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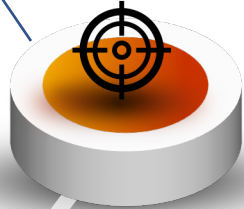


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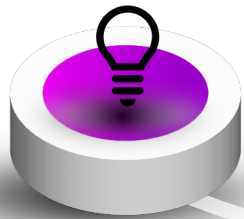


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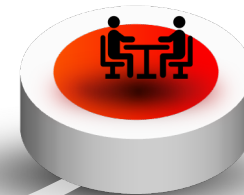


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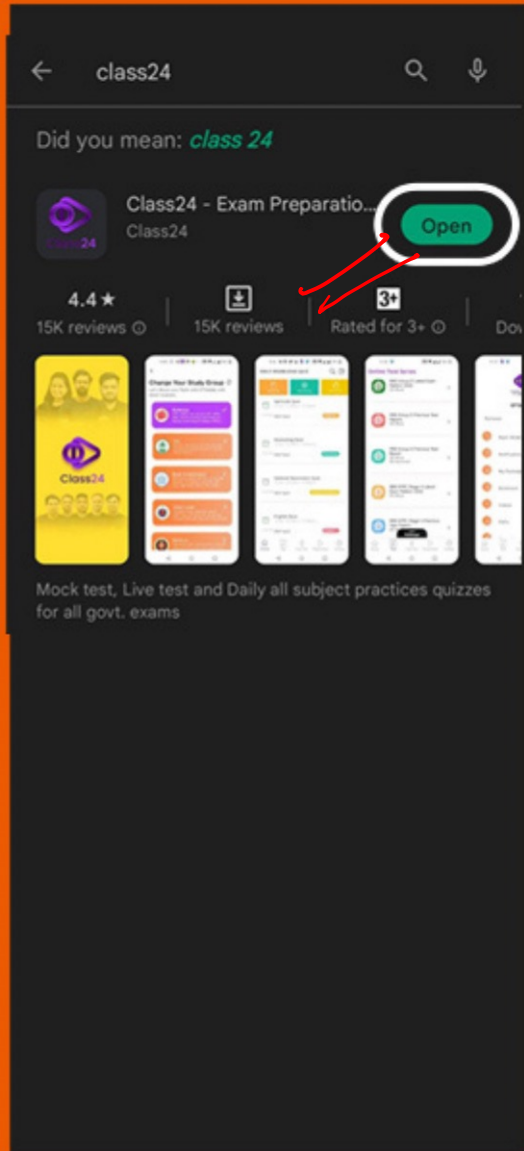
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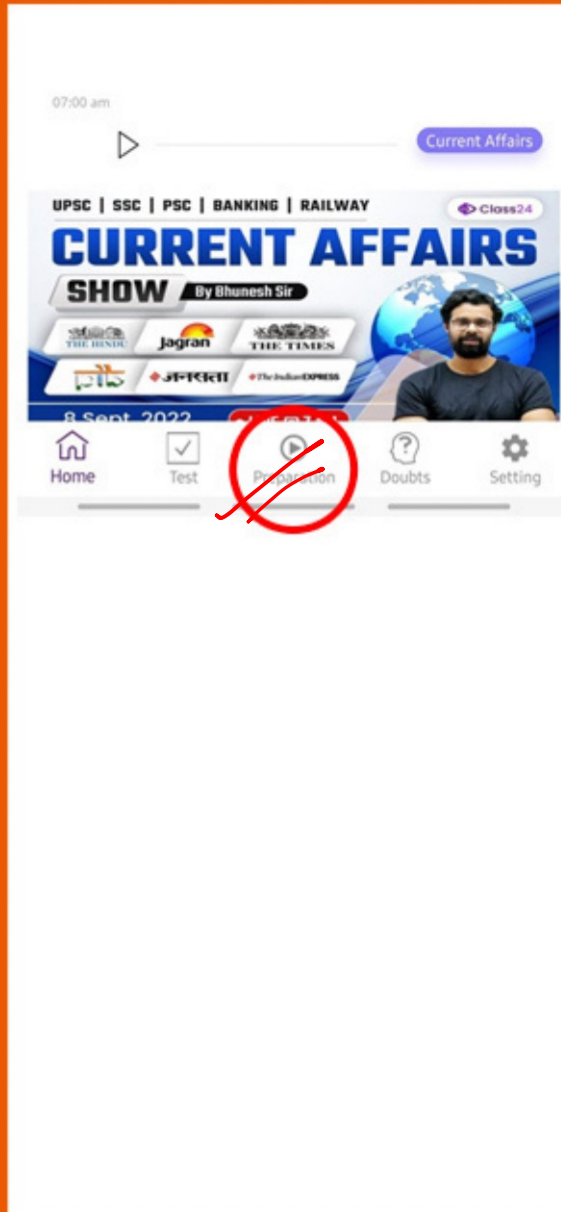
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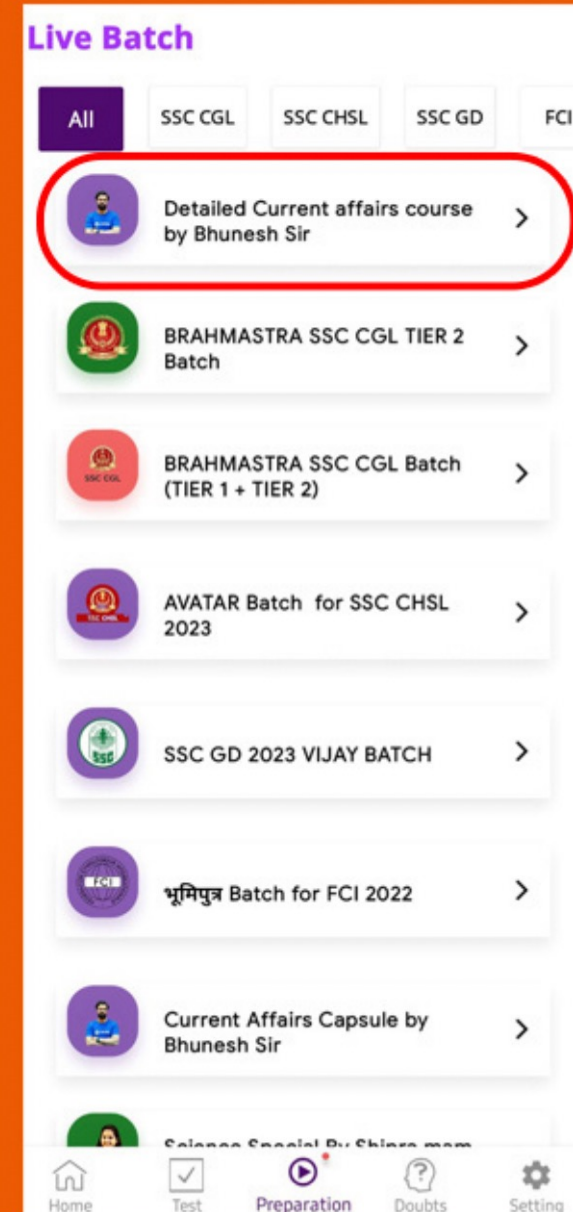
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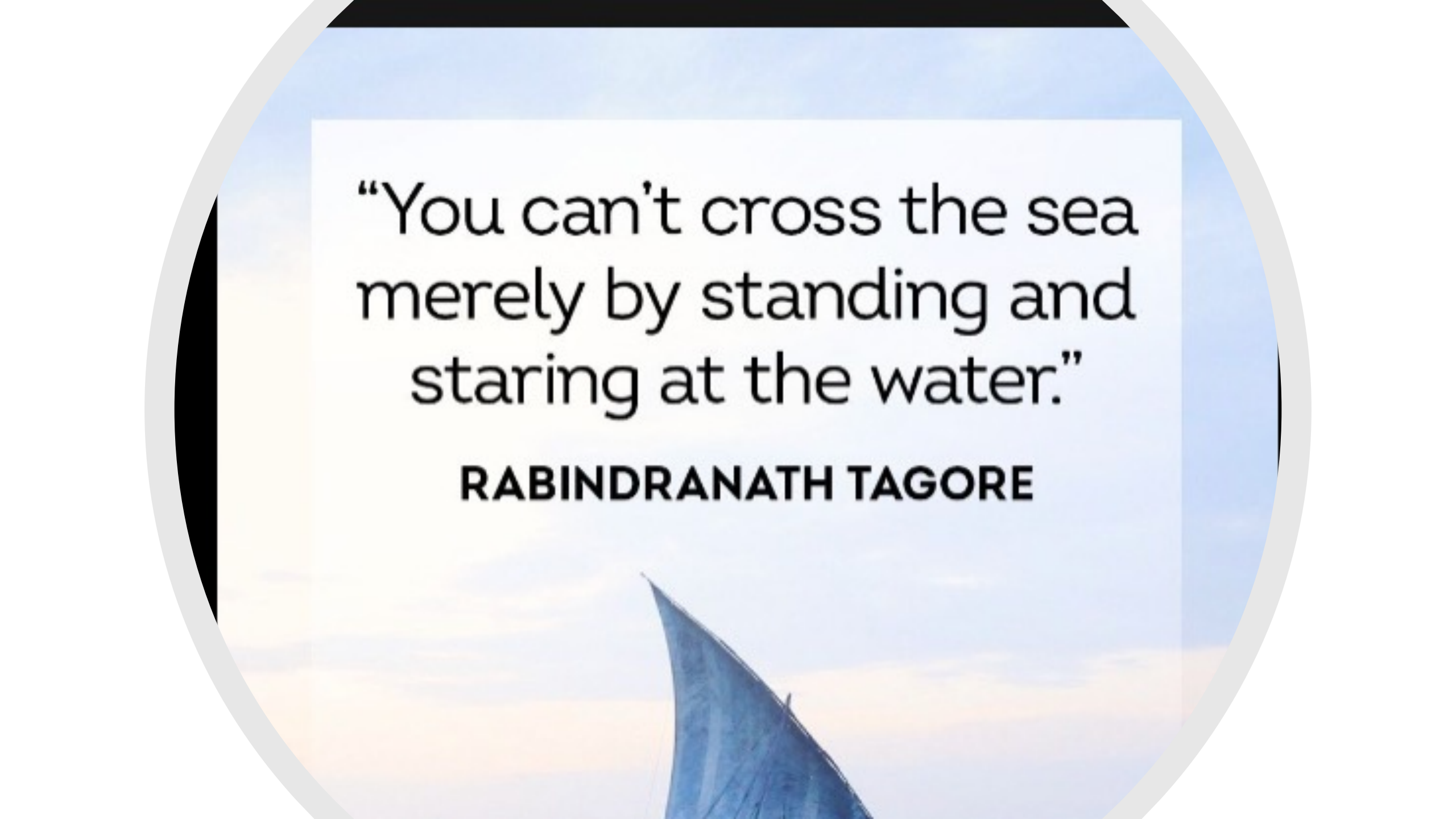


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### Domestic LPG cylinder price hiked by ₹50

**The Hindu Bureau**  
HYDERABAD/NEW DELHI

The oil marketing corporations on Wednesday raised the price of domestic 14.2-kg LPG cylinder by ₹50 each and that of commercial 19-kg refill by ₹350.

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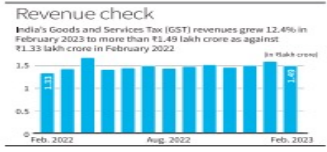
### FCRA licence of think tank suspended

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has suspended the FCRA registration of the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), a Delhi-based think tank, for 180 days.

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### GST collections cross ₹1.49 lakh crore; cess inflows hit a record



**Vikas Dhoot**  
NEW DELHI

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew 12.4% in February to exceed ₹1.49 lakh crore, with tax receipts from goods imports rising 6% and domestic transactions along with services imports yielding 15% more from the figures of the corresponding month in 2022.

This is the 12th straight month that revenues have surpassed ₹1.4 lakh crore,

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### India asks G-20 to extradite economic offenders fast

New Delhi in favour of strengthening of mechanisms for speedy confiscation of proceeds of crime, both at home and abroad, which will force the offenders to return to their home countries

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI



Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh with delegates at the G-20 working group meeting in Gurugram on Wednesday.

India on Wednesday called upon G-20 countries to adopt multilateral action for faster extradition of fugitive economic offenders and recovery of assets, both domestically and abroad.

Chairing the first anti-corruption working group in Gurugram with co-chair Italy, Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh said, "Economic offences have been a problem faced by many, especially when the offenders flee from the jurisdiction of the country, India has put in place specialised legislation in this regard, in the form of Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, the term wherein 'fugitive economic offender' (FEO) is defined as

an individual against whom a warrant of arrest in relation to scheduled offence has been issued by any court in India and who has left the country to avoid criminal prosecution; or the FEO abroad refuses to return to face criminal prosecution."

