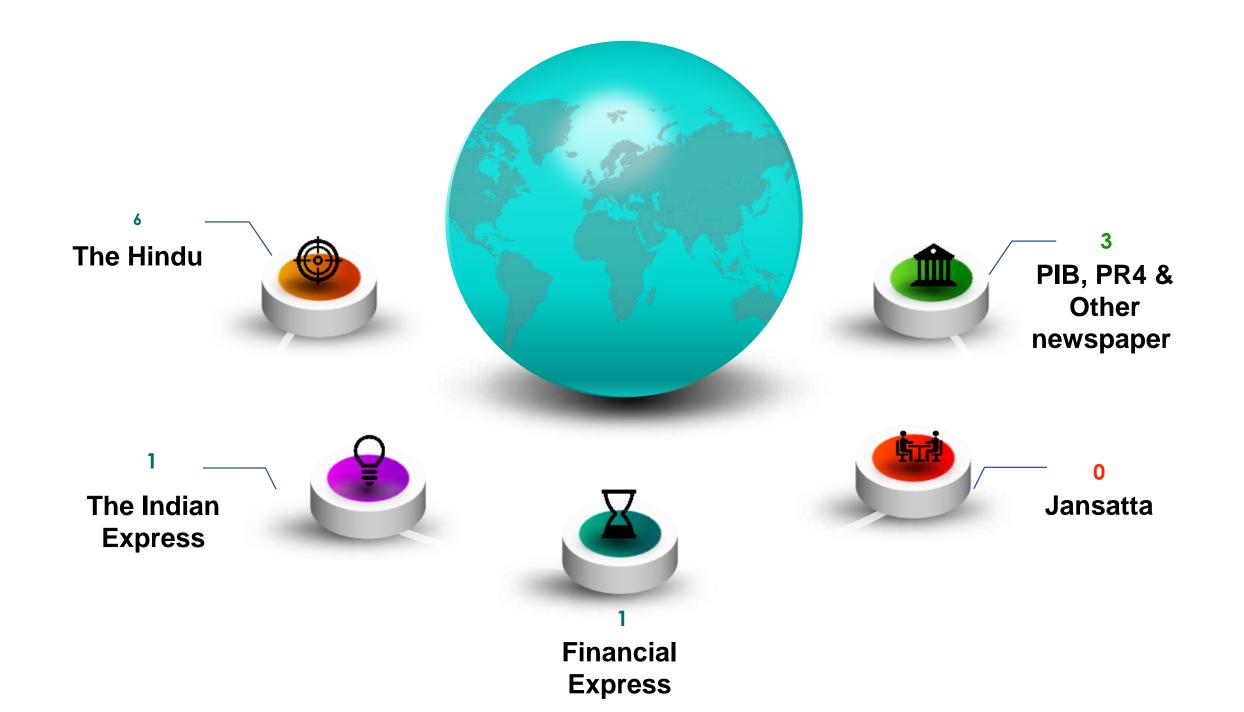








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Justice Gavai said the court was not precenting the demolston of unauti-orised structures regard-less of the building owner's faith. "If you want to de-molsts a guardware, temple or a magid located on a pu-blic road, do it... If there are houses abutting railway lines, yez," Justice Ga-val observed.

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nior advocate C.U. Singh, of giving the court a co-loured narrative of the de-molitions. He said the demolitions were grounded on statutory provisions and municipal laws based and municipal laws based on notices issued to the owners of unauthorised issistings. "I will assist Your Lordships to be dis-abused of this narrative of the pertitioners," Mr. Mohta reacted.

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J&K to vote in first phase of Assembly election today

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9 killed as pagers used by Hezbollah | SC hits out at Bengal govt. plan to explode in sync in Lebanon, Syria

Associated Press

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At about 3:20 p.m. on Tuesday, pagers started heating up and then ex-ploding in the pockets and hands of those carrying them – particularly in a southern Beirut subsyrb-and the Begaa region of entern Lebanon where Heabulath has a strong pre-At about 3:30 p.m. on

sence, and in Damascus, where several Hesboligh members were weanded, Leburese security officials and a Hesbullah official said.

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The Israeli military de-clined to comment.
The explosions came tosus after israel's internal folded an attempt by fies-bollah to kill a former se-nior braeli security official using a planted explosive device that could be remotely detonated.

Experts said the pager explosions showed signs of explosions showed signs of being a long planned oper-ation – though the means were not immediately known, investigators had no immediate word on how the pagen were deto-nated of dephotyees had semethow been sneaked in-to each pages.

deploy private guards at hospitals

Krishnadas Rajagopal

The Supreme Court on Tuesday slammed the west Bengal government for its plan to time private security guards to protect women medical students, doctors and staff in govern-ment hospitals under the Eastiver Sathi's scheme. The Bench headed by Chiaf Jurtice D.Y. Chandra-chad pointed our that the main accused, Sanjoy Roy,

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gal. "These colleges are where the young women straight out of Class 12 come to atudy. They are the most vulnerable... Hav the most value/able... Hav-ing contractual socially would become a new source of danger... Who source of danger... Who neither police nor parami-hary.. Today, women doc-tors have a feeling of inse-curity. On top of that, you get these contractual em-ployees. The reservations

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"You Istate! cannot reli a woman who is a part of our workforce that she our workforce that she cannot work at night," the Chief Justice said. Mr. sibal agreed to delete the claus-es with immediate effect.

