme Court Judgment:**

- The Supreme Court ruled that caste-based discrimination and segregation of work in prisons violate fundamental human dignity.
- Segregation of inmates based on caste hierarchy or categorizing certain groups, like the de-notified tribes, as "habitual offenders" is oppressive and unconstitutional.

- **Key Directives by the Court:**
- **Prison Manuals Revision:** States and Union Territories are directed to revise their Prison Manuals or rules within three months.
- **Removal of 'Caste Column':** References to "caste" in prison registers and documents must be removed.
- **Elimination of 'Habitual Offender' References:** Any reference to habitual offenders based on caste in prison documents is deemed unconstitutional.
- **Address Caste-Based Discrimination:** The Centre must address caste-based discrimination in the Model Prison Manual 2016 and the Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act 2023.

- **Constitutional Perspective:**

- The court reaffirmed that everyone is born equal, and lifelong stigma based on caste cannot persist in a democratic society.
- **Article 17 of the Constitution:** The judgment underscored that caste-based discrimination, especially in assigning tasks like cleaning or sweeping based on caste, violates Article 17, which prohibits untouchability.

Historical Reference:

The judgment acknowledged that despite 75 years of independence, the country has yet to fully eliminate caste discrimination.

The court emphasized the need for the state to refrain from perpetuating caste discrimination, especially in correctional facilities.

Prohibition of Manual Scavenging:

The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, was highlighted as binding in prisons as well.

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NEW DELHI

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Top sources in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, which is steering the scheme that aims at training one crore youth in five years, said this is a pilot project being undertaken at a cost of ₹800 crore. The lessons learnt from this will help fine-tune the scheme's design before the Cabinet's approval is sought for a full-fledged rollout.

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Launch of Portal:



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This is part of the one-year internship scheme announced in the Union Budget to bridge the skill gap between employable youth and employer needs.

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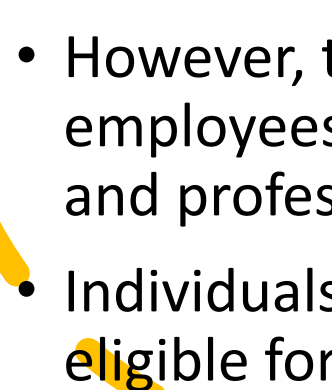
The process aims to result in approximately 1 lakh youth joining internships by December 2.

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme in Top Companies targets to train 1 crore youth over five years, with an initial cost of ₹800 crore for the pilot project.

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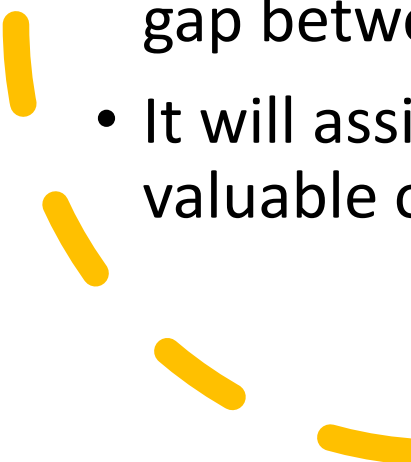
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- **Internship Window:**

- The portal will open for applicants on **Vijaya Dasami (October 12)**, and the first batch will close by October 25 for internship consideration.

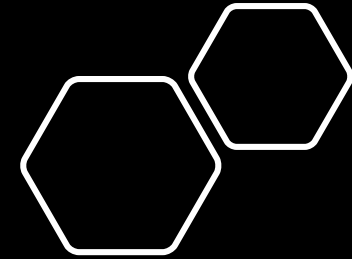
- **Purpose and Benefits:**

- This scheme aims to reduce unemployment among youth by bridging the gap between educational qualifications and industry requirements.
 - It will assist companies in finding suitable candidates while giving youth valuable on-the-job training.
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Dinakar Peri

NEW DELHI

The U.K. and Mauritius have reached a historic political agreement to secure the strategically important U.K.-U.S. military base on Diego Garcia and towards restoring Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos archipelago. A treaty is now being worked out to firm up the agreement, the U.K. announced on Thursday.

“For the first time in more than 50 years, the status of the base will be undisputed and legally secure, following a political agreement between the U.K. and Mauritius,” the



Diego Garcia, a significant atoll in the Indian Ocean, is part of the Chagos archipelago and the British Indian Ocean Territory. AP

U.K. High Commission in India said in a statement. “It sees Mauritius assume sovereignty over British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), with the U.K. authorised to exercise the sovereign rights of Mauritius on

Diego Garcia.”