Mr. Singh said the Enforcement Directorate had transferred assets worth about \$180 billion to public sector banks that suffered losses of around \$272 billion from frauds committed by high net worth individuals.

He informed the delegates that India's view is that strengthening of mechanisms for speedy confiscation of the proceeds of crime, both at home and abroad, would force the offenders to return to home country. He said this would allow for an effective investigation and speedy trial. This would also help the banks and other financial institutions and tax authorities to achieve recovery from defaults committed by such offenders, restoring to some extent the health of these financial institutions, while eliminating the possibility of further misuse of these funds.

Mr. Singh said, as the primary forum for global economic cooperation, G-20 had to take responsibility to lead global efforts against corruption.

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### IN BRIEF

#### CM Kejriwal picks Atishi, Bharadwaj as Delhi Ministers

**NEW DELHI**  
Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal sent the names of AAP MLAs Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj to the L-G for their appointment as Cabinet Ministers on Wednesday, a day after jailed Ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain resigned from the Cabinet. » Page 2

#### IPP: landowners in city's Sector 8-B form consortium

**NEW DELHI**  
Landowners in north-west Delhi's Sector 8-B have formed a consortium six months after provisional notices were issued to them under the DDAs Land Pooling Policy. » Page 3



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**NEWS IN NUMBERS**

**34** The number of projects the Himachal Pradesh's Single Window Clearance and Monitoring Authority approved for setting up new industrial enterprises and for the renovation of existing units in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu, according to the official statement. These projects involve a total proposed investment of ₹1,754.44 crore with employment of about 3,635 persons. PTI

**8,000** In crore, the amount allocated for Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahina Yojna by the Madhya Pradesh government. The government allotted 2.54% of the ₹3.14 lakh crore Budget for 2023-24 on the new women's welfare scheme. Under the scheme, women will be given ₹1,000 assistance per month with certain riders including that they are not income tax payees. PTI

**245** The number of elephant deaths reported in the last three years between 2019 and 2022, according to Odisha's Forest and Environment Minister P.K. Amat informed the State Assembly that six of the elephants were killed by poachers and that 47 persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in poaching and smuggling tusks and tiger hides. PTI

**83.7** In percentage, the purity of the uranium particles enriched in Iran's Fordo nuclear site, according to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran's 2015 nuclear deal limited Tehran's uranium stockpile to 300 kilograms, and enrichment to 3.67%. Such a great variance in purity even at the atomic level would appear suspicious, creating tensions between Iran and the West. AP

**8.4** In percentage, the predicted growth for the median technology industry in FY23, set to become a \$245 billion sector, according to the National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom). The sector had revenues of \$226 billion in FY22, the industry lobby said in its strategic review. The cross-currency headwinds have shaved off over 2% of the revenue growth. PTI

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## Understanding the Windsor framework

What is the Northern Ireland Protocol and how did it lead to disruptions in trade between Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom? What is the source of tension between the Unionists and Republicans of Northern Ireland? Will the new framework come into effect immediately?

**EXPLAINER**

**Narayan Lakshman**

The United Kingdom and the European Union struck a deal on February 7 regarding post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland, with a view to remove the border between Britain and Northern Ireland running through the Irish Sea. The fact that the Republic of Ireland remained with the EU after Brexit led to complications on the trade front, a wrinkle that the U.K.'s conservative government trotted out with the Northern Ireland Protocol. However, the Protocol, which allowed EU customs rules to apply across Northern Ireland, led to tensions in the province. The Windsor framework is the latest attempt at a remedy to the political complexities that have impacted trade and sentiments in the area.

**What is the backdrop?** Ever since the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 established the Irish Free State, the island's counties comprising Northern Ireland, remained a part of the U.K. The political split on the island was exacerbated by growing tensions, especially from the 1960s onwards, with spiralling violence between Unionists, who were set on Northern Ireland remaining within the U.K., and the Republicans, who favoured unification with the Republic of Ireland. Over the following three decades of attacks that came to be known as "The Troubles", more than 3,500 people died and many hundreds of thousands were injured. This dark saga on the island ended only after the Good Friday Agreement was hammered out in 1998 between Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Bertie Aherne of the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland respectively. A key take-away from the Agreement was that, respecting the wishes of the majority of the people of Northern Ireland, the province would remain a part of the U.K. The people of the province would continue to be governed by blended political institutions, based on power-sharing between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

**Why were there trade tensions?** These carefully constructed arrangements

faced an imminent challenge with the prospect of Brexit, and that led, in 2019, to the Northern Ireland Protocol, which allowed EU customs rules to apply in Northern Ireland. This was to avoid a hard customs border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Specifically, under the Protocol, Northern Ireland would formally be outside the EU single market, yet EU rules on the free movement of goods and customs union would continue to apply. While the Protocol promoted peace and harmony on the island, it de facto cut Northern Ireland off from the UK in terms of trade by imposing, in effect, a hard customs border in the Irish Sea. This aggravated Northern Ireland Unionists who argued that it was unfair that goods could not flow freely between the province and the rest of the UK.

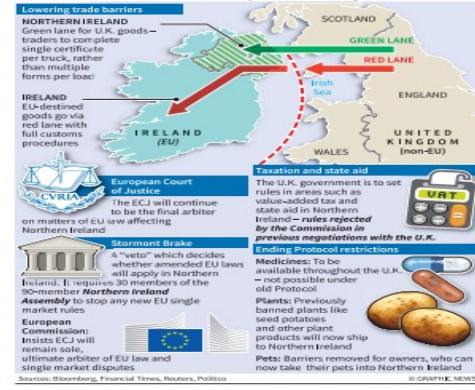
**How does the Windsor framework attempt to resolve trade issues?**

The Windsor framework seeks to address the aforementioned disruptions to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. caused by the Northern Ireland Protocol. It does so by permitting free trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland through the use of green and red lanes for goods flowing into Northern Ireland. Green lane goods will have fewer checks and controls, including no customs checks or rules of origin. Red lane goods under the framework will be subject to full checks and controls to preserve the EU's single market. In a bid to ease the impact on farmers, agri-food goods such as meat and dairy will have reduced checks and controls, and food retailers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, and caterers, will be able to move agri-food via the green lane. The prohibition on certain chilled meats from Great Britain being sold in Northern Ireland will be removed. The U.K. and EU leaders are hoping that this would lead to greater availability of British goods in Northern Ireland markets, including both food and medicines.

**Will the framework resolve all outstanding trade issues in the area?** While the Windsor arrangement is aimed at protecting Northern Ireland's position within the U.K., and restoring its people's sovereignty, it is by no means an established working arrangement yet. For one,

**A new deal to cool off trade disruptions**

On February 27, the United Kingdom and the European Union struck a landmark agreement - the Windsor Framework - to replace the contentious Northern Ireland Protocol and end a bitter post-Brexit trade dispute



Sources: Bloomberg, Financial Times, Reuters, Politico

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak might be anticipating political blowback from hard-line Tory Brexiters, who might be incensed at the continuing applicability of some EU customs rules in Northern Ireland. Objections to the new arrangement might also be centred on the 'Stormont brake', an emergency measure that permits Northern Ireland's devolved government to quickly halt new EU laws from being imposed on the province. A key point is that London retains the right to veto. Se-

cond, the U.K. and the EU will have to pass new legislation to implement some parts of the framework, especially the proposed regulations in areas such as regulation of trade in medicines, and checks on animals and plants. Ultimately, which EU rules will be accepted in Northern Ireland and which will not, depends on the balance of power between the Unionists and Republicans in the province. However, the Windsor framework certainly points to a pragmatic compromise with the EU.

**THE GIST**

The United Kingdom and the European Union struck a deal on February 27 regarding post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland with a view to remove the border between Britain and Northern Ireland running through the Irish Sea.

After Brexit, the Northern Ireland Protocol was established to allow EU customs rules to apply in Northern Ireland with a view to avoid a hard customs border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Northern Ireland would formally be outside the EU single market, yet EU rules on the free movement of goods and customs union would continue to apply. Yet it has led to tensions and disruptions to trade.

The Windsor framework seeks to address these disruptions to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. caused by the Northern Ireland Protocol.

## Combining social welfare and capital markets through SSE

How does Social Stock Exchange function? How will NPOs and FPOs raise funds through this exchange?

**Saikatansu Ghosh**

**The story so far:** In February 22, the National Stock Exchange of India received the final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE).

**What is a Social Stock Exchange?** The SSE would function as a separate segment within the existing stock exchange and help social enterprises raise funds from the public through its mechanism. It would serve as a medium for enterprises to seek finance for their social initiatives, acquire visibility and provide increased transparency about fund mobilisation and investment. Investors can only invest in securities offered by for-profit social enterprises (SSE) under the main board. In all other cases, only institutional investors and

non-institutional investors can invest in securities issued by SEs.

**What about eligibility?** Any non-profit organisation (NPO) or for-profit social enterprise (FPO) that establishes the primacy of social intent would be recognised as a social enterprise (SE), which will make it eligible to be registered or listed on the SSE.

The seven criteria as stipulated under Regulations 292E of SEBI's ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 state that enterprises must be serving to eradicate either hunger, poverty, malnutrition and inequality; promoting education, employability, equality, empowerment and LGPIQIA communities; working towards environmental sustainability; protection of national heritage and art or bridging the digital divide, among other things. At

least 67% of their activities must be directed towards attaining the stated objectives. Corporate foundations, political or religious organisations or activities, professional or trade associations, infrastructure and housing companies (except affordable housing) would not be identified as an SE.

**How do NPOs raise money?** NPOs can raise money through issuance of Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instruments from private placement or public issue, or donations from mutual funds. SEBI had earlier recognised that NPOs by their very nature have primacy of social impact and are non-revenue generating. Thus, there was a need to provide NPOs a direct access to securities market for raising funds. ZCZP bonds differ from conventional bonds in the sense that it entails zero coupon and no principal payment at maturity. The

latter provisions a fixed interest (or repayment) on the funds raised through varied contractual agreement, whereas ZCZP would not provision any such return instead promising a social return. It is mandatory that the NPO is registered with the SSE for facilitating the issuance. The instrument must have a specific tenure and can only be issued for a specific project or activity that is to be completed within a specified duration as mentioned in the fund-raising document (to be submitted to the SSE).

**How do FPOs raise money?** For-Profit Enterprises (FPEs) need not register with social stock exchanges and it raises funds through SSE. However, it must comply with all provisions of the ICDR. Regulations when raising through the SSE. It can raise money through issue of equity shares (on SSE) or through platforms or innovator growth platform of the stock exchange) or issuing equity shares to an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) or Social Impact Fund or issue of debt instruments.

**What disclosures need to be made?** SEBI's regulations state that a social enterprise should submit an annual impact report in a prescribed format. The report must be audited by a social audit firm and it has to be submitted within 90 days from the end of the financial year.