Kejriwal submits resignation, Atishi set to become Delhi CM

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NEW DELHI

enior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi is set to become Delhi's third woman Chief Minister, with party chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal submitting his resignation to Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) V.K. Saxena on Tuesday.

Ms. Atishi, who was elected leader of the AAP legislature party earlier in the day, submitted her request to the L-G to stake claim to form the government. Currently, she is a Cabinet Minister and holds many important portfolios, including Revenue, Education, and Public Works Department.

Earlier in the day, calling Mr. Kejriwal her "guru", Ms. Atishi told the media that "there is only one Chief Minister of Delhi and the CM's name is Arvind Kejriwal".

She underlined that she would be the Chief Minister only till the next Assembly election. The election is due in February but the AAP has requested the Election Commission to hold it along with Maharashtra polls expected in November.

Ms. Atishi said the party's and her priority would be to make sure that Mr. Kejriwal would be elected Chief Minister again.

On Sunday, Mr. Kejriwal announced that he would resign as Chief Minister and he would not return until he got the people's mandate as a certificate of his honesty.

Ms. Atishi alleged that the BJP put false cases on Mr. Kejriwal and kept him inside jail for six months



Stage set: Atishi addressing the media after a meeting of the AAP legislative party in New Delhi on Tuesday, SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

and finally, the Supreme Court gave him bail and called the Central government's investigative agencies a caged parrot.

"People of Delhi, our MLAs, and I being the Chief Minister of Delhi for a few months till the election, will work with only one intention — to make Mr. Kejriwal Chief Minister again. Until I handle this

big responsibility, I will have one intention, I know that the BJP will try to conspire against Delhiites through the L-G. They will try to stop free electricity, stop free medicines, shut mohalla clinics, and ruin the government schools. As long as I have this responsibility for a few months, I will make sure to protect the people of Delhi

and under the guidance of Arvind Kejriwal ji, run the Delhi government," Ms. Atishi said.

The BJP was quick to launch an attack on Ms. Atishi calling her a dummy Chief Minister and alleged that the AAP was now trying to give the party a makeover, but no matter how hard they tried, they wouldn't be able to hide the "black spots of corruption".

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav said Ms. Atishi should rise to the occasion and solve the problems of the people of Delhi, particularly women, as attacks on them had increased. He expressed confidence that the next Chief Minister would be from the Congress as the AAP had lost its credibility among the people of Delhi.

Dikshit, Swaraj only other women to helm city govt

ATISHI YOUNGEST WOMAN CM OF DELHI



Sushma Swaraj, BJP | Oct 12, 1998 - Dec 3, 1998



Sheila Dikshit, Cong | Dec 3, 1998 - Dec 28, 2013

Madan Lal Khurana, BJP Dec 2, 1993 - Feb 26, 1996

Saheb Singh Verma, BJP Feb 26, 1996 - Oct 12, 1998

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Dec 28, 2013 - Feb 14, 2014; Kejriwal, AAP Feb 14, 2015 - Sept 17, 2024

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3		Madan Lal Khurana	Moti Nagar	2 December 1993	26 February 1996 ^[RES]	2 years, 86 days		
4	V _o	Sahib Singh Verma	Shalimar Bagh	26 February 1996	12 October 1998 ^[RES]	2 years, 228 days	1st (1993 election)	Bharatiya Janata Party
5	9	Sushma Swaraj	Not Contested	12 October 1998	3 December 1998	52 days		

A climate crisis agenda remains urgent

given its ambitious 2000 targets. While algorificant advances in solar and renewable energy are under way, India's heavy reliance on coal remains a concern, with clean energy accounting for only 22% of the electricity mix. Key environmental issues that need urgent attention include reducing host stress, improving air quality, managing water, and enhancing energy for energy must be matched with for energy must be matched with comprehensive politics addressing these challenges in the hustinesses to view climate action as an opportunity rather than a challenge is usesential, and acting swiftly on include action market is a crucial supp in the direction. issues that need urgent attention

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Breaking down the climate problem into manageable pieces by problemants, sinks, or sectors car make solutions more effective. Tailor-made resistes, fair to best rich and poor countries, can be integrated into the Paris Agreement fee accountability. The Montreal Protocol provides a successful bitmeprin. With its Kigali Amendment and move awar from super potent F-gases, it is expected to avoid 0.5°C of warming by the end of this century. The next target should be methane, with the potential to avoid nearly 0.3°C of warming by the 2040s. A new treaty led by the U.S., European Union, and China



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Importance of carbon markets Carbon markets will help Carbon markets will help incernities restrictions in GHGs by offering financial rewards for soft of the control Nationally Determined Contributions goals and potentially become the world's largest emissions trading system by 2030. A well-developed carbon market in tridla could avoid \$35 trillion in climate-related costs

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A missed opportunity The 2024 Lok Sabha election

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A matter of buns puts BJP in a pickle

The Union government has to go a long way in sensitising people about GST

STATE OF PLAY

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san was seen apologising to Ms. Sithersenan at a private meeting. Ms. Vanathi Stiniva am was also present at this in-teraction. When this apology too went viral, the Opposition alammed the BIP, especially the Finance Minister, for dis-playing "arrogance of power"

ask questions." Congress pre-sident Mallikarjun Pharge, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rabul Gandhi; Karunantillii; the organisation secretary of the AIADMK, D. du Congress Committee chief, K. Selvaperunthagai criticised the BIP. Chief Minister M.K.