The political agreement is subject to a treaty and supporting legal instruments being finalised and both sides have committed to complete this as quickly as possible, it said.

Welcoming the agreement on the return of Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos archipelago, including Diego Garcia, India’s Ministry of External Affairs said this “significant” understanding completes the “decolonisation” of Mauritius. “The resolution of the long-standing Chagos dispute after two years of negotiations, in compliance with international law, is a welcome development,” the MEA said in a statement.

India has consistently supported the Mauritian claim for sovereignty over Chagos, in line with its principled stand on decolonisation and support for

the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations, as well as its long-standing and close partnership with Mauritius, the MEA noted. India remains committed to working with Mauritius and other like-minded partners in strengthening maritime safety and security and contributing to enhanced peace and prosperity in the Indian Ocean region, it added.

Negotiations for this deal began under the previous government in 2022 and this week’s deal comes after 11 rounds of negotiations with the previous government and two rounds of negotiations with the current government.

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- It is an overseas territory of the **United Kingdom** that was established on November 8, 1965.
 - Its key islands include the **Diego Garcia atoll**, **Danger Island**, Egmont Islands, Eagle Islands, Nelsons Island, Peros Banhos atoll. (**Diego Garcia island**, which houses a strategic US military base).
 - **Climate:** It experiences a **tropical marine climate** with high temperatures and elevated humidity levels. The island's climate is heavily moderated by the trade winds which blow over the islands.



- **Chagos Island Dispute**


- The Chagos dispute centres around the archipelago in the Indian Ocean, which Britain claimed along with **Mauritius in 1814**.
- In **1966**, **Britain leased Diego Garcia**, the largest of the Chagos Islands, to the United States, which was seeking a military base in the region.
- The Chagossians, who are mostly descendants of African slaves brought to the islands in the 18th century, have since been engaged in a prolonged legal battle for the right to return to their homeland.
- Mauritius, which gained independence from Britain in 1968, has consistently maintained its claim over the Chagos Islands.

- **Historic Agreement:**

- The U.K. and Mauritius have reached a significant political agreement.
- This agreement secures the U.K.-U.S. military base on Diego Garcia and restores Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.



- **Background of the Dispute:**

- The Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, has been under British control for more than 50 years.
 - The U.K. agreed to return the islands after prolonged negotiations
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- **Terms of the Agreement:**

- Mauritius will assume sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT).
- The U.K. will exercise the sovereign rights of Mauritius on Diego Garcia.
- Legal and political agreements are being finalized to ensure the base's undisputed status.



- **India's Position:**

- India welcomed the agreement and noted it completes the “decolonisation” of Mauritius.
- India has consistently supported Mauritius’ sovereignty claim, aligning with international law and principles of decolonisation.



- **Negotiations Timeline:**

- Negotiations began in 2022 under the previous U.K. government.
- The agreement was reached after 11 rounds of talks with the former government and two rounds with the current one.

1. Regional Implications:

1. The agreement strengthens maritime safety and security in the Indian Ocean.
2. India remains committed to cooperation with Mauritius and enhancing peace and prosperity in the region.

IN BRIEF

Biennial air show Aero India to be held in February

The next edition of Aero India, the biennial air show, will be held in Bengaluru from February 10 to 14, the Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

Hindu outfit chief detained for removing Sai Baba statues

The chief of Sanatan Rakshak Dal, a local outfit, which was running a campaign for removal of statues of Sai Baba from temples in Varanasi, has been detained for breach of peace, the police said on Thursday.

Suspected rail sabotage; Jharkhand Police file FIR

The Jharkhand Police on Wednesday night filed an FIR against unknown people after the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) lodged a complaint over suspected attempt to derail a coal rake.

All agri sector initiatives brought under 2 new schemes; States to implement them

The Union Cabinet on Thursday decided to merge all Central schemes in the agriculture sector into two new schemes, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-KVY) and Krishansati Yojana (KY). With a projected expenditure of ₹1,01,32,61 crore, the schemes will have a Central share of ₹59,088.08 crore and the States will have to add the remaining ₹42,234.53 crore.

SC slams air pollution panel for failing to stop stubble burning

Top court calls out Punjab and Haryana governments for recovering only nominal compensation from farmers who indulge in stubble burning

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday criticised the Commission for Air Quality Management for its inability to prevent incidents of stubble burning in the National Capital Region and its adjoining areas.