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# Madhya Pradesh

## State



From top, left to right: UNESCO Temples at the Khajuraho Group of Monuments, Great Stupa of Sanchi, Chital deer at Kanha National Park, Marble Rocks near Jabalpur, Bhimbetka rock shelters and Jahaz Mahal in the ancient city of Mandu

<b>Country</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> India
<b>Region</b>	Central India
<b>Formation</b>	1 November 1956
<b>Capital</b>	Bhopal
<b>Largest city</b>	Indore
<b>Divisions</b>	<b>List</b> <span>[show]</span>
<b>Government</b>	
<span> </span> • <b>Body</b>	Government of Madhya Pradesh
<span> </span> • <b>Governor</b>	Mangubhai C. Patel
<span> </span> • <b>Chief Minister</b>	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (BJP) <sup>[2]</sup>
<span> </span> • <b>Legislature</b>	Unicameral (230 seats)
<span> </span> • <b>Parliamentary constituency</b>	<div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lok Sabha (29 seats)</li><li>• Rajya Sabha (11 seats)</li></ul> </div>
<span> </span> • <b>High Court</b>	Madhya Pradesh High Court Jabalpur
<b>Area</b>	
<span> </span> • <b>State</b>	308,245 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> (119,014 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi)
<span> </span> • <b>Rank</b>	2nd
<b>Population</b> (2011) <sup>[3]</sup>	
<span> </span> • <b>State</b>	72,626,809
<span> </span> • <b>Rank</b>	5th
<span> </span> • <b>Density</b>	240/km <sup>2</sup> (610/sq <span> </span> mi)
<span> </span> • <b>Urban</b>	20,059,666
<span> </span> • <b>Rural</b>	52,537,899
<b>GDP</b> (2021-22) <sup>[4]</sup>	
<span> </span> • <b>Total</b>	₹11.69 trillion (US\$150 billion)
<span> </span> • <b>Per capita</b>	₹124,685 (US\$1,600)

<b>HDI</b> (2018)	<span style="color: green;">▲</span> 0.606 <sup>[6]</sup> medium · 33rd
<b>Literacy</b> (2011)	70.6% <sup>[3]</sup>
<b>Sex ratio</b> (2021)	970 ♀/1000 ♂ <sup>[7]</sup>
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<b>Symbols of Madhya Pradesh</b>	
<b>Emblem</b>	 Emblem of Madhya Pradesh
<b>Song</b>	Mera Madhya Pradesh
<b>Bird</b>	 Indian Paradise Flycatcher
<b>Fish</b>	 Mahseer <sup>[8]</sup>
<b>Flower</b>	 white lily <sup>[9]</sup>
<b>Fruit</b>	 Mango
<b>Mammal</b>	 Barasingha
<b>Tree</b>	 Banyan Tree
<b>Dance</b>	Maanch <sup>[citation needed]</sup>

<b>Lake (झील)</b>	Bhoj Wetland, Lower Lake, Moti lake, Sarangpani lake, Shahpura lake, Tawa Reservoir, Upper Lake
<b>River (नदी)</b>	Betwa River, Chambal River, Dhasan River, Ken River, Mahi, Narmada, Parbati River, Son River, Tapi, Tons, Wainganga, Wardha
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<b>Festival (त्यौहार)</b>	Khajuraho dance festival, PachmarhiUtsav
<b>Folk Dance (लोक नृत्य)</b>	Tertali, Jawara, Matki Dance, Phulpati Dance, Grida Dance, Maanch
<b>National Park (राष्ट्रीय उद्यान)</b>	Bandhavgarh National Park , Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhav National Park,Mandla Plant Fossils National Park,Panna National Park,Pench National Park,Sanjay National Park,Satpura National Park, Van Vihar National Park

**83.7** In percentage, the purity of the uranium particles enriched in Iran's Fordo nuclear site, according to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran's 2015 nuclear deal limited Tehran's uranium stockpile to 300 kilograms, and enrichment to 3.67%. Such a great variance in purity even at the atomic level would appear suspicious creating tensions between Iran and the West. AP

**The diplomats from Iran and world powers reconvened in Vienna (Austria) to seek a deal reviving Iran's (Tehran's) 2015 Nuclear Accord.**

The 2015 Iran nuclear deal, signed under President Barack Obama, and dismantled in 2018 by President Donald Trump.

The US said it will rejoin the agreement if Iran complies with the terms of the original deal, and if it addresses other issues related to alleged ballistic missile stockpiles and the proxy conflicts that it backs across the region.

ईरान (तेहरान) के 2015 के परमाणु समझौते को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए ईरान और विश्व शक्तियों के राजनयिकों ने वियना (ऑस्ट्रिया) में फिर से बैठक की।

2015 का ईरान परमाणु समझौता, जिस पर राष्ट्रपति बराक ओबामा के तहत हस्ताक्षर किए गए थे, और राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प द्वारा 2018 में इसे रद्द कर दिया गया था।

अमेरिका ने कहा कि अगर ईरान मूल सौदे की शर्तों का पालन करता है, और यदि वह कथित बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल भंडार से संबंधित अन्य मुद्दों को संबोधित करता है और छद्म संघर्ष करता है, तो वह समझौते में फिर से शामिल होगा, जिसका वह पूरे क्षेत्र में समर्थन करता है।

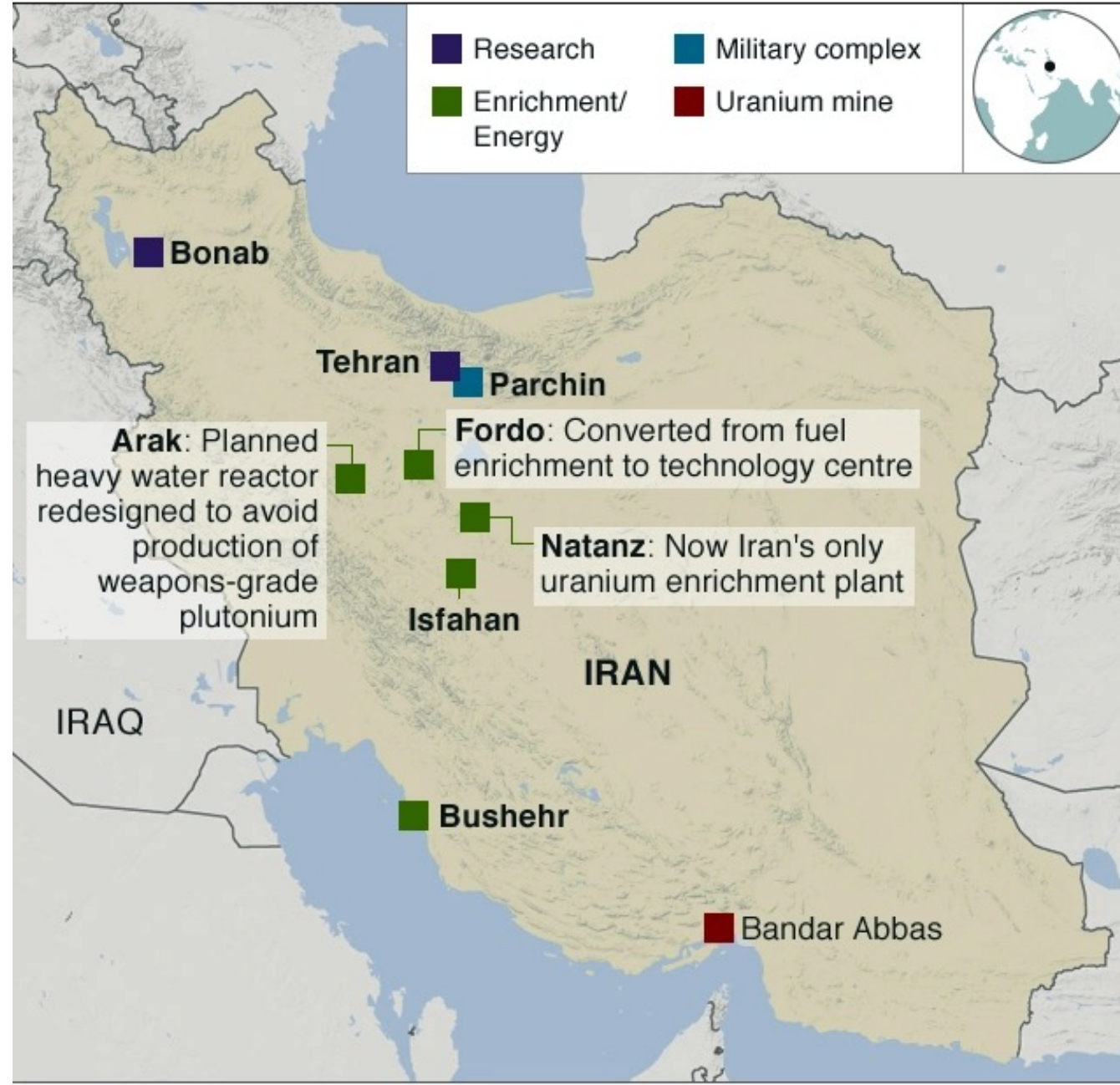
- What was the 2015 Iran nuclear deal?
- The deal, formally known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).
- The JCPOA was the result of prolonged negotiations from 2013 and 2015 between Iran and P5+1 (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States + Germany).
- Under the deal, Iran agreed to significantly cut its stores of centrifuges, enriched uranium and heavy-water, all key components for nuclear weapons.
- 2015 ईरान परमाणु समझौता क्या था?
- सौदा, औपचारिक रूप से संयुक्त व्यापक कार्य योजना (JCPOA) के रूप में जाना जाता है।
- JCPOA ईरान और P5+1 (चीन, फ्रांस, रूस, यूनाइटेड किंगडम, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका + जर्मनी) के बीच 2013 और 2015 से लंबी बातचीत का परिणाम था।
- समझौते के तहत, ईरान परमाणु हथियारों के सभी प्रमुख घटकों सेण्टीफ्यूज, संवर्धित युरेनियम और भारी-पानी के अपने भंडार में उल्लेखनीय रूप से कटौती करने पर सहमत हुआ।

- Iran also agreed to implement a protocol that would allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to access its nuclear sites to ensure Iran would not be able to develop nuclear weapons in secret.
- While the West agreed to lift sanctions related to Iran's nuclear proliferation, other sanctions addressing alleged abuses of human rights and Iran's ballistic missile programme remained in place.
- The US committed to lifting sanctions on oil exports, but continued to restrict financial transactions, which have deterred international trade with Iran.
- ईरान एक प्रोटोकॉल को लागू करने के लिए भी सहमत हो गया, जो अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु ऊर्जा एजेंसी (IAEA) के निरीक्षकों को अपने परमाणु स्थलों का उपयोग करने की अनुमति देगा ताकि यह सुनिश्चित हो सके कि ईरान गुप्त रूप से परमाणु हथियार विकसित करने में सक्षम नहीं होगा।
- जबकि पश्चिम ईरान के परमाणु प्रसार से संबंधित प्रतिबंधों को हटाने पर सहमत हो गया, मानवाधिकारों के कथित दुरुपयोग और ईरान के बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करने वाले अन्य प्रतिबंध यथावत रहे।
- अमेरिका तेल निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध हटाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध था, लेकिन वित्तीय लेनदेन को प्रतिबंधित करना जारी रखा, जिसने ईरान के साथ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार को बाधित किया है।



- Nonetheless, Iran's economy, after suffering years of recessions, currency depreciation, and inflation, **stabilized significantly after the deal took effect**, and its exports skyrocketed.
- **Israel, America's closest ally in the Middle East, strongly rejected the deal**, and other countries like Iran's great regional rival **Saudi Arabia, complained that they were not involved in the negotiations** even though Iran's nuclear programme posed security risks for every country in the region.
- फिर भी, ईरान की अर्थव्यवस्था, मंदी के वर्षों, मुद्रा मूल्यहास, और मुद्रास्फीति से पीड़ित होने के बाद, सौदा प्रभावी होने के बाद महत्वपूर्ण रूप से स्थिर हो गई, और इसका निर्यात आसमान छू गया।
- मध्य पूर्व में अमेरिका के सबसे करीबी सहयोगी इज़राइल ने समझौते को दृढ़ता से खारिज कर दिया, और ईरान के महान क्षेत्रीय प्रतिद्वंद्वी सऊदी अरब जैसे अन्य देशों ने शिकायत की कि वे वार्ता में शामिल नहीं थे भले ही ईरान के परमाणु कार्यक्रम ने इस क्षेत्र में हर देश के लिए सुरक्षा जोखिम पैदा कर दिया।

# Changes agreed under Iran deal to limit nuclear programme



IN BRIEF

Children's deaths in Kolkata spark fears of virus outbreak

Four children died from respiratory infections at different hospitals in Kolkata in a span of 24 hours on Wednesday...

Bhima Koregaon case: NIA told to reply to bail petition

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in a plea filed by four accused in the Bhima Koregaon case...

House of Atique Ahmed's close aide bulldozed in U.P.

The Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) on Wednesday demolished the house of an aide of criminal-turned-politician Atique Ahmed...

Cabinet okays buying trainer aircraft, cadet training ships

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday gave approval for the procurement of 70 HTF-40 basic trainer aircraft at a cost of ₹6,828.36 crore...

Two Australian public universities to establish campuses in GIFT City

Australian Minister for Education Jason Clare is on a five-day visit to India to foster ties in education sector...

Jaeereti Chandra NEW DELHI

Two Australian government universities, Deakin University and University of Wollongong...



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, right, greets Australian Education Minister Jason Clare in New Delhi.

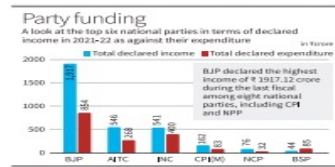
This is a step forward. India is committed to become a developed country in the next 25 years...

Venketeswara College, University of Delhi. The Australian Minister for Education is on a visit to India from February 28 to March 4...

BJP had highest income in 2021-22; Trinamool's saw biggest jump: ADR report

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

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Vibrant journey Mr. Clare shared his country's journey in the field of education...

Over the next 10 years, something like two or three million Australians will go to a university, but in India in the next 10 years...

On Thursday, 10 MoUs will be signed between Indian and Australian universities...

Scheduled Tribes panel requisitions FRA action reports from top court

Abhinav Lakshman NEW DELHI

In the middle of a face-off with the Environment Ministry over the Scheduled Tribes Conservation Rules (2022)...

