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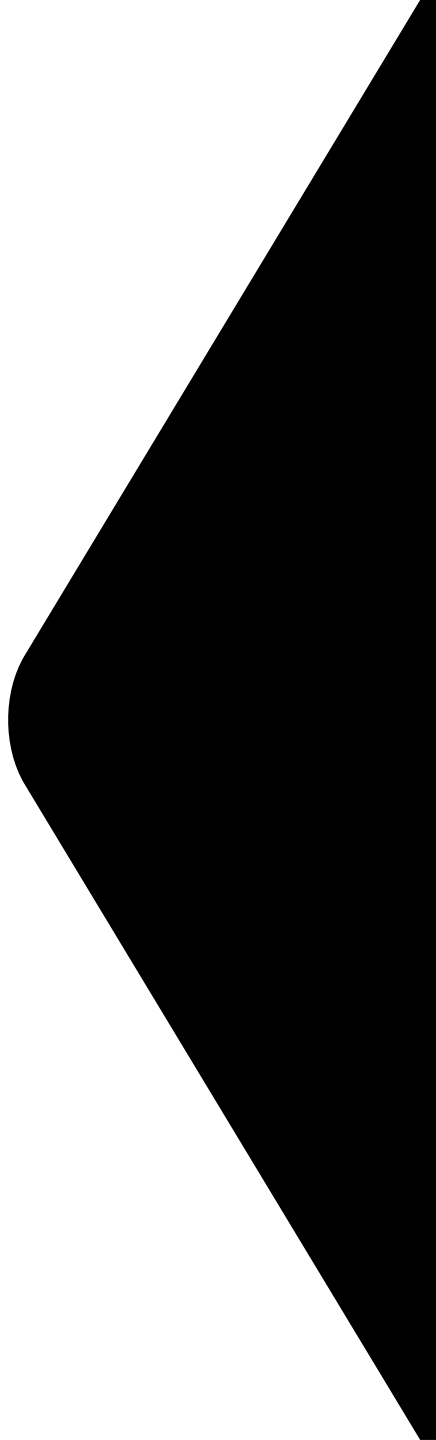


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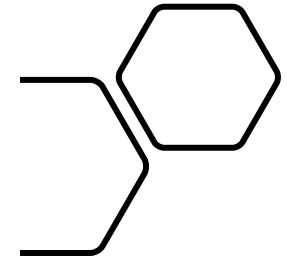
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India, Japan sign agreement for UNICORN masts

NEW DELHI

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Dinakar Peri

NEW DELHI

India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the “co-development” of UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) mast, a conical structure that houses antennas atop warships increasing their stealth characteristics, for fitment on Indian naval warships under the framework of the India-Japan Defence Technology Cooperation.

Once implemented, this would be the first export case of defence technology from Japan under the bilateral agreement on defence equipment and technology transfer signed in 2015.

The joint statement issued after the 2+2 inter-Ministerial dialogue in August



The MoI was signed between Indian envoy Sibi George and Ishikawa Takeshi, a Japanese official, at a ceremony in Tokyo. ARRANGEMENT

2024 had referred to discussions over the “early transfer” of UNICORN and related technologies.

The MoI was signed and exchanged on Friday between the Indian Envoy to Japan Sibi George and Ishikawa Takeshi, Commissioner of Acquisition Technology and Logistics

Agency under Japanese MoD at a ceremony in Tokyo.

Communication system
The UNICORN is a mast with integrated communication systems which will help improve the stealth characteristics of naval platforms.

“The Indian Navy is pursuing the induction of these advanced systems which will be co-developed by Bharat Electronics Limited in India with Japanese collaboration,” the Navy said in a statement. When implemented, this would be the first case of co-development and co-production of defence equipment between India and Japan, it added.

Japan has been looking to export military hardware to some countries in recent years but has strict conditions given its pacifist constitution. India and Japan has earlier negotiated the procurement of amphibious planes for the Indian Navy over several years but the deal never made progress given the high cost and other priority procurements for the Navy.

- **Agreement Details (समझौता विवरण)**

- India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the co-development of UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) masts.

- भारत और जापान ने यूनीकॉर्न (यूनिफाइड कॉम्प्लेक्स रेडियो एंटीना) मस्त के सह-विकास के लिए एक कार्यान्वयन ज्ञापन (MoI) पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

- These masts are conical structures that house antennas atop warships, enhancing stealth characteristics.

- ये मस्त शंक्राकार संरचनाएं हैं जो युद्धपोतों पर एंटीना को रखती हैं, जिससे उनकी स्टेल्थ क्षमताओं में वृद्धि होती है।



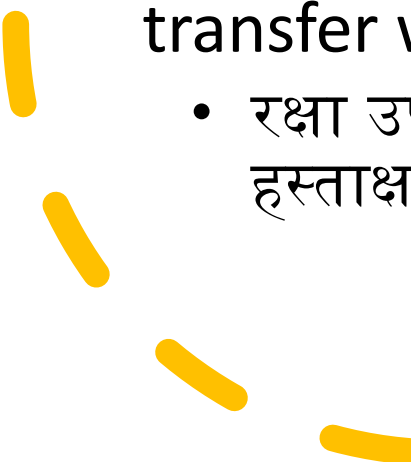
- **Framework and Context (ढांचा और संदर्भ)**


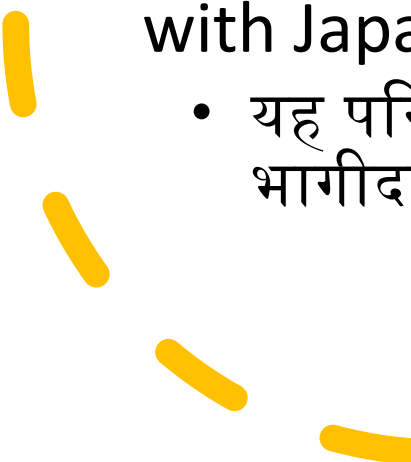
- The collaboration falls under the India-Japan Defence Technology Cooperation framework.

- यह सहयोग भारत-जापान रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग ढांचे के अंतर्गत आता है।

- The bilateral agreement on defence equipment and technology transfer was initially signed in 2015.

- रक्षा उपकरण और प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण पर द्विपक्षीय समझौता प्रारंभ में 2015 में हस्ताक्षरित हुआ था।



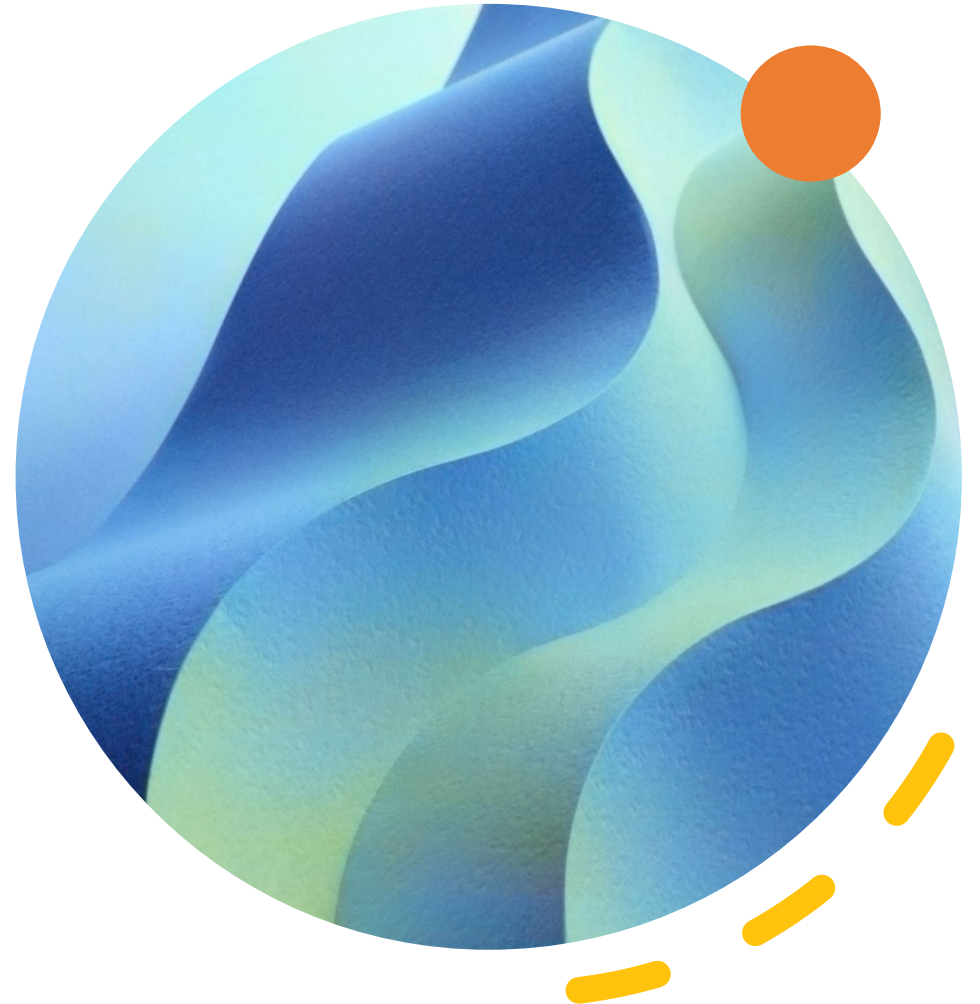
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- **Implementation Impact (कार्यान्वयन प्रभाव)**
 - The initiative will mark the first export of defence technology from Japan to India once implemented.
 - यह पहल लागू होने पर जापान से भारत में रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी का पहला निर्यात होगा।
 - The project involves Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) collaborating with Japanese partners.
 - यह परियोजना भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल) की जापानी भागीदारों के साथ भागीदारी से होगी।
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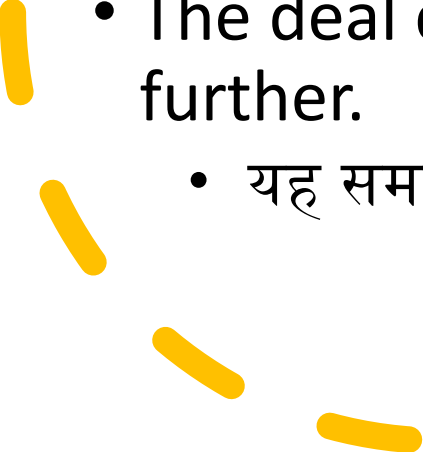
Joint Statement Background (संयुक्त वक्तव्य का पृष्ठभूमि)



The MoI follows discussions during the 2+2 inter-ministerial dialogue in August 2024.

MoI अगस्त 2024 में हुई 2+2 अंतर-मंत्रालयीय संवाद के दौरान हुई चर्चाओं के बाद आया है।



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- **Significance for Defence Technology Transfer (रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण का महत्व)**
 - Japan has been cautious in exporting military hardware due to its pacifist constitution.
 - जापान अपनी शांतिप्रिय संविधान के कारण सैन्य हार्डवेयर के निर्यात में सतर्क रहा है।
 - The deal could strengthen Indo-Japanese defence cooperation further.
 - यह समझौता भारत-जापान रक्षा सहयोग को और मजबूत कर सकता है।
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- **Consider the following statements regarding the recent India-Japan MoI for the co-development of UNICORN masts:**

1. The MoI is aimed at the co-development of UNICORN masts, which are specialized conical antenna structures for naval warships.
2. The project involves cooperation under the India-Japan Defence Technology Cooperation framework.
3. The collaboration marks the second instance of defence technology co-development between India and Japan.

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

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

SC rejects Vedanta's plea to review order on Thoothukudi plant

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has dismissed a review petition filed by Vedanta Sterlite to reconsider its February judgment refusing to direct the reopening of the company's Thoothukudi copper plant in Tamil Nadu. The plant was closed six years ago on grounds of pollution. The top court judgment had endorsed the public's right to health over sheer industrial gains. "The application for listing the review petition in open court is rejected. Having perused the review petitions, there is no error on the face of the record. No case for review has been established. The review petitions are, therefore, dismissed," a three-judge bench of the top court recorded in an order dated October 22. It was published on Saturday.

