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10 MCQ QUIZ

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# Top 10 MCQ from today's session

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- **The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a five-count criminal indictment against Gautam Adani and his associates.**
- Under which act were these charges filed?
  1. U.S. Patriot Act
  2. U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
  3. U.S. Securities Act
  4. Anti-Money Laundering Act

- अमेरिकी न्याय विभाग (DOJ) ने गौतम अदानी और उनके सहयोगियों के खिलाफ पांच आपराधिक आरोप दायर किए। ये आरोप किस अधिनियम के तहत लगाए गए हैं?
  1. अमेरिकी पैट्रियट अधिनियम
  2. अमेरिकी विदेशी भ्रष्ट आचरण अधिनियम (FCPA)
  3. अमेरिकी प्रतिभूति अधिनियम
  4. मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग रोधी अधिनियम

- **Kenya canceled the airport modernization deal with the Adani Group.**

- What was the reason for this cancellation?

- 1.Environmental concerns

- 2.Allegations of bribery and fraud

- 3.Political instability

- 4.Economic constraints

- केन्या ने अदानी समूह के साथ हवाई अड्डा आधुनिकीकरण सौदा रद्द कर दिया। इस रद्दीकरण का कारण क्या था?

- 1.पर्यावरणीय चिंताएँ

- 2.रिश्वतखोरी और धोखाधड़ी के आरोप

- 3.राजनीतिक अस्थिरता

- 4.आर्थिक बाधाएँ

- **The new global collective quantified goal (NCQG) on climate finance focuses on financial commitments from developed to developing nations.**

- What is the primary objective of NCQG?

1. Increase fossil fuel consumption
2. Provide financial aid for transitioning away from fossil fuels
3. Promote industrial investments
4. Reduce global population

- जलवायु वित्त पर नया वैश्विक सामूहिक परिमाण लक्ष्य (NCQG) विकसित से विकासशील देशों के लिए वित्तीय प्रतिबद्धताओं पर केंद्रित है। NCQG का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

1. जीवाश्म ईंधन की खपत बढ़ाना
2. जीवाश्म ईंधन से दूर जाने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना
3. औद्योगिक निवेश को बढ़ावा देना
4. वैश्विक जनसंख्या को कम करना



- **India's first Camel Rescue and Research Centre is proposed to be set up in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.**

- What is the primary objective of this center?

1. To promote camel tourism in Rajasthan

2. To provide life-saving services and medical care for camels

3. To train camels for transportation purposes

4. To increase camel exports

- भारत का पहला ऊंट बचाव और अनुसंधान केंद्र जैसलमेर, राजस्थान में स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

- इस केंद्र का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

1. राजस्थान में ऊंट पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना

2. ऊंटों के लिए जीवन रक्षक सेवाएं और चिकित्सा देखभाल प्रदान करना

3. ऊंटों को परिवहन उद्देश्यों के लिए प्रशिक्षित करना

4. ऊंट निर्यात को बढ़ाना

- **Prasar Bharati launched the OTT platform "Waves" during IFFI 2024.**

- What is the tagline of "Waves"?

1. "Waves – Entertainment for All"

2. "Waves – Family Entertainment Ki Nayi Lehar"

3. "Waves – Your Digital Companion"

4. "Waves – Movies and More"

- प्रसार भारती ने IFFI 2024 के दौरान "Waves" ओटीटी प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया। "Waves" का टैगलाइन क्या है?

1. "Waves - एंटरटेनमेंट फॉर ऑल"

2. "Waves - फैमिली एंटरटेनमेंट की नई लहर"

3. "Waves - आपका डिजिटल साथी"

4. "Waves - मूवीज़ एंड मोर"

• **The 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab was celebrated in New Delhi.**

• What was he popularly known as?

- 1.Utkal Kesari
- 2.Odisha Jyoti
- 3.Bharat Ratna
- 4.Indian Patriot

• डॉ. हरेकृष्ण महताब की 125वीं जयंती नई दिल्ली में मनाई गई। उन्हें किस नाम से जाना जाता था?

- 1.उत्कल केसरी
- 2.ओडिशा ज्योति
- 3.भारत रत्न
- 4.भारतीय देशभक्त

- **The PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme provides financial aid for higher education.**
  - **What is the credit guarantee provided under this scheme?**
- 1.50%
- 2.60%
- 3.75%
- 4.100%
- पीएम विद्या लक्ष्मी योजना उच्च शिक्षा के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती है। इस योजना के तहत क्रेडिट गारंटी कितनी है?
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- **India launched Nafithromycin as its first indigenous antibiotic.**
- What is Nafithromycin primarily aimed to treat?
  1. Respiratory infections
  2. Cardiovascular diseases
  3. Neurological disorders
  4. Gastrointestinal issues
- भारत ने अपना पहला स्वदेशी एंटीबायोटिक नफिथ्रोमाइसिन लॉन्च किया। नफिथ्रोमाइसिन का मुख्य उद्देश्य किसका इलाज करना है?
  1. श्वसन संक्रमण
  2. हृदय रोग
  3. तंत्रिका संबंधी विकार
  4. जठरांत्र समस्याएं

- **India slipped to the 10th position in the latest Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2024 but remains among the high-performing countries.**
- Which country holds the top rank in the CCPI 2024?
  1. Denmark
  2. UK
  3. Sweden
  4. None (No country achieved the top 3 ranks)
- भारत जलवायु परिवर्तन प्रदर्शन सूचकांक (CCPI) 2024 में 10वें स्थान पर फिसल गया, लेकिन उच्च प्रदर्शन वाले देशों में बना हुआ है।
- CCPI 2024 में किस देश ने शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?
  1. डेनमार्क
  2. यूके
  3. स्वीडन
  4. कोई नहीं (किसी भी देश ने शीर्ष 3 स्थान प्राप्त नहीं किए)

- **India has been ranked in the top 10 of the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) for six consecutive years.**
  - **भारत लगातार छह वर्षों से जलवायु परिवर्तन प्रदर्शन सूचकांक (CCPI) में शीर्ष 10 में बना हुआ है।**
  - **What is India's rank in the CCPI 2024?**
  - **CCPI 2024 में भारत का रैंक क्या है?**
- 1.7th
- 2.10th
- 3.6th
- 4.8th
- 1.7वां
- 2.10वां
- 3.6वां
- 4.8वां

- **India ranks 23rd out of 24 countries on health parameters according to the Health Gauge developed by Ray Dalio.**
  - Which of the following countries is ranked first in the Health Gauge?
    - 1.Switzerland
    - 2.Japan
    - 3.Singapore
    - 4.United Kingdom
- रे डालियो द्वारा विकसित हेल्थ गेज के अनुसार, भारत स्वास्थ्य मानकों पर 24 देशों में 23वें स्थान पर है।
  - निम्नलिखित में से किस देश को हेल्थ गेज में पहला स्थान प्राप्त हुआ है?
    - 1.स्विट्जरलैंड
    - 2.जापान
    - 3.सिंगापुर
    - 4.यूनाइटेड किंगडम





### CBI files chargesheet against 5 accused in NEET paper leak case

The Hindu Bureau  
BANGUR

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed the fifth chargesheet against five accused in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2024 question paper leak case. The chargesheet was filed at the special court for CBI cases in Tiruch.

The CBI stated that the chargesheet was filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including 420 (cheating), 481 (criminal conspiracy), 489 (obtaining), 439 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 300 (murder), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence), 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and under Section 13(2) read with section 13(1)(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018).

The five accused are Amit Kumar Singh, a paper dealer of Dhawan, Bharkhan, Gauri Kumar and Yuvraj Kumar, residents of

**The number of chargesheets filed in the case stands at 25, all held in judicial custody.**

Bekuru, Bharkhan, Abhinav Prasad, a resident of Nidanda, Bihar; and Amit Kumar, a resident of Patna.

With this, the number of chargesheets accused in the case stands at 25, all held in judicial custody. The agency took over the investigation from the Shastri Nagar police station in Patna on June 22. The probe revealed that a NEET-UG 2024 question paper was illegally obtained from Gauri Kumar, Hazarbagh, Bharkhan, on May 8 in the evening by Pankaj Kumar, who acted in collusion with Gauri Kumar principal Anshu Haque, also the city PTA coordinator, and vice-principal Muhammad Nabya Alam, who was the centre superintendent.

