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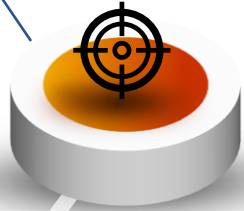


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“We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be.”

– Kurt Vonnegut, *Mother Night*

Modi, Vance see 'significant progress' in trade talks

PM reviews bilateral ties with U.S. Vice-President, hosts his family for dinner; no new agreements announced as earlier expected; no mention of tariff, visa revocation issues in PMO statement; Modi also discusses India-U.S. road map that seeks to build on Mr. Trump's 'Make America Great Again' slogan and New Delhi's 'Viksit Bharat 2047' plans

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Welcoming "significant progress" in talks for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance met in Delhi on Monday, and reviewed plans for India-U.S. cooperation, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

Mr. Vance's office said the two leaders "formally announced the finalisation of the Terms of Reference for the negotiations", even as Indian and U.S. officials were set to begin another round of BTA talks in Washington this week.

Mr. Modi met with Mr. Vance along with senior officials from both sides, before hosting Mr. Vance, his wife, Usha Chilukuri Vance, and their children for dinner at his residence.

However, they did not

launch the TRUST Technology Partnership as had been earlier expected.

Trump's visit

Mr. Modi said he looked forward to U.S. President Donald Trump's visit to India "later this year", when India will host the U.S.-India-Japan-Australia Quad Summit.

"The BTA is expected to create new opportunities of growth for workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs in both countries," Mr. Vance's office said, calling the agreement an "opportunity to negotiate a new and modern trade agreement" to increase "bilateral trade and supply-chain integration".

Talks for a BTA, that were announced during Mr. Modi's meeting with Mr. Trump in February, are discussing the first tranche of the agreement due to be announced during Mr. Trump's India visit, includ-



U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance and family with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence in New Delhi on Monday. REUTERS

ing reducing tariffs in a number of areas. However, there has been little indication of a breakthrough on issues like market access in agriculture, and the revocation of the digital equalisation levy and other measures by India, so far.

"[The leaders] welcomed the significant progress in the negotiations for a mutually beneficial India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement focused on the

welfare of the people of the two countries," the PMO said in its statement. "They noted continued efforts towards enhancing cooperation in energy, defence, strategic technologies and other areas." The statement, however, made no mention on whether the leaders discussed more testy issues, including U.S. tariffs and a crackdown on student visas by the Trump administration which may

force many Indians to return without completing their studies.

Mr. Modi also discussed the India-U.S. road map that seeks to build on Mr. Trump's "Make America Great Again (MAGA)" slogan and New Delhi's plans for "Viksit Bharat (Developed India) 2047", the statement said. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar were present at the talks at the Prime Minister's residence, along with senior U.S. officials, and U.S. Charge d'Affaires Jorgan Andrews.

Regional, global issues

"The two leaders also exchanged views on various regional and global issues of mutual interest and called for dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward," the statement said, but did not mention specifically whether the Ukraine

war or the conflict in Gaza were discussed.






Earlier, the visit had some uncertain moments as news came in of Pope Francis' sudden demise in the Vatican, leading to questions about whether Mr. Vance, a Catholic, who had met the Pope only on Sunday after Easter mass, would curtail his plans, or whether the Prime Minister would put off the official dinner. However, the visit proceeded as scheduled, with Mr. Vance writing a post on X just after learning of the Pope's passing. "I was happy to see him yesterday, though he was obviously very ill," Mr. Vance said, expressing condolences.

Mr. Vance, his family and the U.S. delegation consisting of U.S. NSC point-person for South and Central Asia Ricky Gill, Pentagon and State department officials had landed in Delhi's Palam airport on

Monday morning, where he was received by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Mr. Vance and Ms. Usha Vance then brought their two sons, Ewan and Vivek, and daughter Mirabel off the plane dressed in Indian clothes. Although an earlier plan to visit the Red Fort was cancelled, the Vances went to the Akshardham temple and then shopped at the government-owned Cottage Emporium for Indian handicrafts.

The Vances will spend Tuesday in Jaipur at private engagements and cultural events, as well as a visit to the Amer Fort and the U.S. Vice-President will give a public address at the Rajasthan International Centre in the afternoon. On Wednesday, they will visit the Taj Mahal monument in Agra before returning to Jaipur the same day and flying back to the U.S. on Thursday.

2. Key Outcomes:

Topic	Key Points
 Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA)	Terms of Reference for BTA finalized; next round of talks to happen in Washington
 Trade & Economy	Aim to create new opportunities for workers, farmers, entrepreneurs ; BTA to boost supply chain integration
 Strategic Cooperation	Focused on energy, defence, digital tech, agriculture ; no mention of sensitive topics like tariffs or visa restrictions
 Geopolitical Dialogue	General agreement on need for global stability, regional cooperation ; Ukraine-Gaza not discussed openly
 "Viksit Bharat 2047" & MAGA Link	India-U.S. cooperation roadmap aligned with PM Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision and Trump's MAGA slogan

Pope Francis Passes Away

Attribute**Details**

Full Name

Jorge Bergoglio

Nationality

Argentinian

Position

266th Pope of the Catholic Church (since 2013)

Age at Death

88

Cause of Death

Stroke leading to coma and heart failure

Date of Death

Day after Easter Mass, 2025

Special Firsts

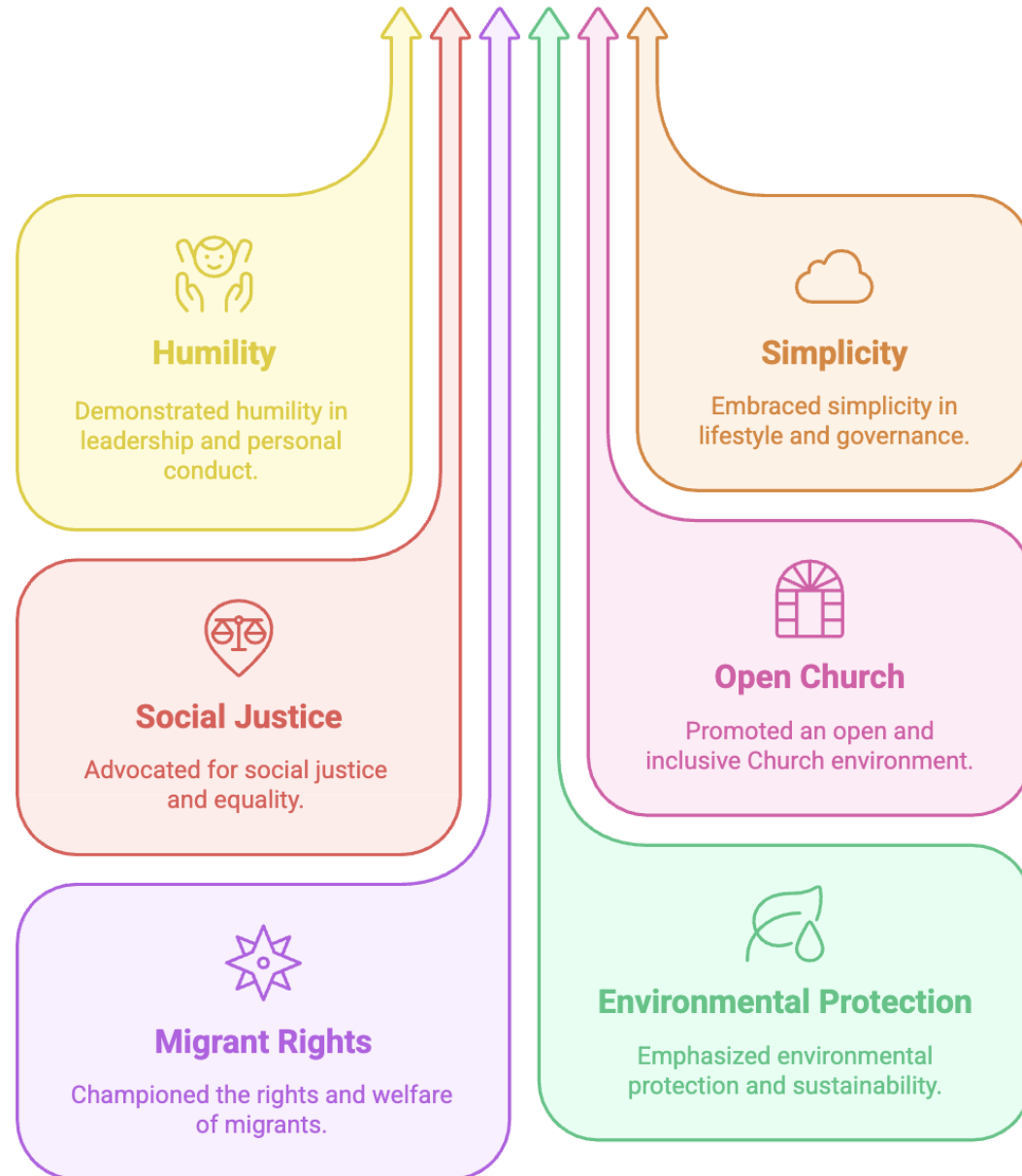
1st Jesuit Pope, 1st Pope from the Americas