The review petition was dismissed by the Bench headed by former Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud.

In February, the SC had

upheld a Madras HC decision of August 2020, which had confirmed the decisions of the Tamil Nadu government and the State Pollution Control Board to permanently shut down the plant in 2018. The court had said the closure of the industry was never a first choice. But the long and repeated breaches with serious violations by Vedanta had left the High Court and the statutory authorities no other option but to bring the curtain down on the Thoothukudi plant. Anything else would have been sheer obfuscation of their plain duty to the public. The court had noted, "We are conscious of the fact that the unit has contributed to the productive assets of the nation and providing employment and revenue in the area," the court had said. But equally relevant, it had noted, were the principles of sustainable development, public trust, and finally, that a polluter should pay.

Amid fire, guardians mount heroic rescue

They say they rescued 20 babies amid the inferno and chaos in the hospital, picking up children and handing them outside the NICU; family members of the dead and surviving babies stage a protest demanding DNA tests of all children for identification; many remain inconsolable

Mehal Malpani
JHANSI

Ripal Singh had entered the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College on Friday with his daughter, who had been called to feed her newborn. He then saw a nurse running out with a leg on fire.

Mr. Singh, along with two nurses, immediately rushed inside to bring as many children to safety as they could. His grandchild was among the lucky few who escaped. "We brought out about 20 children," Mr. Singh said.



The fire-ravaged neonatal ICU of the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh on Friday night. Children could be identified by late on Saturday evening. PH

over to their families," he said. Dr. Pandey said one child was still missing. "We suspect that the family took the child home before the incident and perhaps the records could not be updated," he said. Kuldip Singh's 15-day-old child was among those who sustained burns. Mr. Kuldip rescued five-six

children on Friday night. His own son, however, was nowhere to be found until Saturday evening. "Some other woman had rescued my child and admitted him to a different ward. My wife was crying since last evening. A senior doctor called us in the evening for identification," Mr. Kuldip told *The Hindu*. He recognised his child

from a mole on his ear. Dr. Amit Singh, a PG resident in the surgery department, said when he got an alert on a WhatsApp group about the fire, he and his colleagues rushed to the spot and managed to rescue seven children. His colleague, Ahmad Faraz Shami, said the high oxygen concentration in the NICU might have worsened the fire.

Chaotic scenes were witnessed at the medical college throughout the day with family members of the deceased and surviving babies staging a protest demanding DNA tests of all children for identification. Parents of the deceased children kept waiting in the NICU while the hospital to welcome the Deputy Chief Minister is an example of shamelessness.

"On one hand, children were burnt to death, their families were crying and wailing. On the other hand, time was being sprayed on the road to welcome the Deputy CM. This is the height of insensitivity," Shah Nawaz Alam, national secretary of the Congress, said.

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Two men to face trial in U.S. for helping Indians to cross border

Associated Press
MINNEAPOLIS

Harshkumar Patel, 29, and Steve Shand, 50, will each face four counts related to human smuggling at the federal courthouse inergus Falls, Minnesota, U.S. on Monday. Prosecutors allege Patel and Shand were part of a sprawling operation involving people to scout for business in India, acquire Canadian student visas, arrange transportation and smuggle migrants into the U.S., mostly via Washington state or Minnesota. They coordinated the trip of Jagdish Patel, his wife and their two young children into the U.S. across a near-empty stretch of the Canadian border in January 2022. All of them froze to death as wind chills reached minus-38 degrees Celsius that night as the family from Rajasthan set out on foot to meet a waiting van. They walked amid vast farm fields and bulky snowdrifts, navigating in the black of an almost moonless night. Mr. Harshkumar Patel's attorney, Thomas Leinen-



The file photo released by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office shows Harshkumar Patel and Steve Shand. AP

weber, said his client came to America to escape poverty and build a better life, not to help others. He accused of participating in this horrible crime. Mr. Shand's attorney's did not return calls seeking comment. Prosecutors say Shand told investigators that Mr. Harshkumar paid him about \$25,000 for five trips. The two men are accused of being part of a sophisticated human smuggling operation, ferrying a fast-growing population of Indians living illegally in the U.S. Both have pleaded not guilty. Over the five weeks the two worked together, documents allege by prosecutors they spoke often

by motel owners, many of them Gujaratis. Smugglers with ties to the Gujarati business community have built an underground network, he said, bringing in workers willing to do lower-end jobs. "Their own community has taken advantage of them," Mr. Chaudhary said. The pipeline of illegal immigration from India has long existed but has increased sharply along the U.S.-Canada border. The U.S. Border Patrol arrested more than 14,000 Indians on the Canadian border in the year ending September 30, which amounted to 60% of all arrests along that border and more than 10 times the number two years ago. By 2022, the Pew Research Center estimates there were more than 7.25 million Indians living illegally in the U.S., behind only Mexicans and El Salvadorans. In India, investigating officer Dilip Thakor said media attention had led to the arrest of three men in the Patel case, but hundreds of such cases don't even reach the courts.

Telangana BJP president Kishan Reddy urges CM to reconsider Musi project

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Promising all support to residents likely to be displaced by the Musi riverfront development project, Telangana BJP president and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy urged Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to reconsider it, considering the huge displacement of the poor. However, he made it clear that they were not against the project but against the demolition of houses of the poor. He said his party launched the "Musli Nidra" campaign to instil confidence among the poor and reassure them that the party would stand by them if their homes were demolished using bulldozers. Addressing a gathering during the launch of the "take-over" program in Amberpet on Saturday, Mr. Reddy said the party's approach, alleging that it targeted the poor by proposing the demolition of homes along the riverbanks. Mr. Reddy accused the



G. Kishan Reddy

CM of prioritising demolitions over rehabilitation. "The government is making announcements to demolish the houses of people living on both sides of the Musi river in Hyderabad. Even if obstacles arise, the Chief Minister is adamant about using bulldozers to destroy the homes of the poor," he said. He alleged that the beautification project was a pretext for real estate interests while ignoring critical issues, including drainage problems from Gandipet to Choushatti that contribute to the pollution of the Musi river. "Government is not addressing the root causes of

650 police commandos join NSG's exercise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

More than 650 commandos from the State police and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) participated in the National Security Guard (NSG)'s two-week counter-terrorism and counter-improvised Explosive Device (IED) exercise that concluded on Saturday. A statement by the NSG said 31 teams from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh, and 10 teams from five CAPFs participated in the exercise. "The exercises honed counter-terrorist, bomb disposal, and I9 teams' (dog squads) skills through demonstrations, displays, and case studies, emphasising on joint operations in challenging scenarios to improve the coordination and synergy between NSG and State-level forces. This aligns with the Ministry of Home Affairs' directives to 'Duty to Share' expertise by NSG in its niche competencies," Mr. NSG said.

Sukhbir steps down as SAD chief, paves way for polls

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Sukhbir Singh Badal resigned as president of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Saturday amid discontent and turbulence in the party over a string of poor performances in elections. Mr. Badal, 62, announced his resignation to the party's Working Committee to clear the way for the election of a new SAD chief, said senior leader Daljit Singh Chema. He said the party's working president Balwinder Singh Bhindran had convened an emergency meeting of the committee on Monday to consider Mr. Badal's resignation and chart the next course of action, including election to choose the new president.

India and Japan sign agreement for UNICORN masts for naval warships

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

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The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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“At the invitation of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, this will be my first visit to Nigeria, which is our close partner in the West African region. My visit will be an opportunity to build upon our Strategic Partnership that is based on shared belief in democracy and pluralism,” Mr. Modi

said in a statement. Mr. Modi’s official engagements in Nigerian capital Abuja will take place on Sunday when he will receive a ceremonial welcome and hold delegation level talks with the Nigerian side led by Mr. Tinubu.

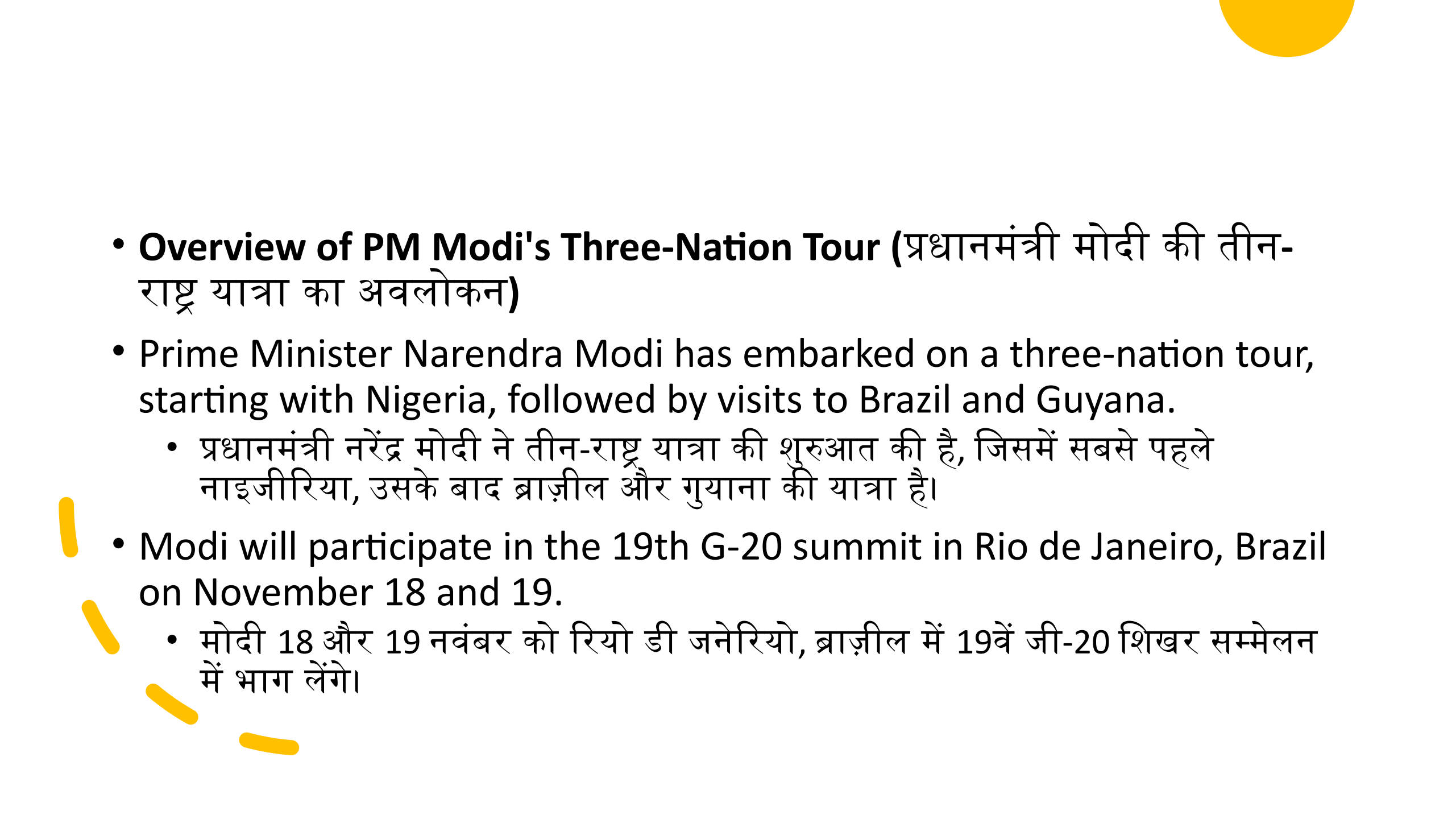
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“Last year, India’s successful Presidency elevated the G-20 to a ‘people’s G-20’ and mainstreamed the priorities of the Global South into its Agenda. This year, Brazil has built upon India’s legacy,” Mr. Modi said. The Brazilian G-20 summit will be one of the last international interac-

tions that U.S. President Joe Biden will attend during the remainder of his tenure which will end in January 2025. The summit is expected to draw other international leaders though Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had skipped last year’s summit in New Delhi, is unlikely to reach Rio de Janeiro this year as well.