### SC does not entertain Punjab's plea in PM security lapse case

The Punjab govt. had sought statements of the witnesses recorded in the Justice Indu Malhotra Committee's confidential report in order to aid in taking action against the 'delinquent' officials

The Hindu Bureau

The Supreme Court of India on Friday did not accede to a request by the Punjab government to provide the statements of witnesses who appeared before the Justice Indu Malhotra Committee inquiring into a security lapse which left Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conveyance stuck on a flyover in the State on January 5, 2022.



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to maintain law and order despite the availability of sufficient personnel.

Law and order issues "Forcible SSP failed to discharge his duty to maintain law and order, though sufficient force was available and even though

he was informed two hours before. That the Prime Minister will enter through the main gate of the Bharatnagar Hotel had conveyed to the waiting law enforcement personnel by a report of the Justice Malhotra Committee.

The Prime Minister's conveyance was held up at a flyover owing to picketing by protesters in Patna on the day which he had to return from Patna without attending events, including a rally. The terms of reference of the Justice Malhotra Committee, constituted by the President of India, had included unearthing the causes for the breach, the persons responsible and to what extent essential measures were taken to ensure the security of the Prime Minister and other protectees.

The Supreme Court on Friday said the new criminal laws need to be given a chance, says SC

Krishnakant Malhotra  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said the new criminal laws need to be given a chance and citizens have a right to live free of crime.

A Bench headed by Justice D.K. Jaisankar was hearing a petition questioning the validity of provisions in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshata Sanhita, 2023 which replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Penal Code.

The new laws came into effect from July 1. The petitioners, Azad Singh Nararia, represented by senior advocate Anshu Gargawany, argued that provisions in the new laws, especially the ones relating to organised crime, removed essential procedural safeguards, which protected citizens against arbitrary arrest and abuse of rights by the police.

"An undertrial can be put away in police custody for 60 days! The guidelines framed by the court on arrest and custody in the D.K. Bano case have been violated," Mr. Gargawany submitted. She said the new laws violated the guarantees of "equality before the law and equal protection of the laws to all people."

The senior lawyer said even those held for picketing could be charged under organised crime under the new provisions.

"Organised crime needs to be controlled in the interest of the society. People have a right to live without fear and be free of crime... Do you not see the violence, committed in homes, on the streets, newly road rage incidents, criminal gangs emerging suddenly, child abductions, cyber crime... Parliament has given a pan-India law, should it not be given a chance?" the judge asked.

### Last rites of Jiribam violence victims performed; 5-point charter submitted to CM

The Hindu Bureau  
CHENNAI

The last rites for nine victims of ethnic clashes in Manipur's Jiribam, including six women and children abducted and killed by extremists on November 11, were performed on Friday. All belonged to the Meitei community.



A photograph of the youngest victim of the recent violence in Jiribam, who was abducted and killed by extremists on November 11.

Officials in Assam's Cachar district said the bodies were handed over to the members of the victims' families from the morgue at the Silchar Medical College and Hospital in the morning. Manipur police personnel escorted the bodies to Jiribam, about 48 km from Silchar, at the Assam-Manipur border.

"We took custody of the bodies with a heavy heart and a demand for the government to punish the culprits who led to numerous killings of women and children. They are nothing but terrorists and some village volunteers as some people claim," Jiribam P. Singh, the president of the Jiribam-based JRI Development Organisation, said in Silchar. The or-

ganisation assisted the families in receiving the bodies and performing the last rites.

**Memorandums to CM**

The families agreed to receive the bodies for the final rites after the Imphal-based Joint Action Committee of civil society organisations submitted a five-point memorandum to the minister. Scouting leader Biren Singh on Thursday. The committee's demands included the arrest of the perpetrators of the violence within 72 hours, ex gratia payment to the victims before the cremation, and suitable govern-

ment jobs for the survivors of the deceased.

"The Chief Minister said it would be impossible to catch the killers within 72 hours and assured us that the case would be handed over to the National Investigation Agency instead," a spokesperson of the committee said, adding that the demand for handing a terrorist tag on a group of Hindu village volunteers had also been met.

Jiribam's Superintendent of Police Robinson Singh said the situation in the restive district has been under control over the last few days. "Since it is difficult for us to reach Imphal, we have been coordinating with the Cachar district police for night patrolling and vigil along the Assam-Manipur border," he said, acknowledging the cooperation from his Cachar counterparts.

He said the help from central law enforcement agencies and the use of Silchar Medical College and Hospital.

### Centre deploys 90 more companies of CAPF in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

Manipur Security Adviser Kuldip Singh said on Friday that the Central government has deployed 90 additional companies of central armed police force (CAPF), which is around 1,600 personnel, to the State this year in the State.

At present, 286 companies of CAPFs, around 39,000 personnel, are deployed in Manipur, other than the State police, Army and the Assam Rifles.

Mr. Singh said at a press conference in Imphal that 32 people have been arrested for various incidents of arson and vandalism at the residence and properties of legislators and Ministers last week.

On November 11, a day after the discovery of the bodies of three women and children, who were among six of a Meitei family abducted by militants and later it was found that six members of a family, three women and three children, were abducted by militants. In that incident, 10 militants were killed by the CRPF and police.

organised and combing operations are being held. He said that 256 people have been killed in the State so far, which includes armed militants.

Mr. Singh added that the police would look into the allegations that a Meitei family was abducted in the presence of security forces. He said that on November 11, a CRPF post was attacked by militants and later it was found that six members of a family, three women and three children, were abducted by militants. In that incident, 10 militants were killed by the CRPF and police.

### BJP accuses Congress of encouraging foreign forces to 'derail' India's progress

Daxsh R. Pandey  
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J.P. Nadda on Friday accused the Congress of "encouraging and supporting a nexus of foreign forces looking to derail India's progress," stating that the fallout of Congress government's failure to address local critical issues in the early 1990s was being felt in Manipur even today.

In a letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, a reaction to Mr. Kharge's letter to President Droupadi Murmu on the issue of violence in Manipur, the BJP chief said he felt "compelled to respond to the incorrect, false and politically motivated narrative which your words fail to counter."

He stated, "It appears that the Congress government's policy seem to have conveniently forgotten the complex failure of government machinery and the ill-advised military operations of Congress governments - both at the Centre and State - during similar inci-



J.P. Nadda

dent in the early 90s and during the CRPF era."

"It appears that you have forgotten that not only did your government legitimise the illegal migration of foreign militants to India, Mr. P. Chidambaram - the erstwhile Home Minister - had signed treaties with them," alleged Mr. Nadda, adding that the militant leaders were even encouraged to carry on their destabilising efforts.

Replying to the BJP chief's letter, Congress general secretary in charge, communications, Haroon Kamath, said through a post on X that the letter was "full of falsehoods and a 40 exercise - both at the Centre and State - during similar inci-

### Manipur NPP tells members to avoid Biren Singh's meetings

The Hindu Bureau  
IMPHAL

The Manipur unit of the National People's Party has asked its members to avoid any meetings called by the Biren Singh-led government.

In an advisory issued on November 18, the party's state president, N. Kayali, said it was crucial for all members to strictly adhere to NPP national president Conrad K. Sangma's decision to withdraw support to the government.

"Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary action," he said.

Mr. Kayali, who represents the Tadubi Assembly constituency, was one of four NPP legislators who skipped the meeting of NPP MLAs called by Mr. Singh on November 18.

### Humanoid teacher makes learning fun

AI-powered Nova helps students of a govt. school in Kerala improve their communication skills

Navya Sushil  
KOLKATA

Clad in a brick-red turtleneck with her signature synthesised voice, Nova was introduced to the wide-eyed students of a government school in Punalur on November 14.

The artificial intelligence-powered humanoid, who can converse in four languages, is currently facilitating the learning experience of 74 lower primary students, who are fascinated with the new teacher.

"They ask all kinds of questions, including those from their syllabus, and watch her in awe as the teacher answers them. We have uploaded all their textbooks in PDF format so that the AI



Interactive assistant Nova, an AI-powered humanoid, with the students of Government School in Punalur. S. Suresh Kumar

teacher can answer any question about their lessons. They also ask a lot of random doubts and the chatbot is really curious to interact with Nova," says M.K. Binu, headteacher.

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NEW DELHI

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Heading a Bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar, the Chief Justice of India, and Justices D.K. Jaisankar and P. Nageswara Rao, the Bench said that the concept of socialism in India did not negate the participation of citizens in the process of governance.