3. Legacy & Reform Agenda:

Focus Area	Reform/Impact
Church Governance	Decentralization of power from Vatican to local churches
Inclusivity	Promoted dialogue with atheists, Muslims, LGBTQ+
Social Issues	Vocal against war, poverty, and environmental damage
Church Outreach	Emphasized grassroots connections; "Shepherd smell of the sheep" approach
Internal Modernization	Financial transparency, anti-corruption efforts in Vatican

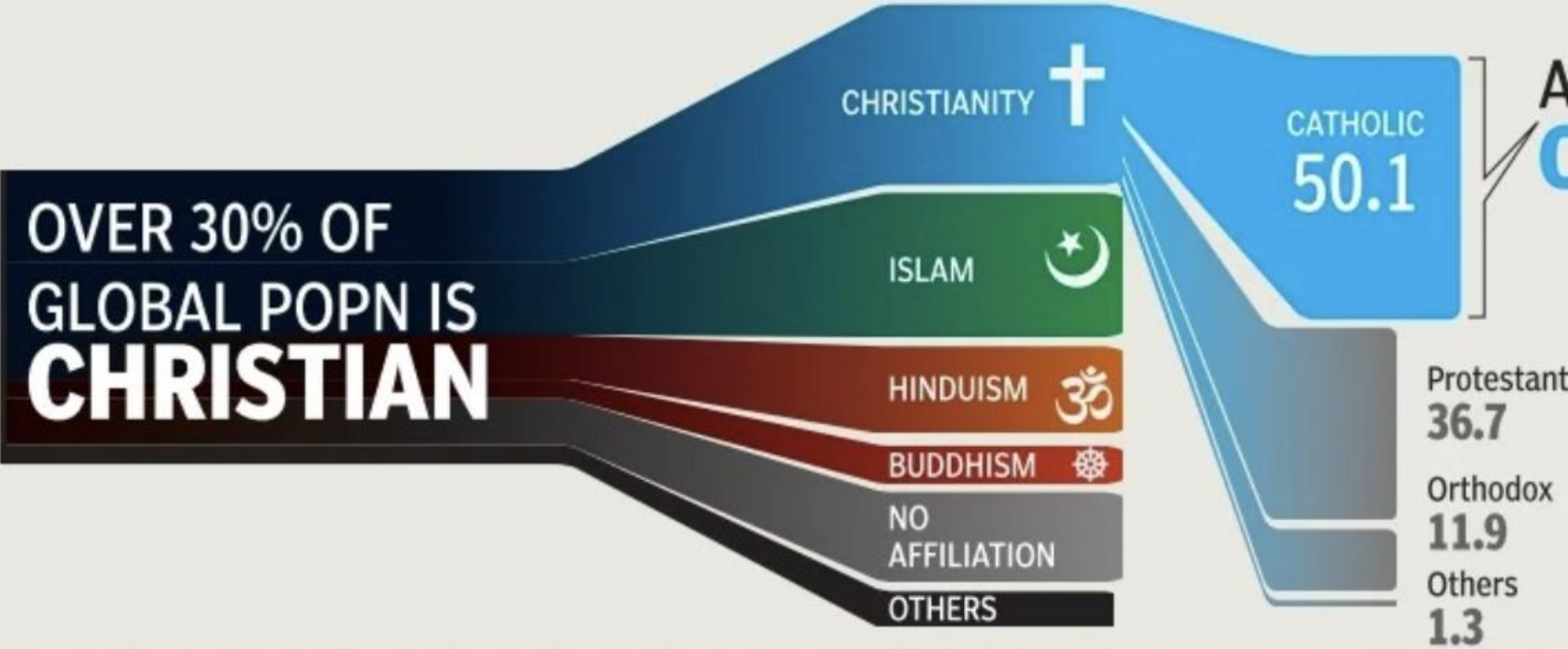
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POPE LEADS LARGEST CHRISTIAN GROUP

Christianity, at 2.4 billion followers, is the world's largest religion and Roman Catholics, with the pope in Vatican as their religious head, make up its biggest sub-denomination, followed by Protestants

OVER 30% OF
GLOBAL POPN IS
CHRISTIAN



CATHOLIC
50.1

AND HALF OF THEM ARE
CATHOLIC

**BRAZIL HAS THE LARGEST
CATHOLIC POPULATION**

Country	No. of Catholics (millions)
Brazil	133
Mexico	96
Philippines	75
US	74
Italy	50

Protestant
36.7

Orthodox
11.9

Others
1.3



18.5 Million

Christians in India, that's 2.4% of the population. Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram have majority Christian populations

US has the largest Christian population at over 250 million while Russia's orthodox church counts over 100 million followers

Source: Pew Research Centre (figures based on 2010 baseline estimates); Census 2011



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“ It’s hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help — 2016

Homosexual people are children of God and have a right to a family — 2020

God created both equal, man and woman... A society that is not capable of (allowing women to have greater roles) does not move forward — 2022



The Smallest Countries in the World

1



Vatican
0.49 km²

6



Liechtenstein
160 km²

2



Monaco
2.02 km²

7



Marshall Islands
181 km²

3



Nauru
21 km²

8



St Kitts and Nevis
261 km²

4



Tuvalu
26 km²

9



Maldives
300 km²

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San Marino
61 km²

10



Malta
316 km²

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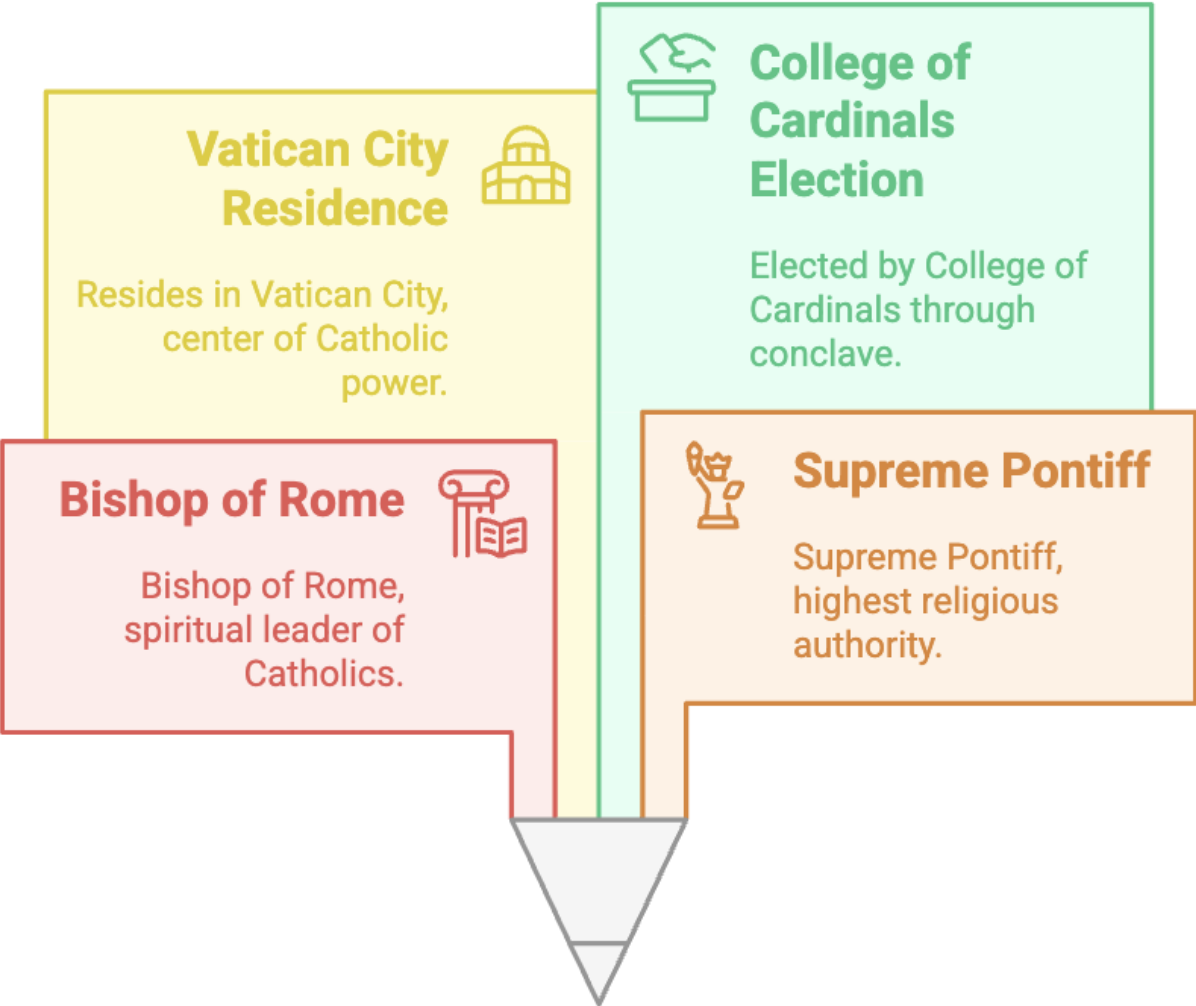
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Papal Authority

Exercising supreme authority as the Bishop of Rome.

The Pope's Role and Authority



The Unique Sovereignty and Governance of Vatican City

Governance

The Pope's supreme authority and independent operation of the city.

Economy

The city's financial structure and revenue sources.

Sovereignty

Vatican City's independent status as the world's smallest sovereign state.

Cultural Heritage

The city's rich cultural and historical landmarks.