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- **Overview of PM Modi's Three-Nation Tour** (प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की तीन-राष्ट्र यात्रा का अवलोकन)
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a three-nation tour, starting with Nigeria, followed by visits to Brazil and Guyana.
 - प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने तीन-राष्ट्र यात्रा की शुरुआत की है, जिसमें सबसे पहले नाइजीरिया, उसके बाद ब्राज़ील और गुयाना की यात्रा है।
 - Modi will participate in the 19th G-20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on November 18 and 19.
 - मोदी 18 और 19 नवंबर को रियो डी जनेरियो, ब्राज़ील में 19वें जी-20 शिखर सम्मेलन में भाग लेंगे।


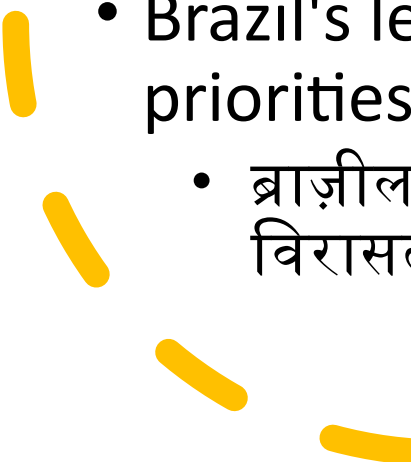
Visit to Nigeria (नाइजीरिया यात्रा)

PM Modi's visit to Nigeria marks his first visit to the country, aiming to strengthen the Strategic Partnership with Nigeria.

- पीएम मोदी की नाइजीरिया यात्रा उनकी पहली यात्रा है, जिसका उद्देश्य नाइजीरिया के साथ रणनीतिक साझेदारी को मजबूत करना है।

Modi will meet with Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for delegation-level talks and signing of MoUs on critical sectors.


- मोदी नाइजीरियाई राष्ट्रपति बोला अहमद तिनुबु से प्रतिनिधि स्तर की वार्ता करेंगे और महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में समझौता ज्ञापनों (MoUs) पर हस्ताक्षर करेंगे।



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- **G-20 Summit Participation (जी-20 शिखर सम्मेलन में भागीदारी)**
 - PM Modi will attend the G-20 summit in Brazil, which aims to build on India's previous presidency of the G-20.
 - पीएम मोदी ब्राज़ील में जी-20 शिखर सम्मेलन में भाग लेंगे, जिसका उद्देश्य भारत की पिछली जी-20 अध्यक्षता पर आधारित है।
 - Brazil's leadership aims to continue India's legacy of highlighting the priorities of the Global South.
 - ब्राज़ील का नेतृत्व वैश्विक दक्षिण की प्राथमिकताओं को उजागर करने की भारत की विरासत को जारी रखने का प्रयास करेगा।
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- **Visit to Guyana (गुयाना यात्रा)**

- The final leg of PM Modi's tour will be to Guyana, where he will interact with President Mohamed Irfaan Ali and engage with the Indian diaspora.

- पीएम मोदी की यात्रा का अंतिम चरण गुयाना होगा, जहां वे राष्ट्रपति मोहम्मद इरफान अली के साथ बातचीत करेंगे और भारतीय प्रवासी समुदाय से मिलेंगे।
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- **Engagement with World Leaders** (वैश्विक नेताओं के साथ वार्ता)
 - U.S. President Joe Biden and other international leaders are expected to attend the G-20 summit.
 - अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति जो बाइडन और अन्य अंतरराष्ट्रीय नेता जी-20 शिखर सम्मेलन में भाग लेने की उम्मीद है।
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- **Consider the following statements about Prime Minister Modi's three-nation tour:**

1. The tour includes visits to Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana.
2. Prime Minister Modi will attend the 19th G-20 summit in Nigeria during his visit.
3. Strengthening strategic ties with Nigeria is a key goal of Modi's visit.

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

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
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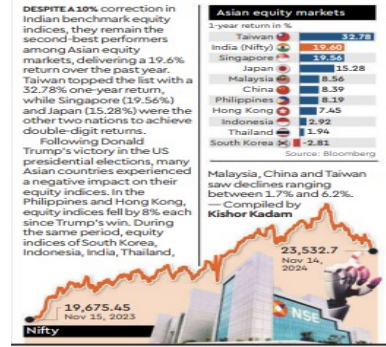
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Good economics is no longer bad politics: PM

Modi says his govt staying away from vote-bank politics

PM NARENDRA MODI
THE APPROACH OF OUR GOVT IS TO SPEND BIG FOR PEOPLE AND SAVE BIG FOR PEOPLE

every election, Modi pointed out that at such a time, the people of India have chosen his government for the third time.

"Earlier we used to often hear a phrase 'good economics is bad politics'. People known as experts used to promote it a lot, but earlier governments used to get an excuse to sit idle. In a way, it had become a medium to cover up bad governance, inefficiency," Modi said.

Earlier, the government was run just to win the next election and a vote bank was created to win the polls with schemes made to please that vote bank, he said in a swipe at the past governments led by the Congress.

"The biggest harm caused by this type of politics was that the scope of imbalanced inequality in the country kept increasing. Development boards were installed but were not viable. This imbalanced situation, this model broke the public's trust in the government. Today we have restored that trust," Modi said.

"We have decided the purpose of the government. This purpose is thousands of miles away from vote bank politics," he said.

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Disengagement over, focus on de-escalation: EAM

The disengagement part of the "problem" with China along the LAC in eastern Ladakh has been put at rest and the focus should now be on de-escalation, EAM S Jaishankar said.

ADITYA BIRLA EYES SCALING BUSINESS

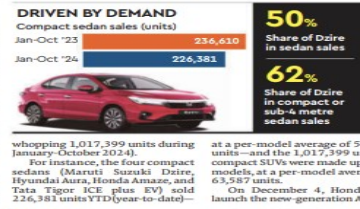
ADITYA BIRLA Group has invested about \$20 billion, mainly in manufacturing space, as it looks to be among the top two players across the segments it operates in, chairman KM Birla said, adding most of the group's investments are long-term.

Dzire keeps the sedan flag flying high with consistent sales

Just-launched new-gen model to further aid numbers

VIKRAM CHAUDHARY
 New Delhi, November 16

SALES OF COMPACT sedans have been dropping over the years at the expense of compact SUVs, but this calendar year, Maruti Suzuki's Dzire has been the biggest hand-dominant. Numbers shared by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) show that compact sedan sales dropped just 4.3%—from 2.16,610 units last year to 2,26,381 units this year—despite no new launch and a warning inter-



at a per-model average of 56,595 units—and the 1,01,73,999 units of compact SUVs were made up of 16 models, at a per-model average of 63,587 units.

On December 4, Honda will launch the new-generation Amaze, and with the new Dzire it is expected to breathe new life into sedans.

Safety has become one of the top criteria for car purchase, and the new Dzire is Maruti Suzuki's first-ever 5-star safety-rated car, by Global NCAP. "This rating will defi-

nately bring new customers to the Dzire," an analyst told FE. "In entry-level models, good fuel efficiency is important, and but we go higher up the price range, the main buying criterion shifts to styling and safety. The Dzire's 5-star safety rating is, in my opinion, its biggest USP, and will attract SUV buyers, as most SUVs are bought as they are 'perceived' to be safer than sedans and hatchbacks."

He added that consistent demand in the fleet segment also contributed to sales of the Dzire and amplified the compact sedan segment. "Fleet cars mostly run on CNG, and a sedan is much more convenient—as the CNG cylinder easily fits in the boot, without taking up much space, unlike an SUV that has a smaller boot," he said.

"Another reason is that the Dzire—as also Aura—has gained good word-of-mouth among fleet players as a no-nonsense CNG vehicle," Banerjee said that almost one-third of Dzire sales have been coming from the fleet segment. The new Dzire, however, won't be sold to fleet players, and instead Maruti Suzuki has developed the Tour 3 sedan for them.

But the Dzire and the Amaze even together, won't shift Indians en masse to sedans from SUVs. "The new launches will shift the interest in sedans alive, and ever give them a marginal uptick in sales," Gautav Vengal, associate director, light vehicle forecasting at FE's Global Mobility, told FE.

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 Rooney at her best—laying bare complicated relationships Page 4

Safe harbour clause for platforms needs a revisit: Vaishnav

FE BUREAU
 New Delhi, November 16

THE GOVERNMENT on Saturday reiterated its stance to revisit the safe harbour clause for social media intermediaries such as X, Telegram, Facebook, Instagram, etc, amid an increase in instances of misinformation and fake news over these platforms.

This assumes significance as currently under Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the platforms have immunity against legal prosecution for content posted by users.

However, in case of removal of safe harbour clause or changes in its contours, platforms will themselves become directly accountable for the content they host and won't be able to enjoy legal immunity.

"Shouldn't platforms operating in a context as complex as ours adopt a different set of responsibilities? These pressing questions underline the need for a new framework that ensures accountability and safeguards the social fabric of the nation," information and broadcast, electronics and internet technology minister Ashwini

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 Fair compensation for content creators
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Vaishnav said while speaking at National Press Day event.

Vaishnav added that globally debates are intensifying whether the safe harbour provisions are still appropriate, given their role in enabling the spread of misinformation, riots, and even acts of terrorism. The government talked about reconsidering the safe harbour clause last year during consultations on the Digital India Act, which once implemented will replace the decades old IT Act, 2000.

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GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION



Environmental activists gather during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Saturday, on what is traditionally their biggest protest day during the two-week talks. The demonstration in Baku will be echoed at sites around the world in a global 'day of action' for climate justice that's become an annual event. The protesters are urging world leaders to commit to a strong climate finance deal.

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DESPITE A 10% correction in Indian benchmark equity indices, they remain the second-best performers among Asian equity markets, delivering a 19.6% return over the past year. Taiwan topped the list with a 32.78% one-year return, while Singapore (19.56%) and Japan (15.28%) were the other two nations to achieve double-digit returns.

Following Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential elections, many Asian countries experienced a negative impact on their equity indices. In the Philippines and Hong Kong, equity indices fell by 8% each since Trump's win. During the same period, equity indices of South Korea, Indonesia, India, Thailand,

Asian equity markets

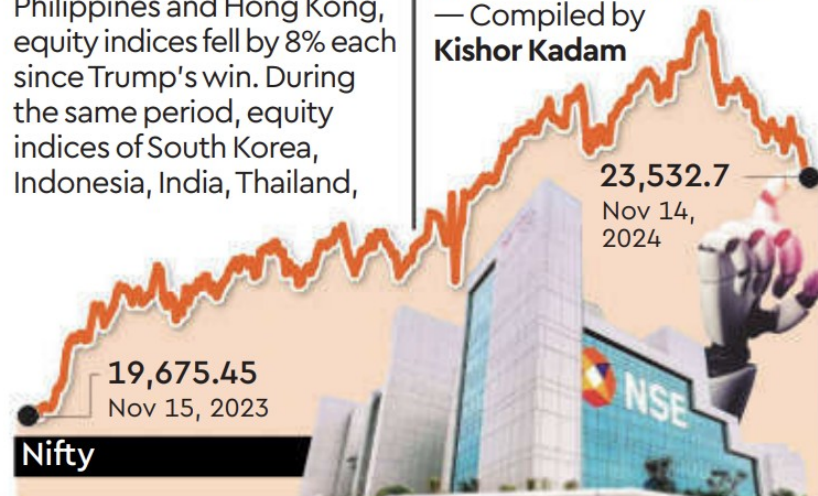
1-year return in %

Taiwan	32.78
India (Nifty)	19.60
Singapore	19.56
Japan	15.28
Malaysia	8.56
China	8.39
Philippines	8.19
Hong Kong	7.45
Indonesia	2.92
Thailand	1.94
South Korea	-2.81

Source: Bloomberg

Malaysia, China and Taiwan saw declines ranging between 1.7% and 6.2%.