After the Union government introduced the new FCR, the panel wrote to the Environment Ministry...

The panel was looking to review the overall implementation of the FRA...

The top court on February 20 ordered that the documents be supplied to the commission...

Title rights have been issued against just 50% of the claims over forest land made under the FRA as of June 2022

Abhinav Lakshman NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Registrar, invoking powers under Clause 8d of Article 338A, to seek all materials filed in the court in connection with a batch of petitions...

While hearing the case, the three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court had in 2019 noted that in thousands of cases...

According to data tabled in Rajya Sabha in December 2022, title rights had been issued against just 50% of the claims...

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a list of 26 clues ranging from 'Mushroom backed by Gussafusi' to 'Grab energy in bulk'.

Sudoku puzzle grid with a difficulty rating of five stars and a list of 26 clues for a crossword puzzle.

FAITH section with the title 'The source of support' and a text passage about the support of parents, friends, and a spouse, followed by a reflection on the importance of virtuous people.

# BJP had highest income in 2021-22; Trinamool's saw biggest jump: ADR report

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party has shown the highest income of ₹1,917.12 crore during the financial year 2021-22 among eight national parties, according to an analysis by the Association of Democratic Reforms, an NGO working on electoral and political reforms. The All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) has declared the second highest earnings of ₹545.74 crore closely followed by the Indian National Congress (INC) at ₹541.27 crore.

The total income of eight national parties was ₹3,289.34 crore, of which the BJP's share was 58.28%.

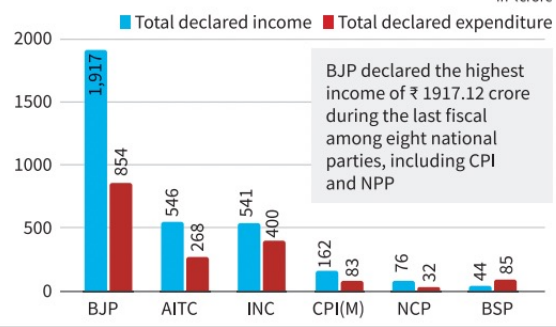
The BJP's income has more than doubled from the ₹752.33 crore it had in the financial year 2020-21. Close to 54% of the BJP's income of ₹1,917.12 crore came from electoral bonds, said the report.

The income of the Trinamool Congress in the last fiscal was over seven times its income of ₹74.41 crore in 2020-21. Close to 97% of the ₹545.74 crore income came from electoral bonds.

The BJP, Congress, Trinamool and Nationalist

## Party funding

A look at the top six national parties in terms of declared income in 2021-22 as against their expenditure



Congress Party together collected 55.09% of their total income from donations through poll bonds. As compared with this, the CPI(M), the CPI, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the National People's Party, did not receive any funds through the controversial financial instrument.

As far as expenditure was concerned, the BJP spent only 44.57% or ₹854.46 crore of its income, while the Trinamool Congress spent 49.17% or ₹268.33 crore.

The Congress spent 73.98% of its income.

Most of the BJP's expenses went towards election and general propaganda,

which cost the party ₹645.85 crore, followed by expenses towards administrative costs at ₹133.316 crore.

The Trinamool Congress spent ₹135.12 crore on election expenditure, which was followed by spending towards administration and general expenses, while the Congress spent ₹279.737 crore on election expenditure, followed by ₹90.12 crore on administrative and general expenses.

The report said that the income of the NPP, the BSP and the CPI(M) decreased by 32.38%, 16.56% and 5.15%, respectively, while the CPI's rose from ₹2.12 crore to ₹2.87 crore.

<b>Abbreviation</b>	ADR
<b>Formation</b>	1999; 24 years ago
<b>Type</b>	NGO
<b>Purpose</b>	Bringing Democratic Reforms in India through Political and Electoral advocacy
<b>Headquarters</b>	T-95, C.L House, 2nd Floor Near Gulmohar Commercial Complex, Gautam Nagar (Landmark: Green Park Metro Station (Gautam Nagar Exit), New Delhi-110049
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">New Delhi</a>
<b>Region served</b>	India
<b>Membership</b>	Open for all <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Key people</b>	<a href="#">Prof Jagdeep Chhokar</a> <a href="#">↗</a> , <a href="#">Prof Trilochan Sastry</a> , <a href="#">Ajit Ranade</a>
<b>Staff</b>	30-40
<b>Volunteers</b>	1200 NGOs <sup>[2]</sup>

# Kuhnemann and Lyon spell India's doom, spin hosts out for a paltry 09

The former's five-for-well complemented by the latter's three; Murphy dismisses Kohli again; Australia furthers its cause with the batters turning in a better collective performance to help the team finish the opening day on 156 for four — a lead of 47; Jadeja claims all four wickets

## AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dinakar  
INDORE

There was turn, bounce and puff of dust from the dry surface in the first hour. It was a sign of what to expect.

India, electing to bat, was spun out for 109 on the opening day of the third Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the Holkar Stadium here on Wednesday.

The odd delivery kept too low, but the Australians did better than expected, finishing the day at 156 for four. Ace left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja scalped all four.

Australia, ahead by 47, ended the edge. Thursday's first hour will be critical. Matthew Kuhnemann was Australia's hero with five for 16. He settled on an ideal length, in the dry area of the pitch, and struck with his quicker variety of spin. On view and control, accuracy, turn and incision.

Then, the pitch appeared to settle down as the Australians too batted normally without pre-meditation.

Jadeja struck early, having Travis Head leg-before playing across. Then big fish Marcus Labuschagne,



Not a pretty sight! Ashwin, getting an edge on the drive off Kuhnemann, watches the ball nestle into Carey's gloves. It's moot now

er-drives had elegance. Like Labuschagne, he was picking runs in front of the wicket, which is a good sign. He was also the dominant partner.

Eventually, Jadeja ended the 96-run second-wicket partnership, casting Labuschagne (33) with defence and used their feet.

Labuschagne, in particular, played a lot off his backfoot, using the depth of the crease.

Desperate measures As the partnership swelled, the Indians became desperate. Reviews were wasted and the one occasion when a replay showed R. Ashwin had trapped Labuschagne leg-before, the review had not been taken. Khawaja's cov-

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## 'Watched how + Jadeja and Ashwin use the crease'

S. Dinakar  
INDORE

Journeying to India, Matthew Kuhnemann was not the first-choice left-arm spinner for Australia. That position went to Ashton Agar who was considered the second spinner in the Australian team behind Nathan Lyon.

The 26-year-old Kuhnemann, with just over 30 First Class wickets, has struggled over Agar in Australia's practice sessions.

"The think-tank too felt Kuhnemann's quicker variety of left-arm spin was better suited to these wickets."

Kuhnemann was living a dream within a dream here on Wednesday, his first five-for in Tests being an attention-grabbing five for 16 off nine probing overs on day one of the third Test.

He turned the ball, was accurate and used the crease to create the angles.

"I watched them closely. In particular, how they use the crease."

Rathour said, "With the WTC points at stake, there is pressure to win home games. So there is nothing wrong in preparing such wickets and making best use of home conditions to win. But these pitches are also a double-edged sword."

## IRANI CUP

S. Dinak Ranav  
Gwalior

As he did on his Duleep Trophy debut, Yashasvi Jaiswal got his name into the record books by scoring a sensational double hundred in his maiden Irani Cup appearance, slamming 213 (259B, 30x4, 3x6) at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium here on Wednesday.

Jaiswal and Abhimanyu Easwaran, who made an equally brilliant 154 (246B, 17x4, 2x6), powered Rest of India to 381 for three against Madhya Pradesh at stumps on day one.

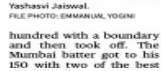
Rest of India skipper Mayank Agarwal opted to bat first on a pitch with generous grass cover and fell cheaply when Avesh Khan had him caught behind with a delivery that seemed away.

But the joy was short-lived for MP as Jaiswal and Abhimanyu shepherded the bowling attack apart. They added 371 runs for the second wicket, the highest ever in the Irani Cup.

In the morning, Abhimanyu was the aggressor picking six boundaries in the first hour with crampy timed flicks through the leg side.

At the other end, Jaiswal started cautiously, taking 22 balls to get off the mark before he displayed his full array of shots. He began by going after the spinners, stepping out and hitting down the ground. He also used the sweep shot effectively.

On a slow pitch, Abhimanyu used to make good use of his backfoot and got to his hundred in style by lofting Saransh over midwicket for a six. Soon, Jaiswal got to his



Yashasvi Jaiswal. FILE PHOTO: EMANUEL YOGINI

hundred with a boundary and then took off. The Mumbai batter got to his 150 with two of the best shots of the day, driving pacer Ankit Kustwaha down the ground.

Overn though there was not a lot of help for the bowlers, the hosts made it worse for themselves when Yash Dube dropped Jaiswal twice in three balls, when he was on 176 and 181, off Avesh and off-spinner Shubham Sharma respectively.

Jaiswal eventually got to his 200 when he cut a wide delivery from Shubham. Avesh finally broke through his defence with the second new ball, but not before he had put his side in a commanding position.

The scores: Rest of India - 1st innings: Mayank Agarwal c Avesh b Avesh 154, Abhimanyu Easwaran run out 154, Yashasvi Jaiswal c Avesh 213, Saransh Kumar (batting) 8, Indrajith Perera 2, Agarwal 1 (not out) 3. Total 181 for three in 87 overs; 181.

Madhya Pradesh bowling: 1-2-2-37B, 3-37B, 10-3-48-0, Kulkarni 9-1-43-0, Saransh 14-24-0-103-0, Kulkarni 20-2-50-0, Shubham 8-0-30-0, Agarwal 0-0-0. Total: Rest of India.

## Delhi will lean on Lanning and Indian talent to go the distance

### Impact Player

Capitals will bank on Kapp's vast experience and solid temperament

■ Marlonne Kapp relishes the big stage. The South African all-rounder is capable of making a difference with bat or ball at crucial junctures in the biggest of games. She was the player-of-the-match in the WBBL final in 2023-22 and The Hundred final in 2022 and 2023.

THE SCHEDULE

March 5: vs Royal Challengers Bangalore (Sydney StarStadium)
March 7: vs Warriors (OV Perth)
March 9: Mumbai Indians (DI Perth)
March 11: Gujarat Giants (DI Perth)
March 13: Royal Challengers Bangalore (OV Perth)
March 16: Gujarat Giants (Sydney)
March 20: Mumbai Indians (OV Perth)
March 23: UP Warriors (Brisbane)

### WPL COUNTDOWN

#### P.K. Ashik Kumar

Delhi Capitals needs a try or two about auctioning cricketers.

The franchise used its IPL experience at the auction for the inaugural Women's Premier League to put together a formidable squad.

It could consider itself a bit lucky that it got Meg Lanning for only ₹11 crore; it was one of the best buys at the auction.

Besides being a run machine — she has amassed over 8,000 runs with 17 centuries in International white-ball cricket — she has been an inspiring captain for Australia, which she led to the Women's T20 World Cup triumph on Sunday in Cape Town.

Biggest buy Lanning is part of a strong batting line-up that includes Jenimah Rodrigues, the franchise's biggest buy at ₹2.2 crore, and Shafali Verma, who

## Delhi will lean on Lanning and Indian talent to go the distance

THE DUGOUT

Jenimah Rodrigues
Shafali Verma
Marlonne Kapp
Alice Capsey
Jess Jonassen
Laura Harris
Kathia Venetas
Aranshah Reddy
Tanya Watie
Minnu Mary
Shikha Pandey
Sahiba Dhapshi
Tara Norrie
Jasika Ashwin
and Aparna Mondal

Coach: Jonathan Batley



hoped for a better stage than the WPL. Capiti have assembled a good spin attack in the form of Australian Jess Jonassen and the two experienced Yadvans — Radha and Poonam.

Shikha Pandey, who has recently come back to the Indian team, and Aranshah Reddy, who is trying to do that, are among the pacers in the squad.

The franchise has also bought South African Marlonne Kapp — another great buy at ₹1.5 crore — is a serial tournament winner and one of the game's leading all-rounders.

Young Alice Capsey of England and seasoned Australian Laura Harris are explosive options.

Jasika Akher, from Jamaica, too, is a hard-hitter. All these batsmen are right-handed, though.

## ON TOP Ashwin dethrones Anderson, becomes No. 1 Test bowler



Off-spinner R. Ashwin on Wednesday jumped to the top of the latest ICC Men's Test bowling rankings, replacing England pacer James Anderson. Ashwin gained two places after taking six wickets in India's emphatic victory over Australia in the second Test in New Delhi.

