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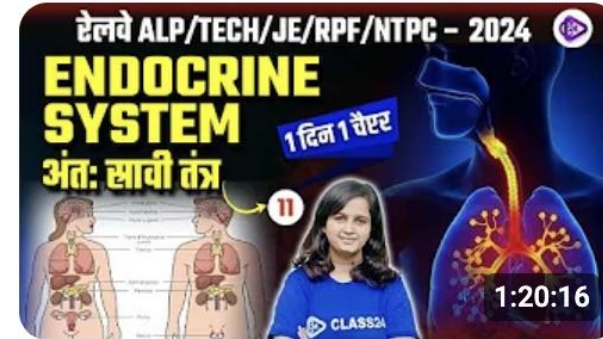
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# SC overrules 1967 verdict on AMU's minority tag

Recognition by law won't annul minority status, says seven-judge Bench in 4:3 majority judgment

Court returns case to a regular Bench to examine the question of the university's minority status

The 1967 ruling had held that a Central university cannot be considered a minority institution

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI

An educational institution established by a minority community will not lose its identity once it is recognised through a statute, the Supreme Court declared on Friday in a 4:3 majority judgment by a seven-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.

The majority judgment authored by the Chief Justice was based on petitions seeking minority status for the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). Chief Justice Chandrachud held that an institution established by a minority community was indeed a minority educational institution. But the onus was on the community to prove they had established the institution to preserve and retain their cultural fabric, he said.

Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta, and S.C. Sharma dissented in separate opinions.

The court returned the case to the regular Bench to examine the question of AMU's minority status, based on Friday's verdict.

The petitioners had challenged the five-judge Bench judgment in the 1967 case of *S. Azeez Basha versus Union of India*, which had held that AMU was a Central university and cannot be considered a minority institution. The seven-judge Bench overruled the 1967 verdict that had held that religious minorities did not have the right to administer educational institutions not established by them, and cannot claim protection under Article 30(1) of the Constitution. Article 30(1) upholds the right of religious and linguistic minorities to establish and admini-

## Bench did not discuss case enough: judge

NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge, Justice Dipankar Datta, in his separate dissenting opinion in the Aligarh Muslim University case, revealed there was hardly any meaningful consultation on the judgment among the seven judges of the Constitution Bench. » PAGE 3

nister educational institutions.

The minority status of the AMU, established in 1875, was then restored by Parliament through the AMU (Amendment) Act in 1981. In January 2006, however, the Allahabad High Court struck down the provision of the 1981 law by which the university was accorded minority status. The issue was referred to a



**Seeking clarity:** The court's judgment was based on petitions seeking minority status for the Aligarh Muslim University. FILE PHOTO

seven-judge Supreme Court Bench in 2019.

The petitioners had argued that upholding *Azeez Basha* would jeopardise the minority status of several educational institutions, including recognised minority institutions such as St. Stephen's College, Delhi and Christian Medical College, Vellore.

"Article 30 extends to secular education as well,"

the Chief Justice wrote. He classified Article 30(1) as both an anti-discriminatory as well as a 'special rights' provision in favour of religious and linguistic minorities.

"A legislation or an executive action which discriminates against religious or linguistic minorities in establishing or administering educational institutions is *ultra vires* Article 30(1).

## AMU celebrates verdict, awaits expert opinion

GHAZIABAD

It was all celebration at AMU after the Supreme Court's verdict on its minority status, with Vice Chancellor Prof. Naima Khatoon saying, "We humbly accept the judgment of the Constitution bench and are discussing the details with our legal experts." » PAGE 3

This is the anti-discrimination reading of the provision. A linguistic or religious minority which has established an educational institution receives the guarantee of greater autonomy. This is the 'special rights' reading of the provision," the CJI wrote.

He observed that state regulation of minority institutions was permissible but must not infringe on

the minority character of the institution. However, the onus is on the religious or linguistic minorities to prove that they had established the educational institution for the community to get the protection under Article 30(1). The right guaranteed by Article 30(1) was also applicable to universities established before the commencement of the Constitution, the majority judgment noted.

The CJI observed that it was not necessary that an educational institution was established for the purpose of the minority community alone. It could have been "predominantly" for the benefit of the community.

The majority judgment said that an institution did not lose its minority character merely because the administration was no longer vested with the community.

- **Supreme Court Overrules 1967 Verdict on AMU's Minority Status**

- *Majority Judgment by Seven-Judge Bench*

- *English:* A seven-judge bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, ruled by a 4:3 majority that educational institutions established by minority communities will not lose their minority status even if recognized through a statute.
- *हिन्दी:* मुख्य न्यायाधीश डी. वाई. चंद्रचूड़ की अध्यक्षता में सात-न्यायाधीशों की पीठ ने 4:3 के बहुमत से निर्णय दिया कि अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों द्वारा स्थापित शैक्षणिक संस्थानों की पहचान कानून के तहत मान्यता मिलने पर भी बनी रहेगी।



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- *Background and Context*

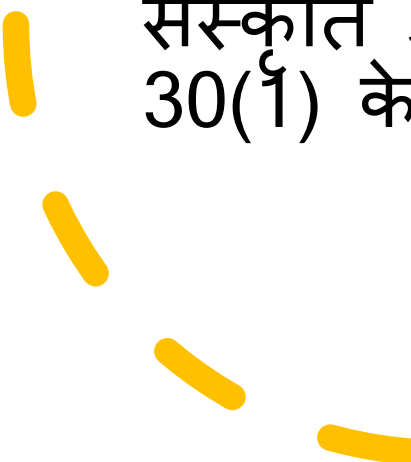
- *English:* The ruling was based on petitions seeking minority status for Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). It overruled the 1967 five-judge bench decision in *Azeez Basha vs. Union of India*, which stated that AMU could not be considered a minority institution.

- *हिन्दी:* यह फैसला अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय (एएमयू) के लिए अल्पसंख्यक दर्जे की मांग करने वाली याचिकाओं पर आधारित था। इसने 1967 में अज़ीज़ बाशा बनाम भारत संघ के मामले में दिए गए पांच-न्यायाधीशों की पीठ के फैसले को पलट दिया, जिसमें कहा गया था कि एएमयू को अल्पसंख्यक संस्थान नहीं माना जा सकता।






- **Right of Minority Communities**

- *English*: The court noted that an institution established by a minority community to preserve its culture and identity receives protection under Article 30(1).
  - *हिन्दी*: अदालत ने कहा कि अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय द्वारा अपनी संस्कृति और पहचान की रक्षा के लिए स्थापित संस्थान को अनुच्छेद 30(1) के तहत सुरक्षा प्राप्त है।
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- *Conditions for Minority Status*

- *English*: The onus of proving that the institution was established for the community's benefit lies on the religious or linguistic minorities.
  - *हिन्दी*: यह प्रमाणित करने की जिम्मेदारी धार्मिक या भाषाई अल्पसंख्यकों पर है कि संस्थान समुदाय के लाभ के लिए स्थापित किया गया था।
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## Implications and Further Examination



*English:* The case was referred back to a regular bench for further examination of AMU's minority status and related issues.



*हिन्दी:* एएमयू के अल्पसंख्यक दर्जे और संबंधित मुद्दों की आगे की जांच के लिए मामला एक नियमित पीठ को सौंपा गया।



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| <b>Other name</b>            | <b>AMU</b>  |
| <b>Former names</b>          | <a href="#">Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College</a> (1875–1919)   |
| <b>Motto</b>                 | <i>'allam al-insān-a mā lam ya'lam</i>  |
| <b>Motto in English</b>      | Taught man what he knew not (Qur'an 96:5)   |
| <b>Type</b>                  | <a href="#">Public research university</a>  |
| <b>Established</b>           | 1875; 149 years ago   |
| <b>Founders</b>              | <a href="#">Sir Syed Ahmed Khan</a>   |
| <b>Accreditation</b>         | <a href="#">NAAC</a> , <a href="#">NBA</a> , <a href="#">UGC</a>  |
| <b>Affiliation</b>           | <a href="#">NIRF</a>  |
| <b>Academic affiliations</b> | <a href="#">ACU</a> , <a href="#">AIU</a> , <a href="#">AICTE</a> , <a href="#">BCI</a> , <a href="#">CCIM</a> , <a href="#">COA</a> , <a href="#">DCI</a> , <a href="#">DGCA</a> , <a href="#">ICAR</a> , <a href="#">INC</a> , <a href="#">NCTE</a> , <a href="#">PCI</a> , <a href="#">WES</a> |
| <b>Budget</b>                | ₹1,036 crore (US\$120 million) (2019–20) <sup>[1]</sup>   |
| <b>Chancellor</b>            | <a href="#">Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin</a>   |
| <b>Vice-Chancellor</b>       | <a href="#">Naima Khatoon</a>   |
| <b>Rector</b>                | <a href="#">Governor of Uttar Pradesh</a>   |
| <b>Students</b>              | 39,367  |
| <b>Undergraduates</b>        | 12,610 <sup>[2]</sup>   |
| <b>Postgraduates</b>         | 5,756 <sup>[2]</sup>  |
| <b>Doctoral students</b>     | 252 <sup>[2]</sup>  |
| <b>Location</b>              | <a href="#">Aligarh</a> , <a href="#">Uttar Pradesh</a> , <a href="#">India</a>   |

## Tejasvi booked for spreading 'fake news' on farmer's death

**The Hindu Bureau**  
BENGALURU

The Haveri District Police have booked Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament from the Bharatiya Janata Party representing Bengaluru South constituency, for spreading 'fake news'. Editors of two Kannada online news portals were also booked in the case.

Mr. Surya had posted on X on Thursday: "A farmer in Haveri commits suicide after finding his land taken over by Waqf! In their haste to appease minorities, CM Siddaramaiah and Minister B.Z. Zameer Khan have unleashed catastrophic effects in Karnataka, becoming impossible to contain with every passing day". He also posted links to a news story claiming this from the news portal *Kannada Duniya*.