— Compiled by
Kishor Kadam



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REWATI KARAN
New Delhi, November 16

RESIDENTS OF SMOG-HIT cities can either turn green seeing social media pictures of colourful parachutes dotting clear skies as people take to adventure tourism, or head there themselves. The latter is likely the case, as over 70% Gen Zs favour sky sports like paragliding, sky jumping and ballooning while

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Support for Taiwan 'red line' in ties, says Xi

LIMA Chinese President Xi Jinping warned his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden on Saturday not to cross a "red line" in support for Taiwan. » PAGE 14

Israel air strike in northern Gaza, kills at least 30

GAZA CITY Gaza's civil defence agency said 30 people were killed and dozens were missing after an Israeli air strike hit a building in the Palestinian territory's north on Sunday. » PAGE 14

Winter is coming



Chimney fires: People burn leaves that have fallen in autumn to make charcoal for use during winter in Srinagar on Sunday. »

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Press Trust of India
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2 more bodies found; Army deployed in Imphal

Bodies of five Meitei abductees found, one still missing; body of a Kuki-Zo man shot in the head also found; Home Minister cancels Maharashtra poll rallies to review Manipur security situation; Army, Assam Rifles deployed in Imphal to strengthen the security situation, say police; Manipur unit of Cong. asks Biren to seek an appointment with Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after violent protests rocked Imphal after three of six abducted people were found dead, the bodies of a 61-year-old woman and a two-year-old boy were found floating in a river at Lakhapur in Assam on Sunday.

Police said the five bodies found so far, including of an eight-month-old baby, were likely of a Meitei family abducted by armed militants during an encounter with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Manipur Police in Jiribam on November 11. A 25-year-old woman, the mother of the two children, remains missing.

The body of a 27-year-old man from the Kuki-Zo community was recovered in Jiribam late on Saturday. His hands were tied and he had been shot in the head, the police said. At least 20 people have been killed in violence in the State since November 7.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the security situation with senior officials of the Home Ministry. Earlier in the day, he cancelled four election rallies in Maharashtra. Another security review meeting is scheduled for Monday, a senior official said.

Amid a curfew and Internet shutdown, the Army and Assam Rifles were deployed in Imphal to "strengthen the security situation", the police said. Lieutenant General Abhishek S. Pendharkar, General Officer Commanding (GOC), 3 corps, and Anish Deyal, CRPF Director General, also arrived in Imphal.

Lt. Gen Pendharkar is expected to visit Jiribam, the new epicentre of violence, on Tuesday, an official said. On November 14, the Ministry had proposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Jiribam, bordering Assam and the limits of five other police stations, to aid the Ar-

my in conducting security operations without waiting for the arrival or permission from a magistrate and the local police.



We entry: A security official barricades a road during a curfew following the recent violence in Imphal West, on Sunday. »

NPP withdraws support for Biren Singh's govt.

GUWAHATI The National People's Party (NPP) has withdrawn support for the BJP-led government in Manipur. In a letter to J.P. Nadda, Conrad K. Sangma, NPP chief and Meghalaya CM, said that his party felt the Singh government had failed to resolve the crisis. » PAGE 4

On Saturday, the homes and properties of at least 13 political leaders, cutting across party lines, were destroyed or burnt down by angry protesters in the valley districts. On Sunday, a mob attempted to vandalise the office of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

India and Nigeria will join hands to tackle terrorism, piracy, says Modi

Press Trust of India
Agence France-Presse
ABUJA

India accords high priority to its strategic partnership with Nigeria and it will work towards boosting ties in a range of areas, including defence, energy and trade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during talks with Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu here on Sunday.



Strong ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in an exchange of agreements in Abuja, Friday. »

after 17 years. "We give high priority to our strategic partnership with Nigeria... I am confident that a new chapter in our ties will be given following our talks," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Modi described the nearly 60,000-strong Indian expatriate community as a key pillar of India-Nigeria relations, and thanked Mr. Tinubu for ensuring their welfare.

The Prime Minister announced that India was sending 20 tonnes of relief supplies for Nigerian people affected by last month's floods.

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Delhi Minister resigns, quits AAP; BJP pressured him using Central agencies, says party

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a setback to the Aam Aadmi Party ahead of the Delhi Assembly election early next year, Delhi Cabinet Minister Kailash Gahlot on Sunday resigned from the party, saying it faced grave challenges from within to the very values that he had brought together.

Mr. Gahlot submitted his resignation from the Council of Ministers to Chief Minister Atishi and from the primary membership of the party to AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal.

In his letter to Mr. Kejriwal, Mr. Gahlot said that

political ambitions had overtaken the AAP's commitment towards people-leaving many promises unfulfilled. "Instead of fighting for people's rights, we have increasingly only been fighting for our own political agenda," he wrote.

Referring to the constant tussle between the Centre and the AAP government in Delhi, Mr. Gahlot said that it was now obvious that real progress for Delhi could not happen if its government were to spend most of its time fighting with the Centre.

In response, the AAP launched an attack on the BJP, saying Mr. Gahlot's resignation was driven by pressure from the Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation, and Income Tax Department, with these agencies summoning him for questioning and conducting searches on him at the behest of the BJP.

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mate action and continuously shifted goalposts. “We have seen no progress in matters critical for developing countries [during the past week of the conference]. Our part of the world is facing some of the worst impacts of climate

change with far lower capacity to recover from those impacts or to adapt to the changes to the climatic system for which we are not responsible,” India’s deputy lead negotiator Neelesh Sah said.

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change are increasing. We are being asked to increase mitigation ambition by those who have shown no such ambition,” Mr. Sah said.

The MWP was created two years ago at COP-27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, to help support mitigation. Consultations on it have remained tense, with developing countries saying that it is meant to help nations share ideas, experiences, and solutions. They argue that it is not supposed to create new targets or force any country to take specific actions.

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- **India's Frustration at COP-29**

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- **Issues Critical for Developing Nations**
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- **Challenges for Developing Countries**

- India's deputy lead negotiator Neelesh Sah said developing countries face challenges with limited resources, despite having contributed the least to climate change.

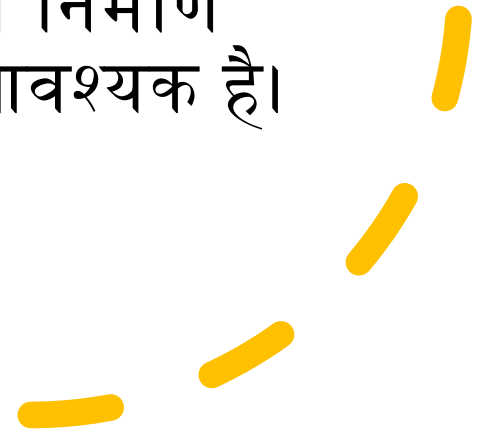
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- **Demand for Financial and Technological Support**

- India argued that financial, technological, and capacity-building support is necessary for developing nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

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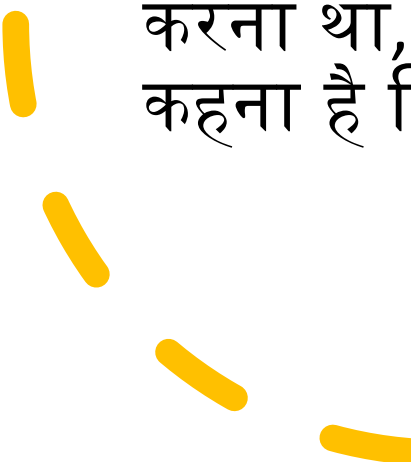




- **Conflict on Mitigation Work Programme (MWP)**

- The Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) created at COP-27 aimed to support mitigation, but consultations remain tense as developing countries argue it shouldn't impose new targets.

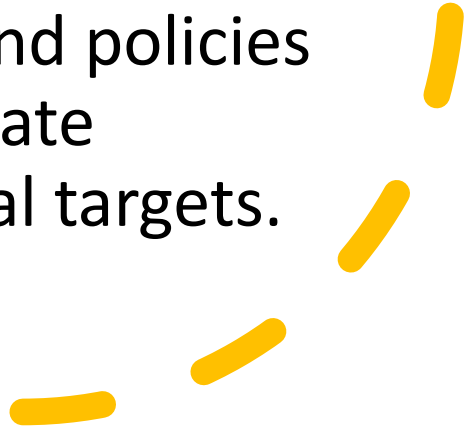
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1. Position of Developed Nations

1. Developed countries want the MWP to push for stronger, more immediate actions from all countries.
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- **Focus Areas:**

- The MWP targets several areas, including energy, industrial processes, waste management, agriculture, and forestry. It seeks to identify best practices and policies that countries can adopt to mitigate emissions and meet their national targets.
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COP Number	Year & Location	Key Highlights (English)	मुख्य बिंदु (Hindi)
COP 1	1995, Berlin, Germany	Start of the formal negotiation process on climate.	जलवायु पर औपचारिक वार्ता प्रक्रिया की शुरुआत।
COP 3	1997, Kyoto, Japan	Adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, binding emission targets for developed countries.	क्योटो प्रोटोकॉल को अपनाया गया, जिसमें विकसित देशों के लिए बाध्यकारी उत्सर्जन लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए।
COP 15	2009, Copenhagen, Denmark	Copenhagen Accord, focusing on climate finance and global temperature limits.	कोपेनहेगन समझौता, जलवायु वित्त और वैश्विक तापमान सीमा पर ध्यान केंद्रित।
COP 21	2015, Paris, France	Adoption of the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise below 2°C.	पेरिस समझौते को अपनाया गया, ताकि वैश्विक तापमान वृद्धि को 2°C से नीचे रखा जा सके।

COP 24	2018, Katowice, Poland	Finalization of the rulebook for the Paris Agreement.	पेरिस समझौते के लिए नियम पुस्तिका को अंतिम रूप दिया गया।
COP 26	2021, Glasgow, UK	Strengthening of commitments under the Paris Agreement, focusing on reducing coal use and increasing finance for adaptation.	पेरिस समझौते के तहत प्रतिबद्धताओं को मजबूत करना, कोयले के उपयोग को कम करने और अनुकूलन के लिए वित्त में वृद्धि पर ध्यान केंद्रित।
COP 27	2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt	Establishment of the "Loss and Damage" fund to assist vulnerable countries.	कमजोर देशों की मदद के लिए "हानि और क्षति" कोष की स्थापना।
COP 28	2023, Dubai, UAE	Focus on reviewing progress on the Paris Agreement goals, with increased focus on renewable energy.	पेरिस समझौते के लक्ष्यों पर प्रगति की समीक्षा पर ध्यान केंद्रित, अक्षय ऊर्जा पर बढ़ता जोर।
COP 29	2024, Baku, Azerbaijan	Discussions on mitigation and support for developing nations but faced slow progress.	शमन और विकासशील देशों के समर्थन पर चर्चा, लेकिन प्रगति धीमी रही।

IN BRIEF



Stringent curbs imposed in Delhi to combat air pollution

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) tasked with improving the air quality in Delhi-NCR on Sunday invoked the most stringent curbs under its Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) to combat pollution, including a ban on the entry of trucks into the Capital. According to a statement, trucks carrying essential commodities and involved in providing requisite services have been kept out of the ambit of the restrictions. The Delhi government ordered city schools to shift to the online mode of teaching, except for Classes 10 and 12. The measures are part of the seventh prohibitions clamped under Stage-IV of GRAP. The curbs will come into force at 8 a.m. on Monday.

Good that truth is coming out: Modi on Sabarmati Report

A fake narrative can persist only for a limited period of time and eventually facts will always come out. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday in reference to the film *The Sabarmati Report*, based on the burning of the Sabarmati Express and the Godhra riots that followed in 2002. Mr. Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat during that time. Responding to a post by a user on X, enumerating what, he said, were the merits of the movie, the Prime Minister said, "Well said. It is good that this truth is coming out, and that too in a way common people see it. A fake narrative can persist only for a limited period of time. Eventually facts will always come out."