seek industrial investments, said that the way is which Me-Sitharaman handled the spi-soid war shameful." Shameful in the spi-tial that is said to role in the Schröman tendering the apology, She rebutted Mr. Sta-lin's cribinal using Mr. Stale line cribinal using the Stale in the spirit of the stale go-venirment. The INP legislator puted Mr. Sriphiwant or puted Mr. Sriphiwant or puted Mr. Sriphiwant or puted Mr. Srinivasan's ac-count about burself publicly, but she refrained from doing so to maintain decorum

Then, in a surprise move, the BIP state president, K. Annamidat, who is in the U.E. on subbatical, wrote on X, ex-pressing his "sincere apology" for what his colleagues diet, namely, sharing in public a private conversation between Ms. Hitharaman and Mr. Srini-

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The episode drives home the point that the Union government has a long way to go in sensitising people about the eystem concerning CST and that the Centre, though a key process is not the sole author ity to decide on taxation.

Post-1991, southern States emerged as leaders: EAC-PM

Punjab and West Bengal have recorded sharp declines in per capita income after a head start

The Rindu Data Team

ont-liberalisation in 1991, the per capita income of the southern States surged significantly and they emerged as "leading performers", shows an analysis released by the Remonit Advisory Council to the Prime Mi-niter (EAC-PA). In contrast, the economic performances of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar regressed and worsered after bifurcation.

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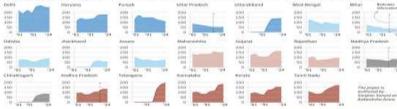
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Chart 1 shows the relative per capita income levels.

Chart 2 shows the State's share in national GOP.

Rise and fall of economic fortunes

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PIPTY YEARS AGO. REPTEMBER 18, 1874

Southern States oppose curbs on road transport

Trivandrum, Sept. 17. The conference of Transport Ministers of Southern States here to-day decided to request the Union Government to review its recent directive that permits should not be issued for vehicles to operate or routes exceeding a distance of 400

thin. The conference said that this directive caused considerable difficulty to the Southern States where the railway lines were comparitively where the railway lines were comparitively that the conference of the said of t

The one-day conference was attended by the

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Ramachandran (Camil Nadu) presided. Mr. etc., and the properties of the cathering.

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Among the western States, Maharashtra and Gujarat consistently performed well. Gujarat exhibited rapid growth from the beginning of the millennium. Among the northern States, Delhi and Haryana performed exceptionally well, though the latter's economic might is mostly drawn from Gurugram and its adjoining areas.

Punjab had a head start due to the Green Revolution in the 1960s and '70s, but its performance has consistently declined thereafter. The EAC-PM's paper questions whether this was a case of excessive focus on agriculture hindering a transition to industrialisation. Punjab had a head start due to the Green Revolution in the 1960s and '70s, but its performance has consistently declined thereafter. The EAC-PM's paper questions whether this was a case of excessive focus on agriculture hindering a transition to industrialisation.

The eastern States continue to "remain a concern", the paper notes. West Bengal, especially, which had the third best per capita income in the 1960s, regressed rapidly to become the 14th best among the major States. The report does not consider Goa, Himachal Pradesh, north-eastern States other than Assam, and Union Territories other than Delhi as major States.

Rajasthan and Odisha, which had recorded declines until liberalisation, saw a turnaround thereafter, though the degree of rise in income levels was minimal. The per capita income levels in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have remained consistently low.

Chart 1 shows the relative per capita income levels.

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The charts are based on data sourced from the Economic Advisory Council's paper, "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24"

Chart 1: The chart shows the relative per capita income levels. It is a percentage of per capita Net State Domestic Product of a State to the all-India per capita Net National Product or per capita Net National Income

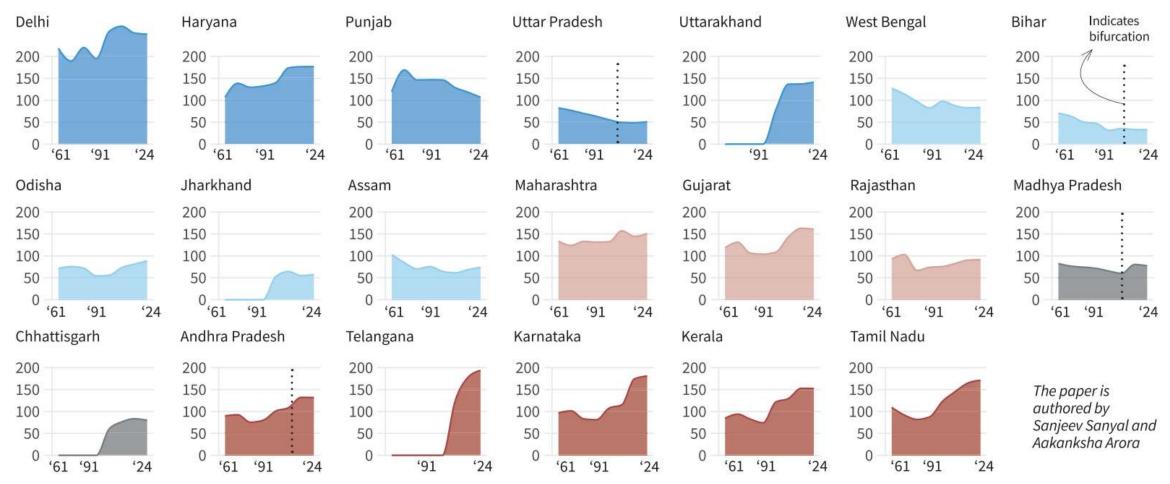


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Among smaller
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Punjab	3.2	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.3	2.7	2.4
Uttar Pradesh	14.4	13	13.2	12.6	10.2	8.7	8.2	8.4
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West Bengal	10.5	9.7	8.8	7.9	8.2	6.7	5.7	5.6
Bihar	7.8	6.9	6.3	6	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8
Odisha	2.9	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.9	2.7	2.8
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Assam	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.9
Maharashtra	12.5	11.9	14.2	14.6	14	15.2	13	13.3
Gujarat	5.8	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4	7.5	8	8.1
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The decline in India's merchandise exports in August