Hours later, the Superintendent of Police, Haveri district, issued a press release fact-checking the



Tejasvi Surya

The said farmer, Rudrappa, 24, of Haveri district ended his life on January 6, 2022. His father had given a statement to the police probing that case that Rudrappa had taken loans of ₹7 lakh and suffered extensive crop damage due to excessive rains, the police said.

Based on a complaint by Sudeep Huttanagara, a constable working at the Haveri SP office, Haveri Cyber-crime, Economic and Narcotic Offences Police registered an FIR against Mr. Surya, editors of two portals, *Kannada Duniya* and *Kannada News*, which had published this news story.

## Bench didn't discuss AMU case enough, says SC judge

Justice Datta says heavy workload of judges may have been reason for lack of consultations, says the draft opinions from CJ, which became the majority opinion and judgment, reached him late

**Krishnasudha Rajasopal**  
NEW DELHI

Supreme Court Justice Dipankar Datta, in his separate dissenting opinion in the Aligarh Muslim University case, revealed there was hardly any meaningful consultation on the judgment among the judges of the Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.

The draft opinions from the Chief Justice, which became the majority opinion and judgment of the bench, reached him late and were constantly revised. A brief consultation by the Bench was held only on November 7.

Justice Datta compared the heavy workload of the judges with the reason behind the lack of any consultations.



A seven-judge Constitution Bench, headed by CJI Chandrachud, during a hearing in the case related to the minority status of Aligarh Muslim University, on Friday. PTI

"A common venue for a purposeful dialogue where members of the Bench could freely express their points of view, an attempt to share and in a manner to exchange opinions, a 'give' and 'take' of ideas, in true democratic spirit to build up a consensus — all these seem to have taken a back seat, having regard to the immense pressure of work which was, the CJI and the other judges on the Bench, have undertaken during

the time ever since the judgment was reserved," Justice Datta said. "I do not give credit very little time to express my views in a manner I have wished to express. Had it not been a former V.C. Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, said, "We believe we have better articulated and more compact," Justice Datta said.

## With CM aboard, demo flight of A.P.'s first-ever seaplane service today

**Sambasiva Rao M.**  
AMARAVATI

The demonstration flight of Andhra Pradesh's first seaplane service is all set to take off from Punnarni Ghat near the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada, and land at a jetty in Srisailem in Nandyal district on Saturday.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu will make a round trip on the flight. The centrepiece of the event will be the De Havilland Twin Otter Series 400 seaplane, which is known for its durability and versatility.

The aircraft is engineered for both water and conventional runways, according to a statement from the Andhra Pradesh Airport Development Corporation Limited (APADCL). The initiative, led by the APADCL in partnership with the Government of Andhra Pradesh wants to



Get, set, fly! The seaplane arrives at the Krishna river near Punnarni ghat a day ahead of the demo launch. S.V.S. Sear

connect the regional connectivity Scheme (RCS), aims at establishing Andhra Pradesh as a leader in water-based aviation. Under the RCS-UDAN initiative, the Union government is proposing development of water aerodromes to support seaplane services. Launched in 2017, the initiative is an integral part of the plan.

"The Government of Andhra Pradesh wants to

cover picturesque destinations such as Prakasam Barrage, Araku Valley, Lamsidingi, Rushikonda, Kakinda, Konaseema, Srisailem, Gandikota, and Tirupati. The aim is to attract tourists and provide efficient travel options to these scenic locations.

B.C. Janardhan Reddy, Minister for Infrastructure & Investments, told *The Hindu* on Friday: "The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been negotiating with Telangana for operating seaplanes on various desti-

nations, including the Hyderabad-Srisailem route," he added.

"Charges to fly" "On completion of the pilot project, the government will be able to know the expenditure incurred for operating the seaplane and, thereby, fix the charges," he said.

The introduction of the seaplane service aligned with the Union government to creating a robust aviation ecosystem, he added. "Seaplanes open up new avenues for connecting remote and tourism-centric regions of Andhra Pradesh, offering travelers an unmatched experience, while generating local economic opportunities," the Minister said.

The APADCL has planned the seaplane infrastructure at Prakasam Barrage, with additional locations identified to expand services. These facilities are expected to be developed in phases.

## NSCN-IM threatens armed violence for first time since 2015 framework agreement

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

For the first time since signing a framework agreement with the government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, the Insurgents faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) has issued a statement threatening to resume violent resistance against India.

The NSCN-IM warned it would resume the struggle if the Centre does not agree to third-party intervention to address its demands, which include a separate flag and constitution for the Nagas.

It said that "the violent confrontation shall be purely on account of the deliberate betrayal and breach of commitment by India and its leadership to respect and honour the spirit and spirit of the framework agreement of August 2015".



T. Muivah

Signed by T. Muivah, general secretary, NSCN and "chief political negotiator", the statement released on Thursday said that NSCN shall defend and protect the unique history, sovereignty, freedom, territory, flag and constitution for the Nagas "come what may".

A government source said the statement has been drafted in the name of Mr. Muivah by his two China-based aides Phumthang Shimray and Pamshin Muivah. The 90-year-old is developing ill health.

## Modi, Nadda greet Advani on his 97th birthday

**Press Trust of India**  
NEW DELHI

Veteran BJP leader L.K. Advani, who as the party president crafted the rise to become a central force in national politics, turned 97 on Friday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauding him as one of India's most admired statesmen devoted to furthering the country's development.

Mr. Modi said this year is even more special because Mr. Advani was conferred the Bharat Ratna for his outstanding service to the nation.

Mr. Modi and BJP president J.P. Nadda visited Mr. Advani's residence to greet him.

"Among India's most admired statesmen, he has devoted himself to furthering India's development. I am fortunate to have received his guidance for many years. I pray for his long and healthy life," the Prime Minister said on X.

## SC issues notice to Union government on Jharkhand's plea

**Press Trust of India**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court allowed the Jharkhand government not to appoint December 3 expert committee to identify illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in the State.

A Bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Abhanuddin Amnullah also sought a response from the Centre on a plea of the Jharkhand government challenging the September 20 order of the High Court.

"Objection to panel" During the hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal appearing for the Jharkhand government pointed out that the State has objection to forming any such panel. The State has also opposed the claim of illegal immigration resulting in a

change of demography made by PIL petitioners Danyaal Danish and Sonam Oraon before the high court.

Justice Dhulia said that the High Court has said that a fact-finding committee is needed but it left it to the State government.

"We need to bear this matter," Justice Dhulia told Mr. Sibal and observed that it is a fact that the tribal population is reducing in the state.

Mr. Sibal said it is a non-judicial issue and the High Court should not have ordered for constituting the panel.

The Bench ordered that till the next date of hearing on December 3, liberty is granted to the Jharkhand government to not appoint members to the fact-finding committee. "The State government said authorities are dealing with two cases of illegal migration in Sahibganj district as per the procedure.

## Chief Justice Chandrachud completes last working day in office; retires tomorrow

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud divided his last working hours on Friday into a morning check-a-block with judgment and cases, and an afternoon dedicated to a remembrance of his eight years in the Supreme Court as judge.

He retires on November 10. In his short address in a jam-packed courtroom with lines of lawyers waiting to pay tribute, the Chief Justice accompanied by his successor, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, called judges "birds of a feather of a time". He said he opened up his private and public life to scrutiny, often at the cost of getting trolled, for he believed that sunlight was the best disinfectant.

Later, at a speech at a farewell function organised by the Supreme Court Bar



CJI Chandrachud being presented a memento by senior advocate Kapil Sibal and others during the farewell function on Friday. PTI

Association, Chief Justice Chandrachud said, "When you expose your own life to the public knowledge or expose yourself to criticism, particularly in today's age of social media. So be it."

He said what makes judges tick was the impact their decisions have on the lives of common citizens. The Chief Justice said the

## AMU teachers and students celebrate 'historic' verdict

**Anud Kumar**  
GHAZIABAD

A wave of celebration pervaded Aligarh Muslim University after the Supreme Court Judgment on Friday affirmed the right of the Central university to seek minority status. Vice-Chancellor Naima Khatun said, "We humbly accept the judgment of the Constitution Bench and are discussing the details with our legal experts."

By overruling the Azeez Pasha verdict of 1967, the Constitutional Bench had paved way for the granting of minority status to the university. Prof. Khatun said, "We will continue to work to maintain our status as a centre of excellence." Speaking to *The Hindu*, AMU, he said, "We believe we have better articulated and more compact," Justice Datta said.

for defining the spirit of Article 30, Prof. Gulrez said, the Article would be diluted if it were applied prospectively only to those institutions established after the Constitution came into effect. "Merely because AMU was incorporated by legislation would not mean that it was not established by a minority." The judgment would impact all minority institutions and not just AMU, he added.

Noting that the constitution of a three-judge Bench to decide on the minority status of AMU was a technical compulsion, Prof. Gulrez hoped the Bench would clear the mistle of the status. "At present, there is no reservation for Muslims in advanced courses in Meanwhile, the AMU Teachers' Association (AMUTA) described the verdict as a historic judgment. Students celebrated the day by distributing sweets at the university gate.

## Note ban left small firms devastated, says Rahul

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

India uses more cash now than eight years ago but demonetisation has led to monopolies by devasting the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the informal sector, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said on Friday.

The remarks were made in a post on X on the eighth anniversary of demonetisation. He said, "The Government should recognise and acknowledge the Naga flag and constitution for the Nagas 'come what may'."

The NSCN demands the creation of 'Greater Nagaland' or Nagalim by integrating Naga-dominated areas in neighbouring Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh to unite 1.2 million Nagas. "The Government should recognise and acknowledge the Naga flag and constitution for the Nagas 'come what may'."