Vatican City

† Catholic vs Protestant Christianity: Key Differences

Aspect	Catholics	Protestants
Origin	Originated after the time of Jesus, became formal with the Roman Empire	Emerged in the 16th century during the Reformation led by Martin Luther
Authority	Bible + Church Tradition + Pope	Bible alone (Sola Scriptura) is the ultimate authority
Pope	Accepted as the supreme leader and representative of Christ on Earth	Rejected; no central earthly authority
Church Hierarchy	Strong hierarchy: Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests	Less formal structure; pastors or elders lead congregations
Sacraments	7 Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders	Generally 2 Sacraments: Baptism and Eucharist (some may vary)
Salvation	Faith + Good Works + Church Sacraments	Faith Alone (Sola Fide)

**Virgin Mary
and Saints**

Venerated and prayed to as intercessors

Honored but not prayed to; direct
relationship with God

Confession

Confession to a priest required

Direct confession to God

**Communion
(Eucharist)**

Transubstantiation: bread and wine become actual
body and blood of Christ

Symbolic: bread and wine represent
Christ's body and blood

**Language of
Worship
(historically)**

Traditionally in Latin (now local languages too)

Local/vernacular languages

**Images and
Statues**

Widely used for devotion

Some groups (like Calvinists) reject
images; others may allow

**Church
Building
Style**

Ornate, with statues, stained glass, and altars

Simpler and less decorative in design

Aspect	Description
95 Theses (1517)	Luther nailed his <i>95 Theses</i> to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These were arguments against the sale of indulgences (paying money to the Church for forgiveness of sins). This act sparked the Protestant Reformation.
Challenge to Church Authority	He rejected the authority of the Pope and claimed that the Bible alone (Sola Scriptura) should be the final authority for Christians.
Doctrine of Justification by Faith (Sola Fide)	Luther emphasized that salvation comes through faith alone , not by works or Church rituals.
Translation of the Bible	He translated the Bible into German , making it accessible to the common people and promoting literacy.
Founding of Lutheranism	His teachings formed the basis of the Lutheran Church , the first Protestant denomination.
Excommunication	In 1521, he was excommunicated by the Catholic Church and declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms.
Hymn Writing	He also wrote hymns; the most famous is " A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ".

IN BRIEF

PM to flag off Namu Bharat intercity train in Bihar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to flag off Bihar's second Amrit Bharat train, connecting the State to Maharashtra, and inaugurate a new Namu Bharat train service (in picture) between Jaynagar and Patna on April 24. The new Amrit Bharat service will operate between Saharsa in Bihar and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai. The train, manufactured at Integral Coach Factory, will have a maximum speed of 130 km per hour. Its route includes Hajipur,樊dit Deen Dayal Upadhyay junction near Varanasi, and Bhusawal. Namu Bharat trains have engines on both ends, which helps in cutting turnaround time during intercity travel.

SC dismisses plea for allowing JEE-Advanced candidature

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea seeking a direction to allow students who had cleared their Class 12 exams in 2023, to participate in the JEE-Advanced 2025 for securing admissions in the IITs. The court observed that the matter was in the policy domain and courts should be slow in interfering in matters of academic. The petition, filed by 18 IIT aspirants, had said though they were eligible to appear for a final attempt at the JEE-Mains in 2025, they were rendered ineligible to appear because of an "abrupt and arbitrary policy reversal".

Railways plans to fence tracks to curb trespassing

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

The Railways has proposed to fence tracks across the country to avoid hazards of trespassing. As a pilot measure, more than 3,500 km of tracks have already been fenced. The Southern Railway said in a note. Responding to the report "Vande Bharat has weak defences against even cows: Safety Report" published in The Hindu on Monday, the zone said the trains were designed with modern coupling design, which transmitted the impact energy throughout the train. For additional safety, there was a cattle guard at the front to deflect anything that came on the track. It said Vande Bharat trains had "knock" and other built-in safety devices. The braking system was modern and fully integrated with the safety system.

Nature's fury leaves behind a trail of destruction in J&K

It will take around three days to restore traffic on Jammu-Srinagar highway, says CM Jammu. Divisional Commissioner says departments instructed to expedite restoration of public utilities

Peerzada Ashia SHINAGAR

Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district offered scary images of nature's fury on Monday.

Scores of trucks with perishable goods, including poultry and vegetables, and passenger vehicles remained either stranded along the Jammu-Srinagar highway or buried under the debris for more than 12 hours.

The authorities launched a massive exercise to restore the critical highway, which saw a major disruption on Sunday following cloudbursts, landslides, and flash floods triggered by incessant rain for the past three days.

"We are trying to make the highway at least one-way traffic to allow stranded vehicles to return. We are hopeful to restore it by Tuesday evening," Baseer-ul-Haq, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, said.

However, official sources said it will take many days to fully restore traffic. "More than 500 chickens



Piles of debris: vehicles stuck on the blocked Srinagar-Jammu highway after a landslide following a cloudburst in Ramban, Jammu and Kashmir

in my truck died in the past 24 hours. I dumped them on the roadside to ensure others survive," Khran Sham, a truck driver said. "I have seen a lot of stranded vehicles were allowed to move to safer locations."

They said about 10 to 12 villages including Seri, Bagnal, Panote and Khari, had suffered varying degrees of damage. "Teams are already deployed to conduct compre-

hensive assessment to ensure that genuine losses are recorded and compensated accordingly," Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ranveer Kumar said. He said the departments have been instructed to expedite restoration of water supply, power supply, and other public utilities.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also visited Ramban district on Sunday evening. "We have to restore traffic as several vehicles remain

buried under debris. We have to realign the highway. It will take around three days to restore traffic on the highway. Officials said they are assessing the damage and relief will be provided. The administration is working on a war footing to ensure the highway is reopened at the earliest," he said.

The authorities have reopened the Mughal road to allow smaller vehicles to head to the Jammu region.

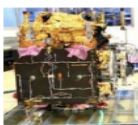
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The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

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'Civil services should get credit for smooth transfer of power in India'

Vijaita Singh NEW DELHI

Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan said on Monday that unlike other countries in the neighbourhood that have seen military coup and violent overthrow of governments, India has always seen a smooth transfer of power for which the credit should go to the All India Services (AIS) and the civil services officials.

He said it was the duty of the civil services to preserve the constitutional order such as democracy, rule of law, national unity and the federal structure.

The Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer said that in a democracy, it is the elected government which has the mandate and it is the duty of the civil servant to assist the government as the era of its policies. He said the officers should be politically neutral "because we don't serve only those who be-



T.V. Somanathan

long to some particular party or a community".

Need for competence Speaking on the occasion of Civil Services Day, Mr. Somanathan added that lateral entry will be a necessity in future and there will be a great need for competence and subject matter expertise among civil servants as the era of the good generalist was over.

"I think without the All India Services and the cen-

tral services, free and fair elections would not be possible. Governments have been defeated both at the Centre and in the States in elections conducted by civil servants. We have seen a significant process of officers at joint secretary rank and above. When Bidur Kant Jha, an officer appointed in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through the lateral entry mode, asked about the low salary structure, the Cabinet Secretary remarked, "Pay is not part of today's discussion... you give it to the Pay Commission when it comes, but we are not talking about pay and benefits. So, we are underpaid, we have alternative careers. We can pursue them." Earlier, while inaugurating the conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India's bureaucracy and policymaking cannot operate on outdated frameworks.

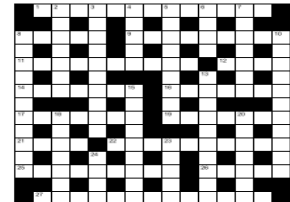
SC asks Puja Khedkar to appear before Delhi Police

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar to appear before the Delhi Police Crime Branch (Central) for questioning even as it ordered that no "coercive steps", to the extent of arrest, be made against her.

A Bench headed by Justice E.V. Nagarathna directed Ms. Khedkar to appear before the police on May 2, at 10.30 a.m. and on any other day, if she is summoned. She is accused of cheating and wrongly availing OBC and disability quota benefits in the civil services examination. Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, for the police, said her custodial interrogation was necessary to ascertain the identity of the middlemen involved in the alleged scam of preparing fake disability certificates.

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- Answers: 1 Apricots aren't fresh in state (13) 2 Hint in English club, entrusted by poet (5) 9/14 What factory inspector might do to endure difficulties (2,7,3,4) 11 Endlessly intoxicated, rambling in state of agitation (10) 12 He pale, lacking energy (6) 14 See 1

16 Ferua culmination of climate changes - not frozen over in winter (3-4)

- 17 Information on origin of epileptic convulsion relating to heredity (7) 19 Wild at first, son in band becomes mature (5,2) 21 Starts to observe very unusually mutated egg cell (4) 22 Fling with lady in control turned more delightful (10) 23 Timeless nurse is out, frantically sees patient at centre (9) 26 Located small improvised explosive device outside bar (5) 27 Making out with stunning redhead slyly when he's away (13) Down: 2 Recover from cold, tucking into celery salad (7) 3 Checks firm involved in swindles (10) 4 Try technique to master slang (5) 5 Loves wearing lies, making an impression on people (10) 6 Charged about 500 for ancient aromatic ointment (4) 7 Ego hurt easily? Becoming more resilient (7) 8 Impressive in sack? Gossip is mostly true (12) 9 Exploit the time, but not recalcitrant (3-8) 10 Appreciated melody of disco genre (10) 15 Most contemptible person's consuming ecstasy with songstress in level (9) 20 New running route close to town - it's free of charge (7) 20 Bowled over by model stealing money bag in retreat (7) 23 Panorama in view is tantalising (5) 24 Con peddled ecstasy previously (4)

SUDOKU

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

Solution to previous puzzle and Solution to yesterday's Sudoku. Includes a 9x9 grid for the previous puzzle and a 9x9 grid for yesterday's puzzle.