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the 'will of the people', Mr. Upadhyay contended that the changes made amounted to a "fraud on the Constitution". He pointed out that the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act was passed in the thick of the Emergency days when the "will of the people was absent".

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"It mainly focuses on interaction to improve language skills," says Amesh Lal, school PTA president and an IT expert who designed the humanoid. "We are thinking of an advanced model with movement so that the teacher can walk to classrooms. Since it is a modest government school, we cannot currently afford that," Mr. Lal says.

# Socialism in India means a welfare state, not a dictatorial dogma: CJI

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Friday said the idea of 'socialism' in India primarily meant a welfare state that provides equality of opportunity for all, and not a dictatorial dogma rammed down on citizens.

Heading a Bench comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar, the Chief Justice of India reasoned that the concept of socialism in India did not negate the participation of private players or negate individualism.

The Supreme Court was hearing a batch of petitions, one of them by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, challenging the inclusion of the words 'socialist, secular' in the Preamble of the Constitution in 1976 with retrospective application. The petitioners have

 Socialism here means that there should be equal opportunities for all; it never prevented the private sector from thriving here

**SANJIV KHANNA**  
Chief Justice of India

challenged the validity of Section 2 of the Constitution 42nd Amendment Act of 1976, and particularly the change in the Preamble. One of the petitioners argued that the dogma of socialism cannot prevail over other ideas, and it was wrong to force upon the nation one particular economic theory.

## **Equality of opportunity**

"Socialism here means a welfare state where there should be equality of opportunity for all. It has never prevented the private



sector from thriving here. We have all benefited from the private sector... The idea of socialism runs through many Articles of the Constitution," Chief Justice Khanna responded.

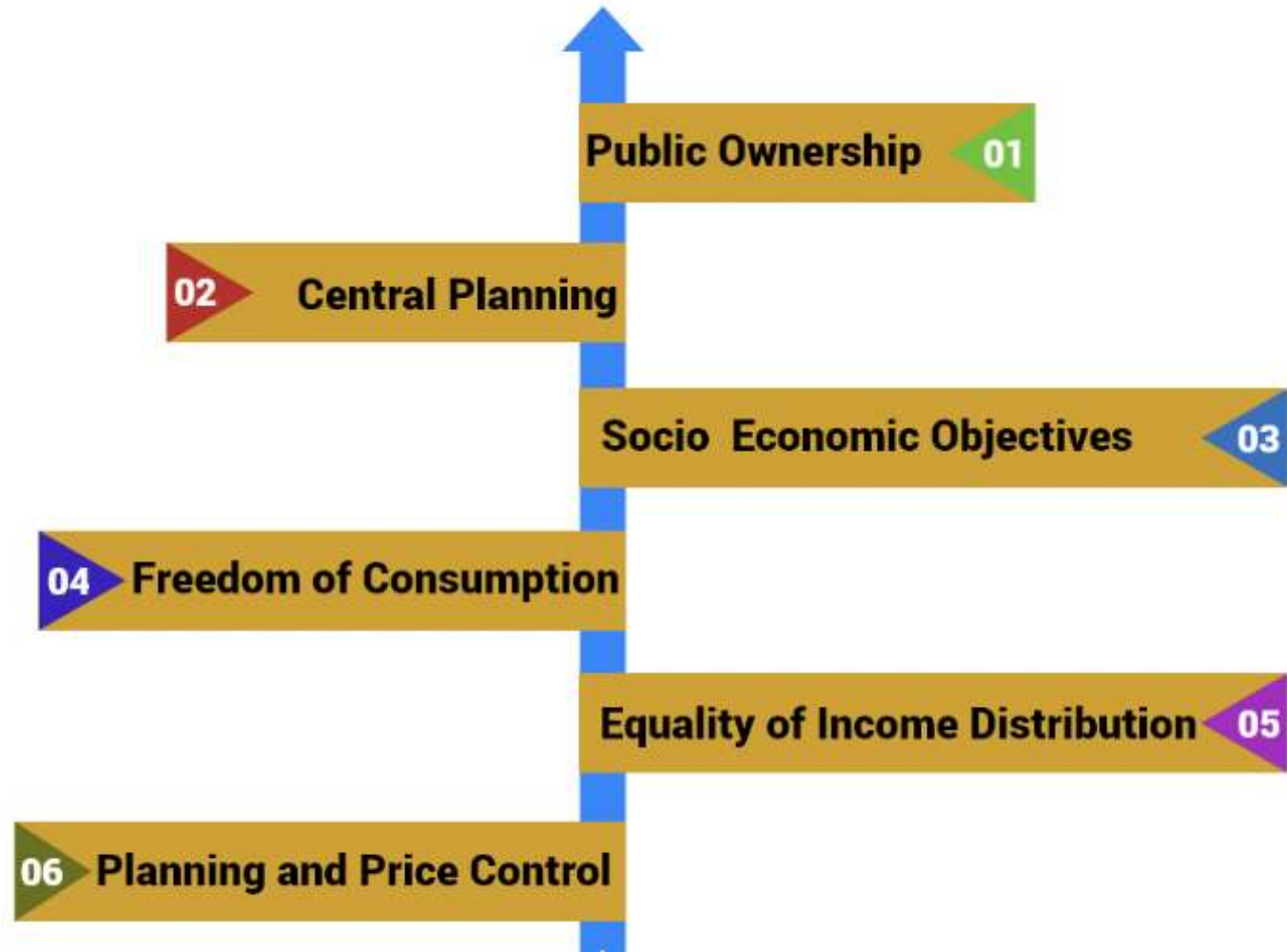
Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, a petitioner, said the "Preamble is a statement of adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, and cannot be changed as it is an unalterable fact". The inclusion in the Preamble was done without States' ratification, which reflect-

ed the "will of the people". Mr. Upadhyay contended that the changes made amounted to a "fraud on the Constitution". He pointed out that the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act was passed in the thick of the Emergency days when the "voice of the people was silenced".

But the Chief Justice firmly pointed out that socialism and secularism were part of the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

CPI leader and former Rajya Sabha member, Binoy Viswam, represented by advocate Sriram Parakkat, described the pleas as a ruse to remove 'socialist, secular' from the Preamble in order to campaign for votes in the name of religion. Mr. Parakkat said the top court had specifically banned seeking votes in the name of faith.

# socialism core beliefs



# History of Socialism

## Late 18th-19th Century

Socialism develops in western European countries as a result of the rapid increase in capitalism

1800

1850

1900

1920

Economist Ludwig von Mises critiques socialism with "Economic Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth"

1950

## Early 2000s-Present Day

The Great Recession and pandemic result in more interest in government funded social programs