Two babies lost in hospital melee reunited with parents

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Mehal Malpani
JHANSI

Kripa Ram Yadav must have been a very happy man on November 7 when his wife, who was in labour for more than five hours, gave birth to their son at the Maharani Laxmibai Medical College and Hospital in Jhansi. The baby was admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit after minor seizures.



Lakshmi Singh and Mahendra Singh with their daughter and Kripa Ram Yadav (right) at the Medical College Hospital. A.M. MALPANI

A resident of Bamer village in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Yadav had his happiness cut short as his wife, Shanti Yadav, who was dealing with mental illness, went missing from the hospital on November 14. Already troubled by this, he was given another jolt by the fire at the NICU the next day as his son went missing in the fire.

The fire, suspected to have been caused by a short circuit on an extension board, claimed the lives of 10 infants admitted in the NICU, while 39 babies were rescued by their relatives and hospital staff.

In a short span of time, the fire and smoke had blocked the main entrance to the NICU, leaving only two windows to rescue the

children, many witnesses said, adding that the unit was in three sections and it had become difficult to save those in the inner two sections.

"It was a stampede-like situation there. Nobody was able to enter through the door. So, some people just broke the two windows and entered the room. They and the staff already inside just started handling over the children to people standing outside. Nobody cared who was carrying the children and hospital staff wanted to take them to safety," Mr. Yadav, who was among those left empty-handed, said.

Doctors and other parents say the confusion was caused because it was very difficult to identify the infants without their tags, with details such as their parents' names, measurements, and weight. "It was only on Sunday evening that Mr. Yadav was reunited with his child, who had been rescued by

another woman and taken to a private hospital. Mahendra Singh and Lakshmi Singh's son was also rescued and moved to the paediatric ICU (PICU) of the Maharani Laxmibai Medical College. During the rescue efforts, Ms. Lakshmi said, she had been handed two male children.

"One boy had a tag of his parents' names and other details so I gave him to a nurse, while I thought that the other one was mine. My husband and I took him and admitted him to a private hospital," she said, after being reunited with her own child.

Hospital staff and officials reached out to her after nobody came to enquire about their child being treated at the PICU. Accompanied by officials, Mr. Yadav found his child the Mithila Mahesh Child Care Hospital, his sister Sheel Kumari recognised his child.

"We took him because we believed he was our son," Mr. Mahendra said. Ramvir Singh, Circle Officer, City, Jhansi Police, who helped find Mr. Yadav's child, told *The Hindu* that efforts were on to trace Mr. Yadav's wife.

Infant rescued from Jhansi hospital fire dies after two days

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An infant who was rescued from the fire at the neonatal ICU (NICU) of the Maharani Laxmibai Medical College Hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi two days ago, died on Sunday morning, with the hospital administration and family saying that he was not injured during the tragedy.



Fire extinguishers outside the neonatal ICU of the hospital in Jhansi. A.M. MALPANI

Son of Bibha Singh and Lakshmi Singh, residents of Banda, the boy was born last month at the hospital and had been admitted there ever since for being underweight. "The child was born prematurely and weighed only 1.05 kilograms. We tried to save him but he couldn't survive. During the fire, he was rescued safely without any injuries," N.S. Sengar, principal of the State-run medical college, told *The Hindu*.

On the night of November 15, the massive fire claimed the lives of 10 infants, while 39 were rescued. When fire broke out, we just grabbed him from there and ran. The doctors moved him here (paediatric ICU) for treatment since incubators have ample space, this is how we manage the high influx of patients," he said.

Of the 39 children rescued, about 18 have been admitted to the PICU that became functional only a day before the fire tragedy. "The unit (PICU) has not even been inaugurated yet. But since we are always overcrowded, I had asked the head of the paediatrics department to start functioning and the not wait for the inauguration," Dr. Sengar said.

The NICU, where the fire broke out, had been functioning three times over its capacity of 18 children. Dr. Sengar, who admitted to the problem, said that the staff was managing by accommodating two of three infants in one incubator. This is the condition in many hospitals across Uttar Pradesh and since incubators have ample space, this is how we manage the high influx of patients," he said.

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The Hindu Bureau
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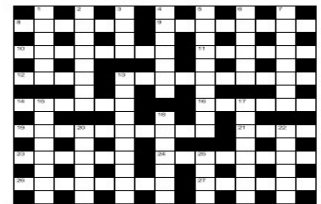
Prohibitory orders were imposed and Internet services suspended after clashes erupted in Beldanga town in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

Tensions began in the late hours of Saturday following reports of an alleged objectionable message written on a neon signboard at a Kartik Puja pandal in Beldanga.

People threw stones at each other and shops and vehicles were attacked. Some people sustained injuries in the vandalism and arson.

The West Bengal Police arrested 17 persons for vandalism. "No casualty has been reported... Six persons were injured and are under proper treatment," they said a post.

THE CROSSWORD 14333
(Set by Crescent)



- 12 Fetid air circulating chokes passage in mine (4)
- 13 Pick up poor creature, tailless pet (10)
- 14 Prejudiced when one's last in attempt (6)
- 15 Carelessly making yard a bit dirtier? Very much so! (3,3)
- 16 Trouble from diacets fring a shot (10)
- 17 English essayist's hit book (4)
- 18 Only front half wide, narrow inside (6)
- 19 Alcoholic drinks long arranged in pegs (4,4)
- 20 Sailor withdrawing, not prepared to board ship in movie (6,6)
- 21 Dog runs behind couch dropping close to bone (6)
- 22 Down
- 1 Shot up carrying gold in sack (6)
- 2 Hearing complaint, can quibble with us (8)
- 3 Groom in India denied a say these days (4)
- 4 Pathetic chap beginning to get on (3,4)
- 5 Exultant cast run and pat him on the back in delight (10)
- 6 Humbug, lie really covering piece more hideous (6)
- 7 Some old rent to owner (3,2,3)
- 8 Basic rule to audit banks ignored - stupid (10)
- 9 Start from home before eleven having time to join high tea (8)
- 10 Jays of editor reflecting on answers to crossword clues (6)
- 11 Detective wearing fins, pish pants like a dandy (7)
- 12 Lie logical, heart may control head without notice (6)
- 13 Rascal's cheer, ultimately stuffing bread (6)
- 14 Catches when sun rises in cosy den (4)

- Across
- 8 Calm female, one about to break fast (6)
- 9 Rank protects government labour in office running insolent (8)
- 10 Lead runs freely in washes (8)
- 11 International organisation working to save lives in accord (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Bear sets example

Lord Rama has vanquished the demon Ravana, and Hanuman takes the message of Rama's victory to Sita. Sita is joyous, and wishes that she could give Hanuman a gift. Hanuman then tells Sita that he wants to kill the demon women who have been tormenting Her. Sita says that Hanuman should not harbour ill-will against them, said Y.S. Karunakarachariar, in a discourse. They were only doing their duty. Ravana has treated them to threaten Sita into changing Her mind. How could they refuse to do what their master wanted them to do? Sita refuses to blame them for their conduct. A virtuous person will be kind even towards those who err, for, after all, whose conduct is without blemish? She then narrates the story of a bear and a tiger.

A man was chased by a tiger, and he clambered up a tree. That tree happened to be the dwelling place of a bear. The tiger then said to the bear, "Push the man down. You must never trust human beings." But the bear said that the man had sought refuge in its tree, and it would not harm him. The bear then told the man to sleep. When he woke up, it was the bear's turn to sleep. Now the tiger said to the man, "Push the bear down. I will spare your life." The man promptly pushed the bear down. The tiger then pointed out to the bear how untrustworthy the man was. It now urged the bear to go up the tree and push the man down in revenge. The bear went up the tree, but refused to do as the tiger wanted it to. The bear said that even though the man had betrayed it, it would not push him down. Thus, the bear, through its conduct, showed the goodness lay in forgiving people who had done wrong.

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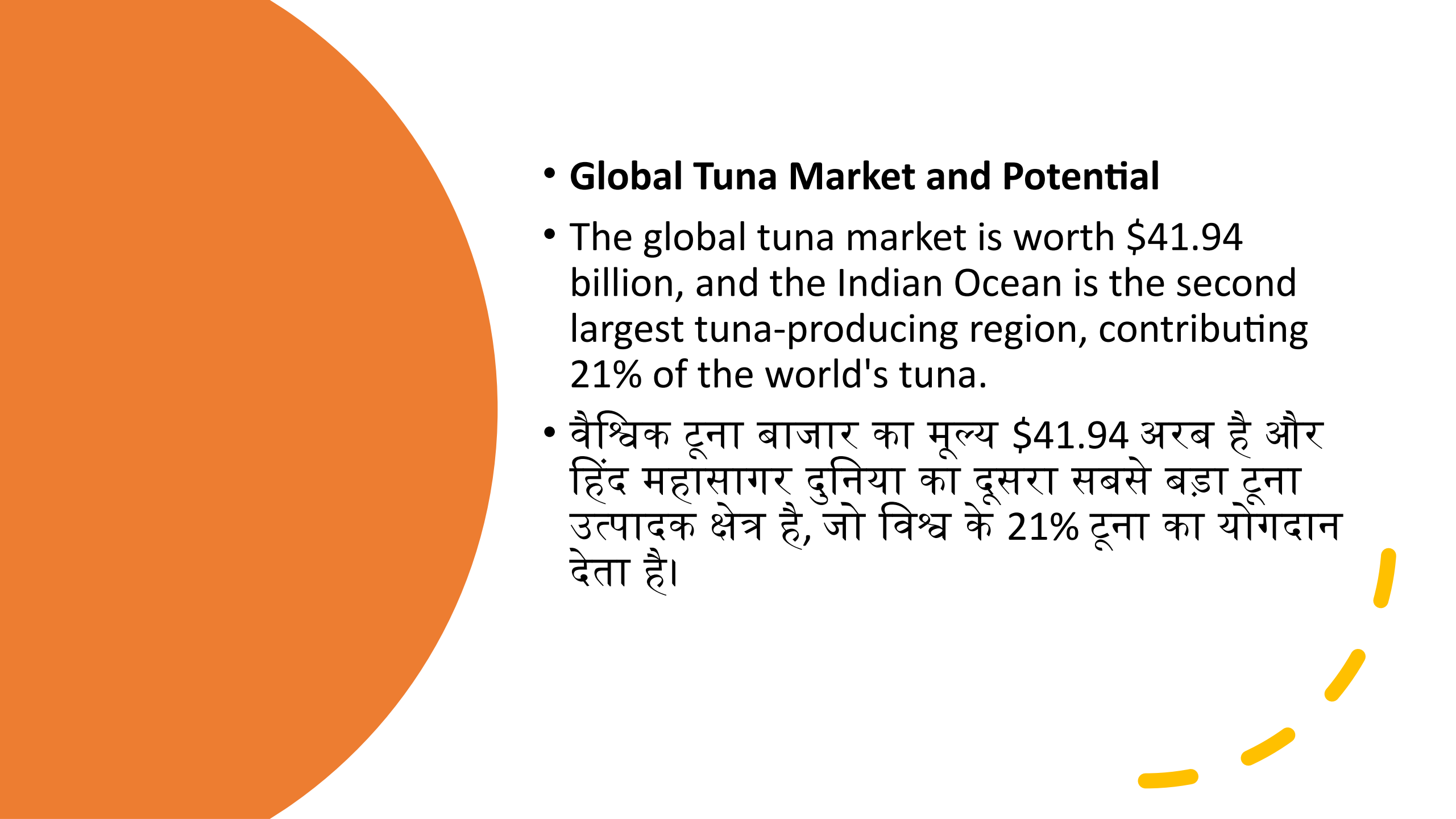


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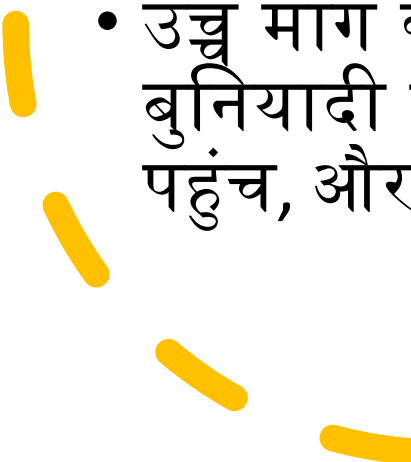
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• Top 5 Fish Eaten in India