A farmer burns straw stubble after a harvest in a paddy field on the outskirts of Amritsar in Punjab. FILE PHOTO

which there was not even discussion of the implementation of directions. Though there is a specific direction in the order to prosecute wrongdoers under Section 15 of Environment Protection Act, no such prosecution has been launched, the Bench noted.

Indian push needed to end AIDS as a global health threat by 2030: UNAIDS

Hindu Shajin Perappadan NEW DELHI

Without India doing a large part of the heavy lifting, it is unlikely that the world will meet the Sustainable Development Goal of eradicating AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, said Eamonn Murphy, UNAIDS director for the Asia Pacific region.

Marital relations must be exempt from rape provisions: Centre

Krishnadas Rajaropal NEW DELHI

The Union government on Thursday told the Supreme Court that punishing non-consensual sexual acts by a man with his own wife as rape will impact the conjugal relationship and lead to "serious disturbances" in the institution of marriage.

The demographics of a marriage are sui generis. There are plenty of examples of male-female relationships. However, the relationship between a husband and wife, which emerges as a result of the tying of the matrimonial knot, is distinct from all of these relationships.

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THE CROSSWORD 14297



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Across

- 1 Finally, petition followed (6)
4 Debated about protecting a waster (8)
10 Busy? Get me out and do as you please (2,2,5)
11 Idea of you formally getting married (5)
12 African country follows plan, well done! (3,2,2)
Butter a bit, get a secure place (7)

- 14 Tragic send-off forces out joints (5)
15 Two of them combined to protect external border, it's a big thing (8)
18 Finished cutting the rope and isolated (8)
20 Leading lady in game set to shine (5)
23 Charge with gunners in a ring at sea (7)
25 Firm at grabbing Union territory (7)
26 Synchronised to come back and resign (5)
27 This animal roamed all over the place in and surroundings (9)
28 Democrat wearing crazy coloured pieces of cloth round his neck (8)
29 Pastry without sugar at the top - leave it (6)
Down
1 Pushing below frantically in gravity (8)
2 Maybe someday get get out of it (7)
3 Big in France, English finally are preoccupied (9)
5 Come in with the pull over for the movie (5,3,6)
6 Mother protecting, thank you after vacating the base (5)
7 Stylish and neat way to cover a stump (7)
8 Score - after he left they went in (6)
9 Altered Gene sequences - used toxic brand name (11,3)
16 Many somehow managed to bring in the French (9)
17 Building statey homes, don't base the stone (8)
19 Some ran away as they had a row (7)
21 Issue as the man ate some of it (7)
22 Degree from Cambridge, able to get bill's support (6)
24 Ones leaving from one country to another country (5)

SUDOKU

8 8 6 4 5 9
7 8 5 3 1 5
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1 8 1 4 1 7
3 4 5 8

Solution to previous puzzle
1 3 9 9 2 6 8 7 4
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FAITH

Controlling the mind

The way the mind goes, the faculties will follow the same. Mind is fickle and ever-oscillating. It is an arch deceiver regarded as troublesome and treacherous until a person has reasonably advanced to conduct religious practice. Mind should not be allowed to stray and should always be brought under control. Men of wisdom have given guidelines to enable sincere persons to be cautious about its deceits. Impurity of mind has to be eschewed if a person is to progress in virtue.

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India has had six classical languages till now – Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Sanskrit, and Odia. Tamil was the first language to be given classical status in 2004, followed by Sanskrit in 2005.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to X to congratulate all speakers of the newly designated classical languages.


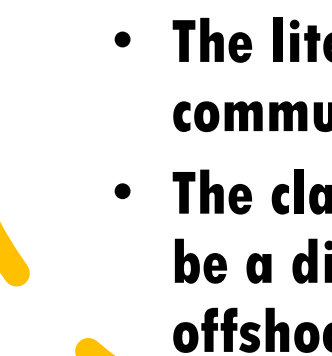
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“Bengali literature has inspired countless people for years. I congratulate all the Bengali speakers all over the world on this,” the Prime Minister added.