## A DAY OF DRAMA Nortje takes five; West Indies hits back after collapse



West Indies collapsed but hit back before the close on the second day of the first Test against South Africa in Centurion on Wednesday. The scores: South Africa 342 (Marfan 115, Elgar 71, Joseph 5/81) & 49/6 vs WI 232 (Refer 62, Nortje 5/36).

## GAME-CHANGER Malan's unbeaten ton powers England past Bangladesh



David Malan's century helped England secure a three-wicket win over Bangladesh in the opening game of the three-match ODI series at Mirpur on Wednesday. The scores: Bangladesh 209 in 47.2 overs (Shanto 58) lost to England 232/7 in 48.4 overs (Malan 114 n.o.).

## AT THE HELM Harmanpreet to lead Mumbai Indians in WPL



Harmjanpreet Kaur was on Wednesday officially announced as the captain of Mumbai Indians, ahead of the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL), starting in Mumbai on Saturday. Harmjanpreet was bought for ₹1.8 crore by Mumbai Indians at the auction last month.

## WORLD CUP HERO French football legend Fontaine passes away



René Fontaine, the French football great who scored a record 13 goals at the 1958 World Cup, passed away aged 89. Fontaine took six games to achieve his feat in the 1958 edition in Sweden, when he was a last-minute inclusion on the French squad.

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AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION - PART ONE

## Lutyens' bungalows, RBI, encroachments are 'forests' in govt's forest cover map

Tracking dubious timber trail & myth of afforestation

RITU SARIN, JAY MAZOOMDAAR & AMITABH SINHA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

IRREVERSIBLE environmental damage by loggers and dubious auditing firms undercuts an elaborate global system to fight forest destruction and climate change. Exposing this is the focus of "Deforestation Inc.," the latest investigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists spread across 27 countries.

The India leg of the investigation, by *The Indian Express*, has found that the story of India's forests is not just about large-scale deforestation or illegal logging, it's also about the lack of official transparency on the status of the forest.

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**DENSE TO 'DENSE':** On forest map, a rubber plantation (above) counted as dense forest came up on encroached areas of Rowta reserve forest in Assam's Udaiguri district.

Govt definition counts VIP homes, tea gardens, rail yards, plantations

JAY MAZOOMDAAR  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

THAT LUTYENS' Delhi is India's Capital, the seat of power and home to men and women who run the country, is well known. But what's not so well known is that the bungalows of ministers and senior officers, even the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) building on Sansad Marg, are "forest" in the official forest cover map.

Parts of the campuses of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and residential neighbourhoods across Delhi are also "forest", an investigation by *The Indian Express* has found.

For over four decades, around one-fifth of India has remained Udaiguri district.

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## THE FIFTH RAMNATH GOENKA LECTURE India can be innovation hub for world: Bill Gates

'25 weeks of pandemic destroyed 25 years of progress in health'



Bill Gates, philanthropist, tech founder, investor, and co-chair and Trustee of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, delivers the fifth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, Wednesday. *Ritika Pari*

ANONNA DUTTA  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

THE FIRST 25 weeks of the Covid pandemic destroyed 25 years of progress in global health and three years later, most countries' health systems are still not completely back on track, said Bill Gates Wednesday, adding that the pandemic "catalysed" a wave of health innovation in India.

With its record of vaccine development and digital public infrastructure platform, India has the potential to develop into a hub of "innovation and ingenuity," to herald a "new era of global partnership" which can overcome the world's greatest challenges, Gates said, delivering the fifth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture here.

Underlining the power of innovation to bridge divides and

Think tank CPR's FCRA suspended, gets I-T notice on tax exemptions

RITU SARIN  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

WEEKS BEFORE it was informed that its registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) had been suspended, the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) received a show cause notice from the Income Tax Department, asking why the registrations granting it tax exemptions should not be cancelled.

On Wednesday, the CPR, one of the leading public policy think tanks, said it had been "intimated" by the Ministry of Home Affairs that its registration under the FCRA had been "suspended for a period of 180 days".

The CPR had been granted tax exemption status until 2027 under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act. That status has now been questioned by the I-T officials, who collected huge amounts of documents and data during a survey on September 7, 2022 and followed it up by dispatching over a dozen summonses to its staff — from its senior researchers to the office peon.

The I-T Department challenged the tax exemptions with

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# House where Atiq's wife lived razed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, MARCH 1**

THE PRAYAGRAJ Development Authority (PDA) on Wednesday demolished a house in Doolmanganj area of the city where former MP Atiq Ahmad's wife Jafar Ahmed reportedly moved in after her husband was arrested in a case of alleged rape. PDA officials said the house reportedly belonged to Atiq Ahmad's aide, Jafar Ahmed, and was built "without completing necessary approvals".

The PDA's action comes less than a week after jailed ex-MP Atiq Ahmad, his wife and sons were booked for the daylight killing of a legislator in the 2005 murder of then BSP MLA Raju Pal, and his gunmen. Atiq's younger brother Khalid Azeem alias Akhbar and two others were also named in the FIR. While Atiq currently lodged in a jail in Gorakhpur, Jafar Ahmed is in the Rajauli Central Jail. Police on Wednesday said the house is on the run and raids are being conducted there in search of weapons.

"The order to demolish Jafar Ahmed's house was passed after it was found during the inquiry that it was constructed without completing formalities," a senior PDA official said.

He is investigating if Atiq's money was invested in building the house in which Jafar Ahmed was staying. For the past year, Atiq's wife Shanta Parveen and her two children were staying in the house. She had told them to demolish her house over a year ago "as a vacant plot" for an adjacent vacant plot before her husband's death.

Quoting PDA secretary Ajit Singh, PTI reported that a sword and two firearms were recovered from the house and were later handed over to the police.

# Jailed ex-MP moves SC, says 'threat to life'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 1**

**CANCER SURVIVOR** Jailed ex-MP Atiq Ahmad has moved the Supreme Court (SC) to bail him in a "life-threatening situation". He filed a writ petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and a writ of certiorari to quash the order of the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday.

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# 7 more infants die in 24 hrs, Bengal govts says caused by acute respiratory infection

**ENR & PTI KOLKATA, MARCH 1**

**SEVEN CHILDREN** died due to respiratory infection in West Bengal on Saturday, another was killed in a "rare encounter" following last week's case, Bengal health officials said.

The seven children died in different hospitals in Kolkata, and two at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and hospital, the official said, adding that the samples had to be sent for tests and results are yet to be received.

The government said that 5,213 cases of ARI were reported in the state in the last one month. "ARI due to different viruses is a common seasonal phenomenon. However, the number of ARI infections appear to be higher in the current year as the seasonal surge due to Adenovirus was taken over by the surge of Covid-19 virus in the previous years (2021 and 2022)."

"There is no evidence of any epidemic at present. The current situation is nothing but a seasonal surge and the number of infections due to Adenovirus has already started coming down," the statement said.

The government, however, did not term the seven deaths in the last 24 hours as deaths of Adenovirus. Instead, it said that acute respiratory infection (ARI) were common during the ongoing season.

The state health authorities also said, "There is no evidence of any epidemic at present."

"In the last 24 hours, five children have died in state-run hospitals in Kolkata, and two at Bankura Sammilani Medical College and hospital," the official said, adding that the samples had to be sent for tests and results are yet to be received.

# IAF man facing court martial says he was beaten to extract confession

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DELHI, MARCH 1**

**MAN AMAN SINGH CHINHA CHANDIGARH, MARCH 1**

A JUNIOR Warrant Officer (JWO) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) who is facing a General Court Martial for allegedly carrying cables and a pilot junction box of a Mi-17 VS helicopter, has contended that he was beaten up and forced to make a confession at Air Force Station Chandigarh on December 23, 2020. He said he was facing a General Court Martial for allegedly carrying cables and a pilot junction box of a Mi-17 VS helicopter, has contended that he was beaten up and forced to make a confession at Air Force Station Chandigarh on December 23, 2020.

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# Russian firm bids lower for making 200 Indian Bharat trains in India

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 1**

**RUSSIA'S LAKESIDE** rolling stock manufacturer Transmashinpribor (TMB) has emerged as the lowest bidder for the tender to manufacture 200 Vande Bharat trains in India.

The tender was opened by the Railways ministry on Wednesday. The lowest bidder is Transmashinpribor (TMB) with a bid of ₹1,450 crore per trainset. French rolling stock maker Alstom said the plan is to divide the order between first two lowest bidders in a 60:40 ratio. While the lowest bidder will get to make 120 trainsets, the second lowest bidder, if it agrees to match the lowest bid, would get an order of the remaining 80.

"As per rules, we will ask the lowest bidder to match the lowest bid," an official said.

**Govt. of Bihar**  
**A. N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA (BIHAR)**  
PRINCIPAL  
A. N. Magadh Medical College, Email:-princ\_anmc@rediffmail.com, Gaya-822002 (Bihar) India.

**(PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES (PSA)) - 2022-23**  
Tender for selection of private security agencies for providing security services at A. N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA in the state of Bihar.

1. The A.N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA, in the state of Bihar, intends to select a single agency having sufficient experience in providing security services, for providing security services guard at A. N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA for a period of 2 year and involves bids from eligible legal entities in providing the services as mentioned in the schedule attached herewith.

2. The interested qualified agencies, may RECEIVE the tender documents till the 21th day from the date of 1st publishing in daily newspaper at 05:00 PM in the OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA in the state of Bihar.

3. The tender documents will be available for perusal in the office of Principal, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on 21st day from the date of 1st publishing in daily newspaper at 05:00 PM.

4. PRINCIPAL, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA, will be the sole authority for publication of the tender documents with detailed terms of reference, bids submission, technical and financial evaluation of bids received and final selection of the service provider for providing security services in the institute.

5. Schedule of Selection Process:

S. No.	Event Description	Timeline
1.	Closing, date & time of receipt of tender	18th 21th day from the date of 1st publishing in newspaper 05:00 PM
2.	Time, Date and venue of opening of Pre-Bid meeting	16.03.2023 12:30 PM in OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL, A.N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA.
3.	Time, Date and venue of opening of Technical Bid	On 22 days after publication offering at 12:30 PM in OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL, A.N. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA.
4.	Time, Date and Venue of opening of Financial Bid	To be communicated by the institute on Notice Board
5.	The bids (both technical and financial) will be opened in the official chamber of the PRINCIPAL, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA in the event of any of the above-mentioned day being declared a holiday/observed day for the institute, the bids will be received on the next working day at the scheduled time. The agency's authorized representatives may attend the tender opening on the date and time as mentioned above in Para 4.	
6.	The tender shall be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of ₹ 2,00,000/- (Two Lakh rupees only), in the form of Demand Draft (DD) from any schedule bank in favour of PRINCIPAL, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA, at or before 18th day from the date of 1st publishing in daily newspaper at 05:00 PM.	
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9.	All bids, with financial statements (if any), shall be posted on the Notice Board of PRINCIPAL, AN. MAGADH MEDICAL COLLEGE, GAYA.	

For further details please visit website [State.Bihar.gov.in/psa/Bihar](http://State.Bihar.gov.in/psa/Bihar)  
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# Biggest Vande Bharat induction call

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DELHI, MARCH 1**

**200 trainsets** Offer to manufacture 200 Vande Bharat trainsets in 2-5 year, maintenance for next 35 years.

**THREE LOWEST BIDDERS** (TMB, RVNL, BHEL, TVG wagon, BEML)

For faster delivery, the plan is to divide the order between the top two lowest bidders in a 60:40 ratio, provided the second lowest bidder matches the lowest quote.

For the second lowest bidder (BHEL in this case) BHEL in this case offer will go to others, if no one agrees to lowest bid, the entire order will go to the lowest bidder (TMB in this case).

# NIA court awards 10-yr jail term to 2 siblings for 'links with IS'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, MARCH 1**

**SPECIAL National Investigation Agency (NIA) court** in Ahmedabad on Wednesday sentenced two brothers to 10 years of imprisonment for their alleged links with Islamic State through Pakistan handlers.

The court found the brothers - Naeem Ramooba and Muzamir Ramooba - guilty under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosive Substances Act and criminal conspiracy under the IPC.

Defence advocate U F Pathan said that the brothers were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment under UAPA sections 39 and 30, and seven years' imprisonment under UAPA sections 13 and 20, along with Explosive Substances Act sections 4 and 5.

The sentence shall run concurrently with the 10 years' imprisonment. Nearly 45 prosecution witnesses were examined during the trial, according to Pathan.

The brothers have been in judicial custody since their arrest in 2017 and are now lodged at the Rajkot Central Jail.

They were arrested following an FIR in Ahmedabad for alleged links with IS, the first such case in Gujarat. The NIA at the time had stated that the brothers were under their watch for two years and were tracked on social media where they were found to be supporting the ideology.