1.Rohu (Rui)

1. A popular freshwater fish in India, particularly in Bengal, Bihar, and Odisha.

2.Catla

1. Another freshwater fish, widely eaten in eastern and central parts of India.

3.Hilsa (Ilish)

1. Considered a delicacy, mainly popular in West Bengal, Assam, and Bangladesh.

4.Indian Mackerel (Bangda)

1. A common marine fish popular in the western and southern coastal states of India.

5.Pomfret

1. Widely eaten across coastal areas of India, especially in Maharashtra, Goa, and Kerala.

• **Top 5 Fish Eaten Globally**

1.Tuna

1. Tuna is the most popular fish worldwide, consumed fresh, canned, and as sushi or sashimi.

2.Salmon

1. Salmon is widely eaten, especially in North America and Europe, known for its high omega-3 content.

3.Cod

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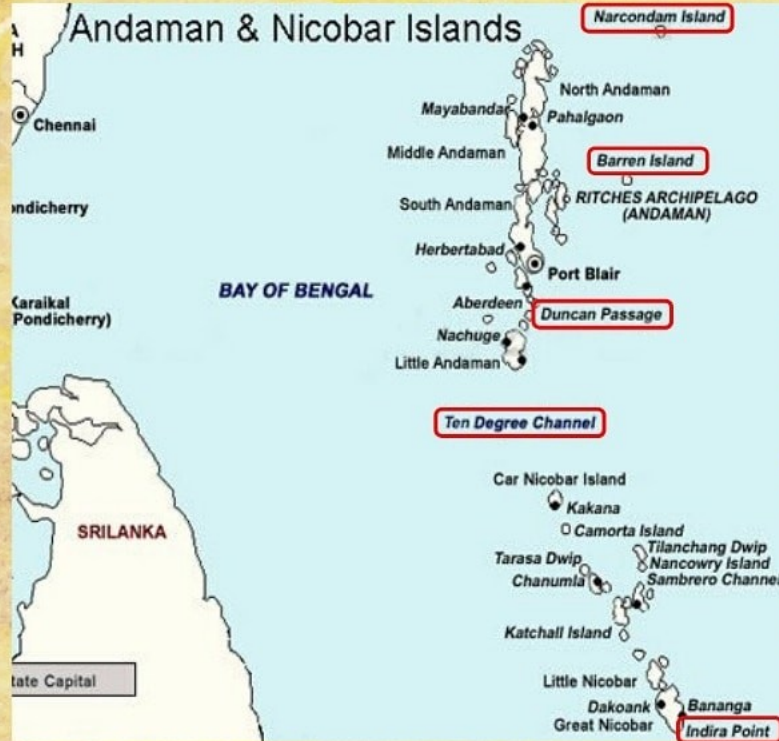
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1. Widely eaten in Europe, particularly in Scandinavia, and often used in dishes like pickled herring.





ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS



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- **Ten Degree Channel:** It is a channel that separates the Andaman Islands and Nicobar Islands.
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QUICK FACTS

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DF-ZF (Wu-14)	China	Mach 5 - 10	Hypersonic glide vehicle; mounted on DF-17 ballistic missile.
Avangard	Russia	Mach 20+	Capable of evading missile defenses; launched from ICBMs.
HGV (Hypersonic Glide Vehicle)	United States	Mach 20+	Part of the US Conventional Prompt Global Strike program; highly maneuverable.
BrahMos-II	India & Russia	Mach 7 - 8	Successor to BrahMos; developed for anti-ship and land attack roles.
Xingkong-2 (Starry Sky-2)	China	Mach 6	Experimental hypersonic wave-rider; designed for military use.
Kinzhal (Dagger)	Russia	Mach 10 - 12	Air-launched hypersonic missile; can be carried by MiG-31 fighter aircraft.
Arrow-3 Hypersonic	Israel	Mach 9 - 10	Advanced interceptor missile; developed to counter ballistic threats.
LRHW (Long Range Hypersonic Weapon)	United States	Mach 17	Developed for rapid response and precision strike; ground-launched.




Country	Missile Name	Range	Speed	Description (English & Hindi)
Russia	Avangard	6,000 km+	Mach 20-27	Capable of carrying nuclear warheads, high maneuverability. परमाणु वारहेड ले जाने में सक्षम, उच्च गतिशीलता।
China	DF-ZF	2,000 km+	Mach 5-10	Hypersonic glide vehicle, can be launched from ballistic missiles. हाइपरसोनिक ग्लाइड वाहन, बैलिस्टिक मिसाइलों से लॉन्च किया जा सकता है।
United States	AGM-183A ARRW	1,500 km	Mach 20	Air-launched rapid response weapon, tested to boost response speed. वायु से लॉन्च किया जाने वाला त्वरित प्रतिक्रिया हथियार, प्रतिक्रिया गति को बढ़ाने के लिए परीक्षण किया गया।
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North Korea	Hwasong-8	2,000 km (estimated)	Mach 5+	Newest addition, claimed to have achieved hypersonic speed with maneuverability. नवीनतम मिसाइल, हाइपरसोनिक गति और गतिशीलता प्राप्त करने का दावा।
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 - भारत ने 1,500 किलोमीटर की रेंज वाली अपनी पहली लंबी दूरी की हाइपरसोनिक मिसाइल का सफल उड़ान परीक्षण किया।
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- **DRDO's Contribution**

- The missile was developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and tested from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.
 - मिसाइल को स्वदेशी रूप से रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन (DRDO) द्वारा विकसित किया गया था और इसका परीक्षण ओडिशा तट के पास डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम द्वीप से किया गया।
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- **Missile Capabilities**


- The missile is designed to carry various payloads for ranges greater than 1,500 km for all services of the Indian armed forces.
 - मिसाइल को भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों की सभी सेवाओं के लिए 1,500 किमी से अधिक की दूरी तक विभिन्न पेलोड ले जाने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है।
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- **Tracking and Accuracy**

- The missile was tracked by multiple range systems, and data confirmed successful terminal maneuvers and high accuracy during the impact.

- मिसाइल को कई रेंज सिस्टम द्वारा ट्रैक किया गया, और डेटा ने सफल अंतिम प्रबंधन और उच्च सटीकता के साथ प्रभाव की पुष्टि की।

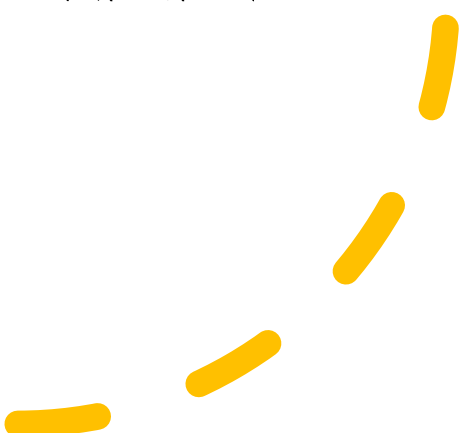




- **Significance of Achievement**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, saying that India has now joined the group of nations with such advanced military technologies.

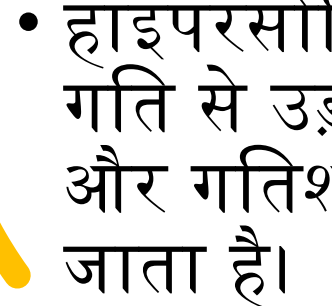
- रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने DRDO को बधाई दी और कहा कि अब भारत उन देशों के समूह में शामिल हो गया है जिनके पास ऐसी उन्नत सैन्य तकनीक है





- **Hypersonic Weapon Features**

- Hypersonic weapons are highly maneuverable, capable of flying at speeds of at least Mach 5, which is five times the speed of sound. Their high speed and maneuverability make detection and interception difficult.

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- हाइपरसोनिक हथियार अत्यधिक गतिशील होते हैं और कम से कम मैक 5 की गति से उड़ सकते हैं, जो ध्वनि की गति से पांच गुना अधिक है। उनकी उच्च गति और गतिशीलता के कारण उनका पता लगाना और रोकना बहुत कठिन हो जाता है।

BIG SHOT



Indonesia inaugurated Southeast Asia's largest floating solar power plant in Purwakarta, West Java province, on November 9. This view shows panels of the 192 megawatt-peak facility, in Cirata Dam, in 2023. It was developed by PLN Nusantara Power, a unit of Indonesia's state utility company, and UAE renewable energy company Masdar. REUTERS

SYDNEY

U.S., Japan and Australia vow to build military ties to counter China



Australia, Japan and the U.S. committed to closer military ties in training their forces as the countries deepened their ties in a bid to counter China's military strength. Australia's Minister of Defence Richard Marles hosted the U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and Japan's Defence Minister Gen Nakatani on Sunday. AFP

RIYADH

'Saudi Arabia executed more than 100 foreigners in 2024'



Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia has executed more than 100 foreigners this year, according to an AFP tally, indicating a sharp increase. The latest execution, on Saturday in the southwestern region of Najran, was of a Yemeni national convicted of smuggling drugs into the Gulf kingdom. AFP

MEXICO CITY

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DAKAR

Senegal votes for lawmakers in test of mandate for its new President



Senegal headed to the polls to vote in a legislative election that President Bassirou Diomaye Faye hopes will give his party the majority needed to implement reforms. At stake is Faye's mandate to make good on promises to crack down on graft and improve livelihoods that helped sweep him to power in April. REUTERS

Hezbollah spokesman killed in strike on Beirut

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

A Lebanese security source said Hezbollah spokesman Mohammed Afif was killed in an Israeli strike on Sunday in central Beirut that hit the Lebanese branch of the Syrian Baath party. "The strike on Ras al-Naba has killed Hezbollah media relations official Mohammed Afif," the security source said, requesting anonymity. Ali Hizazi, secretary-general of the Lebanese branch of the Baath party, "confirmed the death of Hezbollah media official" Afif. Afif was part of the inner circle of longtime Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli strike in September. For years, Afif had been responsible for Hezbollah's media relations.

Israel strikes northern Gaza, killing 30, including children

Dozens missing following the strike on a residential building in Beit Lahia; workers say rescue becoming difficult due to ongoing shooting, shelling; toll in besieged enclave stands at 43,846

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Gaza's civil defence agency said 30 people were killed on Sunday, including children, and dozens were missing after an Israeli air strike hit a building in the Palestinian territory's north. Israel's Army said it had conducted overnight strikes and hit "terrorist targets" in the area. After the strike early Sunday, 30 bodies were pulled from the rubble of the five-storey residential building in Beit Lahia, "including children and women", civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal said, updating a previous figure of 26. Seven persons were injured, Mr. Bassal added. Earlier on Sunday he said



Mounting misery: People transport bodies of victims on a donkey-pulled cart in Beit Lahia on Sunday. AFP

at least 59 people were missing. "The chances of rescuing more wounded are decreasing because of the continuous shooting and artillery shelling," Mr. Bassal said. Images showed men covered in dust scrambling to reach people under the

were "ongoing terrorist activities in the area of Beit Lahia". Hamas, which runs the territory, accused Israel of committing a "massacre" which it said is "a continuation of the genocidal war and revenge against unarmed civilians". "Halt atrocities", Palestinian presidency spokesman Nabil Abu Raddwan, condemned the U.S., Israel's biggest supporter, for "enabling this continued bloodshed". The Palestinian Foreign Ministry urged the international community to act to "immediately halt these atrocities". Gaza's Health Ministry on Sunday said the overall death toll in more than 13 months of war had reached 43,846.