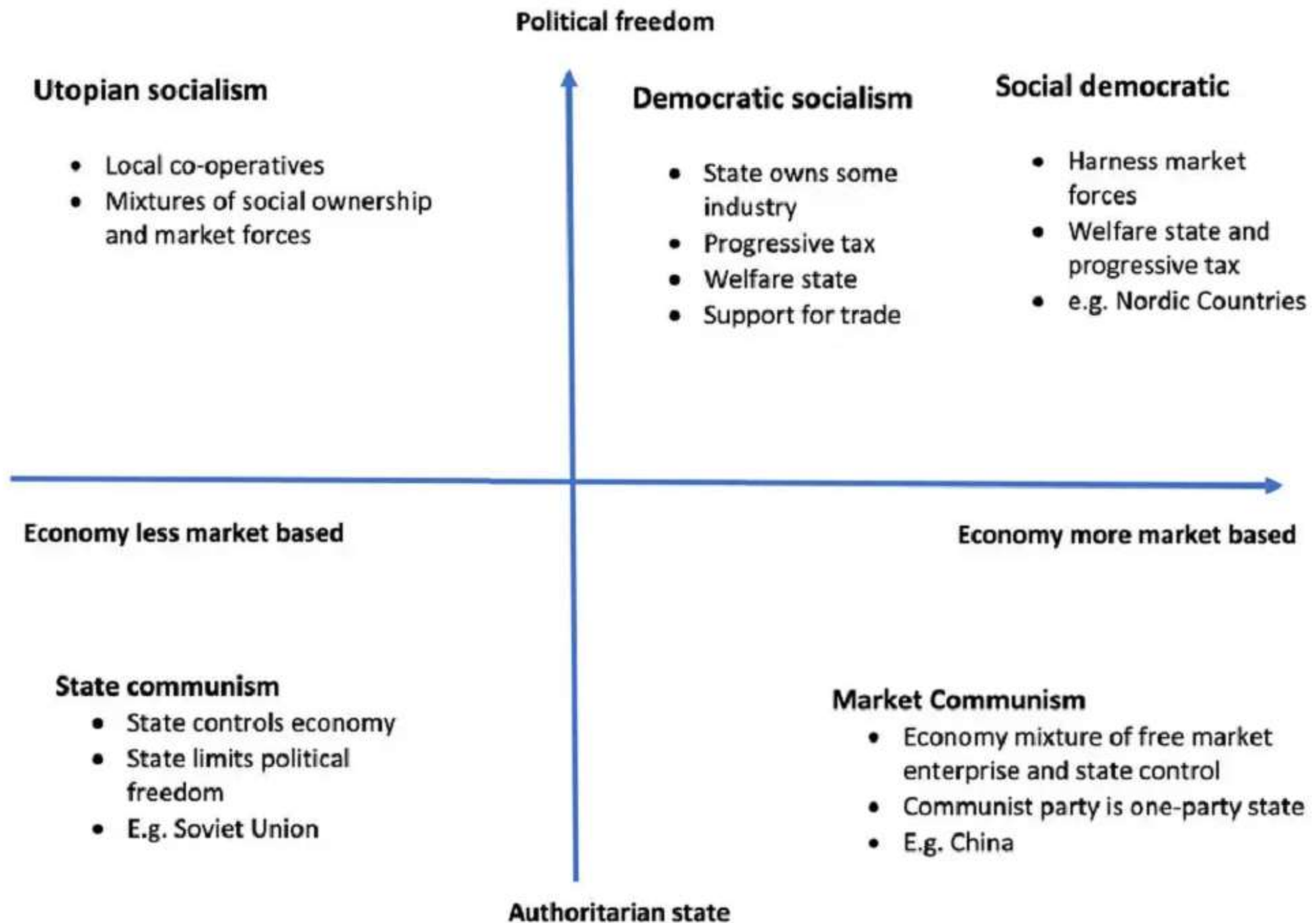
2000

1917

Vladimir Lenin helps bring socialism to a national level after the Bolshevik Revolution

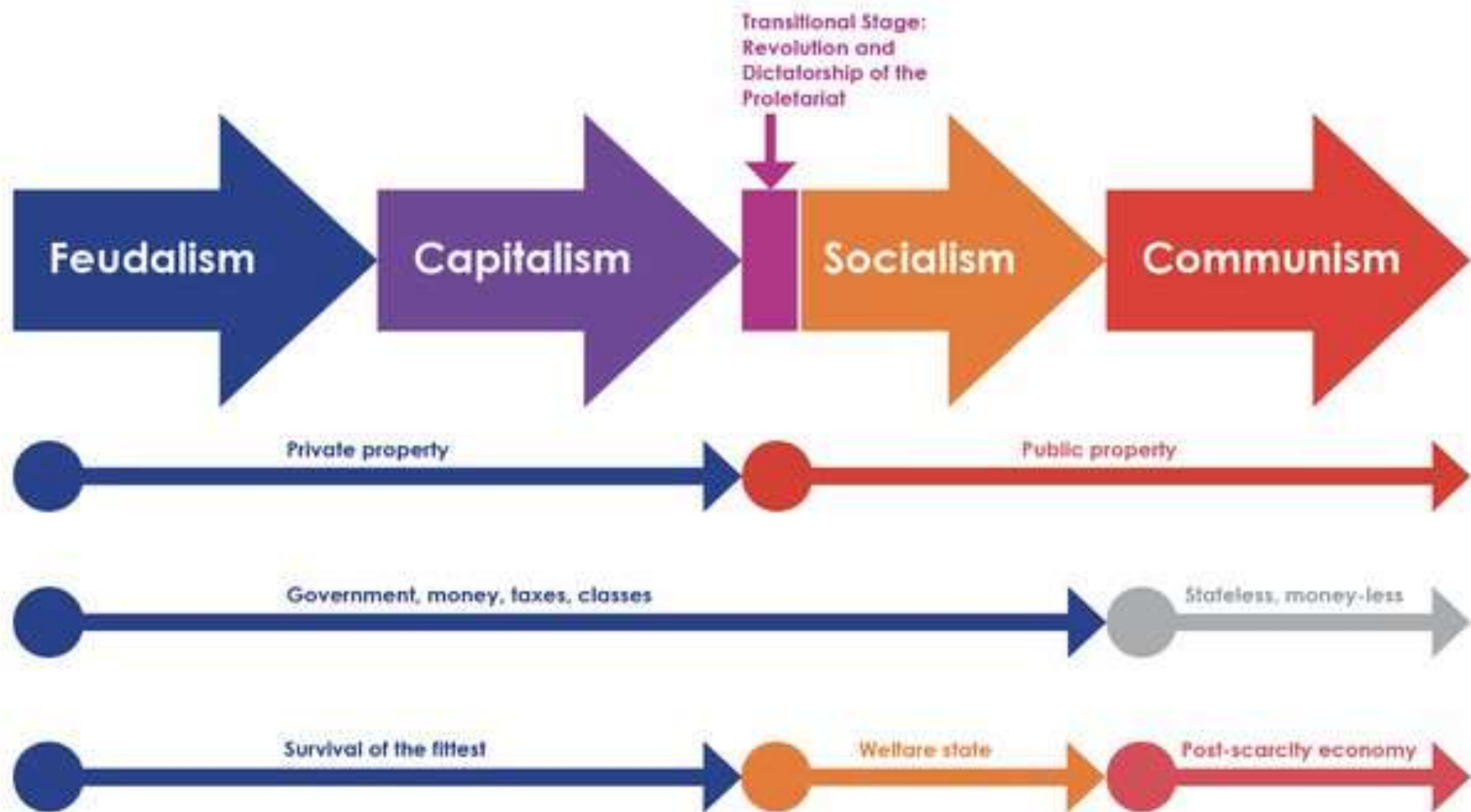
1990s

Eastern Europe faces challenges transitioning from complete state control to political and economic freedom



# Evolution of Economic Systems According to Marx

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# Differences Between Capitalism and Socialism



Capitalism is an economic system where the means of production are owned by private individuals.



Companies live by the profit motive. They exist to make money. All companies have owners and managers.



It is the government's job by enforcing laws and regulations to make sure there is a level playing field for privately-run companies.



The means of production, such as money and other forms of capital, are owned by the state or public.



Under a socialist system, everyone works for wealth that is in turn distributed to everyone.



The government decides how wealth is distributed among the people. They provide for the people.

<b>Aspect</b>	<b>Capitalism</b>	<b>Socialism</b>
Economic Model	Emphasizes private ownership and market forces	Advocates for collective ownership
Core Value	Individualism, competition, profit	Social equality, cooperation, community
Class Focus	Individual economic pursuits	Collective interests of the working class
Property Ownership	Private property rights	Common ownership and wealth distribution
Ideological Foundation	Market-oriented, profit-driven	Emphasis on social welfare and justice
Inequality	Accepts income inequality as a byproduct	Seeks to reduce wealth and income inequality
Government Role	Limited government intervention in the economy	Strong government role in wealth distribution
Motivation	Material incentives	Moral incentives and sense of community

# 'At his best, Gukesh plays only the best moves — just like a chess engine'

In this conversation, former World rapid chess champion Daniil Dubov describes why Gukesh's style is so hard to explain as he looks ahead to the Indian title clash against Ding Liren. The 28-year-old Grandmaster also talks about his experience as Magnus Carlsen's second, India's rise and why the sport feels like it is at a tipping point

INTERVIEW  
**Daniil Dubov**

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**

**D**aniil Dubov won the 20th World Rapid Chess Championship against a field that included Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura. The Russian prodigy, who became a Grandmaster at 16, has also worked as Carlsen's second for two World Championship matches. Excerpted from an interview Dubov gave *The Hindu* at Kolkata, during the Tata Steel Chess India tournament:

**You were Magnus Carlsen's second for two World Championship matches, in 2018 and 2021. How do you look at the upcoming title match between Ding Liren and D. Gukesh?**

This will be somewhat a strange experience for me, as I was part of the last three World title matches in different capacities. In 2018 and 2021, I worked as Magnus' second. And at the last World Championship, I was commenting for the official broadcaster. But this time, I will be following the match from the touch. I want Gukesh and Ding to fight. I don't want the match to be over with three games to go, or something like that. Yes, I think Gukesh is the favourite, but not to the extent some people seem to believe.