## Men should not train women in gyms: U.P. Women's Commission

**Mavank Kumar**  
LUCKNOW

In a purported bid to improve women's safety, the Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission has proposed various measures, including barring male trainers from taking women's classes, and an afternoon dedicated to a remembrance of his eight years in the Supreme Court as judge.

The proposals, discussed at a meeting of the commission on October 28, were supported by all the members. It was proposed that only female trainers should attend to female customers in salons, with members alleging that the "intention of some men is not good".

The proposals also include provision for female security personnel on school buses and women staff in women's clothing stores. U.P. State Women's

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"Enhancing safety" These recommendations are part of a broader effort to enhance safety and create a more supportive environment for women in commercial spaces, it said. The commission is likely to request the State government to draft rules based on these proposals.

The commission is a statutory body that advises the State government on all policy matters affecting women. Its objective is to represent the rights of women in India and to provide a voice for their issues and concerns, including equal representation for women in jobs.

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**IN BRIEF**



**General Chauhan launches Project Shaurya Gatha**

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Friday launched Project 'Shaurya Gatha', an initiative of the Department of Military Affairs and the United Service Institution (USI) of India, to conserve and promote India's military heritage. It was launched at the second edition of the annual Indian Military Heritage Festival organised by the USI. The two-day festival aims to engage global and Indian think tanks, corporations, public and private sector undertakings, non-profits, academicians, and research scholars focusing on India's national security, foreign policy, military history and heritage, a Defence Ministry statement said.

**Provide medical aid to Yasin Malik: Delhi HC to Tihar jail**

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked Tihar jail authorities to provide necessary medical treatment to separatist leader Yasin Malik, who was awarded life sentence in a terror case. He is reportedly on a hunger strike since November 1 and urgently needs hospital admission. The court issued notices to the Centre, Delhi government, and jail authorities on a plea for Malik's medical treatment and also sought a health status report ahead of a next hearing scheduled for November 11. The court has asked jail superintendent to ensure that necessary medical treatment is provided to the petitioner in accordance with the prison rules.

**Salman Khan gets another threat demanding ₹5 crore**

Another threat has been issued to Bollywood actor Salman Khan, with the sender demanding ₹5 crore on "behalf of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang", officials said on Friday. The threat message was sent to Mumbai traffic police's WhatsApp helpline on Thursday night, an official said. The sender of the message threatened the actor and demanded ₹5 crore, claiming it was being made on behalf of the Bishnoi gang. Besides, the individual also threatened the lyricist of the song *Main Sikandar Hove*, the official said. The Worli police have registered a case and launched a probe, he said.

**Three Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur**

Three Maoists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Friday, the police said. The gunfight broke out at around 11 a.m. on the forested hills of Rekhapalli-Komatpalli on the tri-junction of Usoor-Bassagada-framed in the district. Inspector-General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P. said, Personnel belonging to District Reserve Guard, Special Task Force, Central Reserve Police Force and its elite unit CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) were involved in the operation that was launched based on inputs about the presence of Maoists in the area, the ICG said. The names of the slain activists have not been ascertained as yet.

**Fear, intimidation will only yield unnatural peace: Omar**

J&K Chief Minister seeks immediate restoration of Statehood, says his government will extend cooperation to the security forces; BJP MLAs continue protest over the resolution on special status

Peerzada Ashia  
SRINAGAR



Future in House: BJP MLAs being removed from the J&K Assembly by marshals, in Srinagar on Friday.

Speaking during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha for his address to the Assembly, Mr. Abdullah ruled out any friction with the security agencies and said his government would extend both cooperation and coordination, especially to the police, to establish peace in J&K. "One of the important responsibilities for us is to maintain law and order, to prepare against militancy, terror, and violence. The situation cannot be normalised in a vacuum. The government and the administration of J&K are in close coordination in this matter. I want to assure

people of J&K by the Prime Minister's Home minister," he said. The BJP legislators continued their protest against the passage of the resolution on special status for the third consecutive day.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather ordered marshals to remove 12 Opposition legislators, including Awami Ittehad Party MLA Sheikh Khurshid.

This was followed by a walkout by the remaining 11 BJP MLAs, as a mark of protest. BJP leader Sunil Sharma, who is also the Leader of the Opposition, staged a sit-in outside the Assembly and held a mock Assembly session.

He, however, added that fear and intimidation might help in unnatural calm but the situation would improve with coordination and cooperation of people. "People have to become partners in peace," he said.

He said it was unfortunate that the CID verification was weaponised in J&K. "Passport verification and job verification were used to persecute people rather than win hearts. All

cases where the accused do not face serious cases and those against whom charges are not framed, the government needs to think. Right now, it's not under purview. Once it is, we will work towards it," Mr. Abdullah said.

Describing the resolution on the special status as an act that does not provide any options," he sought immediate restoration of statehood. "In terms of power, this is not the Assembly that we are entitled to. Though this Assembly is the interim, we should not let this be a State again and a full-fledged State. This has been repeatedly promised to the

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**Hunt on for militants after bodies of village guards recovered**

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In separate operations, two militants were killed by security forces in north Kashmir, while the police arrested three Srinagar-based militants for carrying out the recent grenade attack at a city market that injured 12 people.

An official said the security forces, comprising teams of the Army and the police's special operation group, were able to locate the bodies of the village defence guards in a rivulet in the upper reaches of Kishtwar's Keshwan belt. The victims were identified as Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar, residents of Ohilkumtura. The police has started an investigation into the killing.

The Kashmir Tigers, an offshoot of the Jais-e-Muhammad (JeM), on Thursday posted pictures on social media handles about "the execution" of the two civilians. The militants claimed the duo had chased them in the upper reaches of Kishtwar and

had been overpowered and interrogated before their "execution".

The police have not confirmed the veracity of the claim made by the outfit. Security forces have launched a major operation in the hilly areas of Kishtwar, Chh, and Muzla Dhar to track the militants.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha condemned the attack. "The government resolves to destroy all terror outfits and avenge the barbaric act," Mr. Sinha said.

Militants killed in north Kashmir's Sopore, a night-long operation against hiding militants resumed on Friday morning.

The Army said two terrorists, holed up in the Sargipora area, were killed in the operation.

In Srinagar, Inspector-General of Police, Kashmir zone, V. K. Birdhi said that three terrorists involved in the recent grenade attack on Sunday Market near Lal Chowk had been arrested and booked under the UAPA, adding that they were affiliated to the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

**Bhujbal denies he joined BJP alliance due to ED pressure**

The Hindu Bureau  
MUMBAI



Chhagan Bhujbal

Maharashtra Minister Chhagan Bhujbal on Friday denied reports that he had joined the ruling BJP-led coalition in the State due to pressure from the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The Nationalist Congress Party leader also denied reports that he was being targeted as he was an Other Backward Class (OBC) leader.

A controversy broke out on Friday when some media outlets reported about a book in which the Minister had allegedly made such an admission.

"I will go through it along with my lawyers and take appropriate legal action if anything wrong was published," he said.

"It was only for the benefit and progress of Maharashtra that 44 MLAs, including me, took this

**Police probe doctor's death in Bengal's Jhargram**

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KOLKATA

The West Bengal police are investigating the death of a senior resident doctor of the Jhargram Medical College and Hospital, seeking to determine if it was a case of death by suicide or if there was any foul play.

The doctor was a senior resident in the anaesthetics department, and had finished his postgraduate studies from the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

He was found dead on Thursday at a private lodge where he was a tenant along with other colleagues.

According to the Bengal police, the cause of death was due to an injection administered by multi-organ failure. (Those in distress can reach out to the 24x7 helpline KIRAN at 1800-599-0019)

**Centre announces successful trial run of new pension system**

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The pilot run of the proposed Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) of the Government Employees' Fund Organisation (EFO) is successful, the Union Labour Minister said on Friday. Pension worth more than ₹11 crore was disbursed to 49,000 EPS pensioners of Jammu, Srinagar and Kargil Regions for October, 2024, under the new system.

Announcing the success of the trial of CPPS, Union Labour Minister Manuakh Mandaviya said the pilot run was completed on October 29 and 30. The new system, to be implemented nationwide by January 2025, will help more than 78 lakh EPS pensioners to receive their pension from any bank, any branch,

anywhere in the country.

Mr. Mandaviya had earlier said that the initiative addresses long-standing challenges faced by pensioners and ensures a seamless disbursement mechanism. "This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to transform the EPFO into a more robust, responsive, and tech-enabled organisation, committed to serving the needs of its members and pensioners better," he had said.

The CPPS system would ensure disbursement of pension through-out India without any need for transfer of Pension Payment Orders from one office to another even when the pensioner moves from one location to another or changes his bank or branch. This would be a great relief to pensioners who move to their hometown after retirement," the Labour Ministry said.

**Rahul wishes Trump success, lauds Harris's determination**

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has written to US President-elect Donald Trump, congratulating him on his victory and wishing him success on his second term. Noting that India and the U.S. share a "historic friendship" rooted in commitment to democratic values, he said, "Under your leadership, we are confident that our nations will further deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest."

In a separate message to the outgoing U.S. Vice-President, Kamala Harris, who lost to Mr. Trump, Mr. Gandhi congratulated her on her spirited presidential campaign, and noted that her determination to bring people together and find common ground would be remembered.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Capital from eastern part of America arranged (4), 2. Brave cougar is walking around Georgia carrying sweetheart with love (10), 3. For starters, extraordinary lumber vertebra appears in small picture of the hip (6), 11/23 After glance, fit detectors rounded up tennis government employees (8,6).