U.S.'s support for Taiwan is a 'red line' in ties, Xi tells Biden

Agence France-Presse
LIMA

Chinese President Xi Jinping warned the U.S. on Saturday not to cross a "red line" in support for Taiwan, but told his counterpart Joe Biden that Beijing was willing to work with the incoming administration of Donald Trump. Mr. Biden and Mr. Xi met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Peru, two months before Mr. Trump takes office amid concerns of new trade and diplomatic upheaval. China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has refused to rule out using force to seize it, while the U.S. is the self-styled island's main security backer even though it does not recognise Taipei diplomatically. Mr. Xi told Mr. Biden that the "Taiwan issue, democracy and human



Bridging the gap: Joe Biden and Xi Jinping meet along the sidelines of the APEC summit in Peru's capital Lima on Saturday. AFP

rights, pathways and systems, and development interests are China's four red lines that must not be challenged", according to state broadcaster CCTV. "These are the most important guardrails and safety net for China-U.S. relations," CCTV reported Mr. Xi as saying. "The separatist actions of Taiwan independence are incompatible with peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," he added. Taiwan's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday that "China's ongoing military provocations near Taiwan are the root cause of destroying regional peace and stability and the major threat to global economic growth". Mr. Xi also told Mr. Biden that Washington "should not intervene in bilateral disputes... and not condone or support provocative impulses" in the South China Sea.

Anti-war protest



Nesim Navariny's widow Yulia Navalnaya, centre, Russian opposition politician Vladimir Kara-Murza, right, and Ilya Yashin, taking part in a demonstration under the slogan "Stop Putin! Stop the War! Freedom for Political Prisoners!" in Berlin in Germany on Sunday. AP

More than 20,000 people displaced by gang violence in Haiti, says UN agency

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

More than 20,000 people have been displaced across Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince in four days, a UN agency said on Saturday, as residents flee gang violence that has crippled the troubled Caribbean nation. "The isolation of Port-Prince is amplifying an already dire humanitarian situation," said Gregoire Goodtrem, Haiti chief for the International Organization for Migration. "Our ability to deliver aid is stretched to its limits.

Haiti lost major links to the rest of the world this past week when the U.S. banned all civilian flights to the country for a month. Without immediate international support, the suffering will worsen exponentially," Mr. Goodtrem added. The IOM said that around 17,000 of the roughly 20,000 people recently forced to relocate were already in temporary

housing, with many having been displaced multiple times. "Such a scale of displacement has not been observed since August 2023," the migration agency said. Haiti saw Prime Minister Axiel Michel Filles-Aime sworn in on Monday, replacing outgoing premier Garry Conille, who was appointed in May but became embroiled in a power struggle with the country's unelected transitional council. "Violent crime in Port-au-Prince remains high, with well-armed gangs that con-

trol some 80% of the city routinely targeting civilians, even though a Kenyan-led international force has been deployed to help the outgunned Haitian police restore order. Gang-related violence has caused nearly 4,000 deaths this year, the UN human rights office said. Haiti lost major links to the rest of the world this past week when the U.S. banned all civilian flights to the country for a month, after three jetliners approaching, or departing Port-au-Prince were hit by gunfire.

At least 9 killed as Russian missiles and drones pound Ukraine in 'massive' attack

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Russia on Sunday pummeled Ukraine with a "massive" aerial barrage of missiles and drones, killing at least nine persons across the country in the largest attack in months that Kyiv branded "hellish". Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Moscow launched 120 missiles and almost 100 drones, targeting the capital as well as southern, central and far-western corners of the country. Civilians were killed in the Mykolajiv, Lviv, Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk and Odessa regions in what officials in Kyiv called one of the biggest barrages of the almost three-year-long Russian invasion. "The devastation comes at a time when Moscow has been steadily advancing in Ukraine's east and with the imminent return of Donald Trump to the White House raising fears over the future of U.S. support for Kyiv. "A hellish night," the spokesman for Ukraine's air force Yuriy Ignatyuk said on social media, adding that Kyiv downed "144 targets".



Field days: Ukrainian firefighters put out the fire following a Russian rocket attack in Odessa on Sunday. AP

Mr. Putin and on Sunday said the attack was the Kremlin's real answer. "This is war criminal Putin's true response to all calls in Kyiv called and visited him recently," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andriy Sybga said after the attack. "We need peace through strength, not appeasement." Mr. Scholz on Sunday defended the call and insisted that Berlin's backing for Kyiv was unwavering. "Ukraine can count on us," the German leader said ahead of flying to a G-20 meeting in Brazil, promising that "no decision will be taken behind Ukraine's back on ending the conflict." But Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on Sunday. "The alliance will stop Putin with phone calls. The attack last night, one of the biggest in this war, has proved that telephone diplomacy cannot replace real support from the whole West for Ukraine."

Bangladesh will seek extradition of Hasina: Yunus

Associated Press
DHAKA

Bangladesh's interim leader and Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus said on Sunday that his administration will seek the extradition of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India, where she has been in exile since fleeing a mass uprising in August. In a televised address to the nation on his first 100 days in office, Mr. Yunus said that the interim government will try those responsible including Ms. Hasina for hundreds of deaths during the student-led uprising. Mr. Yunus said that not only the deaths in the uprising but all other violations of human rights, including alleged enforced disappearances while Ms. Hasina was in power, would be investigated. "We will seek the return of the fallen autocrat Sheikh Hasina from India," Mr. Yunus said. "I have already discussed the issue with chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Karim Khan." Extension of powers Meanwhile, Bangladesh's interim government extended the judicial powers of the armed forces granted after the August 15 uprising. The government order, issued November 15, extends for two more months the powers of the armed forces to engage in day-to-day enforcement activities like the police, including making arrests.

MEXICO CITY

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GETTY IMAGES

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KEY ALLY'S MOVE COMES AMID DISQUIET IN BJP

Sangma's NPP withdraws support to NDA govt in Manipur: 'Failed to resolve crisis, innocent lives lost'

Shah cuts short Maharashtra tour; Cong MLAs to quit 'if people want new mandate'

JIMMY LEIVON, SUKRITA BARIUAH & DEEPTI MANI TWAREY
IMPHAL, NEW DELHI, NOV 17

THE CRISIS in Manipur took another turn Sunday with Conrad Sangma's National People's Party (NPP), the second-largest ally with seven MLAs in the BJP-led NDA state government, withdrawing its support to the ruling alliance citing its failure to "restore normalcy" and expressing deep concern.

The move does not pose an immediate threat to the govern-

ment led by Chief Minister N Biren Singh, as the BJP holds a comfortable majority with 37 MLAs of its own in the 60-member Assembly.

However, the pullout of a key local ally represents a political setback, signalling further erosion in support on the ground for the administration. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, an NPP MLA said: "The state government is already at odds with several BJP MLAs. Without the seven NPP MLAs, he (Biren) will struggle to prove his majority in the Assembly now."

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Jiribam family at centre of spiralling violence wants to move from camp to safety — but can't

SUKRITA BARIUAH BORGHEIRA (JIRIBAM),
NOVEMBER 17

ON SUNDAY morning, shortly after the body of a woman was found in the Barak river in Assam's Cachar district, photos and videos spread like wildfire on social media. Sandhya Devi (33) saw these images too, sitting at a relief camp in Boroboka in Manipur's Jiribam district, where she finds herself trapped now. She immediately recognised



Sandhya Devi at the relief camp. Sukrita Baruah

who it was — her 61-year-old mother, Raj Devi, who had been abducted from the camp last week.

It was on November 11 that the relief camp came under attack by armed men — the Manipur police claim they were Hindu militants — and by evening, residents found that her mother, two sisters Thabbi and Heitonbi, and three nieces and nephews were missing.

On Thursday night, the bodies of a woman and two children, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By LUNNY
While the world is preoccupied with the war in Ukraine, India is busy with the 2024 general elections. For students, the election is a time to stand for three hours during ragging by seniors at hostels.

Gujarat medical student dies during ragging: 'Made to stand for three hours'



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 17

AN 18-YEAR-OLD student of a medical college in Gujarat's Patan district died Saturday night after allegedly being made to stand for three hours during ragging by seniors at his hostel.

Police said Sunday that they have sought a report from the anti-ragging committee of the college while authorities at the institute said the incident is being probed.

Anil Natwarbhai Methaniya, from Jesda village in Surendranagar district, was a first-year student at GMERS Medical College and Hospital at Dhasput in Patan.

His cousin Dharmendra Methaniya told reporters that he received a call from his uncle informing about Anil falling unconscious. "When we reached the college, we were told that he is dead and the body has been sent for postmortem. We heard that first-year students were ragged by third-year students and Anil was made to stand for 2-3 hours. We demand a fair investigation into his death," he said.

Anil's batchmates, who did not want to be named, told *The Indian Express* that he was among more than 10 students who were ragged Saturday night. Based on the report from

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MAHARASHTRA CAMPAIGNING ENDS TODAY

In the first battle of alliances post splits, party takes backseat, candidate the wheel

In Vidarbha villages, towns, both sides desperate to pull ahead of the other



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra campaigns for party candidate Vikas Thakre in Nagpur. PPT PAGE 5

VANITA MISHRA
MUMBAI, BANGALORE, AMRAVATI, AKOLA & BULDHANA, NOVEMBER 17

AS THE campaign ends in Maharashtra, and voters are ready to choose, all political parties face a sharp and shared challenge, regardless of who loses and who wins.

In the first Assembly election held after the "trifurcation" (splitting of parties), which took the main contenders from four to six, rearranged traditional alliances beyond recognition by bringing together unlikely part-

ners, and in which the sheer number of candidates has touched new highs in several constituencies, many voters in Maharashtra this time appear unwilling to suspend disbelief. They speak of a "dividation" on the rise, and of the growing irrelevance of "pakds" or party voter and distrust of party politics seems to have a new edge. This erosion of trust will arguably influence the outcome of this election — but in a party-led representative democracy, it is also a warning bell in the long term that all political parties must heed.

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JMM, Cong flag BJP ad to EC: 'How far will you allow country to fall in name of Hindu-Muslim?'

Poll panel orders takedown of video, FIR registered; BJP deletes its post

ABHISHEK ANGAD & ASAD REHMAN
RANCHI, NEW DELHI, NOV 17

HOURS AFTER allies JMM and Congress complained against a video released by the BJP on social media that allegedly propa-

gates a "false narrative" about a religious community ahead of the second phase of polling on November 20, the Election Commission of India Sunday evening said the video prima facie violates the Model Code of Conduct and directs it to be taken action as per existing laws

to social media platforms to "take down the referred post immediately" and to seek an "explanation" from the state BJP unit. Following this, the state BJP deleted the video, which it had posted Saturday night.

Earlier in the evening, Kumar told *The Indian Express* that objections from the poll panel police have registered an FIR.

The JMM was the first to flag K Ram Kumar to issue directions



The 27-year-old Dalla, designated a terrorist by the NIA in 2023, has over 70 cases registered against him in India. NIA

AAP TARGETS BJP OVER EXIT

In blow to AAP, Delhi Minister Gahlot quits govt and party

Cites 'embarrassing' CM house row, 'ambitions overtaking commitment'

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

INA major setback for the ruling AAP ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls early next year, Delhi and Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot resigned Sunday from the primary membership of the party and the Council of Ministers, saying "political ambitions have overtaken our commitment towards people, leaving many promises unfulfilled".

Announcing his resignation on X and releasing a letter addressed to AAP chief and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Gahlot also referred to "embarrassing and awkward controversies" such as the one over the resignation of Shresh Mahal, the residence of Kejriwal when he was CM.

Chief Minister Atishi has accused Gahlot's resignation, Kejrival did not answer questions on Gahlot's exit and his letter during a press conference where he was welcoming BJP's Anil Bhai into AAP.

With Gahlot's resignation, four MLAs, two of them ministers, have resigned from the AAP — the other three being Rajendra Pal Gaurain, who joined the Congress in September, Patel Nagar and Chatterpoo MLAs Raj



AAP moved from fighting for people's rights to fighting for own agenda: Gahlot. MORE REPORTS, PAGE 4

E Behind the exit
Gahlot is the fourth MLA, and the second minister, to quit AAP since the Lok Sabha polls. According to sources, he was upset that despite having more experience, the bulk of governance duties was given to Atishi, who took over as CM after Arvind Kejriwal stepped down.