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The death toll due to typhoon Yagi in Myanmar

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The Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip since October 7

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Additional support pledged to Bangladesh by the World Bank

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Power asymmetry between China and Russia

As supplies from Moscow's traditional partners have dried up under sanctions and Russia's domestic capacity remains stretched, China has stepped up to help its friend. Compared to 2021, when high-priority goods from China accounted for 32% of Russia's import needs. China's share soared to 89% in 2023

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Amit Kumat

he Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 has brought about a major shift in the world order. Not only did it bring about a stronger train-Atlantic elligement vis-a-via Russia, but it has also pushed the latter Russia, but it has also pushed the latter closer to Chirse. Consequently, strategists aroused the globe have been pre-accupied with the reportrassions of such a partnership between the two committees. The deepstring Rino-Russian relationship has become a subject of discussion in midia as well. The concern that one of India's most trusted partners now possibly shares an indispensable friendship with India's primary adversary has instigated debate around the reliability of fluoria as a security partner. In this context, the most recurrent in the context, the most recurrent question that is being raised as has Bassia become a junior partner of China? The answer to the question will determine the autonomy that the Keemila can exercise when it comes to choosing between Beijing and New Delbi.

Against the U.S. Jed financial order grievance against the dual hegemony of the dollar and the SWIFT messaging system central to the carrent global son, with the U.S.-ted geopolitical order of the West puts them in a vulnerable spot — the effects of which have become sone

pronounced lately.
Following Russia's breasten of Ukraine in 2022, the U.S. and its allies from close to \$300 billion of Knasta's fores reserved seld overseas. China fears a similar threat in the event of a conflict with the West as around \$770 billion of China's \$3 trillion around \$770 billion of China's \$3 trillon forest reserves are currently held in U.S. treasuries. Purthet, in 2024, the West imposed a SWIPT bin on tunsain transactions of dual use goods or veaports. The U.S. also threatened accordary sanctions on third-country financial institutions involved in such francial institutions involved in such francial institutions have withheld financial institutions have withheld transactions worth tens of billions of year from Russia.

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However, Russia's isolation from the averent makes its need for an alternative much more urgent. China's requirements aren't as urgent despite its grievances, as aren't as uspent despite its grievances, as Belling is still very nuch a part of the system. This essentially leaves Russis at China's mercy to set the pace for reforms. Furthermore, China alone has the diplomatic and monetary resources to meant a potential challenge to the A new power nexus?

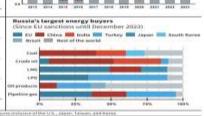
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In the process, over the last few years, China has completely dethroned the EU a Russia's primary trade partner.
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trade with the RU. This has kept Moscow's trade with the III. This has kept Moscow's trade figures largely stable despite stringent sanctions from the West. To sum up. Chirus has emerged as Russia's most indispensable partner.

What does it mean for India?

antonomy vis-a-vir India if it ever came down to choosing between New Delhi and Beiling. The question is no longer about Russia's willingness but its capability to resist China's pressure.

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Russia-China Relations Post Ukraine Invasion:

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has pushed it closer to China due to sanctions by the West.

The trade between Russia and China has increased, with China being a crucial partner for Russia's energy exports and high-precision imports.

Dependency on China:

Russia has become highly dependent on China, particularly for high-tech goods essential for military purposes such as missiles and drones.

The energy sector constitutes a significant part of Russia's exports to China, with China accounting for over 30% of Russia's coal and crude oil exports by 2023.

Impact of Western Sanctions:

Western sanctions froze Russian assets in foreign banks and limited transactions through the global financial system (SWIFT).

Russia's exclusion from the dollar-based financial system pushed it towards an alternative settlement system with China.

Implications for India:

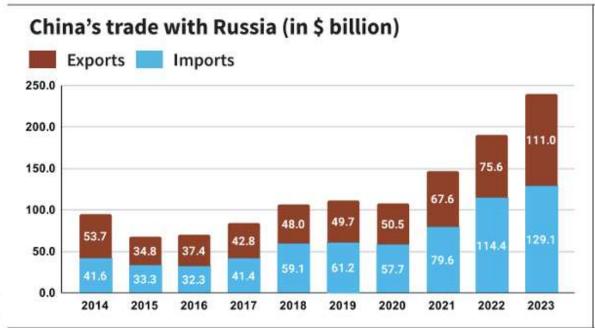
The growing Russia-China alliance poses challenges for India.