Sl. No.	Languages	Year of Declaration
1.	Tamil	2004
2.	Sanskrit	2005
3.	Telugu	2008
4.	Kannada	2008
5.	Malayalam	2013
6.	Odia	2014

- **All the Classical Languages are listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.**
- **The Ministry of Culture provides the guidelines regarding Classical languages.**
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- **Guidelines for declaring a language as 'Classical' are:**
 - **High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years;**
 - **A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers;**
 - **The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community;**
 - **The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.**
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Once a language is notified as a Classical language, **the Human Resource and Development Ministry provides certain benefits to promote it:**

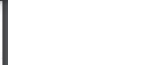
Two major annual international awards for scholars of eminence in classical Indian languages



A Centre of Excellence for studies in Classical Languages is set up



The University Grants Commission is requested to create, to start with at least in the Central Universities, a certain number of Professional Chairs for the Classical Languages so declared



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IN THE NEWS

CABINET NOD TO ₹10,103-CR EDIBLE OIL MISSION

TO CUT IMPORT dependence and achieve self-sufficiency on edible oil, the Cabinet on Thursday approved the National Mission on Edible Oils with an outlay of ₹10,103 crore, reports Sanjiv Das. The scheme is aimed at boosting oilseed production from 12.7 MT to 20.2 MT by 2031. The mission will focus on enhancing the production of key oilseeds—rapeseed-mustard, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, and sesame. It also aims at increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary oilseeds like cottonseed, rice bran and borre oils.

DABUR FORECASTS FIRST REVENUE DROP IN 4 YEARS

SHARES OF DABUR India fell as much as 7.8% on Thursday after the consumer goods maker forecasted a first quarterly revenue decline in four years, citing weak demand in its food and beverages segment, reports Reuters.

CNG TWO-WHEELER: LML FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST BAJAJ AUTO

INDIA'S FIRST-EVER CNG-powered two-wheeler Freedom from Bajaj Auto has run into a lawsuit, with SG Corporate Mobility, the parent of yesterday brand LML, challenging the Pune-based automaker, reports Swaraj Baggonkar.

FE SPECIAL

In tune with the times
How millennials and Gen Z forced Maruti to rethink strategy. ■ BRANDWAGON, PP

DEVELOPERS EARN ₹4K CR/YR VIA GOOGLE PLAY

Support regulation with open dialogue: Google India MD

JATIN GROVER MD, GOOGLE INDIA
SUPPORTING ANY MOVE towards creating a regulatory framework for big tech firms in general, and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in particular, Google India managing director Romita Datta Chobey on Thursday said the process should involve open dialogues with multiple stakeholders so that innovations can thrive. In an interaction with FE, Datta said technological innovations thrive in an open regulatory environment, and the company is always in dialogue with the government and industry partners to ensure all stakeholders benefit. "At the end we believe that what's good for India, is good for Google," she said. Datta cited the example of the government's AI mission, where Google's actively participating at all levels from creating platform for expanding in vernacular and regional languages. She said that Google is working on three main pillars: First, leveraging AI

SENSEX, NIFTY SINGED BY IRAN-ISRAEL CLASH, FALL 2%

West Asia wounds markets

ON A CRASH COURSE



THE DECLINE in the broader market was largely in line with the benchmarks despite their rise earlier. The BSE Midcap index fell 2.2%, while the BSE Smallcap index ended 1.8% lower. According to provisional data, FPIs sold shares of ₹15,200 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DII) bought ₹12,900 crore shares. The sharp fall in the market despite aggressive buying by the DII indicated a likely panic selling by retail investors. The broad-based selling, which led to all sector indices closing in the red, wiped out ₹9.8 lakh crore of investor wealth. This was the fourth consecutive session of losses for the benchmark indices.



Volatility index nudges 14-mark
India VIX 13.17 (close)
Rupee at two-month low
82,497 (close)
0.18% (change)

90,000 I-T notices made valid as SC backs taxman

BLOW TO TAXPAYERS

APPEX COURT has allowed taxman to persist with Covid-related notices under old regime. Tax dept had sent these reassessment notices during April 1-June 30, 2021. New regime introduced in FY22 had restricted time limit for starting reassessment in regular cases to 3 years.

HYUNDAI'S ₹25K-CR IPO MAY OPEN MID-OCT

HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA'S much-awaited ₹25,000-crore initial public offering (IPO) is expected to open around mid-October, according to sources in the know. The price band for the IPO, set to be India's largest, is expected to be between ₹1,750 and ₹1,760, market sources said. Hyundai Motor India's South Korean parent will be selling 1.42 million equity shares, representing a 17.5% stake in the carmaker. No less than 35% of the offer will be available for allocation to retail individual investors.