FAITH

Listening to Bhagavatham

Sri Damodara Dikshitar said in a discourse that as not even the headless needle will accompany us on our eternal journey, we should develop detachment. Detachment from desires will arise only by constant practice (Abhyasa Niyamaya). Peace of mind will not exist when a person fails to perform his duty. Only a systematic and controlled life is called dharma, which alone yields calmness. Remaining tranquil leads to happiness. Pacification is the permanent peace of mind, which is called bliss. Srirama Bhagavatham narrates more about these things and the bliss. Sage Veda Vyasa thought about the easiest way for people to follow - whether pujas, homams, meditation, aarti, going, recitation of the Vedas or listening to Godly deeds and His qualities. The sage chose the last medium, and keeping this in mind, he composed the Bhagavatham so that ordinary people could listen easily and derive God's blessings. Sage Narada told Veda Vyasa that he was an ordinary child in his previous birth, born to a maid rendering service at the ashrams of various rishis. His mother used to take him along with her. Listening to the good stories about God narrated by the rishis, he was destined to be born as a great sage. The sage had a unique feature that everyone lauded him. He tendered advice to Pralhad as well as to the demon Kamsa. He blessed Valmiki with sacred mantras. Also, he extended counselling to Ravana. Sage Narada was blessed to travel anywhere in the universe. In practice, the Bhagavatham is recited for seven days, a system called 'Saptaham'. Sage Sukha told Bhagavatham to King Parikshit for seven days.

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Docking satellites

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ISRO Space Docking Experiment

Launch SDX01

The Chaser satellite is launched into space.



Launch SDX02

The Target satellite is launched into space.



SDX01 Approaches SDX02

The Chaser satellite maneuvers towards the Target satellite.



SDX01 Docks with SDX02

The Chaser satellite successfully docks with the Target satellite.



India's Satellite Docking Achievement



India's Achievement

India successfully demonstrates satellite docking capability



United States' Precedence

The United States was the first to achieve this feat



Russia's Contribution

Russia followed as the second country to achieve this



China's Entry


China became the third country to demonstrate this capability

Country

Historic Milestone

 USA

First successful docking in 1966 (Gemini 8 mission)

 USSR

1969: First automatic docking (Soyuz 4 & 5)

 China

2011: First docking by Tiangong-1 and Shenzhou-8

 India

2025: ISRO joins the elite group through SpaDeX

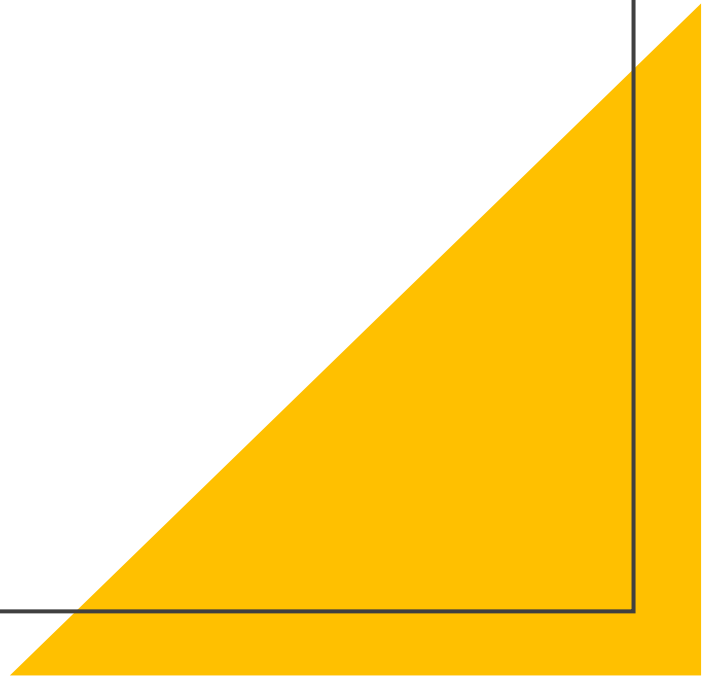
Q. Consider the following statements regarding India's Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission:

1. India became the third country in the world to demonstrate satellite docking capability.
2. The SpaDeX mission involved two satellites known as SDX01 and SDX02.
3. The docking and undocking process was demonstrated successfully by ISRO in 2025.
4. Satellite docking is a prerequisite technology for in-space robotic repairs and crew transfer between space stations.

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

- A. 2, 3 and 4 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1, 2 and 4 only
- D. All of the above

World Heritage Day 2025



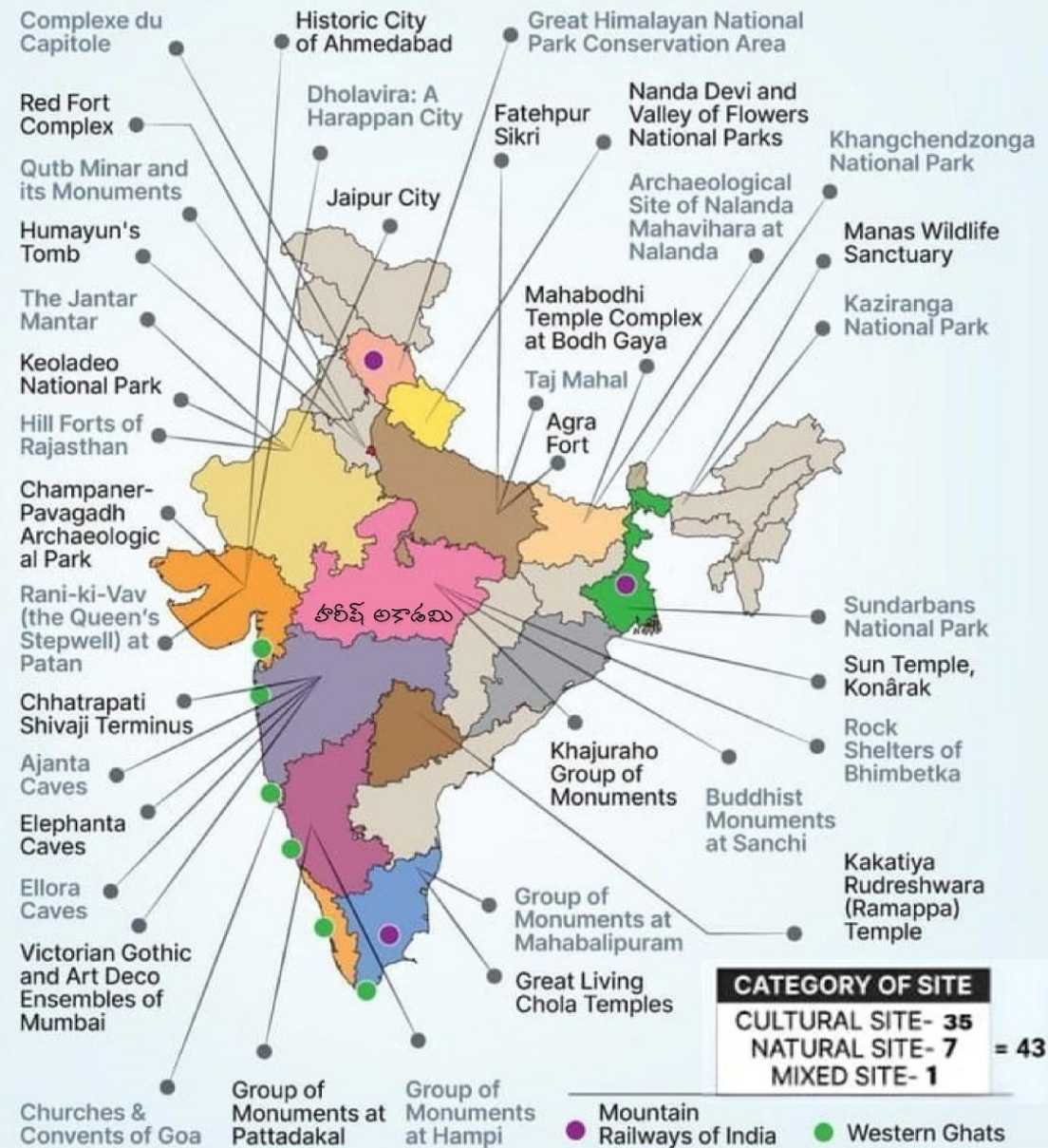
World heritage List



By October 2024,
196 Countries had signed the
World Heritage Convention



List of UNESCO world heritage sites in India



Celebrating Cultural Heritage



Archaeological Survey of India

ASI declares free entry to protected monuments.