- 12. NCO's servant releases head of valets for gobbling eggs at first (8)
- 14. Lathi with embedded electronic component for law enforcement force (6)
- 16. Study Voltare giving up vote (4)
- 17. After end of road, precipitous in a sewer (5)
- 18. Long tree (4)
- 19. Inferior descendant slaughtered one pig (6)
- 20. Toast pop distributing pieces of outer wear (8)
- 21. See 12
- 22. Has obtained from Ivory stable under renovation after removal of leaves (6)
- 27. After itinerary, 30 middlemen leave, kidnapping Romeo in Balkan country (10)
- 28. Chinese gets two consecutive letters for cook (4)
- Down
- 1. Military Policeman followed an excited caddy bearing note for senior officer's assistant (4,2-4)
- 2. Redeemer carrying silver in tray (6)
- 3. Tree always cut along central imaginary axis, for starters (5)
- 4. Throat plug (4)
- 5. Mother managed carrying an American code for "sweetened almond meal" (8)
- 6. Pulse observed in prevalent illness (6)
- 7. Certain enjoyment, in absence of appeal (4)
- 11. Rises a drink for honing up "a saint" (5)
- 13. Some policeman cheat head of staff at crooked station (10)
- 17. European don's gun brandished in underground prison cells (8)
- 18. Royal ten gone around old Mesopotamian (8)
- 20. Responsible person capturing one military officer (6)
- 22. Don's counterpartners drop Carter during waltze (4,2)
- 24. Base is 12 inches (4)
- 25. Ship carrying silver sinks (4)

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and solution. Solution grid: 1 3 9 7 5 2 8 6 4, 2 6 4 1 8 3 9 5 7, 3 9 6 2 1 7 5 4 8, 7 2 5 4 6 8 1 3 9, 8 1 4 9 3 6 2 7 5, 5 4 3 8 7 1 3 9 5 2, 9 4 5 2 6 2 4 7 8 1, 8 7 1 5 3 9 4 2 6.

FAITH section with text: "First among equals" and "Manavala Mamuni celebrates Tiruvonnam, Avittam and Sathayam falling in the Tamil month of Aippasi as incomparable stars, for a good reason. The first three Vaishnavite preceptors (Mudhal Moondru Azhwarar), Poigai Azhwar, Bhuthathazhwar and Peyazhwar, appeared in this world on successive days in the same year under the above stars in Aippasi, in order to show devotees the way to realise God, said Tirukkudamalai Dr. Venkatesh. Believed to have been born in the Dwapara Yuga, they had divine origin, Poigai Azhwar was so named since he was found in a peigai (trunk) in Kancheesapuram, Bhuthathazhwar, originating in Mahabalipuram, possessed divine knowledge due to God's grace. Appearing in Mysapora, Peyazhwar got his name due to his intense love of God. United by their love of God and travelling individually, they spread His glory, while longing for a vision of Perumal. What is God if not a slave to His devotees? Accordingly, one rainy night, He made sure all three gathered in a small enclosure in a hermitage in Tirukovilur. The enclosure had just enough space for three persons to stand. As they arrived one after the other, they felt the presence of a fourth person. Curious to know who had joined them, Poigai Azhwar used the universe as lamp, the oceans as fuel and the sun as wick to light a lamp. Bhuthathazhwar used devotion as lamp, interest to know as fuel and intellect as wick to light the diya of wisdom. Peyazhwar simply fell the feet of the fourth person, singing, "Tirukandeni, Pon neri Kandeni." He found the glorious, golden form of the Lord, which forms part of the spontaneous hymns by all three of them, known as Tiruvonnamdi."



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## IN THE NEWS

### FINAL DAY: SWIGGY IPO SUBSCRIBED 3.59X LED BY QIBs

**FOLLOWING A TROUD** start, food-tech unicorn Swiggy's ₹11,327-crore initial public offer got fully subscribed on the final day of the share sale on Friday and ended with a 3.59x subscription, largely thanks to qualified institutional buyers, reports **Ayanti Bera**. ■ PAGE 5

### AIR INDIA GROUP REIGNS TOP ROLES AHEAD OF MERGER

**AIR INDIA GROUP** has made a number of management changes ahead of the merger with Vistara on Tuesday, reports **Swaraj Bagonkar**. Vinod Meenan, CEO, Vistara, who has also been holding the role of chief integration officer for the full-service airline's merger, will continue with the role. ■ PAGE 4

### GOVT ADVANCES GDP DATA RELEASE TIME TO 4 PM

**THE MINISTRY OF** statistics and programme implementation has advanced the release time of the gross domestic product estimates to 4PM, from 5:30 PM earlier, to provide the public more time to analyse the national accounts data, reports **Priyanka Verma**. ■ PAGE 2

### IRDAI CHAIRMAN PITCHES FOR 100% FDI IN INSURANCE

**IRDAI CHAIRMAN** DEBASISH Panda on Friday pitched for 100% FDI in the insurance sector, saying a lot of capital is needed to achieve the goal of insurance-led growth. Being a capital-intensive sector, there is a need for more players, he said, reports **PTI**.

### INDIA WON'T TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN FOR CHAMPIONS TROPHY

**INDIA WILL NOT** travel to Pakistan for next year's Champions Trophy tournament, reports **Sandeep Divedi**. The BCCI, in a recent communication to the Pakistan Cricket Board, has cited security concerns behind its decision and expressed a desire to play all games in Dubai. ■ PAGE 2A

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### LAST DAY AT WORK FOR THE CJI

THERE IS NO greater feeling for a judge than to be able to serve those in need, outgoing Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud said on Friday as he bid goodbye to lawyers in Court Hall 1 of the Supreme Court. Friday was the last working day for the CJI. Sharing the ceremonial bench constituted in his honour, the CJI said, "It has been a great honour to be sitting in this court." ■ PAGE 20

### Trading volumes in currency F&O nosedive 98%

**AKSHATA GORDE** Mumbai, November 8  
THE ONCE-THRIVING CURRENCY derivatives markets is on the death bed, with volumes slumping close to 98% in less than six months and most traders shifting to offshore exchange after the Reserve Bank of India moved to curb speculative trading.  
In October, the average daily turnover for currency futures and options on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) dropped to just ₹6,003.61 crore from ₹1,546 lakh crore in March. So far in November, the turnover has reached ₹3,570.36 crore per day. The rate saw an even sharper downward, with its average daily volume nosediving nearly 99% from ₹6,161.67 crore in March to a mere ₹68.88 crore more than that," said UR Bhat, co-founder of Alphaniti Fintech.

In January, the RBI said that all rupee-denominated currency contracts should be backed by valid and unhedged underlying exposures. Although traders could take positions of up to \$100 million without presenting proof, they were still required to confirm the presence of an option. The regulation, which became effective in May, was intended to curb speculative trading. As a result, traders have largely exited the market, leaving only those who need to hedge their rupee currency exposure risks. Ritesh Bhamal, director at Meckl Financial Services, said, "A significant portion — over 60-70% — of the volume in currency futures was driven by speculative trading, which the regulator wasn't comfortable with. While RBI's intention was to promote genuine hedging activity through these rules, the removal of speculators and jobbers has led to a liquidity crunch in the market. So it's a dying market now."

## Zomato, Swiggy in breach of law: CCI

**ADITYA KALRA & ARPAN CHATURVEDI** New Delhi, November 8

**AN INVESTIGATION** BY the Competition Commission of India (CCI) found that food delivery giants Zomato and Swiggy breached competition laws, with their business practices favouring select restaurants listed on their platforms, documents show.  
Zomato entered into "exclusive contracts" with partners in return for lower commissions, while Swiggy guaranteed business to certain players if they listed exclusively on its platform, according to near-public documents prepared by the antitrust body.  
Exclusivity arrangements listed net profit in Q2FY25 on the back of reduced volumes of JLR, which faced major supply chain issues, reports **Swaraj Bagonkar**. ■ PAGE 4

Exclusive arrangements between Swiggy, Zomato and their respective restaurant partners "pre-empted competition from becoming more competitive," the CCI's investigation noted in its findings reviewed by **Reuters** on Friday.  
The antitrust investigation against Swiggy and its top rival Zomato began in 2022 after a complaint by NPL LIC on Friday reported a 3.8% decline in net profit to ₹12.65 crore from ₹17.15 crore and other income and amortisation of ₹464 crore due to a rise in family pension, reports **PTI**. ■ PAGE 4

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## SBI Q2 profit jumps 28%

**ANUPREKSHA JAIN** Mumbai, November 8  
STATE BANK OF India (SBI) on Friday reported a 28% year-on-year (y-o-y) growth in standalone profit to ₹18,311 crore in the September quarter, beating by a wide margin Bloomberg's estimates of ₹16,112 crore. However, the bank's net interest margin (NIM) contracted by 16 basis points to 3.27% — partly due to higher provisions, double from a year ago.  
The bank has also received approval from the board to raise long-term bonds worth up to ₹20,000 crore through a public issue or private placement under FY25. Shares of SBI ended 1.86% lower at ₹843.25 on the BSE.



The bank's gross advances rose 14.93% y-o-y to ₹39.2 lakh crore, while net advances were much lower at 9.13% y-o-y at ₹51.17 lakh crore — a new milestone, said chairman C S Setty in the post-earnings conference. He added that the domestic credit-to-deposit ratio was at 62.8% and the bank will focus on increasing the share of CASA. Credit cost rose by 16 bps-y-o-y to 0.38%, compared with 0.22% a year ago. The state-owned lender registered robust credit growth across all segments. Growth in domestic advances was driven by an 18.35% jump in corporate advances, a 17.67% rise in agri-loans, another 17.36% in small and medium enterprises and 12.32% in retail segments.