# No interview in Group 'C' exams in Uttarakhand; CM issues order

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DELHI, MARCH 1**

**UTTARAKHAND CHIEF MINISTER** Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday announced that the interview system will continue. The decision was taken by a meeting of the state cabinet on Tuesday.

Adding a gratitude rally organised at the Ramnagar station in Haldwani by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha on the occasion of the implementation of the anti-cheating law, Dhami said the move will ensure transparency in examinations and secure the future of the youth.

"Any Group C examination, whether it is being conducted by the Public Service Commission or any other commission in the state, the system of interview in all examinations should be abolished with immediate effect. This will also include technical and non-technical posts, such as de-aided posts."

# Drone downed in Dec had Pak, China footprints: BSF

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 1**

**New Delhi:** Two months after the BSF shot down a drone in Punjab's Amritsar that had handprints from Pakistani handlers, analysis shows that the quadcopter had footprints on locations 28 times within Pakistan's Punjab; the spokesperson said.

The BSF, which is tasked to guard the India-Pakistan border, has set a forensic analysis laboratory for drones in Delhi.

# Telangana student kills self, kin allege harassment

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, MARCH 1**

**A FIRST-YEAR student** of Sri Chaitanya College at Narsingi on the outskirts of Hyderabad allegedly died by suicide late on Tuesday night. The police said, after his family accused the college management of harassment, a case was registered against the college principal and his two wards.

This is the fourth student suicide being reported from Telangana within the last 10 days. The police said the 16-year-old student was found dead in an empty classroom. The boy's father said he had met his son on Tuesday and he had told him about study pressure from his teachers.



# Russian firm bids lowest for making 200 Vande Bharat trains in India

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

NEW DELHI, MARCH 1

RUSSIA'S LARGEST rolling stock maker Transmashholding (TMH) has emerged as the lowest bidder for the tender to manufacture 200 Vande Bharat trainsets in India.

TMH's company Metrowagonmash based in Russia's Mytishchi, in partnership with Railway PSU Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), has quoted Rs120 crore per trainset — the lowest by a long margin, at a time when New Delhi is under pressure to reduce its trade ties with Moscow.

Indian engineering major BHEL and Kolkata-based Titagarh Wagons tie-up has emerged as the second lowest bidder quoting Rs 139.8 crore per trainset. The tender seeks to bring in sleeper versions of the marquee train.

## BIGGEST VANDE BHARAT INDUCTION CALL

**200 trainsets:** Offer to manufacture in India and deliver in a phased manner in 2-5 years; maintenance for next 35 years

■ For faster delivery, the plan is to divide the order between the top two lowest bidders in a 60-40 ratio, provided the second lowest bidder matches the lowest quote

### THREE LOWEST BIDDERS (per trainset)

TMH-RVNL ₹120 cr

BHEL-Titagarh Wagons ₹139.8 cr

BEML ₹145 cr

■ If the second lowest bidder (BHEL in this case) refuses to match the lowest rate, the offer will go to others; if none agrees to lower rate, the entire order will go to the lowest bidder (TMH-RVNL in this case)



versions of the marquee train, along with the seating-only types.

Among other three bidders, BEML in partnership with German major Siemens quoted the third lowest rate at Rs 145 crore per trainset. French rolling stock maker Alstom stood at the fourth spot while Swiss company Stadler in partnership with Hyderabad-based Medha, suppliers of the propulsion system of the current Vande Bharat, has quoted the fifth lowest rate.

The offer is to manufacture the trainsets in India and deliver them in a phased manner in about 2-5 years, along with main-

tenance for the next 35 years. The trainsets will be manufactured in the railway factories in India.

This is TMH's first foray into getting a piece of the Railway business pie in India. Railway Board sources said the plan is to divide the order between first two lowest bidders in a 60-40 ratio. While the lowest bidder will get to make 120 trainsets, the second-lowest bidder, if it agrees to match the lowest bid, would get an order of the remaining 80.

"As per rules, we will ask the second lowest bidder to match the rate of the lowest bidder and

manufacture 80 sets," said a senior Railways ministry official.

"The emergence of Russia's Transmashholding as the lowest financial bidder and the consortium of BHEL and Titagarh Wagons as the second lowest bidder present a challenge for the timely production," Sudhanshu Mani, former GM at ICF Chennai, the maker of the first set of Vande Bharat, told *The Indian Express*.

In the evening, RVNL, a listed company, sent a statutory disclosure to BSE and NSE, saying that it has emerged as the lowest bidder.

## Technical

### Rolling stock

Vande Bharat  
Vande Bharat 2  
designed by [RDSO](#)

### Track gauge

[Indian gauge](#)  
1,676 mm (5 ft 6 in) [broad gauge](#)

### Electrification

[25 kV 50 Hz AC](#) Overhead line

### Operating speed

- 130 km/h (81 mph)
- 160 km/h (99 mph) (Certified for commercial run)
- 180 km/h (110 mph) (Tested speed)
- 200 km/h (120 mph) (potential speed)

### Average length

384 metres (1,260 ft) (16 coaches)

### Track owner(s)

[Indian Railways](#)

## Overview

<b>Service type</b>	<a href="#">Low-cost Semi-Highspeed Rail(LC-SHR)</a>
<b>Status</b>	Active
<b>Locale</b>	<a href="#">India</a>
<b>Predecessor</b>	<a href="#">Shatabdi Express</a> , <a href="#">MEMU</a>
<b>First service</b>	15 February 2019; 4 years ago
<b>Current operator(s)</b>	<a href="#">Indian Railways</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://indianrail.gov.in">indianrail.gov.in</a> <sup>↗</sup>

## Route

**Line(s) used** 10

## On-board services

<b>Class(es)</b>	<a href="#">CC Chair</a> (Economy Class) <a href="#">Executive Chair</a> (Premium Class)
<b>Seating arrangements</b>	<a href="#">Airline style</a> · <a href="#">Rotatable seats</a>
<b>Catering facilities</b>	<a href="#">On-board catering</a>
<b>Observation facilities</b>	<a href="#">Large windows in all carriages</a>
<b>Entertainment facilities</b>	<a href="#">On-board WiFi</a> · <a href="#">Infotainment System</a> · <a href="#">Electric outlets</a> · <a href="#">Reading light</a>
<b>Baggage facilities</b>	<a href="#">Overhead racks</a>
<b>Other facilities</b>	<a href="#">Automatic doors</a> · <a href="#">Smoke alarms</a> · <a href="#">CCTV Cameras</a> · <a href="#">Odour control system</a> · <a href="#">Bio-vacuum toilets</a> · <a href="#">Sensor-based water taps</a> · <a href="#">Roller blinds</a>

8	Visakhapatnam Junction	Secunderabad Junction	Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express	20833/20834		Except Sunday	698 km (434 mi)	8h 30m	130 km/h (81 mph)	82 km/h (51 mph)	15 January 2023	Rajamundry Vijayawada Junction Khammam Warangal
9	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	Solapur	Mumbai CSMT- Solapur Vande Bharat Express	22225/22226		Except Wednesday (22225) Except Thursday (22226)	452 km (281 mi)	6h 30m	110 km/h (68 mph)	70 km/h (43 mph)	10 February 2023	Dadar Central Kalyan Jn Pune Jn Kurduwadi Jn
10 <sup>[93]</sup>	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	Sainagar Shirdi	Mumbai CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Vande Bharat Express	22223/22224		Except Tuesday	339 km (211 mi)	5h 20m	110 km/h (68 mph)	64 km/h (40 mph)	10 February 2023	Dadar Central Thane Nashik Road

# THE WORLD

## TOP OF THE WORLD

Fumio Kishida made his comments in response to question from Opposition, AP

### JAPAN

#### Ban on same-sex marriage is not prejudiced, PM

Tokyo: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said the country's ban on same-sex marriage is not discriminatory, insisting that constitutional freedom of marriage covers heterosexual unions, a comment that triggered criticism he is backtracking despite his recent apology and meeting with LGBTI people. "I don't think discriminating same-sex couples to marry is unjust discrimination by state," Kishida said in parliament when asked if he thinks the ban constitutes prejudice. AP

### TAIWAN

#### 19 Chinese air force planes in island's air zone

Taipei: Taiwan's defence ministry said on Wednesday it had spotted 19 Chinese air force planes in its air defence zone over the past 24 hours, part of what Taipei calls regular harassment by Beijing. Taiwan's defence ministry said 19 fighters had flown into the southwest-eastern corner of the island's air defence identification zone, or ADIZ, though it says they are trying to stay closer to the Chinese coast than Taiwan's according to a map the ministry released. Taiwan's forces monitored the situation, including sending up its own air force planes, the ministry added. REUTERS

### NORWAY

#### Greta detained during pro-Sami demonstration

Oslo: Environmental campaigner Greta Thunberg was twice detained during a demonstration in favour of Indigenous rights in Oslo on Wednesday, with police removing her and other activists from the finance ministry and later the environment ministry. Thunberg had on Monday joined protesters demanding the removal of 151 wind turbines from parks used by Sami herders in central Norway. They say a transition to green energy should not come at the expense of Indigenous rights. Thunberg, holding a Sami flag, was later carried away. REUTERS

### ISRAEL

#### Police fires stun grenades at protesters

Tel Aviv: Israeli police fired stun grenades and scuffles broke out in Tel Aviv on Wednesday during a nationwide "day of disruption", taking the intensity of weeks of protests against a contentious government plan to shake up the judiciary in major steps. The Supreme Court debated President Joe Biden's student debt cancellation. As the listening to the audience Tuesday, it all left academics, there was also criticism on the nuances of certain words being used in the hearing. Thunberg, holding a Sami flag, was later carried away. REUTERS

## VIRUS ORIGIN ROW

# China lab leak likely caused Covid-19, says FBI director, Beijing junks claim

Origins of pandemic most likely a potential laboratory incident in Wuhan, says Christopher Wray

WASHINGTON, MARCH 1

The FBI has assessed that a leak from an laboratory in the central Chinese city of Wuhan likely caused the Covid pandemic, director Christopher Wray said on Tuesday, a claim China said had "no credibility whatsoever". "The FBI has for quite some time assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan," Wray told Fox News. His comments follow a Wall Street Journal report on Sunday that the US Energy Department had assessed the pandemic resulted from an unintended lab leak in China.

Four other agencies, along with national intelligence panels, also judge that the pandemic was likely the result of a natural transmission, and two are undecided.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said on Monday the US government had not reached a definitive conclusion on consensus on the pandemic's origins. "China denounced Wray's comments on Wednesday, saying it was firmly opposed to any form of 'political manipulation' of facts. "Based on the poor track record of fraud and deception of the US intelligence community, the conclusions they draw have no credibility whatsoever," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning told reporters in Beijing. "We urge the US to respect science and facts."

Wray said he couldn't share details of agency's assessment because they were classified. He accused the Chinese government of "doing its best to try to thwart and obfuscate" efforts



The Wuhan Institute of Virology, Reuters

by the United States and others to learn more about the pandemic's origins. "The virus was first identified in Wuhan in December 2019 before spreading round the world

and killing over 7 million people. On Tuesday, Mao pushed back at a report from the US Department of Energy that assessed with "low confidence" that the virus that was first de-



Smoke rises from trains as firefighters and rescue workers after a collision near Larissa city, Greece, early Wednesday. The collision between a freight train and passenger train, 380 kilometres north of Athens, and resulted in derailment of several train cars. AP

## 38 KILLED AS TRAINS COLLIDE IN GREECE

Smoke rises from trains as firefighters and rescue workers after a collision near Larissa city, Greece, early Wednesday. The collision between a freight train and passenger train, 380 kilometres north of Athens, and resulted in derailment of several train cars. AP

## Turkey seeks polls on May 4

set for before the deadly series of tremors hit. Erdogan didn't provide information on how the election could be organised in the quake zone or whether displaced survivors would be able to cast ballots in their new locations. The Turkish leader, who has been in power since 2013, is seeking a third term as president. The presidential and general elections are expected to be held no later than June 18, coming at a tough time for Erdogan who has seen a decline in his ratings because of skyrocketing inflation. On Wednesday, he reiterated a promise to rebuild more than 400,000 houses within the year.

■ Transport Minister Kostas Karamanlis resigned, saying it was his 'duty' as a basic show of respect for 'memory of those who died so unfairly.' AP

## Iran alleges interference

Iran has repeatedly summoned European diplomats in recent months as it has accused Western countries of being behind nationwide anti-government protests, without providing evidence. The protests erupted over the death of a young woman in the custody of Iran's morality police in September.