International Day for Monuments

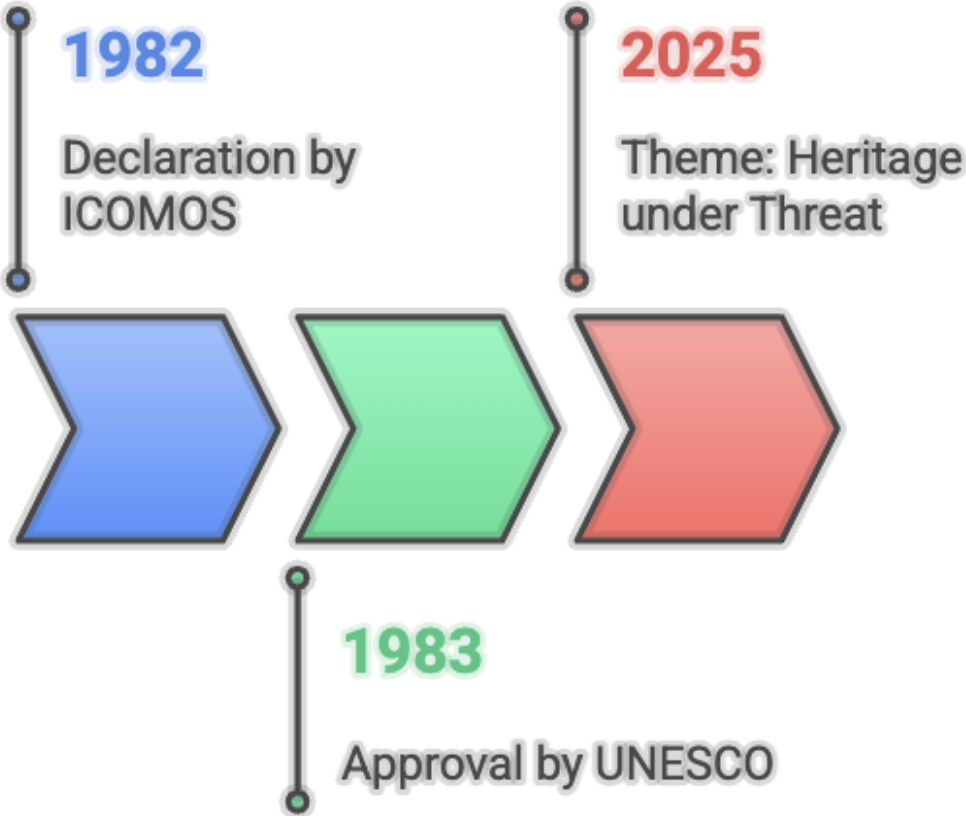
Celebrates cultural heritage with free monument access.



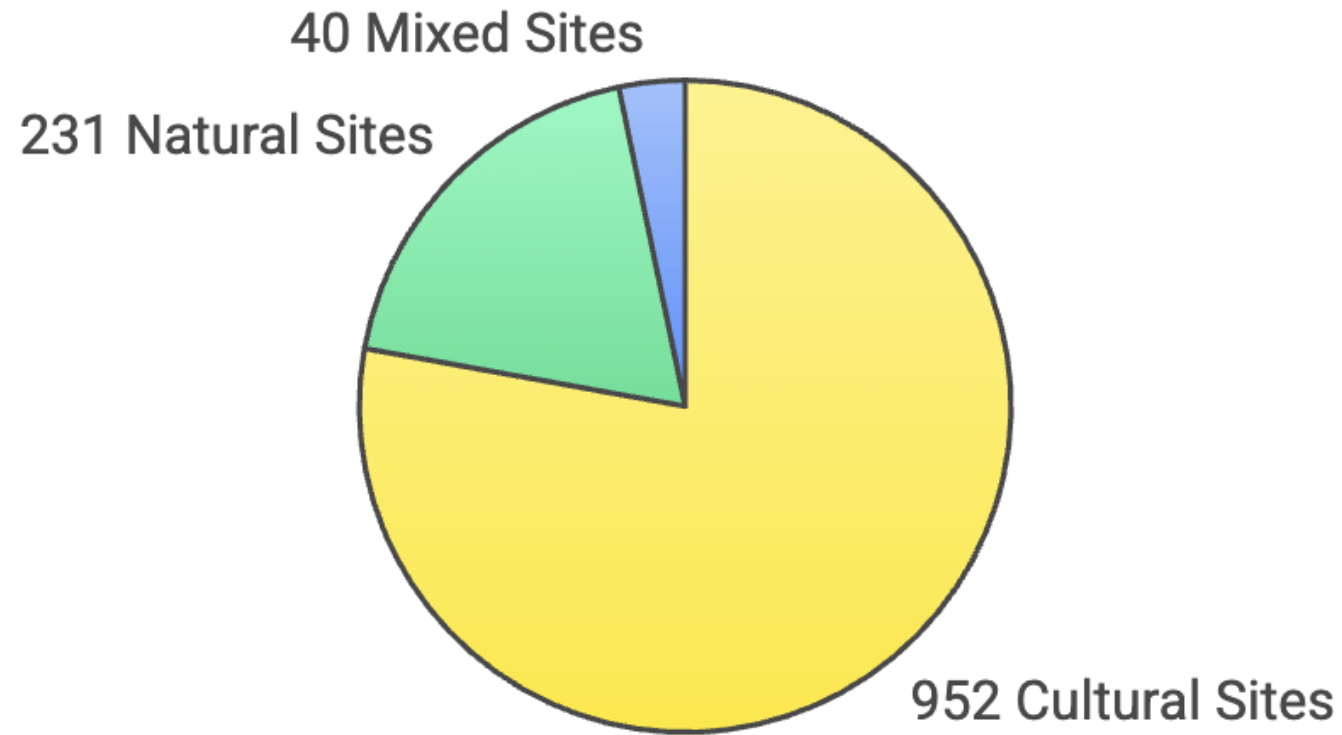
World Heritage Day

Promotes awareness and preservation of world heritage.

Celebrating World Heritage Day: A Journey Through Time



Distribution of World Heritage Sites by Type (sites)



India's Journey with the World Heritage Convention

1977



India ratifies the Convention

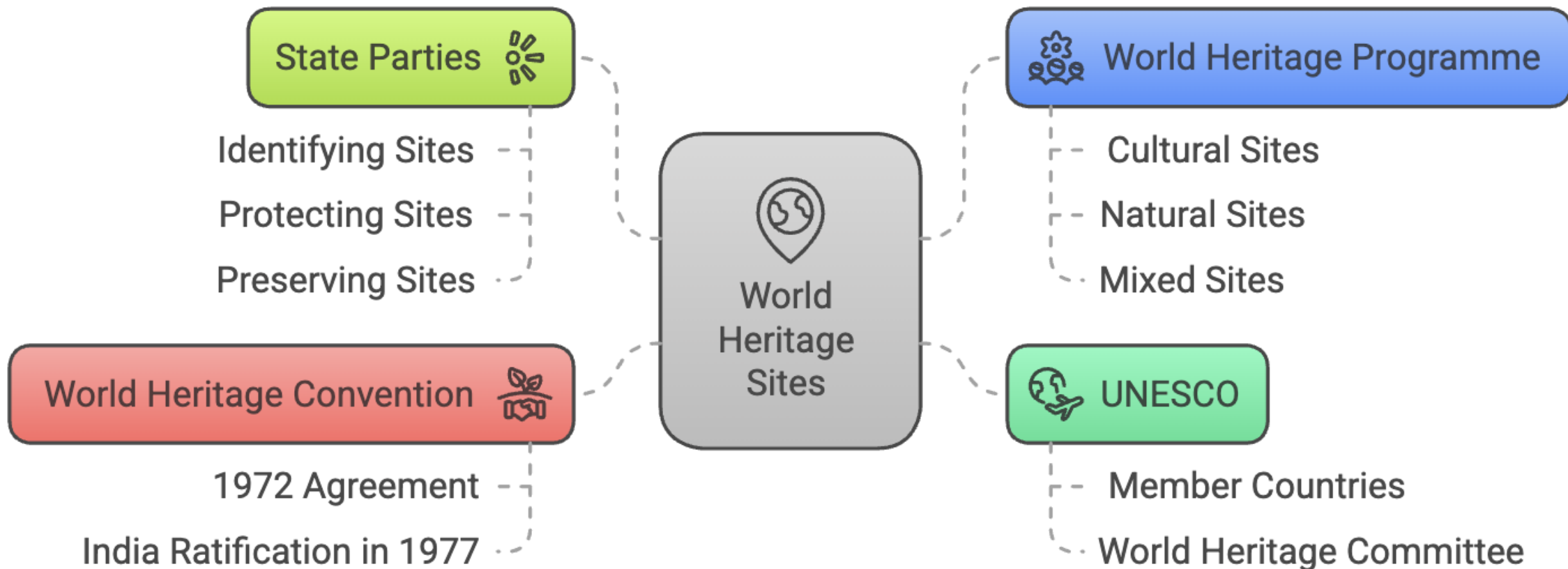
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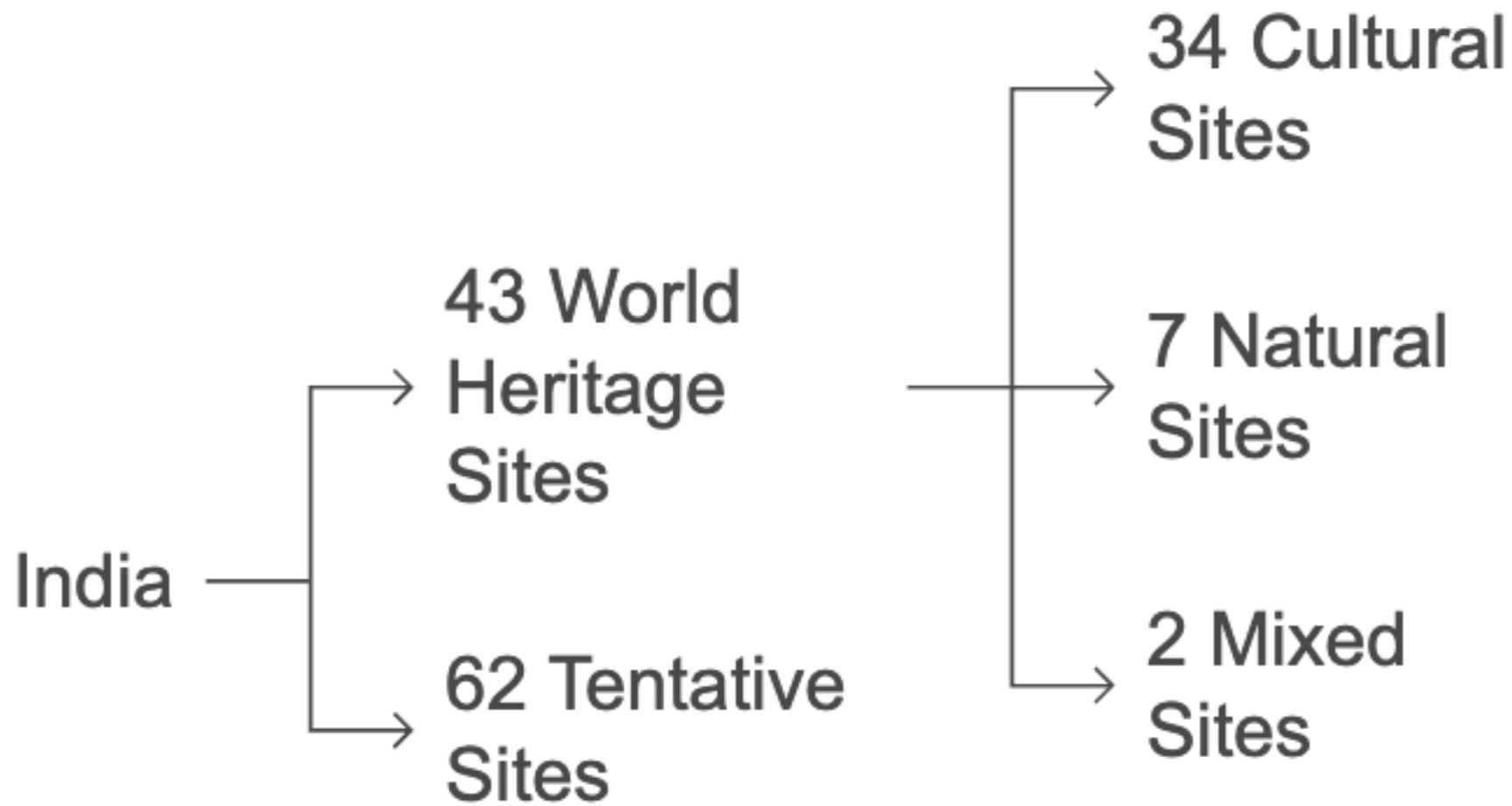
1,223 sites in 196 countries