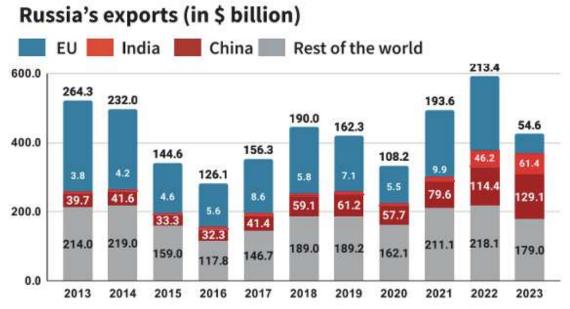
While India benefits from discounted Russian energy, its relationship with Russia is not as deep as China's.

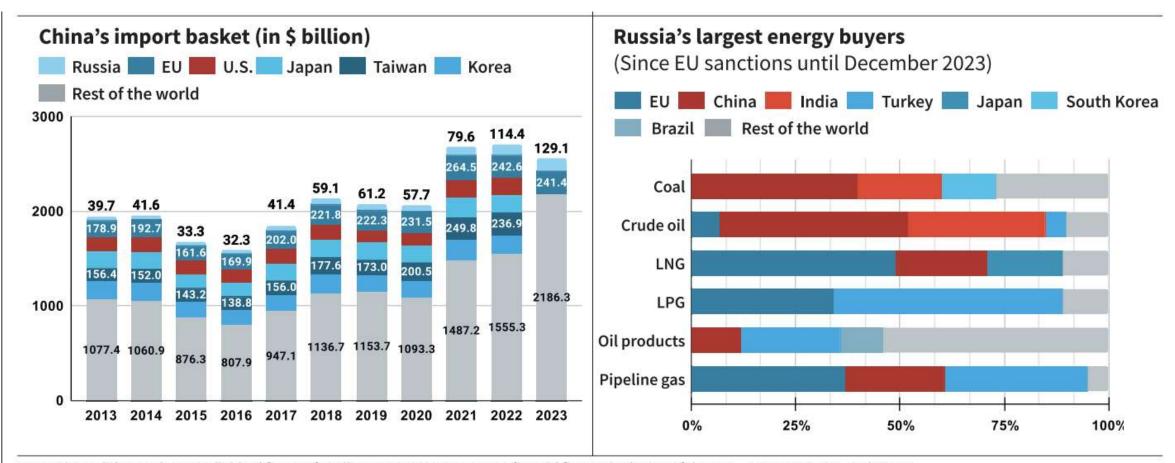
India's geopolitical position requires balancing ties with both Russia and the West, amid China's growing influence on Russia.

A new power nexus?

After the Russia-Ukraine war began, Russia has become completely dependent on China for its requirement of high-priority goods — a list of "50 dual-use products that are essential for manufacturing weaponry like missiles, drones, and tanks"

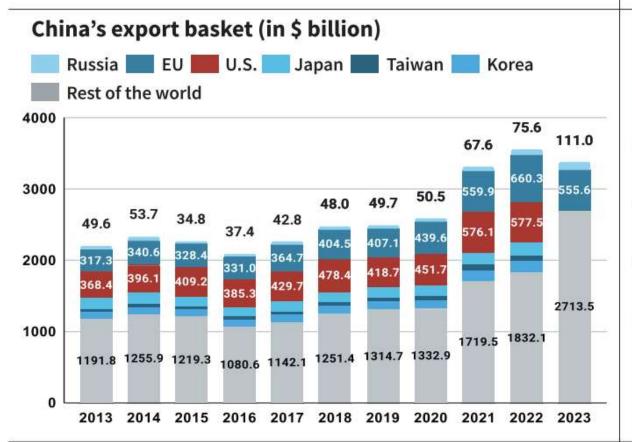






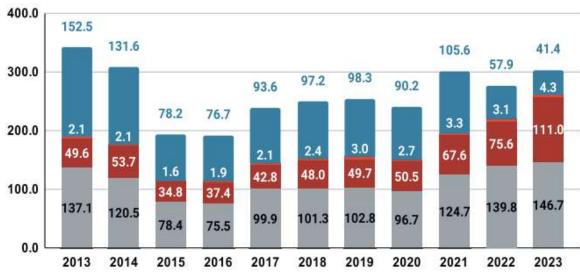
Note: China did not release individual figures for all countries in 2023. Rest of World figures inclusive of the U.S., Japan, Taiwan, and Korea.

Source: Rank of Russia: National Rurau of Statistics (China): Ministry of Commerce: FurnStat: General Administration of Customs (China): CPFA









- Consider the following statements about Russia's geopolitical realignment since the Ukraine invasion:
- 1. Russia has grown increasingly dependent on China for both energy exports and high-precision military imports.
- 2. The exclusion of Russia from the global financial system led to the establishment of alternative payment mechanisms with China.
- 3. Russia's largest energy export partner continues to be the European Union, despite sanctions imposed by the West.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
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- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3

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Skipper Robit backs Rabul to again flourish in Test cricket



Bohit Sharma backed K.L. Bahad to pick up from where he left off in Tests whead of the Bangladesh series. "He got a 100 in Bouth Africa and an 90 in the first Test against England but got injured. I hope he

EXCHERANT BUNCH

Rohit sees the positives in the Indian team's young players



Ohmoy Jurel and Barteras Khan, "Jai wal had a great series when we played the tast time. Juret showed what he is capable of as well with the list, getting thuse runs under pressure in very tough situations. Sarfaras, too, is fearless and does not worry too much."

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Gambhir understands the pulse of the game, says Karthik



first red-ball assignment. "He'll be switched on throughout. He is comeone who has nextgated through tough waters with. He's got the current to understand the pulse of the game. He is in an embryonic

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We do not need to make a separate strategy, says captain Rohit



Bighit Sharma said there isn't any need for unique sto squarter the apposition. "We don't think much about the apposition, inche has played cricket against all teams. You don't resed to make a separate strategy. Dre or two rare guys come to the team looposition), you can more forward by thirdong about them."