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## JIO, STARLINK CLASH AGAIN ON ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOCATION AND AUCTION

# Satcom spectrum pricing open house becomes free-for-all

**JATHN GROVER** New Delhi, November 8  
IT WAS THE clash between the local and the global as Elon Musk's Starlink and Mukesh Ambani's Jio squared over issues relating to pricing of satellite spectrum. The open house discussions convened by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) on Friday saw Jio stating that it's "not afraid of competition" but "same services must apply" and "same rules must apply to satcom players".  
Jio has made a case for the auction of satellite spectrum, while Starlink has maintained that since auction does not take place worldwide, it is technically infeasible, administrative allocation is the way forward. Starlink has found support from another global player, Amazon's Project Kuiper, which is also backing administrative allocation. Sharpening its attack, Jio charged operators like Starlink of possible predatory pricing, a charge vehemently dismissed by the latter. "We are working in a hyper-competitive market. We are not afraid of competition. It is the other way around. Actually, the entities who are wanting to be in this space via satellite, are afraid of competition, and that's why they want all this kind of protection," Ravi Gandhi, managing director of public policy, Reliance Jio, said. "I wanted to very quickly touch on an unfortunate and entirely false allegation of possible predatory pricing by next-generation systems. Debunking this is thank-fully very easy. We encourage Trai and all interested participants to simply look at Starlink's operations in any of the 113 markets we are live in today...we maintain absolute transparency on pricing and performance around the world," Paritosh Tishreshwar, director, Starlink Satellite Communications, said.  
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The steps confirm last week's *Reuters* report, and mark a

departure from the all-out stimulus strategies to revive growth as deployed in the past. They aim to repair municipal balance sheets as a longer-term objective, rather than directly inject money into the economy.

Finance minister Lan Foan said more stimulus was coming, with some analysts saying Beijing may not want to fire all its weapons before Trump takes over officially in January.

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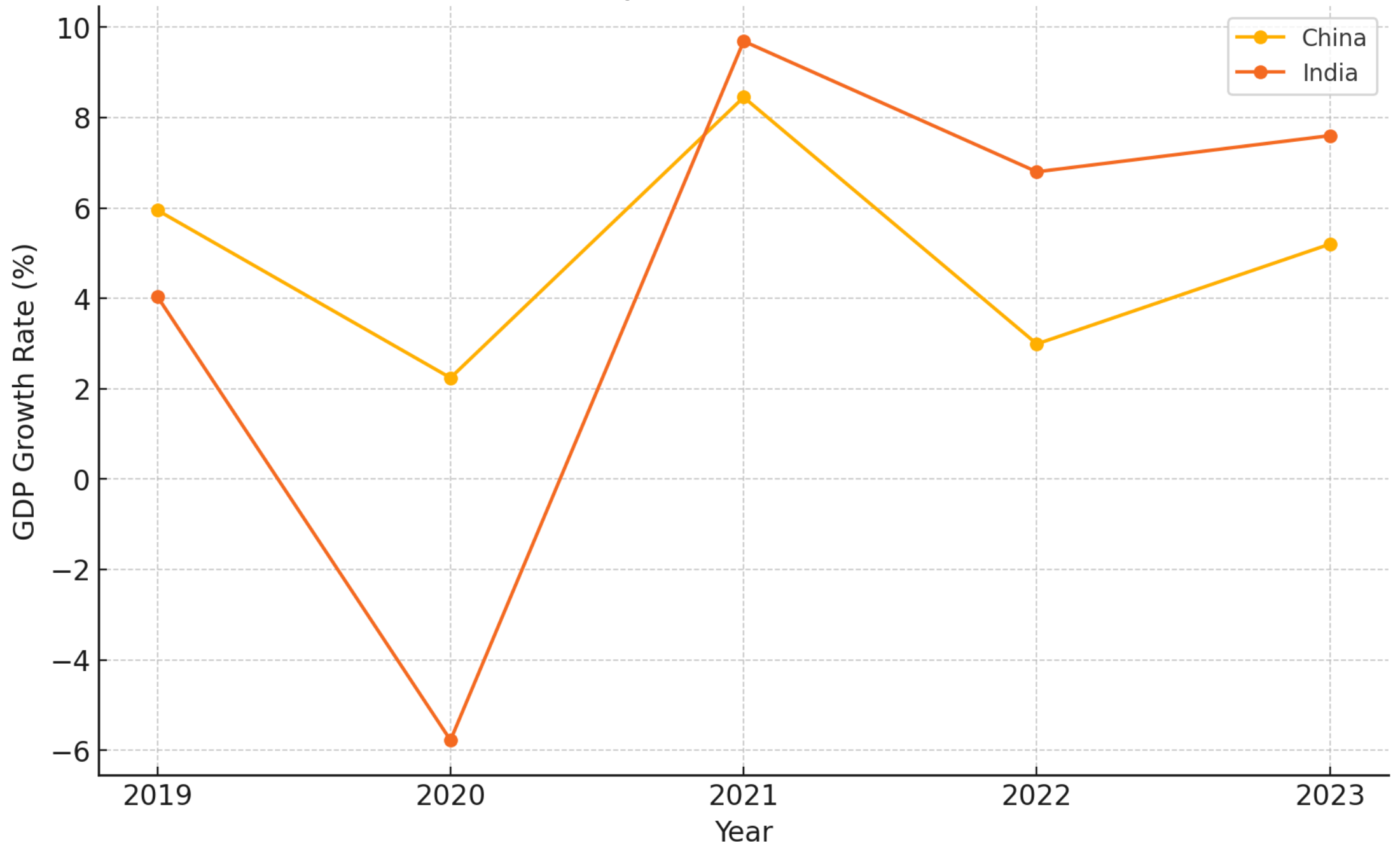
- **2019:** 5.95%
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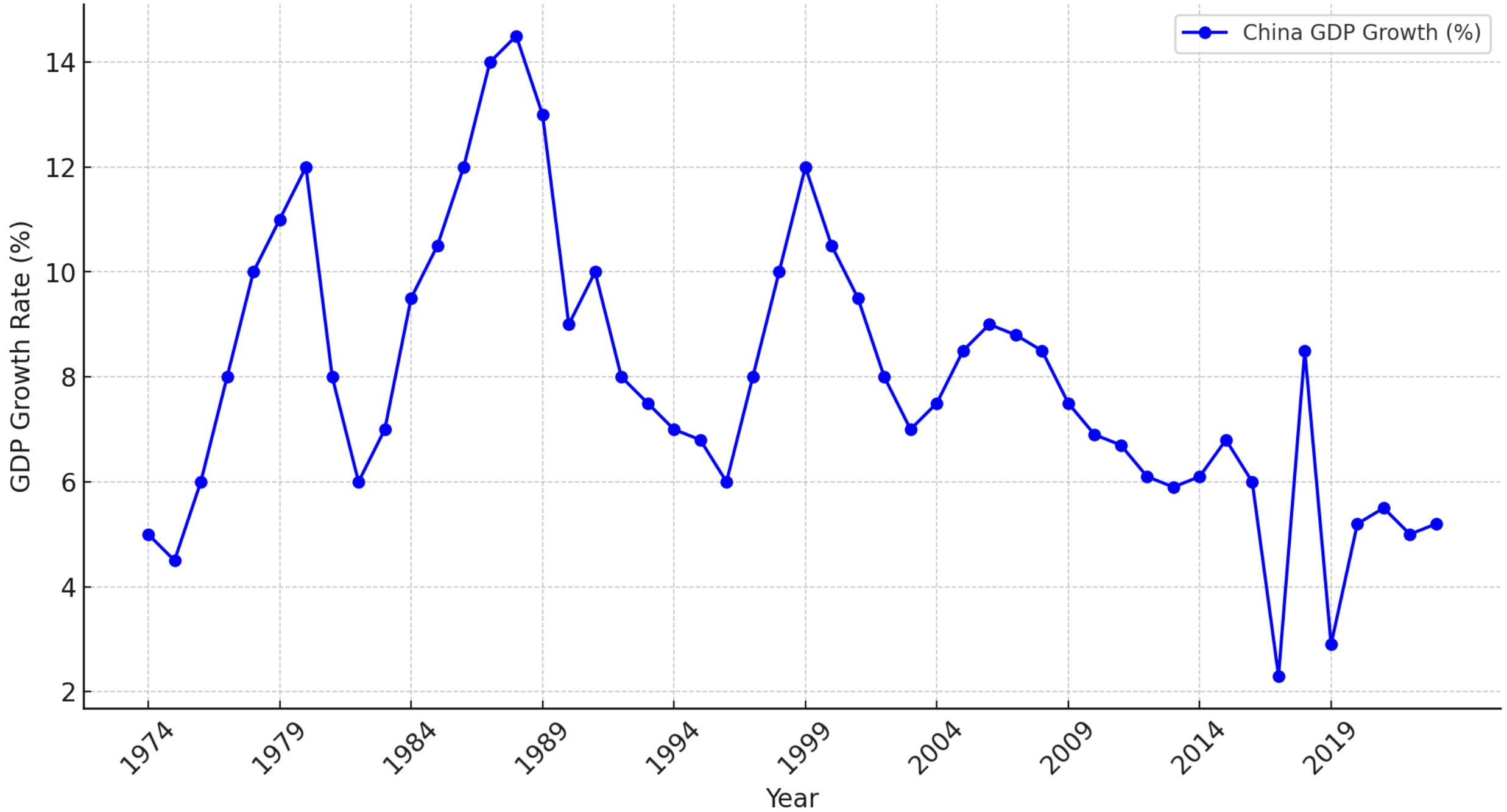
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# Economic Growth Comparison: China vs India (2019-2023)





# China's Economic Growth Trajectory (1974-2023)



# CSE: Extreme weather on 255/274 days this yr

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**New Delhi:** India faced extreme weather events on 93% of the days in the first nine months — 255 out of 274 days — in 2024 that claimed 3,238 lives, destroyed over 2.35 lakh houses/buildings and affected crops in 3.2 million hectare (mha) of land, the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) said on Friday.

The number of extreme weather events, including heat and cold waves, cyclones, lightning, heavy rain, floods and landslides, increased in 2024 compared to the first nine months of 2023.