INSIDE

HUGE RELIEF TO REALTY FIRMS AS SC WIDENS SCOPE OF GST CREDIT. PAGE 2

Adani in talks to invest \$900 mn in Tanzania power line project

TANZANIA IS IN talks with Adani Group for a \$900-million public-private partnership project to construct high-voltage power lines, an official of the east African nation said, reports Bloomberg. Adani Group has expressed its interest to the east African govern-

Govt's internship scheme gets 111 firms on board

50% slots reserved for SC/ST and OBCs

THE GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED scheme to provide internship opportunities to India's youth in top Indian companies, announced in Budget FY25, has got a head start with over 100 firms — 111 at last count — having already expressed interest in it. The companies on board include the who's who of Corporate India: Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC Bank, ONGC, Infosys, NTPC, Tata Steel, ITC, Indian Oil, ICICI Bank, Wipro, Mahindra and Mahindra, IHL, and ISW Steel.

access to potential employers and making them more employable. According to the sources, the scheme aims to provide internship opportunities to 125,000 youth in FY25, and entails a financial outlay of ₹800 crore. The government formally rolled out the scheme on Thursday on a 10 million youth over a five-year period. The participation of companies under the scheme is voluntary. The actual training of selected interns will commence from December 2, and the duration of the training will be 1.2 months.

India Inc's top guns snap up mega realty

ULTRA LUXE DEALS

BUYER, company & property details. (₹ cr)

- Nadir Godrej & Family (Godrej Industries, Ruparel House) 1.80
- Karan Bhatnagar (S&B ONE, Three Sixty West) 1.70
- Raksha Bhushanwala (Investor, Rockside Apartments) 1.56
- Apco InfraTech (Apco InfraTech, The Legend) 1.55
- Ujjwal Sheth (Rare Enterprises, Oberoi 360) 1.23
- Ashley Magpal (Ebcoc Pvt Ltd, Oberoi 360) 1.15

that in 2023, experts said. The biggest of the luxury property deals came last year when stock market icon and DMart founder Radhakrishnan Damani's friends and family bought 28 apartments worth ₹1.23 crore in Oberoi 360 West. Continued on Page 7

A Thank Who Trades advertisement for MCA 2024 featuring a woman and various icons related to trading and investment.

● What led to the Iran-Israel war?

IRAN THIS WEEK launched around 200 ballistic missiles at targets in Israel in response to the killing of Hezbollah secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut last week. The region is now bracing for broadening of the conflict as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu immediately pledged to retaliate and said Iran "made a big mistake and will pay", as the US rallied behind its close ally.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said on Thursday that they had killed 15 Hezbollah militants in a strike in southern Lebanon. The strike came after at least eight Israeli soldiers were killed in clashes with Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, where Israel announced the start of what it says is a limited ground incursion earlier this week. In a separate development, Iran-backed Houthis rebels in Yemen said they had launched two drones at Tel Aviv overnight. The escalating violence in Lebanon has opened a second front in the war between Israel and Iran-backed militants that began nearly a year ago with Hamas' surprise October 7 attack from the Gaza Strip into Israel.



**WEST ASIA
RIPPLE EFFECT**

How Iran-Israel war can hurt India

As the Iran-Israel conflict enters the fourth day, global and Indian traders are bracing for a prolonged disruption in trade. We look at India's trade relations with the two countries, as well as Lebanon, and how these could be further impacted in case of a full-blown war

\$4.5 billion

INDIA'S EXPORTS TO ISRAEL IN FY24 WHILE IMPORTS STOOD AT \$2 BILLION

INDIA RELIES ON THE SUEZ CANAL FOR TRADE WITH EUROPE, THE US, AFRICA, AND WEST ASIA

\$1.2 billion

INDIA'S EXPORTS TO IRAN IN FY24 LED BY CEREALS, ORGANIC CHEMICALS AND MACHINERY PARTS

● If the conflict escalates into a full-blown war

WEST ASIA IS now waiting to see whether Israel will go for a full-blown war against its old foe with US backing or prefer a limited response to Iran's missile attack. Global and Indian traders are already bracing for a prolonged disruption in trade, and if the current conflict escalates into a full-blown war, the vital Red Sea

shipping route may remain inaccessible to global shipping lines for a much longer duration than previously anticipated, potentially keeping freight rates uncomfortably high. Insurance costs for exports to the countries directly involved in the war could also go up. India relies on the Suez Canal for trade with Europe, the

US, Africa, and West Asia, and any escalation will have significant implications for it. The conflict's impact is already being felt, with Indian exporters experiencing a 9% decline in exports in August, largely due to a 38% reduction in petroleum exports attributed to declining margins and rising shipping costs.

● India's trade with Iran, Israel & Lebanon

INDIA HAS EXTENSIVE bilateral trade with Iran, Israel and Lebanon, though exports as well as imports (except for imports from Lebanon) saw a significant decline in FY24, and escalating tensions are likely to further impact shipments. India's exports to Israel in FY24 stood at \$4.5 billion, with petroleum products, machinery parts, gems and jewellery constituting the bulk. Imports from Israel, led by textiles, machinery and equipment, aircraft parts, gems and jewellery, were worth \$2 billion.