## Supreme Court orders polls for Pak Punjab, KPK in 90-day period

PTI party suspends 'Jail Bharo Tehreek'

## SAJJAD HUSSAIN

PAKISTAN'S SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered the election commission to hold elections in the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces within the 90-day period as mandated by the Constitution. The Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies were dissolved on January 14 and 18, respectively by the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party as part of its bid to force early general elections in the country. The court launched suo motu proceedings last week regarding the delay in the announcement of a date for elections in 2 provinces. A five-member bench headed by chief justice Umar Ata Bandial issued the split decision, passed by a majority of three, with two judges expressing reservations over the advisability of suo motu action by the top court.

The decision paved the way for elections in the two provinces, currently run by interim governments. The respective governors, empowered to set the election dates, have demurred, apparently due to political reasons. The court also ruled that President Arif Alvi's orders to hold elections on April 9 will be binding on the Punjab assembly but not on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assembly, as the latter was dissolved by the governor while the former was not.

"If the governor dissolved the assembly then the governor will announce the election date," ruled the apex court. The top court ordered the governor of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to announce the date for provincial elections. It also ruled that the president and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) should decide Punjab's poll schedule after consultation.

In the aftermath of the top court's judgment, Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Wednesday suspended its 'Jail Bharo Tehreek' (court arrest movement).

■ Local station master, in charge of signalling, has been arrested for negligence. Another two people have been detained for questioning.

## What's in store for Imran Khan?

THE RULING by the court is a victory for the Imran Khan-led PTI which had demanded early elections. To put pressure on the coalition government in Islamabad, Khan, the former prime minister, whose party was in power in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, dissolved the two assemblies. As the federal government miserably failed to improve the economic situation, it is feared that an early election would only benefit Khan, who was ousted as Prime Minister in April last year.

## First digital census begins

Lahore: Pakistan launched its first-ever digital population and housing census Wednesday in an effort to securely gather demographic data on every individual ahead of the parliamentary elections this year, officials said. The digital count will provide data for policy decisions, which now are based on the 2017 census, which counted the population at 207 million people. It also meant to increase security and avoid another mess like the one that beset 2021 census. AP

"We welcome the SC judgment. It was responsibility of SC to uphold Constitution & through their judgement today it is an assertion of Law in Pak. We are suspending our Jail Bharo movement & moving forward with election campaigns in KP & Punjab. Khan.

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CHINESE ASADU ABUJA (NIGERIA), MARCH 1 NIGERIAN AWOKE to a new president Wednesday, with ruling party candidate Bola Tinubu declared the winner of the country's election. As he thanked his supporters he appealed for reconciliation with his rivals, who are already demanding a rerun in Africa's most populous nation. The announcement by election officials overnight was likely to lead to a coalition government, second- and third-highest finishers in the weekend vote, Niku Abubakar and Peter Obi. Abubakar also finished second in the previous vote in 2018, and appealed those results although his lawsuit ultimately was dismissed. Tinubu's ruling All Progressives Congress party urged the opposition Tuesday to accept defeat and not cause trouble after they had demanded a rerun, saying that delays in upholding election results had made room for irregularities. Tinubu received 72% of the votes, or nearly 8.8 million, while main opposition candidate Abubakar won 29% with almost 7 million. Third-place finisher Obi took 25% with about 6.1 million, according to the results announced on live television by the Independent National Electoral Commission. The president-elect thanked his supporters in the capital, Abuja, after his victory was announced and struck a rhetorical lullaby tone in a message directed at his political adversaries. AP

## HEARING CENTRED ON WHETHER STATES HAD LEGAL RIGHT TO SUE OVER BIDEN'S STUDENT LOANS PLAN

# As US court debates student loans, borrowers see disconnect

COLLIN BINKLEY WASHINGTON, MARCH 1 NIARA THOMPSON couldn't make it to the Supreme Court debate President Joe Biden's student debt cancellation. As she listened to the audience Tuesday, it all left academics, there was also criticism on the nuances of certain words being used in the hearing. Thunberg, holding a Sami flag, was later carried away. REUTERS

graduate with about \$50,000 of her own student debt. "It felt like people who could never understand why we would want something like this," she said. "I wanted to be like, 'You don't understand. You all are focusing on this, but there's people out there who are struggling to find food for their families.'" In an earlier hearing, Biden's ruling party, Erdogan chided critics of his handling of the earthquake's aftermath and said the people would give their support to whoever came to power in May 14 - the election date his ruling party had tentatively



Student debt relief advocates gather outside the Supreme Court on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. AP

Congress, which decides how taxpayer money is spent. "It is not unusual for Supreme Court cases to have a legal or technicalities, even in cases of great public interest," Westcott rows following Tuesday's arguments, it felt isolating to hear someone who are struggling to find money to attend. "It would move her a step closer to financial stability," Thompson said, and it would eliminate the rest of her dad's loans. "It just hurt my feelings a bit," she said of Tuesday's arguments. "I just want better for you know?" AP

court's liberal justices sought several times to turn the arguments back to the people who would benefit from the program, pointing out their need for relief in response, conservative asked if those who passed up college should pay each eligible borrower \$10,000 in relief, she said. It would move her a step closer to financial stability, Thompson said, and it would eliminate the rest of her dad's loans. "It just hurt my feelings a bit," she said of Tuesday's arguments. "I just want better for you know?" AP

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**All Progressives Congress's Bola Tinubu celebrates with supporters on Wednesday.** AP

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<b>Capital</b>	Abuja <div><div><div><div><span></span><div><div><span><span></span></span></div></div></div><div></div><span><span><span><span>9°4′N</span> <span>7°29′E</span></span></span></span></div></div></div>
<b>Largest city</b>	Lagos
<b>Official languages</b>	English
<b>National languages</b>	Hausa · Yoruba · Igbo
<b>Regional languages</b> <sup>[2]</sup>	Over 525 languages <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Ethnic groups</b> (2018) <sup>[3]</sup>	25% Hausa 21% Yoruba 18% Igbo 6% Fulani 3.5% Ibibio 2.4% Tiv 2.4% Kanuri 1.8% Ijaw 19.9% Other
<b>Demonym(s)</b>	Nigerian
<b>Government</b>	Federal presidential republic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>President: Muhammadu Buhari</li><li>Vice President: Yemi Osinbajo</li><li>Senate President: Ahmed Lawan</li><li>House Speaker: Femi Gbajabiamila</li><li>Chief Justice: Olukayode Ariwoola</li></ul>
<b>Legislature</b>	National Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upper house: Senate</li><li>Lower house: House of Representatives</li></ul>
<b>Independence</b> from the United Kingdom	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern Nigeria Protectorate</li></ul>	1 January 1900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Nigeria Protectorate</li></ul>	1 January 1900
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unification of Nigeria</li></ul>	1 January 1914
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Declared</li></ul>	1 October 1960
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federation</li></ul>	1 October 1963
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Current constitution</li></ul>	29 May 1999

<b>Area</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Total</li></ul>	923,769 km <sup>2</sup> (356,669 sq mi) (31st)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water (%)</li></ul>	1.4
<b>Population</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2022 estimate</li></ul>	225,082,083 <sup>[4]</sup> (6th)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Density</li></ul>	218/km <sup>2</sup> (564.6/sq mi) (42nd)
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	2022 estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Total</li></ul>	<span>▲</span> \$1.27 trillion <sup>[5]</sup> (27th)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Per capita</li></ul>	<span>▲</span> \$5,884 <sup>[5]</sup> (141st)
<b>GDP (nominal)</b>	2022 estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Total</li></ul>	<span>▲</span> \$504 billion <sup>[5]</sup> (31st)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Per capita</li></ul>	<span>▲</span> \$2,326 <sup>[5]</sup> (145th)
<b>Gini</b> (2020)	<span>▼</span> 35.1 <sup>[6]</sup> <span>medium</span>
<b>HDI</b> (2021)	<span>▲</span> 0.535 <sup>[7]</sup> <span>low</span> · 163nd
<b>Currency</b>	Naira (₦) (NGN)



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IT staff should be back in offices, says Wipro chief Rishad Premji

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**IN THE NEWS**

**Data revision made growth estimates seem lower: CEA**

A DAY after the National Statistical Office released the Q3 GDP figures which showed growth was slower than anticipated, chief economic adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said data revision of prior years has made the estimates seem lower, reports **fe Bureau in New Delhi**. ■ PAGE 3

**Tech industry set to hit \$245 bn: Nasscom**

THE INDIA's tech sector is set to hit \$245 billion in FY23 despite the global headwinds, while there is "cautious optimism" in the industry for FY24, according to Nasscom, reports **Rajesh Kurup in Mumbai**. ■ PAGE 4

**Moody's raises India's growth projection**

HOOVER'S INVESTOR Service on Wednesday raised India's growth forecast to 5.3% in 2023 from its earlier projection of 4.8% due to higher capital expenditure proposed in the Budget, reports **fe Bureau in New Delhi**. ■ PAGE 5

**Bajaj Finserv gets mutual fund licence**

BAJAJ FINSERV on Wednesday said it has received approval from Sebi to commence its mutual fund operations under the Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund brand, reports **fe Bureau in Mumbai**. ■ PAGE 10

**SoftBank sells ₹54-cr Delhivery shares**

SOFTBANK ON Wednesday sold shares worth ₹54 crore in Delhivery in a bulk deal at ₹540 a piece, according to BSE data, reports **fe Bureau in Mumbai**. It had a holding of over 18% at December end.

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Experts say Bing, Bard and ChatGPT will take over mundane jobs ■ PAGE P7

**DONATIONS BY INDIAN UHNIS FALL DESPITE SURGING WEALTH**

**Super-rich stay tight-fisted on charity**

**KUNAL DOLEY**  
New Delhi, March 1  
INDIAN ULTRA-HIGH NET worth individuals (UHNIs) continue to donate substantially less compared with their peers in the US, the UK and China. As per the latest India Philanthropy Report 2023 released by Dasa, a strategic philanthropic organisation, and management consulting firm Bain & Company, contributions of UHNIs (people with net worth above ₹1,000 crore) have been volatile with donations (excluding contributions by Azim Premji) dropping by 3% in FY22, despite a 9% increase in their cumulative wealth.  
The overall UHNI philanthropic giving has dropped to ₹4,250 crore in FY22 from ₹11,811 crore in FY21, largely influenced by Azim Premji's individual giving reducing by ₹9,000 crore (due to the share buyback in 2021 benefiting foundations directly), the report said. This is in sharp contrast to the cumulative UHNI net wealth in India that climbed by 8.2% in FY22, with the top level of greater than ₹50,000 crore wealth seeing a 13% jump. Over the years, growth in con-

**DETAILS ON SENIOR OFFICIALS SOUGHT**  
FPIs see red as Sebi steps up disclosures

New investors reluctant to give such details on look-through basis

**ASHLEY COURTINHO**  
Mumbai, March 1

THE SECURITIES AND Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has started asking for details of senior managing officials (SMOs) of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) on a look-through basis for fresh registrations, a move that could hit such registrations in the country. The regulator is keen on knowing the SMOs of the parent entity of the investor and not just the FPI. Till now, the look-through principle was applied for the identification of beneficial ownership on the basis of ownership and control and not the SMO.

An SMO is an individual's designation by the FPI who holds a senior management position and makes key decisions related to the FPI.

Given the probable reluctance of investors worldwide to give the SMO information on a look-through basis, this move could have a dampening impact on registrations that have been gaining momentum in the past few months, said a person who deals with FPIs.

Several FPIs have intricate legal



**UPPING THE ANTE**

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**KEY FIGURES**  
No. of FPI registrations: **11,018**  
Equity assets of top 5 FPI regions investing in India: **₹31.7 trillion**  
Debt assets of top 5 FPI regions investing in India: **₹2.3 trillion**  
Net equity FPI flows in 2022: **₹58,789 cr**

Source: SEBI, figures based on latest data for 2022

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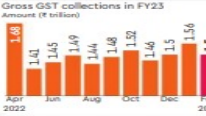
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**February GST mop-up at ₹1.49 trillion**

**SURABHI**  
New Delhi, March 1

THE GOODS AND SERVICES tax (GST) collection stood at ₹1.49 trillion in February, about 9% lower than the ₹1.56 trillion collected in the preceding month. However, the collections are in line with the average monthly collection of ₹1.3 trillion, indicating stabilisation in the indirect tax levy as well as normalisation of economic activities, and were aided partly by higher inflation.

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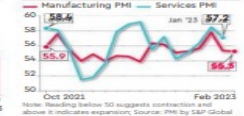


**Manufacturing PMI slips to 4-month low**

**FE BUREAU**  
New Delhi, March 1

THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR grew at the slowest pace in four months in February but remained relatively strong due to buoyant domestic demand. The seasonally adjusted ISM Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 51.3 in February from 55.4 in the previous month.