CSE's data shows that the country recorded extreme weather on 235 of 273 days

## **KERALA TOLL HIGHEST**

➤ **3,238 lives lost** in India due to extreme weather so far this year, up from **2,923** in the same period **last year**

➤ No. of deaths highest in Kerala at 550, followed by **MP (353) & Assam (256)**

➤ Most houses damaged in **Andhra Pradesh** (85,806), while **Maharashtra** accounted for over 60% of crops hit nationwide

during the corresponding period last year, claiming 2,923 lives, affecting crops in 1.84 mha of land and damaging 80,293 houses.

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# MP experienced extreme weather events on 176 days, the most in the country

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**New Delhi:** Madhya Pradesh experienced extreme weather events on 176 days, the most in the country, while Kerala recorded the highest number of weather-related fatalities at 550, followed by Madhya Pradesh (353) and Assam (256)

this year, as per Centre for Science and Environment's annual 'State of extreme weather report' released on Friday.

The report shows that Andhra Pradesh had the most houses damaged (85,806), while Maharashtra, which saw extreme events on 142 days, accounted for over 60%

**In terms of lives lost, the central region had the most deaths (1,001), followed by the southern Peninsula (762 deaths), east & northeast (741 deaths) and northwest (734 deaths)**

of the affected crop area nation-wide, followed by Madhya Pradesh in 2024.

"This trend is no longer hypothetical — it is visible in the escalating crisis we face

today. This report is not good news, but it is a necessary warning, a call to recognise nature's backlash and the urgent action required to mitigate it. Without combating climate change at a meaningful scale, today's challenges will only worsen tomorrow," said Sunita Narain, director general, CSE.

Region-wise data shows that central India faced the highest frequency of extreme events with 218 days, followed closely by the northwest at 213 days. In terms of lives lost, central region had the most deaths (1,001), followed by southern

Peninsula (762 deaths), east & northeast (741 deaths) and northwest (734 deaths).

CSE's analysts, however, pointed out that the reported damage could be an underestimation due to incomplete data collection on event-specific losses, particularly to public property and crop damage. Referring to other climate records in 2024, Centre for Science and Environment noted that Jan was India's ninth driest since 1901 whereas the country recorded its second-highest minimum temperature in Feb in 123 years. May, on the other hand, saw the fourth-highest mean temperature on record while July, Aug and Sept all registered their highest minimum temperatures since 1901.

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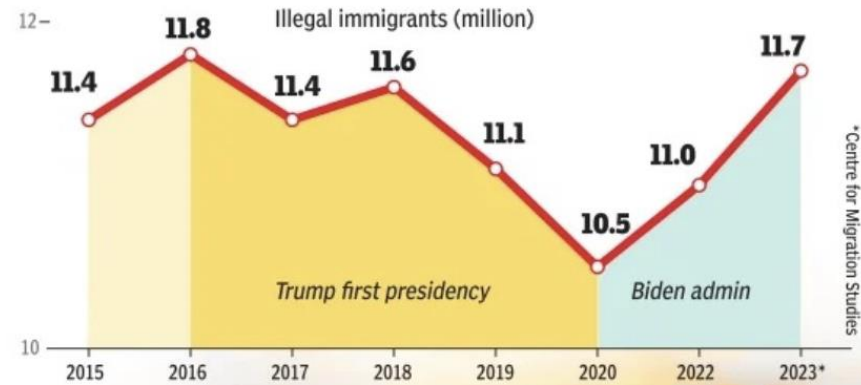


# Why Trump could cash in on illegal immigrant issue

The president-elect's claim of 21 million unauthorised residents might be overblown, but more and more people have been trying to sneak into US, including Indians

## 1. Illegal Immigrant Numbers Have Risen

Attacking President Joe Biden over illegal immigration, Trump said in Oct that "21 million people came in over the last three years" under his presidency. Data from US Department of Homeland Security shows an uptick in the number of illegal immigrants in the country since 2020, but the figure is nowhere closer to what Trump thinks it is.



## 2. Every Fourth Expat Is An Illegal

In absolute numbers, the lawful immigrant count grew from 24.1 million in 2000 to 36.9 million in 2022, according to US-based think tank Pew Research Centre.

### Foreign-born popn in US (2022, million)

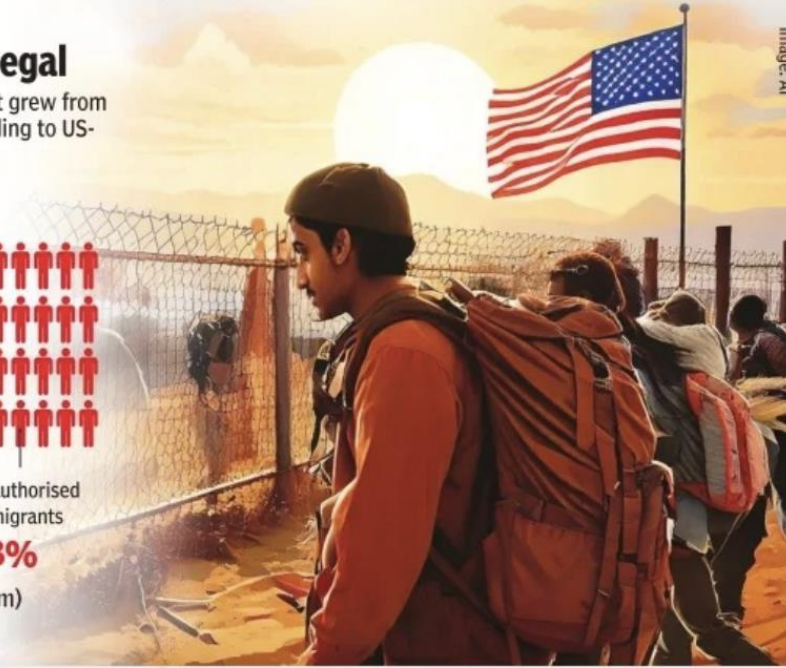
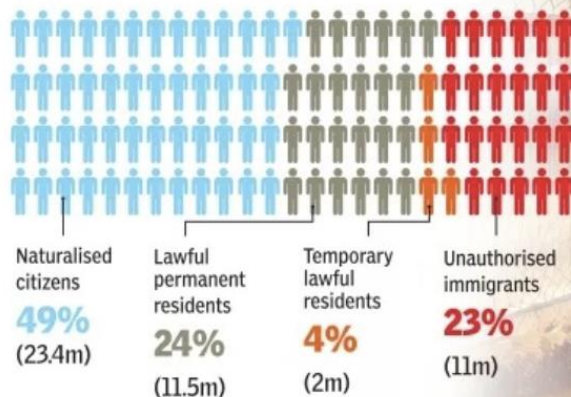
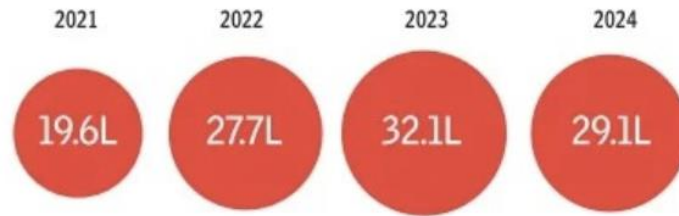


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### 3. Large Pile-Up At Borders

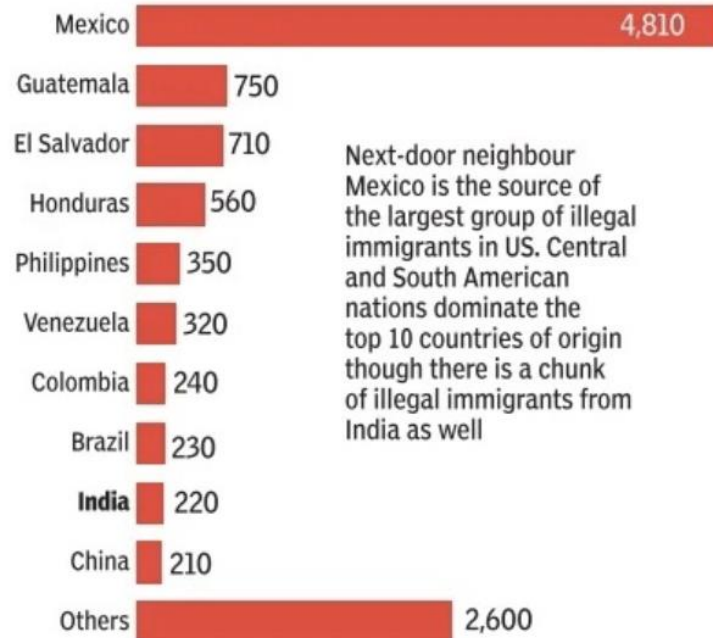
Pew said in a July 2024 report that the illegal immigrant population “has likely grown over the past two years”. One of the factors it cites for that view is “record levels” of encounters with migrants at US borders in 2022-23.