India fights off a dogged China for record-extending fifth title

Defender Jugraj Singh scores a rare field goal as the defending champion toils hard before getting the better of the host



Flying high: The Indian team celebrates a title triumph in a tournam Eventually, Jugraj broke the deadlock in the Net mi-nuts to hand the Paris Olympics bronze medallist

Press Trust of India

determined india claimed its fifth Asian Champtons Trophy title with a fighting 1-O victory rave hast China here on Tuesday, in a tour-nament in which it won all

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the win against a resolute Chinese side, which was playing in only its second international tournament

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Pakistan third Raffier in the day, Pakistan defeated Korea 5-2 to bag the third spot in the abo-lied by the state of the state of the state of the content as favourite, their general set China 3-0 in the open-tal turned out to be a very those affair. If was a keenly-contest-ed battle in the first two quarters, even though in

dia had better scoring chances. The Chinese defended deep and troubled their rivals with brisk counterat-

Raj Kumar Pol had the first shy at the goal for lo-dia but his effort was saved by goalkeeper Wang Wei

Raj Kamar then earned india's first penalty corner in the 10th minute with nome brilliams stick work, which resulted in another are piece but shipper that the stick which resulted in another. Two minutes later, Nilakarta Sharras induced a sharp save from Wang and before the Chinese goal keeper showed brilliam refluces to don't shikhper thoses to don't shikhper. Rai Kumar then earned

Singh after being fed by Jugraj. Seconds from the end of

China secured its se-cord penalty corner in the 38th number but the Indian the first quarter, India con-ceded a penalty corner but Krishan Bahadur Pathak defence was up to the task. The Chinese continued was alert in front of the goal. The script was the same in the second quarter with India enjoying most of their aggressive intent, earning back-to-back pe-nally corners in the 40th minute but India goalkeeper Pathak was shert toder the bar.

te possession and China Hying on counters. In the 27th minute, in the 27th minus, Sukhjeet Slingh secared a penalty corner but the manyree's attempt his the post, as China did snough to hold India goalless at half time.

The numble-footed Chinuse came out with retweed vigour after the change of enth, mounting a series of attacks on the

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It required a brilliant barsi from Harmanprese to maily break the deadfock.

The in-form India captain assauded into the Chinatics work and nearly passed the ball to follow defender Jugral, who pushed in past the opposition goalkeeper, as India heaved a sight of railed.

Indian men and women making the right moves in Budapest Olympiad

Sports Bureau

It is not often that a truly global competition featur-ing 180 nations begins with India as the top seed. At Chess Olympiad at Budap-est, the Indian woman have justified their top bill-ing: they are in the setle local position.

least position.

The Indian men have done slightly better than their seeding so far. Seeded to their seed to their seed to their seed to their seed to the too, they are also in the sole lead.

Another five rounds remain, but India is well remain, but India is well and even to improve upon the bronce medial it wen in looth sections of the Cheman edition two years ago. At Budapest, India is the only team, in either sec-

match. The men and the women have been brilliant to far. While everyone has con-

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R. Praggnanandhaa have done well, too. So has Vidit Gujrathi on the fourth

erd. Pendyata Hacterishna Pendyata Hacterishna has delivered whenever his services are required as a reserve player. Arjun's win

in the sixth round was cru-cial in India's vectory against Hungary. Like Arjan, Divya Desh-makh has been exception-al on the women's third board, winning five games board, withing five games and drawing one. On Mun-day, while all her three-ting, the state of the con-tribation of the contribation of the con-ber game to lead include to seather Armenia.

Harika, the sirengest in-clian woman in the Braight-thange (hose not to travel, may have run into rough weather a bit, but her

teammates - Vantika Agra-wal completes the squad-have ensured the ship was steaded always. When the tournament

resumes on Wednesday af-ter a day's rest, the Indian women will take on the third-seed China, which has looked good even with-

out its best players. China is also the oppo-China is also the oppo-nent for the Indian men in the aeventh round. That means a setential top-board clash between Gu-besh and Ding Liren, who will battle it out for the World Championship, starting in Mingapure on November 22.

The standings after sin

rounds: Open: 1. India L2 points; 2-4. Victum, China and Eur. L3; 5-Warmani 1. India 13, 2.3. Coungts and Patiend 13, 4.5: United States and America 10.

Harmanpreet FIH awards

three quarters.

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India captein Harman-prest Stingh was on Tues-day nominated for the Player of the Year Award by the International Hockey Federation (FIID wille F.B. Sreegesh will be in conten-tion for the Conference of tion for the Goalkeeper of the Year honour.