**Why do you think Gukesh starts as the favourite? Is it because of his form and Ding's lack of form?**

Gukesh has been the better player over the last two years. Why wouldn't he over the next two weeks? It has to be said that matches (a series of games) are generally different, and I think, sometimes, even when you are better, there are certain opponents who are probably not as good as you, but they are really tough to crack.

**What do you like about Gukesh's chess?**



When Magnus is playing, the move seems more human to me. That is, I can see the idea behind the moves... exactly the opposite.

I like that when he is at his best, he plays only the best moves — just like a chess engine. He plays the way that is sort of explainable. Very often he plays moves that have nothing in common. It is like there is no basic idea behind them, but they are all the best moves still. I mean that is the feeling that you normally get from the engine. Like, one move on that side, then another move on that side. I mean, like five random moves, and then suddenly the engine is winning. That is the same with Gukesh.

When Magnus is playing, the move seems more human to me. That is, I can see the idea behind the moves. With Magnus, you always get the logic. Sometimes you guess all his moves, but still you lose. He makes it look simple. Gukesh is exactly the opposite.

We are going through some tipping point in chess history. I feel. If Gukesh becomes the World champion, my mind realises that it is well deserved — he is almost 2000 [in Elo rating] and beating everyone — and still my soul refuses to accept that this little boy is it. Chess is getting younger.

**Garry Kasparov was 22 when he won the World Championship.**

Believe that, Mikhail Tal was 23. Gukesh perfectly embodies everything that chess is going through.

**How do you look back at your time with Carlsen as his second, for his matches against Fabiano Caruana and then Ian Nepomniachtchki?**

Magnus had a team of four to five people, and we would basically have to prepare some opening ideas. I was one of the people responsible for making his openings better. I apparently was doing my job well, as I was invited for a second time. I was helping with openings that had been part of my repertoire for many years, like the Catalan obviously. For the match against Caru-

na, the Sveshnikov and Rossolimo [variations in Sicilian Defence] were also coming from me. It kind of makes sense. Magnus wants to learn from the people who are doing it for their whole life.

**How important do you think the role of the seconds is in a World title match?**

I think seconds used to be way more important previously. Now we all have the same engines, and there is basically no room for, say, brain competition, you know. When I worked for Magnus, especially the first time, it used to be completely different. You could analyse a certain position for two weeks, and still you wouldn't be sure if it is good or bad for you.

**A few Russian players criticised you for helping Carlsen against Nepomniachtchki, a Russian. And you replied then that working with Carlsen would help you as a player because of which Russian chess could benefit.**

Yes and only a couple of players [were critical], really. The rest were supporting me. I was glad to take up the offer from Magnus. There was no downside to it. You basically get paid for working in the best team on Planet Earth with the best player in history. I would be happy doing it for free.

**And what did you learn from working with Carlsen?**

I have learned a lot, but it is hard to specify. I like I learned these five things. It was generally the way he looks at chess, the way he prepares or chooses openings... For the rest of



There is this old saying about the Soviet Union that every random guy plays better chess than you when you come to the USSR. You can say the same about India now

the people, it is probably a bit more mysterious why he is playing this opening against a certain opponent, and then he plays another one against another guy. But I started to get his general take on chess, and the preparation... It is not that I agree on everything.

**How did you find playing at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament here in Kolkata, at the Dhoro Dhanyo Auditorium, in front of capacity-crowded?**

It is always pleasant to see so many people in the audience. Sometimes it can cause some lack of comfort for players, but looking at the larger picture, I like it. It inspires me way more than prevents me from making a particular move.

It is not my first time in India, but it is my first time playing in India actually. It is impressive. There is this old saying about the Soviet Union that every random guy plays better than you when you come to the USSR. You can say the same about India now. It feels like everybody plays chess pretty well. Yes, India is like what the USSR used to be, chess-wise, that is.

**Are you surprised by the speed with which Indian chess has moved ahead?**

Not at all. I remember saying it aloud in Russia five or six years ago that India was going to sort of overtake us, and that their juniors would be better because I know the way they work and what conditions they are given to work. I was saying in Russia we either need to provide the same kind of conditions for our best juniors or we would be overtaken. So there is no surprise for me here. There is, of course, Vishy, first of all. His role has been very, very big.

**Are you happy with the way your career has progressed, especially after winning the World Rapid Championship in 2023?**

No. It could have been better. But when I was at my best, COVID happened. Then the war happened. I cannot play in events like the Olympiad, but that is fine. I have no worries. If people stop dying, I will be happy.

## GAME THEORY

### Three-figures in 20 overs: going big, quick

With the classical format starting to take over the cricket scene, there's one final bit of Twenty20 business to attend to. Sanju Samson and Vikas Varma have had an astonishing two games in the shortest format, accumulating 100 runs while barely having taken most to target, sometimes scoring centuries, in between. They have pointed to the ladder of batsmen with the most T20 hundreds (two are looking here only at players from the ICC's full member countries). How do have they climbed?



**MOST T20 HUNDREDS (FULL MEMBER TEAMS ONLY)**

Player	Country	Runs	Centuries	Half-centuries	Matches
Sanju Samson	India	113	100	0	21.2
Vikas Varma	India	100	100	0	30.2
Suryakumar Yadav	India	79	74	0	18.0
Sanju Samson	India	71	69	0	11.0
Phil Salt	England	68	65	0	11.7
Colin Munro	New Zealand	66	62	0	20.7
Robin Uthman	Uganda	115	111	0	25.7
Thak Varma	India	20	18	0	8.8
Josh Inglis	Australia	20	20	0	14.0
Billie Keane	South Africa	20	20	0	8.8
Phil Salt	New Zealand	17	17	0	8.8
Ravi Kumar	West Indies	15	15	0	10.0
T.J. Black	India	15	15	0	10.0
Brandon McCullum	New Zealand	11	11	0	10.0
Jason Phillips	New Zealand	10	10	0	10.0
Chris Gayle	West Indies	10	10	0	10.0
Arjun Patel	Scotland	10	10	0	10.0
David Miller	South Africa	10	10	0	10.0
Martin Guptill	New Zealand	10	10	0	10.0

## PICTURE THIS



**Painting on ice**  
A skater performs at the gala exhibition during the NHK Trophy, which forms a part of the series' inaugural year. Exhibition galas — where top skaters from each discipline perform non-competitive programmes — form a significant part of figure skating, which is as much show business as sport. Indeed, exhibition galas often figure prominently in major competitions. The sport of figure skating demands great skill skaters routinely pull off a dizzying variety of spins, jumps, lifts, throws jumps and spirals.

skating competitions organised by the International Skating Union. The NHK Trophy, which began in 1978, was added to the Grand Prix series in 1995, the series' inaugural year. Exhibition galas — where top skaters from each discipline perform non-competitive programmes — form a

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The term 'figure skating' comes from a segment of the competition, known as 'compulsory figures', in which skaters trace out figures, such as the figure 8, on the ice. This segment was a mandatory component of the singles discipline before being dropped in the 1990s.

# GAME THEORY

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GLENN MAXWELL



ROHIT SHARMA



SANJU SAMSON



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Phil Salt	England	38	35	3	11.7
Colin Munro	New Zealand	65	62	3	20.7
Babar Azam	Pakistan	126	119	3	39.7
Tilak Varma	India	20	19	2	9.5
Josh Inglis	Australia	29	28	2	14.0
Rilee Rossouw	South Africa	29	27	2	13.5
Finn Allen	New Zealand	47	47	2	23.5
Evin Lewis	West Indies	61	60	2	30.0
K.L. Rahul	India	72	68	2	34.0
Brendon McCullum	New Zealand	71	70	2	35.0
Glenn Phillips	New Zealand	80	71	2	35.5
Chris Gayle	West Indies	79	75	2	37.5
Aaron Finch	Australia	103	103	2	51.5
David Miller	South Africa	129	113	2	56.5
Martin Guptill	New Zealand	122	118	2	59.0

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**Election results today, Mahayuti & MVA dial independents, rebels**

Hotels, choppers booked for winning candidates, virtual meetings underway

**ALOK DESHPANDE**  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 22

AHEAD OF the Maharashtra Assembly election results Saturday, the ruling Mahayuti and the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi have begun reaching out to independent and rebel candidates should their need arise to cross the halfway mark in the 228-member House.