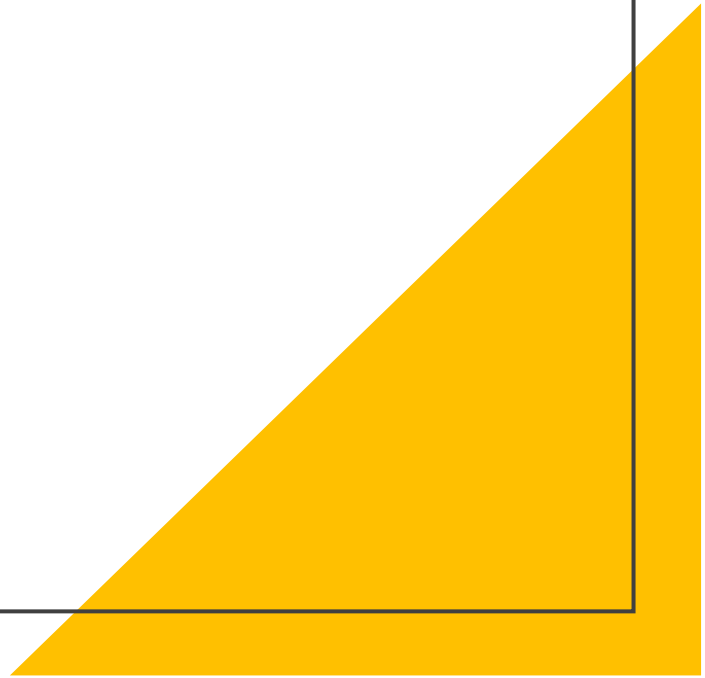
World Heritage Sites: Protection and Preservation



World Heritage Sites in India



Exercise Desert Flag-10



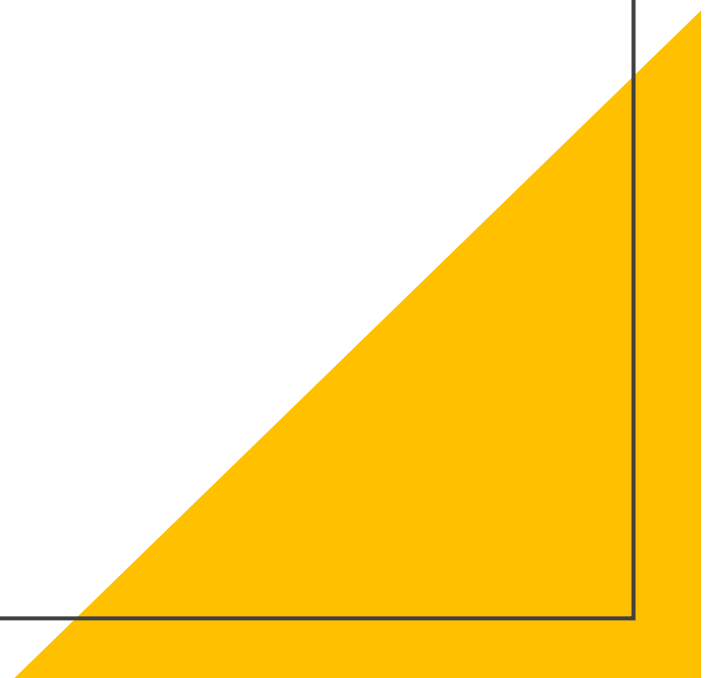
Indian Air Force's Participation in Exercise Desert Flag-10



Global Air Forces Unite for Exercise Desert Flag



Kerala's Intellectual Property
Rights policy to be revised after
17 years



Kerala IPR Policy Revision Process

Formation of Drafting Committee

A six-member committee is formed to revise the policy.



Appointment of Chairman

The Chairman of the Biodiversity Board leads the committee.



Initial Policy Formulation

The first IPR policy was created in 2008.



Comprehensive Revision

The policy undergoes a thorough update.