Both Harmanpreet and Breejesh played vital roles in India's splendid cam-paign in the Paris Olympics where the team claimed

The comminees for FIM Heckey Stars Mean Trains Orinbonan, Jose de Mai (both Neel), Harriss Jorge de Meil (Instit Flori), Harrese Midder (Gert, Harreseprent Singh (Inst), Zeol Wellace (Inst), Warnest Go dinglang (Jin), White James (Hect), Mich Ldrong Dert, Singhamic Vaccion Brane (Bell),

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Plans laid out for managing the shortlisted for bowlers' workload, says Rohit

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India skipper Rofut Shar-ma said the team manage-ment will be prudent in managing the workload of the fast browlers shead of a busy. Tear schedule in which the team will play 10 matches in the next four

months.
"We will always keep that in our mind. You want your best players to play all the games, but that's not possible because there is possible because there is so much cricker happen-ing," said Robit to a ques-tion about whether the pacers will be rotated through the five home Teets (two to Rangladesh and three vs reew Zealand).

and three we few Zealand.
Pollowing the two hame
assignments. India travels
to Australia for five Tests in
November and will need its
pace battery in shape for
the nearly two month-long

"We have laid out some plans for managing these bowlers. But again, it all depends on their workload in these games. We will



monitor that. I think we have done that pretty well time, what the SeC (coachagainst England, we managed to get (Lasprit) fluinmanaged to get (Lasprit) fluinmanaged to get Sing on the second of the second

last few days had been very useful for the players to get back into red-ball cricket rhythm.
"It's not easy when you don't play for six to eight months. But the good thing is a lot of guys in the squad are quite experienced. It is not the first time this has

the team had here over the

happeried where we have not played crisher for hos or five months and re-turned. If has happened previously as well, which is why it was important for us to have this little camp ov or here in Chennal," said the 36 year old. "We assembled here on

"We assembled here on the 12th and bad a good time appending hours on the field, getting everyth-ical properties of the expetienced, and they manuge themselves pretty well. And guys who have not played a lot of Fext public of Fext Dislocal Trophy, which was guisel. So, in terms of prep-aration and readiness, 1 feel we are quite ready for this game and what the should of us.

Have a well-rounded team to trouble India: Hathurusingha

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as the big positive.
"It certainly gives us a lot of confidence coming into this neries. Not because of the outcome of that series but because of the way we played and handled certain but because of the way we played and handled certain situations. We were behind the game in both Tusts but how we came back and the people who courribused at different times gives us a lost of belief for this series," he

explained.

When asked if the weight of expectations can pur pressure on his side, the former 8rt Lanka cracketer and it was a good position

of the toughest challenges in world cricket.

"Premare is a privilege, t mean, it gives us a lot more belief and something to look forward to as well. But

then we understand where we stand and our alresights and limitations."
"We are encouraged by playing the best team in the world. Coming to fische and playing against india-that's the best challerage you get remealing in crick-you get remealing in crickyou get reswarings in crick-or. So playing against the best always gives you the perception of where you stand," said thathurusinghs.

India fights off a dogged China for record-extending fifth title

Defender Jugraj Singh scores a rare field goal as the defending champion toils hard before getting the better of the host



Flying high: The Indian team celebrates a title triumph in a tournament in which it won all its matches.

Men's Asian Champions Trophy

Most recent season or competition:

2024 Men's Asian Champions Trophy

Sport Field hockey

Founded 2011; 13 years ago

First season 2011

No. of teams 6

Confederation AHF (Asia)

Most recent India (5th title)

champion(s) (2024)

Most titles India (5 titles)

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Glasgow to host 2026 Commonwealth Games

The Scottish government has backed a bid for Glasgow to host a scaled-down version of the Commonwealth Games in 2026, 12 years after the city last hosted the quadrennial multi-sport event. The Games were originally slated for the Australian state of Victoria, but it withdrew as host due to rising costs. "We have been working with Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and the Scottish Government for several months and are delighted to hear CGS has received confirmation of support from the Government to enable them to progress with their proposal to host the Games in 2026," Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) president Chris Jenkins said in a statement on Tuesday.

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1	Australia (AUS)	1,003	834	767	2,604
2	England (ENG)	773	783	766	2,322
3	■◆■ Canada (CAN)	510	548	589	1,647
4	India (IND)	203	190	171	564
5	New Zealand (NZL)	179	232	295	706
6	South Africa (RSA)	137	132	147	416
7	Scotland (SCO)	132	143	227	502
8	Kenya (KEN)	91	80	87	258

Equal prize money for men and women in ICC WCs

The ICC on Tuesday announced equal prize money for men and women in World Cups, starting with next month's women's T20 showpiece, the purse for which has been hiked by a staggering 225% to \$7.95 million. The decision ensures that the ICC reached its prize money equity target seven years ahead of its schedule.

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Trade deficit widens to 10-month high in Aug

Exports plunge 9.3%, imports growth comes in at 3.3% on weak base

New Delhi, September 17

INDIA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE deficit sumped to its highest in 10 months to 5.19.6 billion in August as expects shrank by a steep 9.3% on year. The contraction in expect shipments was the sharpest in any

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WPI inflation at NFRA moots changes to group audit norms Draft norms issued

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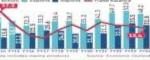
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IIM Bangalore, ISB among top 5 B-schools in APAC

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF Management (IIM), Bangalore, grabbed the third position in Bloomberg Businessweek's rankings of top B-schools across the Asia-Pacific region for 2024-25, with an overall score of 73.6. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) claimed the first spot on the list that scored the varsities on compensation, learning, networking and entrepreneurship. Indian School of Business (ISB) was the other Indian B-school that made it to the top 5.