Iran is another important trade partner for India, with exports at \$1.2

billion in FY24 and imports at \$625 million. Cereals, organic chemicals and machinery parts are the major exports while imports are led by chemicals, fruits and nuts, petrol and petroleum products.

Exports to Lebanon in FY24 stood at \$344 million and imports at \$112 million. Cereals are the top export item, followed by meat products, oilseeds and other agro products, and chemicals and pharmaceutical products. From Lebanon, the major imports are salt, sulphur, earth and stone, plastering material, lime and cement followed by iron, steel and aluminium.

● Oil prices up, stock markets spooked

GLOBAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED by the conflict have already unnerved the stock markets. The Nifty 50 index closed 2.12% lower at 25,250.1 points on Thursday, while the S&P BSE Sensex shed 2.1% to 82,497.1. The benchmarks posted their worst session since early August.

Oil prices rose for a third consecutive day on Thursday, reaching towards \$75 a barrel on average, though a stronger global supply outlook kept a lid on gains. There are concerns that an escalation could

prompt Iran to block the Strait of Hormuz or attack Saudi infrastructure, as it did in 2019, Panmure Gordon analyst Ashley Kelty told *Reuters*. India's LNG imports from Qatar and oil from Iraq and Saudi Arabia also come through the Strait of Hormuz. Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Kuwait are the major West Asian suppliers of oil to India. Even Russian oil imports reach India via the Red Sea and in case of a wider conflict, the shipments will have to take the longer route via the Cape of Good Hope.

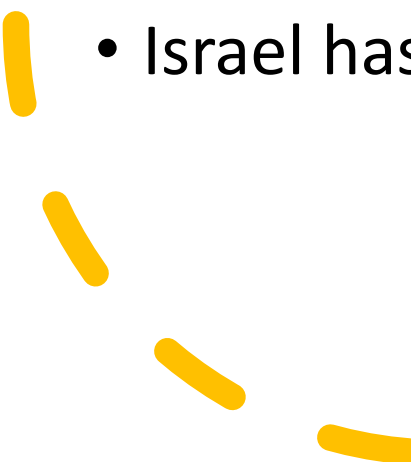
● Impact on India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor plan

THE CONFLICT IN West Asia could slow down the progress of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) plan, announced by India, the US, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Italy, France, Germany, and the European Commission on the sidelines of the G20

Summit last year. The plan was aimed at creating a faster route connecting India to the Gulf region and Europe, reducing dependence on the Suez Canal. However, with the eruption of war in West Asia, the development of this trade route may face challenges.



- **Iran-Israel Conflict Overview:**

- The conflict escalated after Iran launched around 200 ballistic missiles at Israeli targets.
 - The trigger was Israel's killing of Hezbollah's secretary-general, Hassan Nasrallah, in Beirut.
 - Israel has vowed to retaliate, and the conflict may broaden.
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- **India's Trade with Iran, Israel, and Lebanon:**

- **India-Israel Trade:**


- India's exports to Israel in FY24 stood at \$4.5 billion, with major sectors being machinery, equipment, pearls, and chemicals.
- Imports from Israel stood at \$2 billion, consisting of diamonds, machinery, and chemicals.

India-Iran Trade: India exports \$1.2 billion worth of goods to Iran, primarily cereals, chemicals, and machinery parts.

Imports from Iran include oil, though there has been a significant decline in trade.



- **India-Lebanon Trade:**

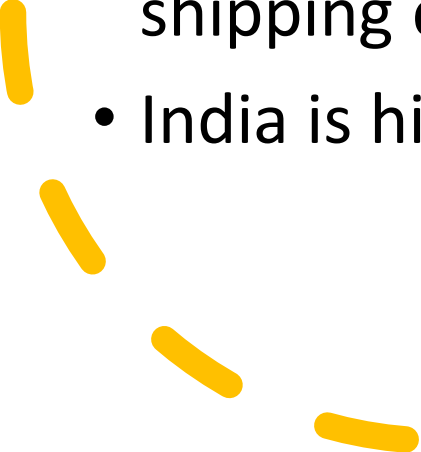
- India's exports to Lebanon stood at \$344 million, while imports are primarily steel and aluminium.
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- **Impact on Oil Prices and Stock Markets:**

- The global uncertainty due to the conflict caused stock markets to dip, with the Nifty 50 and Sensex falling by over 2%.
- Oil prices also surged due to the ongoing tension, reaching \$75 per barrel.