**Total border encounters (immigrants, all countries)**



### 5. Mexicans Largest Illegal Group

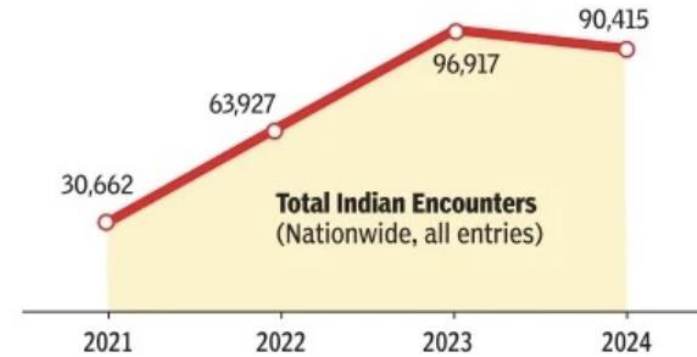
**Illegal Immigrants by country of origin (2022, in '000)**



Next-door neighbour Mexico is the source of the largest group of illegal immigrants in US. Central and South American nations dominate the top 10 countries of origin though there is a chunk of illegal immigrants from India as well

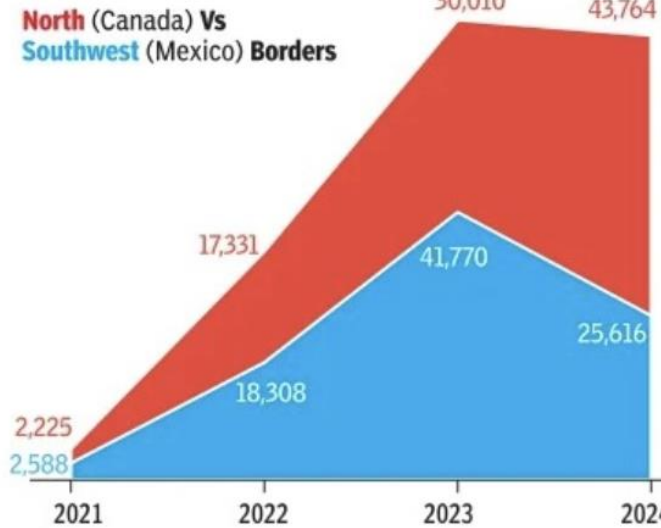
### 4. More Indians Trying To Sneak In

Between Oct 2023 and Sept 2024, over 90,000 Indians were caught while trying to sneak into US across its land borders with either Mexico or Canada. The so-called ‘donkey’ route, which involves moving through multiple countries with the aim of illegally crossing into the target country using a land border, is becoming increasingly popular with Indians. The number of Indians apprehended by US border authorities went up three-fold between 2021 and 2024.



### They Now Prefer Canada Border

No. of Indians, by border encounters



Note: The border data is for so-called ‘Title 8’ and ‘Title 42’ encounters. While the latter – a Covid-time measure allowing summary expulsions – has ceased to operate, CBS News reports that existing “US asylum law gives migrants the legal right to request asylum if they are physically on American soil, regardless of how they entered the country”. So, not all border encounters may necessarily result in expulsion from the country.  
Source: US CBP, media reports

## **1. Gender Distribution:**

- **Male:** Approximately 49.5% of the population.
- **Female:** Approximately 50.5% of the population.

## **2. Age Distribution:**

- **Under 15 years:** 18.2%
- **15 to 24 years:** 13.0%
- **25 to 34 years:** 13.7%
- **35 to 44 years:** 13.1%
- **45 to 54 years:** 12.3%
- **55 to 64 years:** 12.9%
- **65 years and over:** 16.8%



### **3. Racial and Ethnic Composition:**

- **White alone:** 61.6%
- **Black or African American alone:** 12.4%
- **Asian alone:** 6.0%
- **American Indian and Alaska Native alone:** 1.1%
- **Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone:** 0.2%
- **Two or More Races:** 10.2%
- **Hispanic or Latino (of any race):** 18.7%

### **4. Nativity and Citizenship Status:**

- **Native-born citizens:** Approximately 86.5%
- **Foreign-born residents:** Approximately 13.5%

### **5. Religious Affiliation:**

- **Christianity:** 63%
  - *Protestant:* 40%
  - *Catholic:* 21%
  - *Other Christian:* 2%

A photograph of a tea plantation at sunset. The tea bushes are in the foreground, with their leaves illuminated by the warm, golden light of the setting sun. The background shows rolling hills under a soft, hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

# Tea Production in India

The Asia Tea Alliance, responding to climate change's impact on global tea production, has collectively declared its stance against genetically modified tea.

## Indian Tea Industry

**India** is the **2nd largest** tea producer and largest black tea producer.

Indian teas are exported to various destinations like Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Russia etc. and is the **4th largest** tea exporter in the World.



The Indian tea Industry is employing **1.16 million workers** directly and an equal number of people are associated with it indirectly.

Assam grows about **55%** of the teas produced in India. India's tea production has increased by **39%** in 2022 from 2008.

## Geographical Condition for Tea production

The tea plant grows well in **tropical and subtropical** climates. Tea bushes require a **warm and moist frost-free climate** all through the year.

**Soil:** It requires deep and fertile well-drained soil, rich in humus and organic matter.

**Temperature:** The average annual temperature for tea plants to grow well is in the range of **15-23°C**.


**Precipitation:** The rainfall needed is between **150-200 cm**. Frequent showers evenly distributed over the year ensure continuous growth of tender leaves.



**Major tea producing states** are Assam, hills of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Apart from these, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh and Tripura are also tea-producing states in the country.



A background image of a tea plantation with rows of tea bushes under a soft, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

- **Asia Tea Alliance**

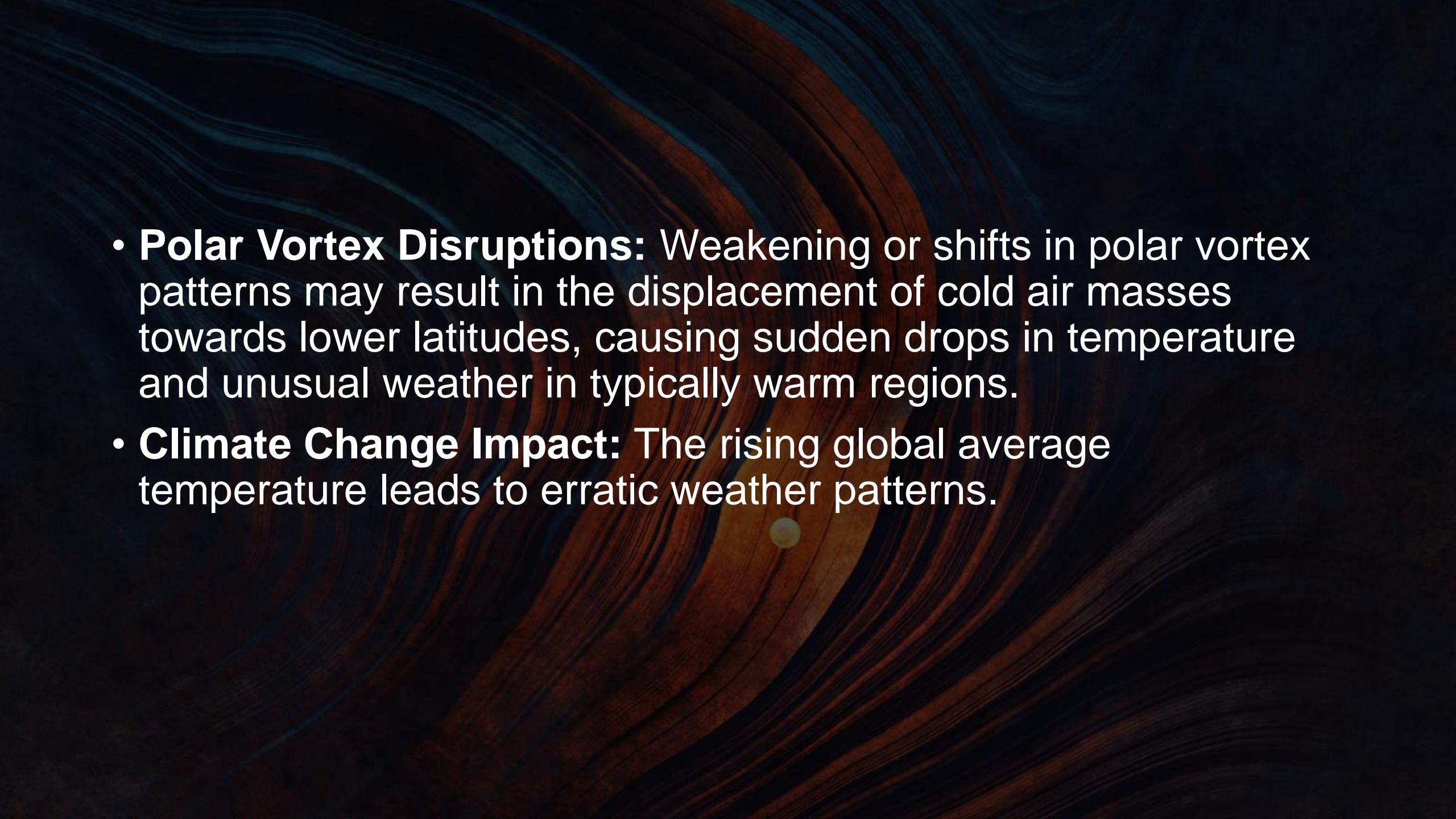
- It is a **coalition of tea associations** from major tea-producing countries in Asia like India, China, Sri Lanka, Japan etc.
- **It aims to promote the collective interests** of member nations, support sustainable practices, address challenges such as climate change, and enhance trade cooperation within the global tea market.