Hotels have been booked and helicopters kept ready in case winning independents need to be transported quickly.

On Friday, parties held online meetings to issue final directions to candidates. MVA (SP) state unit chief Jayant Bhat told candidates

**OTTAWA DIALS DOWN ON ALLEGED NIJJAR PLOT**

**After MEA rebuff, Canada rejects report: 'no evidence linking PM, Jaishankar, NSA'**

**SHUBHAJIT ROY & DIVYAA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

IN A significant move indicating an attempt to dial down tensions between Ottawa and Delhi, Canadian National Security Advisor Nathalie G. Droin, contradicting a report in *The Globe and Mail* daily, has said the government of Canada "has not stated, nor is it aware of evidence

linking" Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval in "the serious international activity" in Canada — a reference to the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar last year.

The Canadian NSA's statement came two days after India rejected the report in *The Globe and Mail*. "We do not normally comment on media reports. However, such ludicrous state-



Canadian National Security Advisor Nathalie G Droin

ments made to a newspaper, purportedly by a Canadian government source, should be dismissed with the contempt they deserve," Karandejit Jethmal, spokesperson for the Ministry of

External Affairs, had said. On November 19, *The Globe and Mail* reported that "Canadian security agencies believe Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India knew about the killing of a Sikh separatist leader in British Columbia and other violent plots, according to a senior national security official who briefed on the intelligence assessment of New Delhi's foreign interference operations in Canada."

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— AN ICIJ-THE INDIAN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION —

**Before Russia-Ukraine war, Western oil firms 'cut deals' to favour Moscow's allies**

Inflated budgets, rigged bids, lucrative contracts: trail of dodgy transactions marked oil flows through 1500-km Caspian Pipeline Consortium, used by Russia, Kazakhstan

**SUKALP SHARMA & RITU SARIN**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

FOR ALL the current discourse on global sanctions and cesses, before the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Western oil giants, including affiliates of Chevron, Shell and Exxon Mobil, signed off on allegedly inflated budgets, rigged bids, and gave lucrative contracts worth hundreds of millions of dollars to subsidiaries of Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Kazakhstan elite.



This is one of the key revelations of Caspian Cable, an investigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, of which *The Indian Express* is a partner, into the 1500-km Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC), one of the

world's largest crude oil pipeline systems used by both Russia and Kazakhstan. The CPC takes crude from large oil fields in western Kazakhstan and also from Russia's Black Sea port of Novorossiysk, from where it is transported to buyers globally through tankers. In 2023, CPC carried 63.5 million tons of oil to international markets — around 10 per cent of CPC crude to Russia, the rest to Asia, Kazakhstan's large oil fields, Khabarovsk and Karachaganak. Since the start of the Ukraine

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**ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY FOR POWER DEALS**

**Adani aware of probe a year ago... told markets news false: Indictment**

In US, FBI seized nephew Sagar Adani's electronic devices in March 2023

**SUKALP SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

ON MARCH 18 this year, three days after news agency Bloomberg reported that the US was "probing" Indian billionaire Gautam Adani and his group over potential bribery, Adani Enterprises told Indian stock exchanges that the report was "false".

But almost exactly a year ago "on or around March 17, 2023", Gautam Adani's nephew Sagar Adani, Executive Director of Adani Green Energy, was

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**Under the scanner in the US**  
THE US indictment and SEC charges claim that Gautam Adani and Sagar Adani were aware of the bribery probe by the US authorities at least since March 2023, but contented to withhold such information as they went about raising funds in the US. Adani has denied all allegations.

**Naidu assures action, BJD says charges are baseless**

**SREENIVAS JANAYALA, SUDHIT BHOYI & JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU**  
HYDRABAD, BENGALURU, RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 22

REACTING FOR the first time to the indictment of Gautam Adani in the United States, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu Friday said in the Legislative Assembly the

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**Captain Bumrah's dream spell cracks open series on Day One**



**SRI RAM VEERA**  
PERTH, NOVEMBER 22

IN A mind-boggling opening day of the first Test of the series in Australia, where three-quarters



Jasprit Bumrah celebrates the wicket of Steve Smith in Perth on Friday.

of the day was filled with chants from Australian fans to force the Indian Tricolour as voices filled the Perth air, the Indian bowlers answered the burning question that face them ahead of the game: Who would happen once Jasprit Bumrah's first spell ends? Who would keep up the pressure? A question that hung in the air even more ominously after

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# Argentina considers Paris treaty pullout: What does that mean?

ALIND CHAUHAN

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 22

ARGENTINA'S far-right President Javier Milei is reportedly considering withdrawing his country from the Paris Agreement, which aims to curb global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Milei's government asked Argentinian negotiators to leave the COP29 climate summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, last week.

The reported review by Argentina of its participation in the landmark climate treaty comes as Donald Trump prepares to take office as President of the United States in January.

Trump announced the US's withdrawal from the treaty soon after entering the Oval Office in his first term in 2017. Joe Biden took the US back in on his first day as President in January 2021.

## What is the Paris Agreement, and why does it matter?

The Paris Agreement is an international

accord that was adopted by nearly every country in 2015 to address climate change and its adverse effects. Its primary goal is to substantially reduce GHG emissions to limit global warming in this century to "well below" 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, while pursuing the means to keep warming to 1.5 degrees.

The treaty requires all Parties (countries that have joined the agreement) to state every five years what they are doing to tackle climate change — their nationally determined contributions (NDCs). Each NDC should reflect a higher ambition compared to the previous version, according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

## How does a country withdraw from the Paris Agreement?

Article 28 of the Paris Agreement lays down the procedure and timeline for a country's withdrawal from the treaty.

It says, "[a]t any time after three years

from the date on which this Agreement has entered into force (this happened in 2016) for a Party, that Party may withdraw from this Agreement by giving written notification to the Depositary".

The Article also states, "[a]ny such withdrawal shall take effect upon expiry of one year from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the notification of withdrawal, or on such later date as may be specified in the notification of withdrawal."

If a member state wants to withdraw from the treaty, it has to submit the notification of a withdrawal to the Office of Legal Affairs of the UN, based at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Once the withdrawal notification has been received, it becomes effective after one year (or later if the member state so says in the notification).

Until the withdrawal comes into force, the member state remains in the Paris

Agreement and has to fully participate in all activities under it.

## Why is Argentina considering leaving the treaty?

Argentina's Foreign Minister Gerardo Werthein told *The New York Times* that it is

reconsidering its participation in the deal that "has a lot of elements" that it does not agree with.

"We are re-evaluating our strategy on all matters related to climate change... And so far, we have not made any other decision beyond standing down until things are clearer," he said.

President Milei is a climate change denier who has called climate change a "socialist lie" in the past. Last year, President Milei had vowed to withdraw Argentina from the Paris Agreement, but had backed out of the promise later.

Werthein told *The NYT* that Argentina's government doesn't deny the existence of

climate change and the discussion around the causes behind the warming was a "philosophical issue".

"We have different views on the reasons," he said. "We consider it to be linked to natural cycles, and we agree on the need to take measures to mitigate it."

## What impact will Argentina's withdrawal have on the treaty and the country?

There are fears that Argentina's exit could trigger a domino, and cause other countries to reconsider their own participation.

This could undermine the Paris Agreement and the world's climate goals — countries have to slash their emissions by 42% by 2030 and 57% by 2035 to ensure that the planet does not breach the 1.5 degree Celsius threshold.

While this is admittedly a very tall order, Argentina is South America's second-largest economy and the world's 24th-largest emitter of GHGs. It has significant fossil fuel re-

sources and exports, and the second-largest reserves of shale gas (a type of natural gas) and the fourth-largest reserves of shale oil worldwide, according to a report by *The Washington Post*.

However, a withdrawal, if it happens, could also isolate Argentina, Niklas Höhne, an expert in climate policy at the nonprofit think tank NewClimate Institute, told *DW*.

"Argentina will become even less attractive as a trading partner for anyone who takes climate protection seriously, especially now that various countries, above all the EU, are introducing import duties for climate-damaging products," Höhne said.

Some observers believe that domestic opposition will ultimately prevent President Milei from pulling the plug.