Kumar Anand and Karar Singh Tanwar, who joined the BJP during the Lok Sabha polls. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

NIGERIA HONOURS MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives Nigeria's second-highest national award, the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger, from President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in Abuja. Sunday. Modi will be in Brazil on Monday to attend the G20 Summit. PPT REPORT, PAGE 9

Fareed Zakaria, global foreign policy expert, guest at Express Adda today



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

AT A time when the US Presidential elections have given former President Donald Trump a second chance to govern the country and shape the world that is confronting challenges from a rising China, political analyst, bestselling author and CNN news host Fareed Zakaria will be the guest at Express Adda in Mumbai on Monday.

Zakaria hosts weekly programme GPS on CNN.

He will be in conversation with The Indian Express Group Executive Director Anand Goenka and Diplomatic Editor Shubhrajit Roy.

In a world punctuated by

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Delhi air 'severe plus': More curbs kick in, schools go online barring Classes 10, 12

Delhi's AQI rose to 457 by 7 pm Sunday. *Gaganendra Yadav*

SOPHYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 17

WITH AIR quality worsening further to severe plus levels Sunday evening, the Commission for Air Quality Management proposed GRAP-4, the highest set of anti-pollution restrictions, in Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) starting 8 am Monday.

"With the imposition of GRAP-4 from tomorrow, phys-

Idea Exchange

"The template we have... go to university in 21, stay with it all your life — that can't happen now." ANANT SOMAK RAJACHAUDHURY
V.C. AIRS UNIVERSITY
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cal classes shall be discontinued for all students, apart from Class 10 and 12. All schools will hold online classes, until further orders," Chief Minister Atishi said in a post on X.

Under the eight-point GRAP-4, 4 entry of diesel-run medium and heavy vehicles registered in the city.

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GRAP-4 CURBS
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Arsh Dalla: A gangster's shadowy trail from a Punjab village to Canada

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

KAMALDEEP SINGH BARR
BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 17

IN 2020, two years after he left for Canada, gangster Arsh Singh Gill aka Arsh Dalla made a trip to India. Investigations later revealed that the visit was to kill his friend-turned-rival Sukha Anam.

Police say Dalla allegedly injected Anam with poison, then strangled the body, and discarded it in a canal in Moga. For months

afterwards, he allegedly operated Lamine's social media handle, using the dead man's identity to expand his extortion and smuggling rackets.

The decision came to light in May 2021, when the Punjab Police arrested one of Dalla's gang members, who confessed to Lamine's murder. By then, Dalla had returned to Canada, orchestrating a sprawling crime syndicate from his base in Surrey, British Columbia.

Over time, his ability to exploit legal loopholes and hide his true identities became his strength. He has been involved in named crimes across Moga and adjoining districts from the

safety of his Canadian hideout.

The 27-year-old Dalla, designated a terrorist by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in January 2023, has over 70 cases registered against him in India. With Dalla reportedly being detained in Canada on October 29, the Indian government is all set to seek his extradition.

Police say his network, which allegedly included his father Syed Ahmad Ali, and brother Baldeep, thrived on extortion, drug trafficking, and targeted killings, with victims ranging from small businesses to prominent figures, both in Punjab and Canada.



The 27-year-old Dalla, designated a terrorist by the NIA in 2023, has over 70 cases registered against him in India. NIA

Dalla's reported arrest in Canada came a day after a grenade attack at a petrol pump in Punjab's Mansa district — a rare and alarming escalation in extortion tactics.

It was the second FIR against the 27-year-old Dalla that week and the third in October. An FIR filed on October 23 accused him of making threatening calls to a crime shelter in Faridkot. On October 9, he was accused of carrying out the murder of a Sikh activist, Gurpreet Singh Har-Nau, in Faridkot district. Member of Parliament from Khadoor Sahib and Warriss Punjab De head Anritpal Singh, who is in

Dibrugarh jail, was also named in the case along with Dalla. But Dalla later released an audio clip in which he claimed responsibility for the murder while clarifying that Anritpal Singh was not involved.

His "arrest" in Canada remains shrouded in mystery. It was the second FIR against him that week and the third in October. An FIR filed on October 23 accused him of making threatening calls to a crime shelter in Faridkot. On October 9, he was accused of carrying out the murder of a Sikh activist, Gurpreet Singh Har-Nau, in Faridkot district. Member of Parliament from Khadoor Sahib and Warriss Punjab De head Anritpal Singh, who is in

brother Baldeep went to the tony Sacred Heart School in Moga, where they did their matriculation in which he claimed responsibility for the murder while clarifying that Anritpal Singh was not involved.

Villagers say a financial crisis forced his father, who killed land on lease, to move Dalla to the village government school, where he studied till Class 12.

His descent into crime began soon after. He was 19 when the first FIR was filed against him for snatching a rifle from a security guard in Barnala in 2015.

Despite this case and another of attempted murder, he managed to obtain a passport from the Jalandhar Regional Passport Moga — Dalla and his younger

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NIGERIA HONOURS MODI



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Country	Award Name	Year
Russia	Order of St. Andrew	2019
United States	Legion of Merit	2020
Saudi Arabia	King Abdulaziz Sash	2016
United Arab Emirates	Order of Zayed	2019
Afghanistan	Amir Amanullah Khan Award	2016
Bhutan	Order of the Druk Gyalpo	2021
Maldives	Rule of Nishan Izzuddin	2019
Palestine	Grand Collar of the State of Palestine	2018
France	Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour	2023
Fiji	Companion of the Order of Fiji	2023
Papua New Guinea	Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu	2023

Bodoland Mahotsav



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- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the **1st Bodoland Mahotsav** in New Delhi.
 - **About**
 - **It is a two-day cultural celebration** dedicated to language, literature, and fostering peace in Bodoland.
 - **Theme:** 'Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat'.
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It aims to **capitalize on the richness of cultural and linguistic heritage,** ecological biodiversity and touristic potential of **Bodoland.**

The Mahotsav is celebrating the remarkable journey of recovery and resilience ever since the signing of the **Bodo Peace Accord in 2020.**



- **Bodo Peace Accord in 2020**

- It is a significant agreement aimed at ending decades-long violence and unrest in Assam's Bodoland region.

- **Key Provisions** of the 2020 Accord;

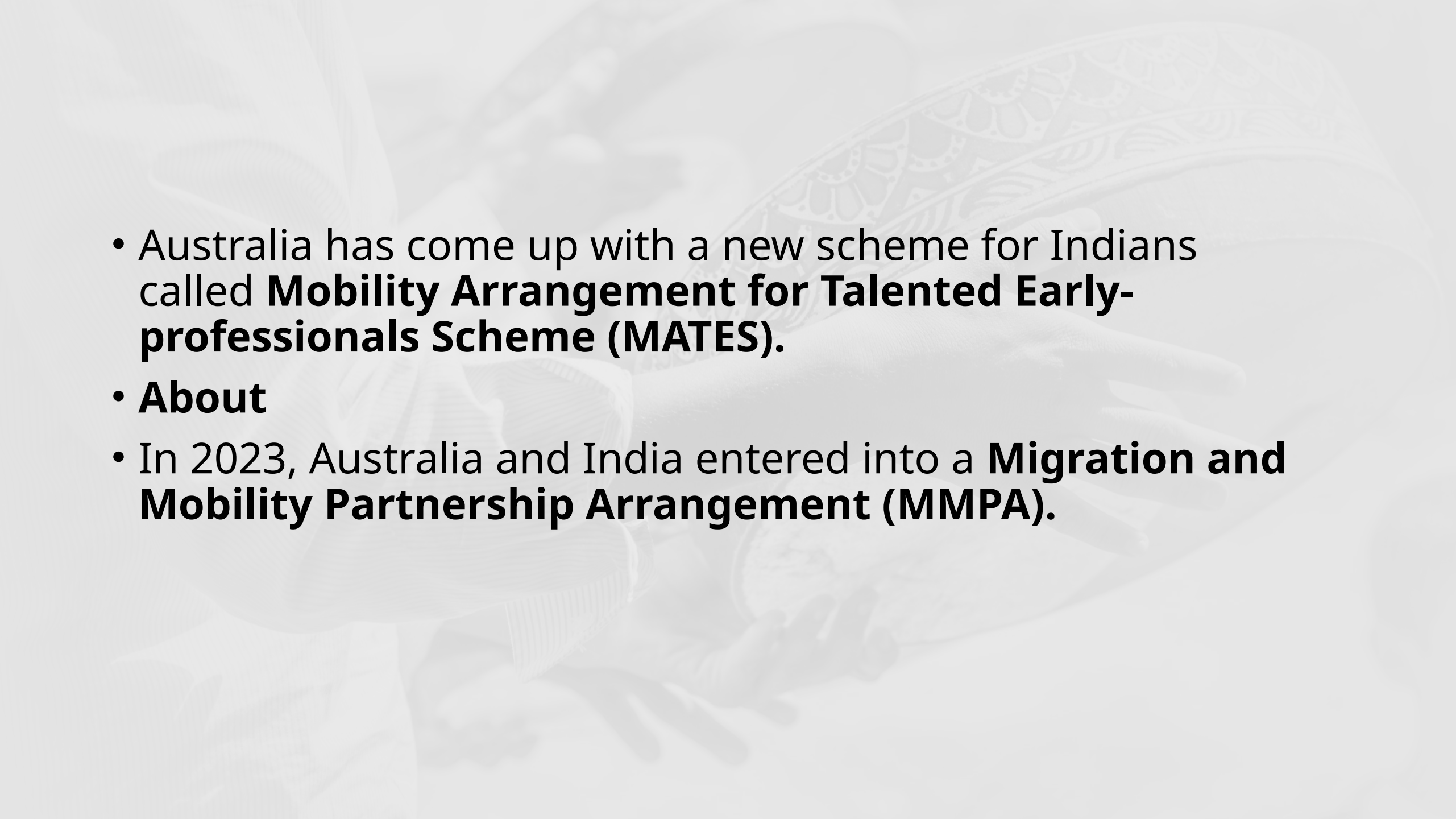
- **Territorial Changes:** The Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD) was restructured and renamed as the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).
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Inclusion of More Villages: The BTR saw the addition of more Bodo-majority villages, while non-Bodo-majority villages were excluded.

Autonomy and Governance: Enhanced administrative powers were provided to the BTC, improving local governance with greater autonomy.



Australia's MATES scheme



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- Australia has come up with a new scheme for Indians called **Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES)**.
 - **About**
 - In 2023, Australia and India entered into a **Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement (MMPA)**.

The background of the slide features a light gray silhouette of a crowd of graduates. They are wearing traditional academic caps and gowns, and many have their arms raised in a celebratory gesture, suggesting a graduation ceremony. The silhouettes are layered, creating a sense of depth and a large group of people.

- **MATES**

- It gives Indian university graduates and early career professionals **a chance to work in Australia for two years.**
- **3,000 spots are available** for primary applicants annually during the first pilot period.

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- The scheme will be available to graduates from the **top 100 Indian universities** according to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking for 2024.
 - **Eligibility:** MATES will be open to Indian nationals who:
 - are aged 30 or younger (inclusive) at the time of application;
 - have proficient English language skills;
 - have graduated within 2 years from an eligible educational institution at the time of application;

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- and hold a qualification (Bachelor's degree or higher) in one of the following: renewable energy, mining, engineering, Information Communications Technology (ICT), artificial intelligence (AI), financial technology (FinTech) agricultural technology (AgriTech).
 - MATES participants are not eligible to take part in the Scheme more than once
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Operation Dronagiri

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- Recently Operation Dronagiri was launched by the **Ministry of Science and Technology**.
 - **About**
 - It is a pilot project under **National Geospatial Policy 2022** to demonstrate the potential applications of geospatial technologies and innovations in improving the quality of life of citizens.
 - In the first phase, Operation Dronagiri will be implemented in the states of **Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra**.

Word of the day


Labile:

liable to change

Usage: *We may be the most labile culture in all of history.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/labilepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈleɪbaɪl/

A group of people are clapping in a circle, suggesting a celebratory or appreciative moment. In the foreground, a hand is reaching out towards the center. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the gesture.

Thank you
guys.