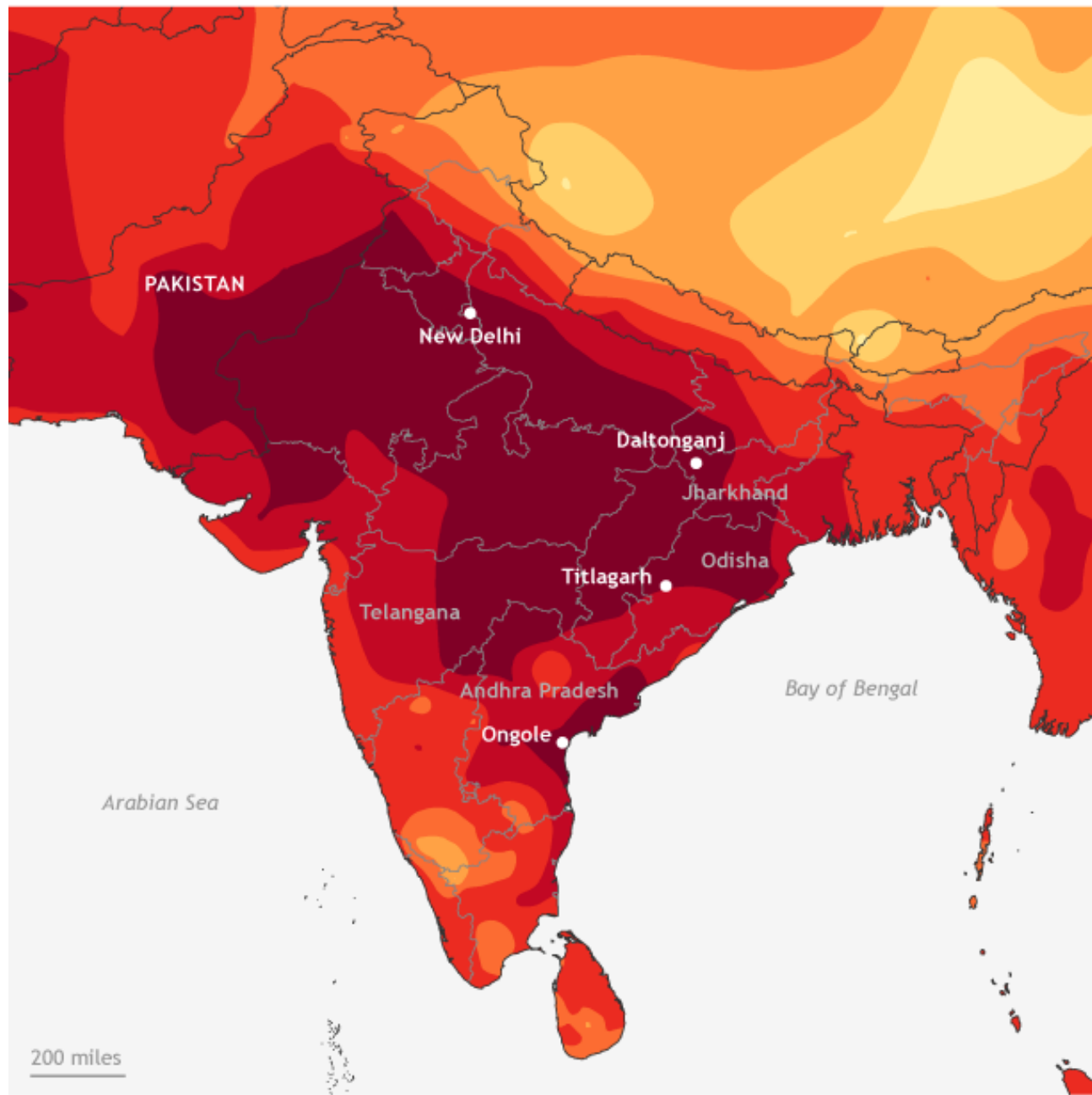


Form of IPR	What it protects	Criteria	Duration
PATENTS	Inventions	Novelty Inventive Step Industrial Application	20 years from the date of filing the Patent
COPYRIGHTS	Expression of Ideas (Literary, Dramatic, Musical works, Computer Program per se, etc.)	Originality Fixation	Literary works: Lifetime of author + 60 years Cinematography films/records/ photographs/government works : 60 years Broadcasting : 25 years
TRADEMARKS	Identification symbols, logos, slogans, words/ letters	Distinctive Graphically representable Not deceptive	Indefinite Renewal after every ten years
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	External appearance of an article	Novel Original Significantly distinguishable	Initially for 10 years Renewal for 5 more years (maximum protection : 15 years)
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS	Goods of specific geographical origin	Quality Reputation Unique characteristics which are essentially attributable to the geographical area of origin	Indefinite Renewal after every ten years
LAYOUT DESIGN OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS	Lay out of components in the integrated circuits	Original Distinctive Capable of distinguishing from any other lay-out design.	10 years
PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES & FARMERS' RIGHTS	New varieties Farmers' varieties Extant varieties Essentially derived varieties	Novelty Distinctiveness Uniformity Stability Denomination	Trees and vines : 18 years Extant varieties & others : 15 years

Heatwaves in India

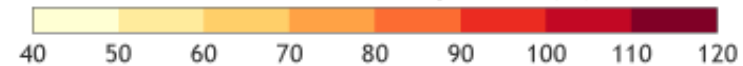
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Heat wave (May 24–30, 2015)



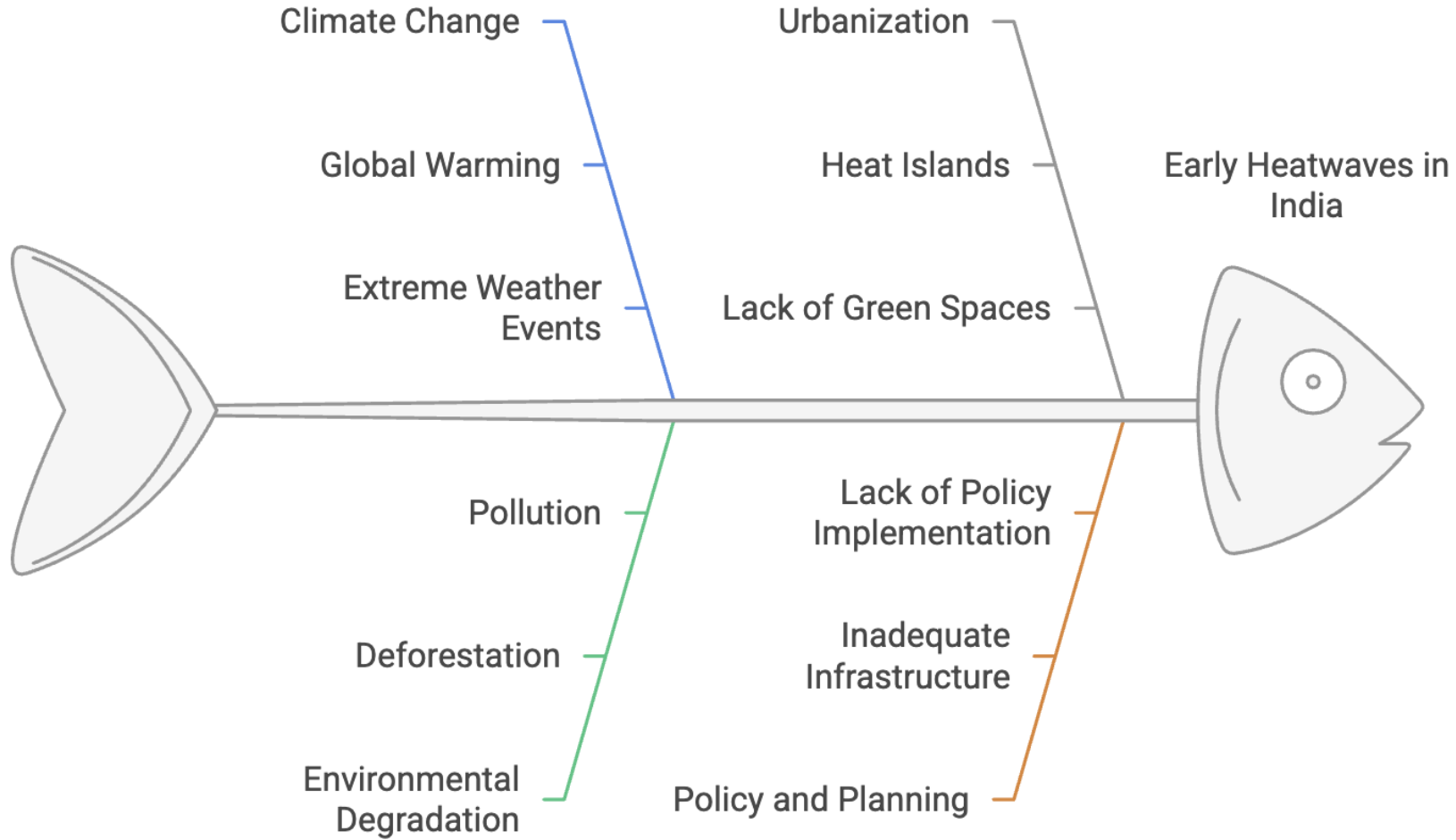
200 miles

Absolute maximum temperature (°F)