Rank	School	Score	
1	HK University of Science	77.2	10
2	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics	75.1	
3	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore	73.6	1
4	CEIBS		71.9
5	Indian School of Business	71.7	
6	Woxsen University	66.8	1
7	Shanghai University MBA Centre	64.7	
8	IMT Ghaziabad	62.4	
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Source: Bloomberg

1st in world: EVs outnumber petrol models in Norway

Electric vehicles have out-numbered petrol models for the first time in oil-rich Norway, a world first that puts the country on track to taking fossil fuel vehicles off the road. Of the 2.8 million registered private cars. 754,303 are all-electric, compared to 753,905 that run on petrol. Diesel models number just under 1 million, but their sales are falling. P16

In world first, E-cars overtake petrol ones in oil-rich Norway

Oslo: Hot on the heels of stilldominant diesel cars, electric vehicles now outnumber petrol models for the first time in oil-rich Norway, a world first that puts the country on track to taking fossil fuel vehicles off the road. Of the 2.8 million private cars registered in Norway, 754,303 are all-electric, compared to 753,905 that run on petrol, the Norwegian Road Federation (OFV), an industry organisation, said in a statement on Tuesday. Diesel models remain most numerous at just under one million, but their sales are falling sharply.

"This is historic. A milestone few saw coming 10 years ago," OFV director Oyvind Solberg Thorsen said in a statement. According to the International Energy Agency, electric vehicles made up just 3.2% of the global car fleet in 2023 with this data including

rechargeable hybrid cars, unlike the Norwegian data.

Norway, paradoxically a major oil and gas producer, has set a target to sell only zero-emission vehicles by 2025, 10 years ahead of the EU's goal. Norway is not an EU member. All-electric vehicles made up a record 94.3% of new car registrations in Aug in Norway, a sharp contrast to EV struggles seen elsewhere in Europe. In a bid to electrify road transport, authorities have offered generous tax rebates on EVs and other incentives.

Norway has come a long way in 20 years: in 2004, the nation's car fleet counted 1.6 million petrol cars, 230,000 diesel cars and just 1,000 EVs. The transition is part of Norway's efforts to meet its climate commitments, which include 55% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 from 1990 levels. AFP

Project Cheetah Audit Flags Concerns

 A report by the Accountant General of Madhya Pradesh has flagged concerns over the management of Project Cheetah in Kuno National Park, highlighting a "lack of coordination" between central and state government departments.

What is Project Cheetah?

Project Cheetah is India's **cheetah relocation programme.** As part of the project, **50 cheetahs** will be introduced in various National Parks over five years.

• The cheetah was officially declared extinct by the Indian government in **1952.**

In total, **20 adult African cheetahs** have been imported so far and were relocated in Kuno National Park.



This is the first time in the world that a large carnivore has been relocated from one continent to another.



The first batch of **eight cheetahs** arrived in September **2022 from Namibia** and another batch of **12 cheetahs from South Africa** arrived in February **2023.**



Since their arrival in India, eight adult cheetahs, three females and five males, have died.

Seventeen cubs have been born in India, with 12 surviving, bringing the total number of cheetahs, including cubs, in Kuno to 24.

Concerns raised in report

The audit flagged that there was **no mention of cheetah reintroduction** in the work plan and management plan, and that there are **no documents detailing** where the cheetah reintroduction work began and how it started.

From 2021-22 to January 2024, **Rs 44.14 crore** was spent on Project Cheetah, which was found to be not in accordance with the approved management plan.

- Also unjustified expenditure of over Rs 90
 lakh was flagged under labor expenses.
 However machines were used instead of
 manual labor resulting in higher costs and a
 loss of employment for local workers.
- The audit found that ground staff and the Kuno Wildlife Division were not involved in the site selection or the cheetah reintroduction study, raising concerns about the planning and coordination at the ground level.

- The report revealed that the former Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Kuno,, was sent to South Africa and Namibia for cheetah management training but was transferred soon after, making his expertise unavailable.
 - The audit labeled this expenditure futile, as the Action Plan mandates trained staff remain at conservation sites for at least five years.



The Prime Minister inaugurated the fourth Global Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) in Gujarat.

It is a global platform bringing together key players in the renewable energy sector

Gujarat has pledged renewable energy capacity addition of 128.60 GW by 2030 — the highest among all the States.

Andhra Pradesh has committed to adding 72.60 GW capacity, followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh at 62.73 GW, 57.71 GW, and 47.63 GW, respectively.

India stands 4th globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity, 4th in Wind Power capacity & 5th in Solar Power capacity (as per REN21 Renewables 2024 Global Status Report).

India has already achieved its target of 40% installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuels in 2021 itself.

India's Targets

India has a vision is to achieve **Net Zero Emissions by 2070,** in addition to attaining the short-term targets which include:

- Increasing renewables capacity to 500 GW by 2030,
- Meeting 50% of energy requirements from renewables,
- Reducing cumulative emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030, and
- Reducing emissions intensity of India's gross domestic product (GDP) by 45% by 2030 from 2005 levels.

Subhadra Yojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Odisha government's flagship initiative, the Subhadra Scheme which will be the largest women-centric initiative in the state.

About

The scheme is named after Goddess Subhadra, the younger sibling of Lord Jagannath, the presiding deity of Odisha.

- Under the scheme, ₹50,000 will be provided over five years to one crore poor women aged between 21 and 60.
- A total of ₹10,000 per annum will be paid in two installments of ₹5,000 each on Rakhi Purnima Day and International Women's Day (March 8).



Women who are receiving assistance of ₹1,500 or more per month, or ₹18,000 or more per year under any other government scheme, will be ineligible for inclusion under Subhadra.

The money will be deposited directly into the beneficiary's Aadhaar-enabled single-holder bank account; A Subhadra Debit Card will also be issued to them.



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