- **If the Conflict Escalates to a Full-Blown War:**

- Shipping routes through the Suez Canal and Red Sea may be disrupted, significantly affecting trade routes for Europe, the U.S., Africa, and West Asia.
 - Indian exports may face further delays, and there will be higher shipping costs.
 - India is highly dependent on West Asia for energy supplies.
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1. Impact on India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor:

1. The conflict could slow down the progress of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) plan.
 2. The plan was designed to boost trade between India, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Europe.
- This conflict could potentially impact India's trade, oil imports, and regional economic partnerships.

Google set to revive lost Indian languages

To Create Digital Records, Online Footprint

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New Delhi: As it gets deeper into India with generative AI platform Gemini and other suite of digital offerings, Google has taken up a new task in hand — reviving some of the lost Indian languages and creating digital records and online footprint for them. The idea is to enable people to easily carry out voice or text searches in their local dialects and languages.

As the work moves towards completion, people in the hinterland and various regions can easily do voice search in their own languages to gain accurate and valuable information from, say, Google's Gemini AI platform or carry out live translations, harness YouTube better to target their communities.

The project has so far reached 59 Indian languages, including 15 that currently do not have any kind of a digital footprint and were rather declining in usage. "We've been looking at inclusive AI as a key theme for our work. How do we develop AI in a manner that brings its benefits to everyone, especially the billion-plus Indians and likewise. And, one of the areas that we

Enabling Searches In Local Dialects

Some Languages that have been recorded digitally by Google for first time

> **Malvani** (a Konkani dialect spoken in Sindhu Durg district of Maharashtra)

> **Shekhawati** (Rajasthani dialect in Shekhawati region)

> **Duruwa** (Dravidian language spoken mainly in Odisha, AP and Chhattisgarh)

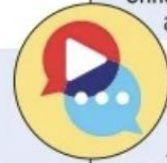
> **Bearybashe** (an independent language spoken by the Beary community primarily in south Karnataka and North Kerala)

> **Kudukh** (Dravidian language spoken by the Kurukh people, mainly in Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Assam)

> **Bajjika** (language in parts of Bihar)

> **Rajbangshi** (Indo-Aryan language spoken in parts of West Bengal, Assam, and Bangladesh)

> **Angika** (Indo-Aryan language in parts of Bihar and Jharkhand)





have looked at is languages because languages are really fundamental in terms of the AI capabilities and have so much of applicability," Manish Gupta, director of Google DeepMind, told TOI..

"People like you and me are privileged ones, who understand English and can get access to information at our fingertips. But how do we level the playing field? How do we democratise access to information for, let's say, a daughter of a labourer in Chhattisgarh or a farmer in Assam? As impressive as these generative AI

technologies are, there's a significant gap between their capabilities on languages like English vis-a-vis performance on Indian languages and other languages of the world."

Gupta said: "We didn't want to just limit ourselves to 22 scheduled languages. Because when we look at the rich linguistic diversity in India, there are over 60 Indian languages spoken by over a million people and over 125 languages that have over one lakh speakers each...we realised that many of these languages had absolutely zero digital data."


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- Google aims to revive lost Indian languages and create a digital footprint for them using its generative AI platform, Gemini, and other digital offerings.
 - The focus is on enabling voice or text searches in local dialects and languages.
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- **Targeted Languages:**

- The initiative has recorded 59 Indian languages, 13 of which previously had no digital presence.
- Some of the languages include:
 - **Malvani:** A Konkani dialect from Maharashtra.
 - **Shekhawati:** A Rajasthani dialect from the Shekhawati region.
 - **Duruwa:** A Dravidian language spoken in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh.
 - **Kuduk:** A language of the Kurukh people, spoken in Jharkhand, Odisha, and other states.
 - **Bajjika:** A dialect from parts of Bihar.
 - **Rajbangshi:** Spoken in West Bengal, Assam, and Bangladesh.
 - **Angika:** Spoken in parts of Bihar and Jharkhand.
 - **Bearybashe:** A language of the Beary community in Karnataka and Kerala.