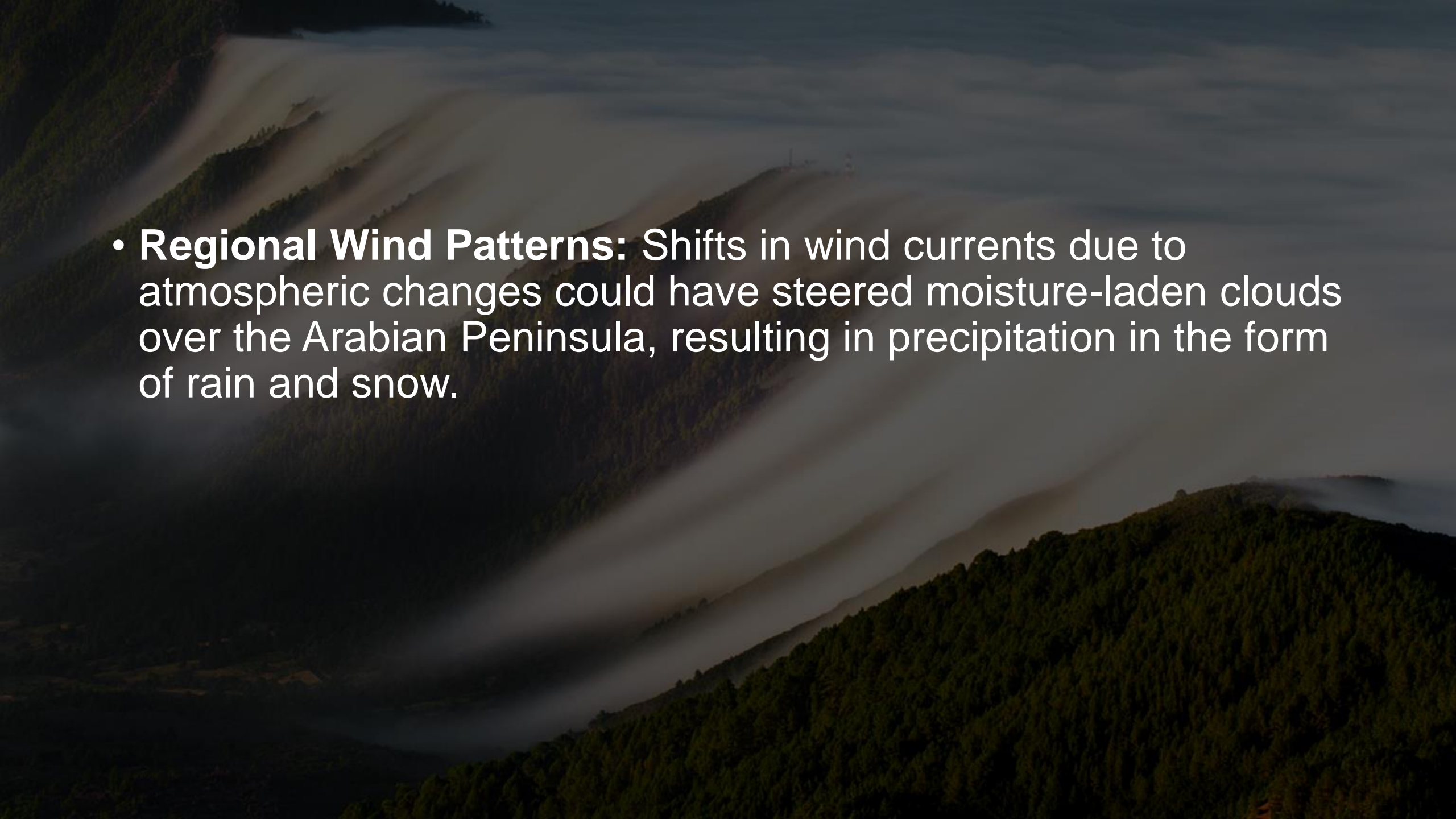
# Snowfall in Saudi Arabia's Al-Jawf desert Region



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- Saudi Arabia's Al-Jawf region experienced heavy snowfall and rainfall for the first time in recorded history.
  - **About Al-Jawf Region**
  - **Geography:** Al-Jawf is located in the northern part of Saudi Arabia and forms part of the Arabian Desert.
  - **Climate:** The region is typically arid, with vast stretches of sandy terrain and a climate that predominantly features scorching summers and mild winters.
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- **Polar Vortex Disruptions:** Weakening or shifts in polar vortex patterns may result in the displacement of cold air masses towards lower latitudes, causing sudden drops in temperature and unusual weather in typically warm regions.
  - **Climate Change Impact:** The rising global average temperature leads to erratic weather patterns.

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- **Regional Wind Patterns:** Shifts in wind currents due to atmospheric changes could have steered moisture-laden clouds over the Arabian Peninsula, resulting in precipitation in the form of rain and snow.



# Legalese

According to the Hindu Succession Act (HSA), if a woman's property is self-acquired, her husband is no more, and she has no children, that property goes to the husband's heirs

## IF A WOMAN DIES INTESTATE

### Her self-acquired property

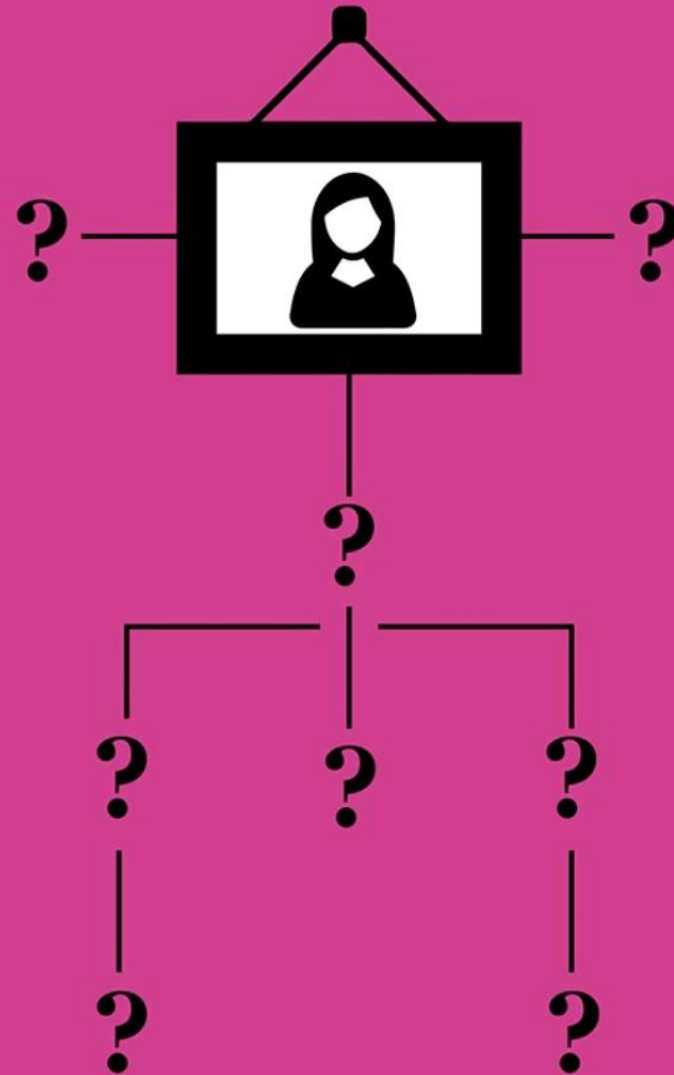
- She has children → Property goes to them
- No children → Property goes to the husband
- Husband passes away → Ownership is transferred to her mother-in-law

### Inherited property

- She has children → Property goes to them
- No children → Ownership is transferred to the heirs of her father or mother

## IF A MAN DIES INTESTATE

- His property → Mother, children and widow get equal shares
- Widowed wife remarries → She gives up her claim on her ex-husband's properties





## Schools of Hindu Laws



### Mitakshara Law School

The term Mitakshara is derived from the name of a **commentary written by Vijnaneswara**, on the Yajnavalkya Smriti.

It is **observed in all parts of India** and **subdivided** into the Benares, the Mithila, the Maharashtra and the Dravida schools.

**A son, by birth acquires an interest in the ancestral property** of the joint family.

All the members **enjoy coparcenary rights during the father's lifetime**.

A coparcener's **share is not defined and cannot be disposed of**.

A **wife cannot demand partition** but has the **right to a share in any partition between her husband and her sons**.

### Dayabhaga Law School

The term Dayabhaga is derived from a **similarly named text written by Jimutavahana**.

It is observed in **Bengal and Assam**.

A son has **no automatic ownership right by birth but acquires it on death of his father**.

Sons **do not enjoy coparcenary rights when the father is alive**.

The share of **each coparcener is defined and can be disposed of**.

Here, the **same right does not exist for the women** because the **sons cannot demand partition** as the father is the absolute owner.

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Adoption Awareness Month

Recently, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) celebrated November as National Adoption Awareness Month to promote legal adoptions.

About CARA: It is a statutory body established under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and functions under the Ministry of Women & Child Development.



It is the nodal body for adoption of Indian children and is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions.

Inter-country adoptions in India adhere to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, 1993, ratified by Government of India in 2003.

**Theme: Rehabilitation of Older Children through Foster Care and Foster Adoption.**

**Hague Convention** is an international treaty to ensure the **prompt return** of the child who has been “**abducted**” from the country of their “**habitual residence**”.

The Convention shall cease to apply when the child attains the age of 16 years.

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# Word of the day

## **Indolence:**

inactivity resulting from a dislike of work

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**Synonym:** laziness

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**Usage:** *His failure is probably due to his own indolence.*

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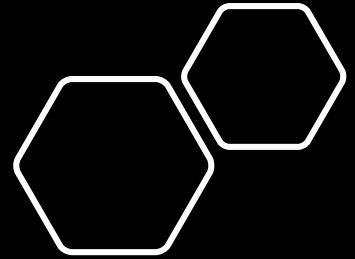
**Pronunciation:** [bit.ly/indolencepro](https://bit.ly/indolencepro)

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## **International Phonetic**

**Alphabet:** /'ɪndəl(ə)ns/, /'ɪndl(ə)ns/

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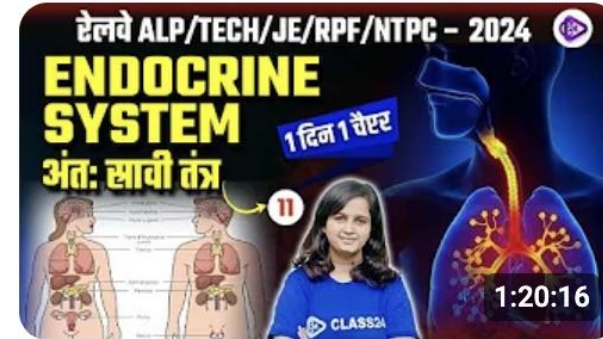
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