To implement the withdrawal, he will need approval from Argentina's parliament. Argentina ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016, and all international treaties ratified by the country hold constitutional status.


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- **Overview of the Paris Agreement / पेरिस समझौते का अवलोकन**





- The Paris Agreement is an international treaty signed in 2015 to combat climate change by limiting global warming to “well below” 2°C, ideally 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.


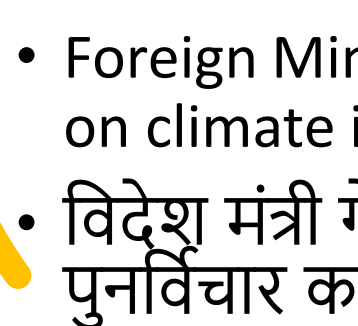
- पेरिस समझौता 2015 में जलवायु परिवर्तन से लड़ने के लिए हस्ताक्षरित एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधि है, जिसका उद्देश्य ग्लोबल वार्मिंग को "पूर्व-औद्योगिक स्तरों से नीचे" 2°C तक सीमित करना है, और आदर्श रूप से 1.5°C तक।



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- Countries must submit updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) every five years outlining their goals to tackle climate change. सभी देश हर पांच साल में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निर्धारित योगदान (NDC) जमा करते हैं, जिसमें जलवायु परिवर्तन से निपटने के लक्ष्य बताए जाते हैं।
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- **2. Withdrawal Process from the Paris Agreement / पेरिस समझौते से बाहर निकलने की प्रक्रिया**
  - Article 28 of the Agreement allows a country to withdraw three years after the Agreement comes into force.
  - अनुच्छेद 28 किसी देश को संधि लागू होने के तीन साल बाद हटने की अनुमति देता है।
  - A formal notification to the UN is required, and withdrawal takes effect one year after submission.
  - संयुक्त राष्ट्र को औपचारिक सूचना देनी होती है, और सूचना जमा करने के एक साल बाद हटने की प्रक्रिया प्रभावी होती है।
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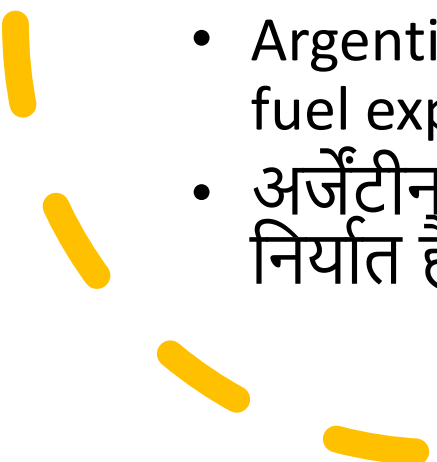
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- **Why Argentina is Considering Withdrawal / अर्जेटीना क्यों हटने पर विचार कर रहा है**
  - Argentina's President Javier Milei has expressed skepticism about the climate treaty, calling climate change a “socialist lie.”
  - अर्जेटीना के राष्ट्रपति जेवियर माइलि ने जलवायु संधि पर संदेह व्यक्त किया और जलवायु परिवर्तन को "समाजवादी झूठ" कहा।
  - Foreign Minister Gerardo Werthein stated Argentina is re-evaluating its strategy on climate issues and has not made a final decision yet.
  - विदेश मंत्री गेराडो वर्थेइन ने कहा कि अर्जेटीना जलवायु मुद्दों पर अपनी रणनीति पर पुनर्विचार कर रहा है और अभी तक कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।
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- **Global Implications / वैश्विक प्रभाव:**
- Argentina's withdrawal could trigger a domino effect, encouraging other countries to reconsider their commitment.
- अर्जेटीना का हटना अन्य देशों को अपनी प्रतिबद्धता पर पुनर्विचार करने के लिए प्रेरित कर सकता है।
- It would undermine global efforts to reduce emissions by 42% by 2030 and achieve the 1.5°C target.
- यह 2030 तक उत्सर्जन को 42% तक कम करने और 1.5°C लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के वैश्विक प्रयासों को कमजोर करेगा।





- **Economic and Trade Consequences / आर्थिक और व्यापारिक परिणाम:**

- Argentina may face isolation as a trading partner, particularly with the EU, which is introducing carbon taxes on imports.
  - अर्जेन्टीना व्यापारिक साझेदार के रूप में अलग-थलग हो सकता है, विशेष रूप से यूरोपीय संघ के साथ, जो आयात पर कार्बन कर लगा रहा है।
  - Argentina has the second-largest reserves of shale gas and significant fossil fuel exports, which could face restrictions.
  - अर्जेन्टीना के पास शेल गैस का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा भंडार और महत्वपूर्ण जीवाश्म ईंधन निर्यात है, जो प्रतिबंधों का सामना कर सकता है।
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## • **Domestic Challenges and Opposition / घरेलू चुनौतियां और विरोध**

- Some domestic opposition groups may prevent President Milei from withdrawing, requiring approval from Argentina's parliament.
- कुछ घरेलू विपक्षी समूह राष्ट्रपति माइलि को हटने से रोक सकते हैं, जिसमें अर्जेंटीना की संसद से अनुमोदन की आवश्यकता है।
- Argentina ratified the Paris Agreement in 2016, and international treaties hold constitutional status in the country.
- अर्जेंटीना ने 2016 में पेरिस समझौते की पुष्टि की, और अंतरराष्ट्रीय संधियों को देश में संवैधानिक दर्जा प्राप्त है।

# Every Child Matters: Advocating for Adoption



- Adoption Awareness Month is celebrated annually in November.
- **About**
- It is an initiative led by the **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** to raise awareness about the legal adoption process.
- **Theme for 2024:**  
**“Rehabilitation of Older Children through Foster Care**



India has approximately **29.6 million** stranded, orphaned, and abandoned children, but only a small fraction ranging from **3,000 to 4,000**, are adopted annually.



Over 16,000 prospective parents in India are waiting for adoption referrals, but the number of legally available children for adoption falls far short of this demand.



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- **Laws Related to Child Adoption in India**

- **Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956:** This act applies to Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists. It specifies that only a child's father, mother, or guardian can give the child up for adoption.
- **Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015:** This act applies to children who need care and protection and are eligible for adoption.
  - Introduces the concept of **Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs)** who must register through CARA's CARINGS portal.
- **Guardianship and Wards Act of 1890:** This secular act applies to all citizens of India. It covers the process for petitioning the courts to appoint a guardian.

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- **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)**
    - It is a **statutory body** under the **Ministry of Women & Child Development**, oversees ethical and legal adoptions in India, prioritizing the best interests of children.
    - As the **central authority for Indian adoptions**, CARA regulates and monitors both in-country and inter-country adoptions.
    - It adhered to the **Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption, 1993**, ratified by India in **2003**.
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- **CARINGS portal**

- The **CARINGS (Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System) portal** was launched in **2011**.

- It serves as the sole platform for adoption, complying with the Hague Convention, international protocols, and national laws.

- The portal **integrates data of legally free children** with that of Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs), enabling automated matching based on preferences.


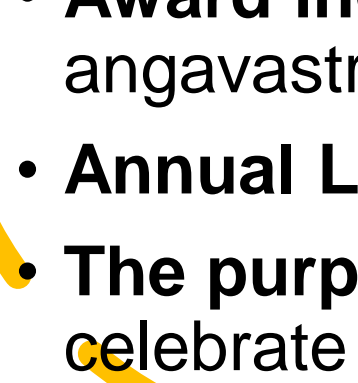


# Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar will be conferred on 82 young artists for the years 2022 and 2023 in a special ceremony on 22nd November 2024

## **About the award**

The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, instituted by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2006, is awarded annually to young artists up to 40 years of age who have demonstrated exceptional talent in the fields of music, dance, and drama.

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- **Eligibility:** Artists up to 40 years old (age as of April 1 of the year of nomination) are eligible.
  - **Award Categories:** Music, Dance, Theatre, Other Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music, Dance, Theatre, and Puppetry Contribution/Scholarship in Performing Arts
  - **Award includes:** A cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a plaque, and an angavastram.
  - **Annual Limit:** A maximum of 33 awards may be given each year.
  - **The purpose** of the award is to encourage young talent and celebrate their contribution to the performing arts in India.
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Amur Falcon



- The 9th Amur Falcon festival was celebrated in Tamenglong district of Manipur to raise awareness about the **Amur falcons**, the world's longest travelling birds.
- These birds roost in Tamenglong during October and November each year as part of their migration to southern and eastern Africa.