- **Inclusivity and Accessibility:**

- Google aims to democratize access to information for people in the hinterlands, making it easier for those who do not speak English to get accurate and valuable information.
 - The project emphasizes how AI can benefit marginalized communities and promote digital inclusivity.
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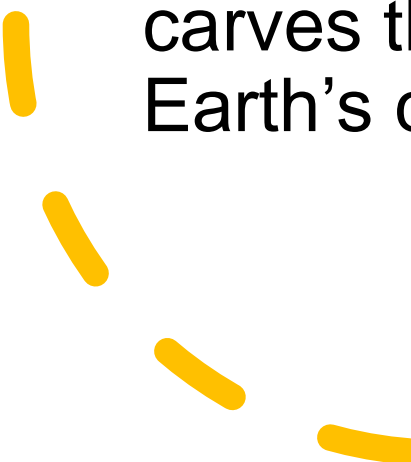


1.AI and Language:

1. Google is developing AI capabilities that can handle languages beyond English, bridging the gap between performance on Indian languages and other languages globally.
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Arun River Basin Contributing to Rise in Mt Everest

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- A recent study suggests that Mount Everest's height may be increasing due to the erosion of the Arun River, located near the base of the Himalayas.
 - **About**
 - Arun River, located approximately **75 kilometers** from Everest, carves the surrounding landscape and reduces pressure on the Earth's crust.
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- This erosion is linked to an **isostatic rebound**, a process that pushes the Earth's crust upward as material is removed, allowing Mount Everest and its neighboring peaks to grow.
 - Everest is rising at a rate of about two millimeters per year.
 - **The Role of Plate Tectonics:** The primary force behind the rise of Everest remains the tectonic collision between the **Indian and Eurasian plates**—an event that began around **40 to 50 million** years ago.

- **Arun River**
 - It is a transboundary river in the Himalayas, flowing through **Tibet, Nepal, and India.**
 - It originates from the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, where it is known as the **Phung Chu or Bum-chu River.**
 - After flowing through Nepal, it joins the **Koshi River**, which eventually merges into the Ganges in India.






A collection of colorful geometric shapes including a blue circle, a green triangle, a yellow dashed line, an orange semi-circle, a blue circle, a green square, and a large orange circle with yellow dashed lines radiating from it.

STARS Program

- At the opening ceremony of the workshop for the STARS project, the School Education Minister emphasized the importance of continuously improving the education system to lay a foundation for a developed India by 2047.



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- **About Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) program**
 - It was approved by the Cabinet in October 2020 as a **centrally sponsored scheme**. It became effective on February 23, 2021, following the signing of the Loan Agreement, and will be implemented for five years, until FY 2024-25
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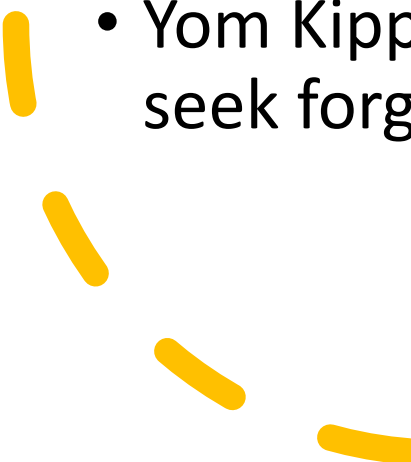
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- It supports reform to improve the quality and governance of school education in the states of **Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan.**
 - It focuses on strengthening early-years education, learning assessment systems, teacher performance and classroom practice, school-to-work transition and governance and decentralized management for improved service delivery.
 - It is aligned with the Government of India's **Samagra Shiksha scheme**
 - It is supporting the operationalization of key tenets of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.**


Rosh Hashanah



- Recently, Prime Minister wished the Prime Minister of Israel and greeted Jewish community on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah.
- Rosh Hashanah is Jewish New Year and is among the most sacred days in the Jewish faith.
- It marks the beginning of the Jewish month of Tishri, which is the 7th month according to the Hebrew calendar.



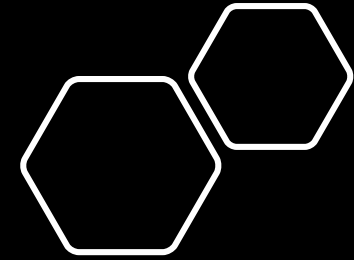
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- It is believed by the Jewish community to be the day when God created the world, including Adam and Eve.
 - Rosh Hashanah is also known as Yom Hadin (Day of Judgment) on which God opens the Books of Life and Death, which are then sealed on Yom Kippur.
 - Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement" on which Jewish people pray, seek forgiveness and a fresh start.
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- Fun fact



Species

When *Anglerfish* mate, they melt into each other and share their bodies forever. If a male finds a female, he latches on and fuses to her, losing his internal organs until they share a bloodstream.



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