NOAA Climate.gov

Analyzing the Causes of Early Heatwaves in India



Rising Heatwaves in India: A Timeline of Urgency

March 2024

Severe heatwaves in India

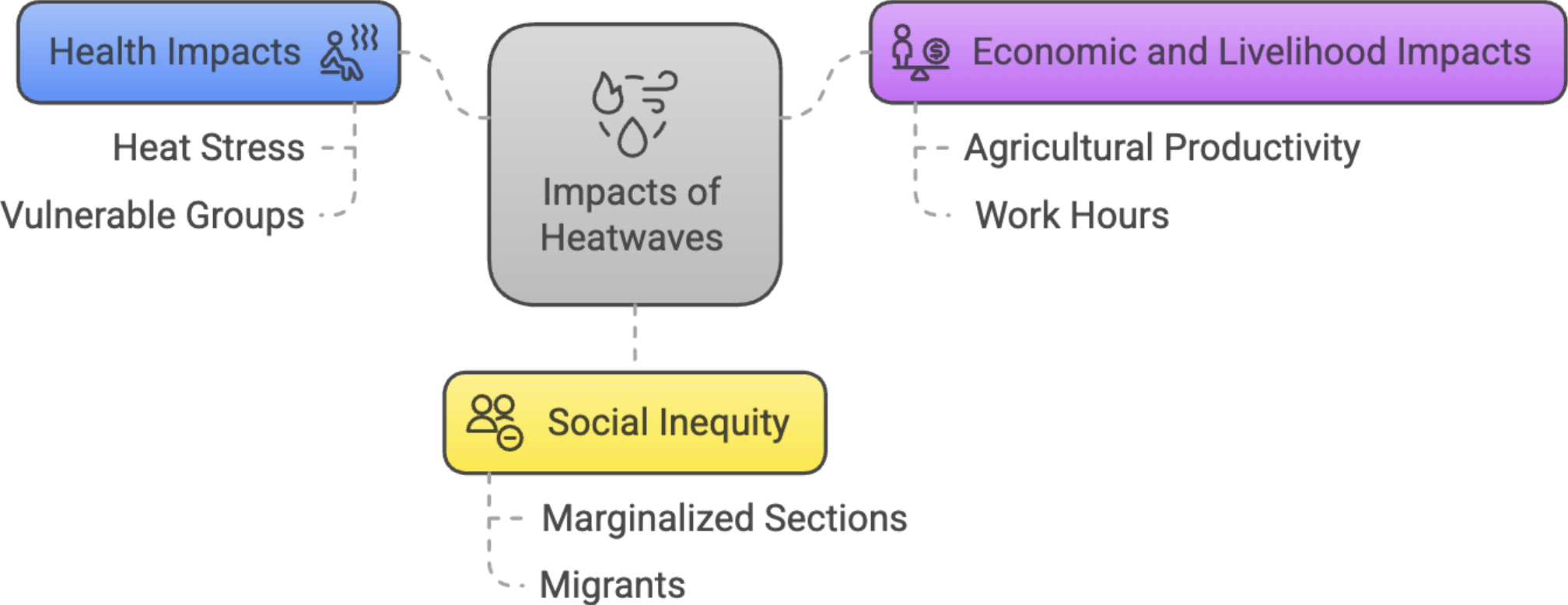


March 2025

Heatwaves arrive 20 days earlier



Impacts of Heatwaves on Health, Economy, and Society



Europe is
Warming Faster



Europe's Climate Crisis: Key Events and Trends

2024



Release of the 2024 European State of the Climate Report

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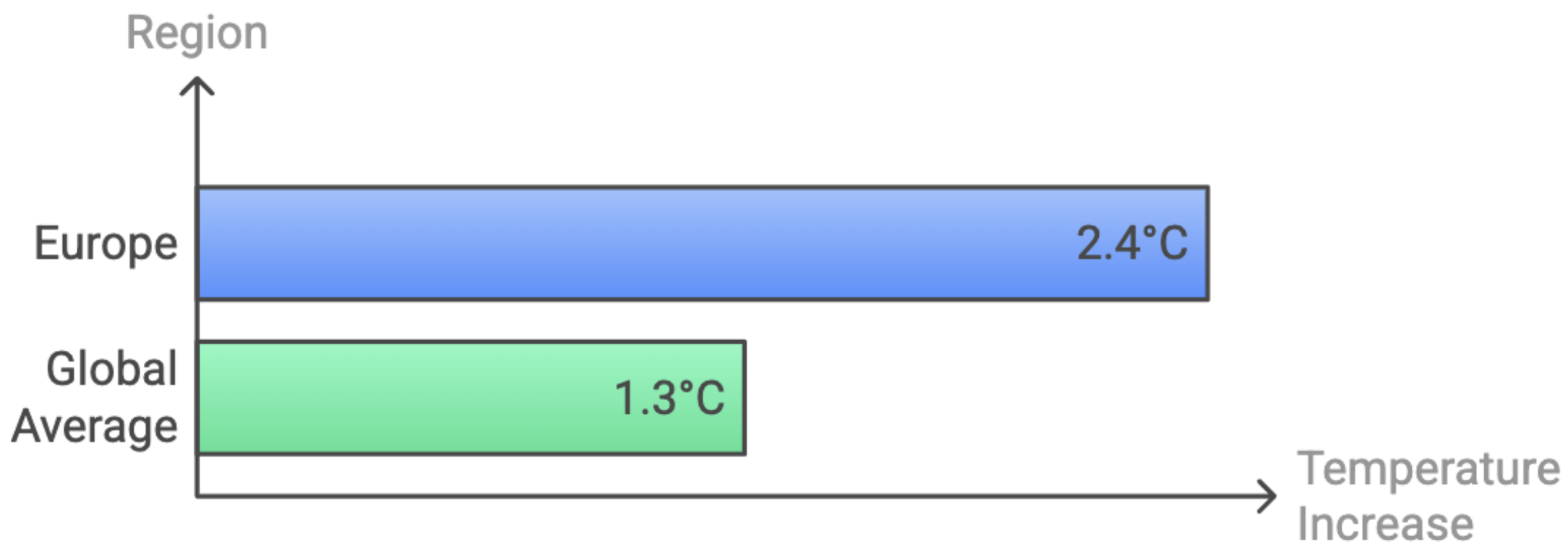
Europe warms twice as fast as the global average

2024



Intensification of extreme weather events





Temperature Increase in Europe vs. Global Average

Factors Driving Europe's Warming

Urban Heat Island



Urban areas trap heat, intensifying local temperature extremes.

Atmospheric Circulation



Shifts in circulation cause more frequent heatwaves.

Arctic Proximity



Arctic warming accelerates Europe's temperature rise.



Melting Glaciers

Glacier melting enhances heat absorption in Europe.



Sea Surface Temperatures

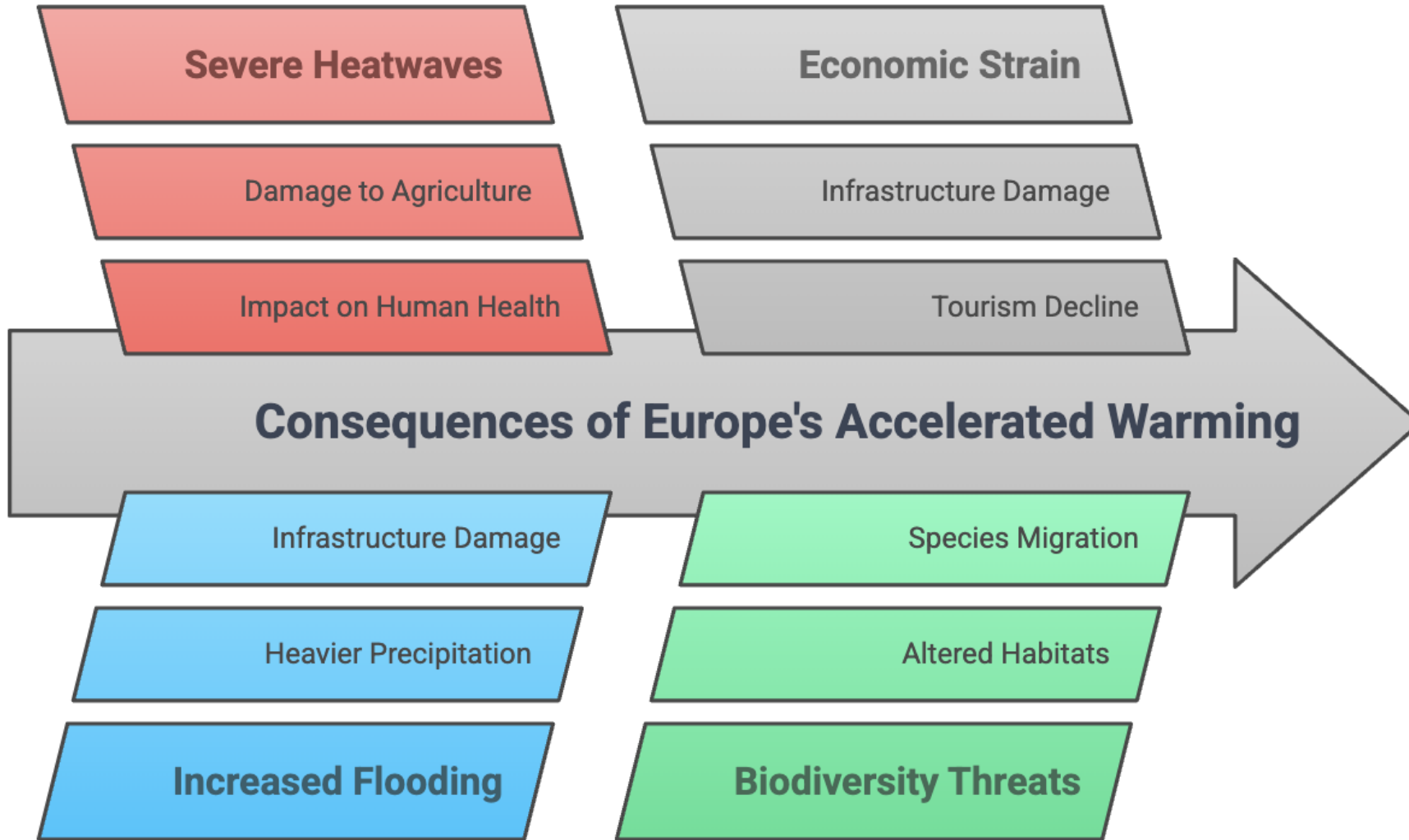
Warmer oceans contribute to atmospheric temperature rise.



Reduced Aerosols

Cleaner air increases solar energy absorption.

Consequences of Europe's Accelerated Warming



Words of the day

Whimsical:

determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

Synonyms: capricious, impulsive

Usage: *She thought mini marshmallows were a whimsical way of adding desserts to one's meal.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/whimsicalpro

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ˈwɪmzɪkəl/

Sanctimonious:

excessively or hypocritically pious


Synonyms: self-righteous, holier-than-thou, pharisaic

Usage: *He dropped his sanctimonious act when his colleagues learnt to ignore him.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/sanctimoniouspro

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ˌsæŋk.tɪˈmɒʊ.ni.əs/

A blurred background image showing a group of people in a meeting room, many of whom are clapping. The scene is brightly lit, creating a warm and positive atmosphere. In the foreground, several hands are visible, some reaching out or clapping, adding to the sense of collective appreciation.

Thank you
guys.