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It breeds in **southeastern Siberia and northern China**, and migrates in millions across India and then over the Indian Ocean to Africa before returning to **Mongolia and Siberia**.

### Conservation Status:

- IUCN Red List: Least Concerned
- Indian Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Protected
- The Convention on Migratory Species (CMS): Protected

# PACE program



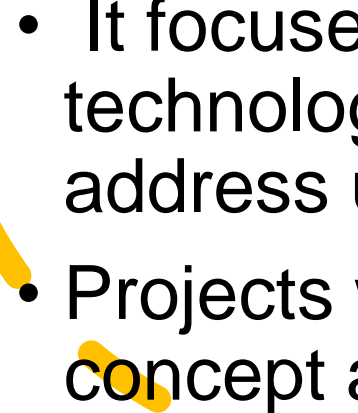
- The Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) signed Project Agreements under the Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research and Technology Development (PACE) Programme.

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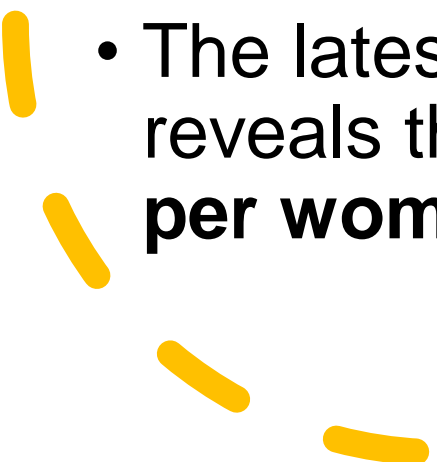


- **About PACE program**

- The PACE program by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) promotes collaborative research between Indian industries and R&D organizations, academic institutions, or universities.
  - It focuses on innovative work and the development of new technologies for commercializing products and processes to address unmet industrial needs.
  - Projects with practical applications and demonstrating proof-of-concept are supported, typically for durations of 1 to 3 years.
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# Andhra Pradesh Scrapped Two-child Policy for Local Body Elections

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- The Andhra Pradesh government has repealed the **two-child norm for candidates contesting local body elections.**
  - **About**
  - The move comes amid concerns over the **state's declining fertility rate.**
  - The latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) for 2019-21 reveals that Andhra Pradesh's total fertility rate is **1.7 children per woman**, significantly below the **replacement level of 2.1.**
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- **Two-child Policy**

- The two-child policy was introduced in **1994**, mandating that candidates seeking election to Gram Panchayats, Mandal Praja Parishads, and Zilla Parishads should not have more than two children.
  - The rule aimed to **curb population growth**, disqualifying contenders who exceeded the limit.
- **Rajasthan** became the first state to adopt the “two-child policy” at the panchayat level in 1992, followed by Andhra Pradesh (then undivided) and Haryana in 1994.
  - Subsequently many Indian States adopted the policy.
- Of the 13 states and UTs that adopted the policy, **Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh rolled it back in 2005.**



# Armenia Becomes Member of International Solar Alliance



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- Armenia has become the **104th member** of the International Solar Alliance.
  - **About**
  - **India and France jointly launched** the International Solar Alliance (ISA) during 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** held in Paris in 2015.
  - **The ISA aims** to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy.

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- Armenia is a landlocked country. Neighboring Countries : in the North: Georgia; in the East: Azerbaijan; in the South: Iran; in the West: Turkey. **Highest Mountain Peak:** Aragats (4,090 meters)



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# Bhu-Neer Portal

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- The Ministry of Jal Shakti during the 8th India Water Week-2024 launched the “Bhu-Neer” portal, a significant initiative aimed at enhancing groundwater regulation in India.
  - About:
  - The Bhu-Neer portal was developed by the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
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- **To obtain full benefits of demographic dividend, what should India do? (2013)**
- (a) Promoting skill development
- (b) Introducing more social security schemes
- (c) Reducing infant mortality rate
- (d) Privatization of higher education

- Armenia became the 104th member of the International Solar Alliance. Which year was the International Solar Alliance launched?

- 1.2014
- 2.2015
- 3.2016
- 4.2017

- आर्मेनिया अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन का 104वां सदस्य बन गया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन कब लॉन्च किया गया था?

- 1.2014
- 2.2015
- 3.2016
- 4.2017

- Andhra Pradesh scrapped the two-child policy for local body elections. What was the reason for this move?

1. Declining fertility rates
2. Increasing population growth
3. High maternal mortality
4. Low literacy rates

- आंध्र प्रदेश ने स्थानीय निकाय चुनावों के लिए दो-बच्चे की नीति को खत्म कर दिया। इस कदम का कारण क्या था?

1. घटती प्रजनन दर
2. बढ़ती जनसंख्या वृद्धि
3. उच्च मातृ मृत्यु दर
4. कम साक्षरता दर

- Adoption Awareness Month is celebrated annually in November. What is the theme for 2024?

1. "Promoting Legal Adoption"
2. "Rehabilitation of Older Children through Foster Care"
3. "Secure Families for All"
4. "Adoption – A Shared Responsibility"

- गोद लेने के प्रति जागरूकता का महीना हर साल नवंबर में मनाया जाता है। 2024 का विषय क्या है?
1. "कानूनी गोद लेने को बढ़ावा देना"
  2. "पालक देखभाल के माध्यम से बड़े बच्चों का पुनर्वासि"
  3. "सभी के लिए सुरक्षित परिवार"
  4. "गोद लेना – एक साझा जिम्मेदारी"



- Adoption Awareness Month is celebrated annually in November. Which organization leads this initiative in India?

1. UNICEF
2. CARA (Central Adoption Resource Authority)
3. NITI Aayog
4. Ministry of Education

- गोद लेने के प्रति जागरूकता का महीना हर साल नवंबर में मनाया जाता है।  
भारत में इस पहल का नेतृत्व कौन करता है?

1. यूनिसेफ
2. CARA (केंद्रीय गोद संसाधन प्राधिकरण)
3. नीति आयोग
4. शिक्षा मंत्रालय

- : The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar is awarded to artists up to the age of 40.  
What is the cash prize associated with this award?

1. ₹10,000
2. ₹25,000
3. ₹50,000
4. ₹1,00,000

- उस्ताद बिस्मिल्लाह खान युवा पुरस्कार 40 वर्ष तक के कलाकारों को दिया जाता है।  
इस पुरस्कार से संबंधित नकद राशि कितनी है?

1. ₹10,000
2. ₹25,000
3. ₹50,000
4. ₹1,00,000

- The 9th Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated in 2024.

Where do Amur Falcons migrate during winter?

1. Australia
2. Southern and Eastern Africa
3. South America
4. Southeast Asia

- 9वां अमूर फाल्कन महोत्सव 2024 में मनाया गया।

सर्दियों के दौरान अमूर फाल्कन कहां प्रवास करते हैं?

1. ऑस्ट्रेलिया
2. दक्षिण और पूर्वी अफ्रीका
3. दक्षिण अमेरिका
4. दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया

- The Bhu-Neer Portal was launched during India Water Week 2024.

What is its primary purpose?

- 1.Promote rainwater harvesting
- 2.Regulate groundwater usage
- 3.Monitor river pollution
- 4.Develop irrigation facilities

- भू-नीर पोर्टल का शुभारंभ इंडिया वाटर वीक 2024 के दौरान किया गया।

इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- 1.वर्षा जल संचयन को बढ़ावा देना
- 2.भूजल उपयोग को विनियमित करना
- 3.नदी प्रदूषण की निगरानी करना
- 4.सिंचाई सुविधाओं का विकास करना


- The PACE Program promotes collaborative research and technology development.

Which department oversees the PACE Program?

1. Department of Science and Technology
2. Department of Biotechnology
3. Department of Scientific & Industrial Research
4. Ministry of Education

- पीएसीई कार्यक्रम सहयोगात्मक अनुसंधान और प्रौद्योगिकी विकास को बढ़ावा देता है।  
इस कार्यक्रम की देखरेख कौन करता है?

1. विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
2. जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
3. वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान विभाग
4. शिक्षा मंत्रालय

A group of people are clapping in a dimly lit room. The focus is on the hands and forearms of several individuals, some in the foreground and some in the background. The lighting is soft and focused, creating a warm and appreciative atmosphere. An orange horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

Thank you  
guys.

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