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Bil Gates in conversation with Anant Goenka, executive director, The Indian Express Group, after delivering the Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on Wednesday

**'25 weeks of Covid destroyed 25 yrs of progress in health'**  
India can be innovation hub to address global challenges: Gates

**ANONNA DUTTA**  
New Delhi, March 1  
THE FIRST 25 weeks of the Covid pandemic destroyed 25 years of progress in global health and three years later, most countries' health systems are still not completely back on track, said Bill Gates on Wednesday, adding that the pandemic "catalysed" a wave of health innovation in India.  
With its record of vaccine development and digital public infrastructure platform, India has the potential to develop into a hub of "innovation and ingenuity," he said, a "new era of global partnership" which can overcome the world's greatest challenges, Gates said, delivering the Fifth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture here.  
Underlining the power of innovation to bridge divides and the role of India in the "big, global innovation boom," Gates said, "When I was at Microsoft, we chose to put a development centre here in 1998, and we did that because we knew India was going to play a major role in the global innovation ecosystem — not just as a beneficiary of new technology, but as an innovator of them. In addition as a

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# Super-rich stay tight-fisted on charity

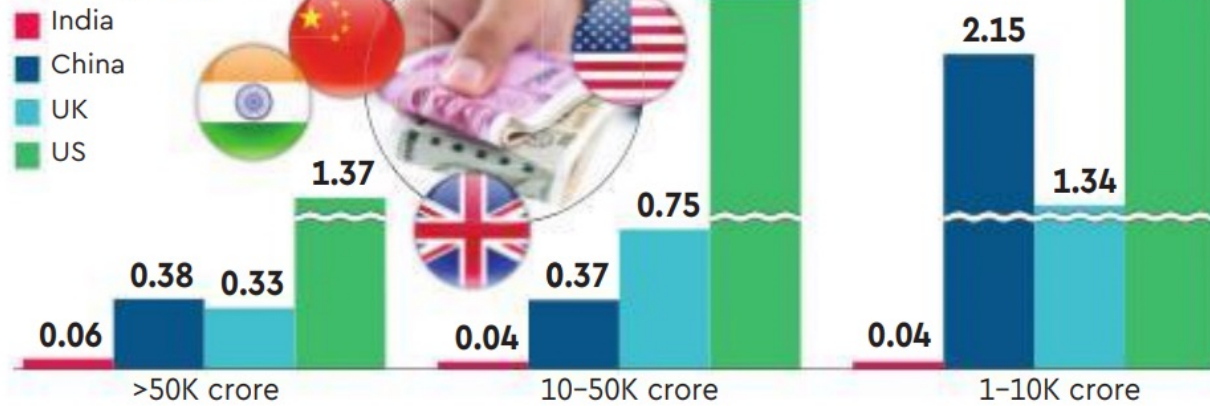
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## AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION BY WEALTH

(percentage of net worth donated, FY22)



Sources: Hurun donor databases; The Sunday Times Giving List 2022 (UK); The Philanthropy 50 List 2021 (US); Bain analysis

tributions by top donors has been moderate, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7% (excluding Azim Premji) from FY20-22, compared with their wealth surge of 24% and NIFTY50 growth of 25%.

Given the decline in total donations and the overall increase in wealth in the last year, UHNIs' giving as a percentage of net wealth declined, the report said.

Compared with the US, UK, and China, Indian UHNIs donate substantially less across all wealth levels. As highlighted in last year's India Philanthropy Report 2022, Indian UHNIs could boost their total contribution by 8-13 times if they matched their counterparts in China, the UK and the US.

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## होली से पहले आम आदमी को झटका रसोई गैस सिलेंडर 50 रुपए महंगा

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च।

होली के पहले आम आदमी को महंगेई के झंके पर कटाव झटका लगा है। रसोई गैस की कीमत में बुधवार को 50 रुपए प्रति सिलेंडर की बढ़ोतरी की गई, जबकि सिलेंडर इंधन (एलपीजी) की कीमत में चार पीएचए की बढ़ोतरी हुई।

रसोई गैस की कीमतों में करीब आठ फीसदी का बढ़ोतरी हुई है। एक चिल्लू गैस के तीन गैसों में विद्युत-संचालित बुधवार होने के बाद यह गई है, जिसकी कीमतें कहीं से कड़ी आंशिकता की हैं। सरकारों को कोविड-19 के दौरान इंधन कीमतों के लिए सिलेंडर की कीमतों में भी बढ़ोतरी की है। वित्तीयक इन्फ्लेशन का सिलेंडर आठ से 3,50.50 रुपए बढ़ाया जा रहा है। 1998 में अपनी रसोई गैस की कीमतों में बढ़ोतरी नहीं किया रूस।

पुरानी और, एंटीइन्फ्लेशन कमिटी ने सिलेंडर इंधन की कीमतें 4,606.50 रुपए प्रति सिलेंडर पर बढ़ाकर 1,07,750.27 रुपए प्रति सिलेंडर कर दी है। विमान बाकी पेज 8 पर



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## रामनाथ गोयनका व्याख्यानमाला वैश्विक चुनौतियों से निपटने में भारत नवाचार केंद्र बन सकता है : गेट्स

‘महामारी के 25 हफ्तों में स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र की 25 साल की प्रगति नष्ट हुई’

नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च (जनसत्ता)।



जनहित, प्रौद्योगिकी अनेक, निवेशक और बिल एंड मैरीटा गेट्स फाउंडेशन के सह-अध्यक्ष एवं टीडी प्रिंट गेट्स बुधवार को नई दिल्ली में रामनाथ गोयनका स्मृति व्याख्यान दे रहे हुए। फोटो : गैजट गेट्स

बिल गेट्स ने बुधवार को कहा कि कोविड महामारी के पहले 25 हफ्तों में वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र की 25 साल की प्रगति नष्ट हो गई और सैन्य खर्च, अतिरिक्त पैसा की आवश्यकताओं जैसी चीजें पूरी तरह से बदल दी गईं। उन्होंने कहा कि महामारी ने पहले में स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को एक साथ को 'उपेक्षा' किया है।

गेट्स ने कहा कि टीकाकरण और डिजिटल स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को बढ़ावा देने के अलावा वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को 'उपेक्षा' किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि कोविड महामारी ने वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को 'उपेक्षा' किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि कोविड महामारी ने वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को 'उपेक्षा' किया है।

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## बीबीसी आयर सर्वेक्षण पर जयशंकर की दो टूक भारत के प्रासंगिक कानूनों का पालन पूरी तरह जरूरी

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विश्व में भीतर जयशंकर ने बुधवार को एक सर्वेक्षण में बीबीसी के चार सर्वेक्षणों की सूची को उठाने पर अपने डिजिटल समाचार टीम के सदस्यों को कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।



जयशंकर और कलेक्टरों ने कई मुद्दों पर विचारों जताते हैं, जिसमें सर्वेक्षणों में भी-सर्वेक्षणों का विचार करने के तरीके भी शामिल हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, डिजिटल के विवेक को बढ़ावा देने के साथ-साथ, भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

## दिल्ली मंत्रिमंडल के लिए केजरीवाल ने भेजे आतिशो और सौरभ भारद्वाज के नाम

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सौरभ केजरीवाल और मनीष सिन्हा के इस्तीफा रिपोर्टों को देखते हुए : अधिकारी

दिल्ली के मंत्रिमंडल की अस्थिरता के बीच केजरीवाल ने मंत्रिमंडल में विरोध के लिए आम आदमी पार्टी (आप) को आमंत्रित करने की योजना बनाई है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

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## ‘सेंटर फार पालिसी रिसर्च’ का ‘एफसीआर’ लाइसेंस निलंबित

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च।

एफ सीआर के लाइसेंस के निलंबन पर प्रमुख विचारक 'सेंटर फार पालिसी रिसर्च' (एफसीआर) का लाइसेंस निलंबित करने का फैसला किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

## सुरक्षा पर मंत्रिमंडल की समिति का फैसला सत्तर प्रशिक्षण विमानों के सौदे को मंजूरी

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता वाली सुरक्षा पर मंत्रिमंडल की समिति ने बुधवार को सत्तर प्रशिक्षण विमानों के सौदे को मंजूरी दे दी। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।



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## अतीक के करीबी जफर अहमद का मकान गिराया

प्रधानगार, 1 मार्च (एनडीए)।

जफर अहमद के प्रधानगार जमानत के मुआयना के बाद अतीक के करीबी जफर अहमद का मकान गिराया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

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## संसदीय व्यवधान के विरुद्ध जनमत तैयार करें युवा : उपगृहप्रति

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च।

संसदीय व्यवधान पर 'पीएम' जयशंकर ने बुधवार को युवाओं को जनमत तैयार करने के लिए आह्वान किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

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## भाजपा की आय डेढ़ नौ फीसद से अधिक बढ़ी चंदे के मामले में तृणमूल से पिछड़ी कांग्रेस, भाजपा अब्वल

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली, 1 मार्च।

आठ राष्ट्रीय राजनीतिक दलों ने मार्च 2021-22 के दौरान कुल 3,289.34 करोड़ रुपए की आय की घोषणा की है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत में विदेशियों को पालन कानूनों का पूरी तरह पालन करना चाहिए।

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## गृहपति कांग्रेस पार्टी (राजस्थान), भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी (बांग्ला), भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी (महाराष्ट्र), अल इंडिया मजदूर किसान और किसान मजदूर पार्टी (राजस्थान) हैं।

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**Daily Current Affairs**

# **News Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority**

- The News Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority (NBDSA) has instructed some news channels to remove from their online platforms videos of certain programmes aired by them after it found them to be in violation of the Code of Ethics and Broadcasting Standards and Specific Guidelines.
- The NBDSA is an independent body set up by the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA), which serves as a representative of private television news, current affairs and digital broadcasters.

- समाचार प्रसारण और डिजिटल मानक प्राधिकरण (एनबीडीएसए) ने कुछ समाचार चैनलों को आचार संहिता और प्रसारण मानकों और विशिष्ट दिशानिर्देशों के उल्लंघन में पाए जाने के बाद उनके द्वारा प्रसारित कुछ कार्यक्रमों के वीडियो को अपने ऑनलाइन प्लेटफ़ॉर्म से हटाने का निर्देश दिया है।
- एनबीडीएसए न्यूज ब्रॉडकास्टर्स एंड डिजिटल एसोसिएशन (एनबीडीए) द्वारा स्थापित एक स्वतंत्र निकाय है, जो निजी टेलीविजन समाचार, करंट अफेयर्स और डिजिटल ब्रॉडकास्टर्स के प्रतिनिधि के रूप में कार्य करता है।

- It describes itself as the collective voice of the news, current affairs and digital broadcasters in India. It is funded entirely by its members.
- It aims to protect all its members from carrying out unfair and/or unethical practices or discredit television news broadcasters, digital news media and other related entities.

- यह खुद को भारत में समाचार, करंट अफेयर्स और डिजिटल प्रसारकों की सामूहिक आवाज के रूप में वर्णित करता है। यह पूरी तरह से इसके सदस्यों द्वारा वित्त पोषित है।
- इसका उद्देश्य अपने सभी सदस्यों को अनुचित और/या अनैतिक व्यवहार करने या टेलीविजन समाचार प्रसारकों, डिजिटल समाचार मीडिया और अन्य संबंधित संस्थाओं को बदनाम करने से बचाना है।

**Daily Current Affairs**

# Siang Unying Festival



- Recently, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush attended the Siang Unying Festival - which is an important festival of the Adi community at Boleng, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The festival of Unying is celebrated to honour the season of cultivation, the beginning of the Adi community's new year, the arrival of spring seasons as well as to strengthen the bond among the community.



- हाल ही में, केंद्रीय बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग और आयुष मंत्री ने सियांग उनिंग महोत्सव में भाग लिया - जो अरुणाचल प्रदेश के बोलेंग में आदि समुदाय का एक महत्वपूर्ण त्योहार है।
- यूनिइंग का त्योहार खेती के मौसम, आदि समुदाय के नए साल की शुरुआत, वसंत ऋतु के आगमन के साथ-साथ समुदाय के बीच बंधन को मजबूत करने के लिए मनाया जाता है।



- The Adi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh is believed to have come from southern China in the 16th century.
- They are the Tibeto-Burman language-speaking population. They reside in the far north inhabiting East Siang and Lower Dibang Valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Adis are experts at making cane and bamboo items.

- माना जाता है कि अरुणाचल प्रदेश की आदि जनजाति 16वीं शताब्दी में दक्षिणी चीन से आई थी।
- वे तिब्बती-बर्मी भाषा बोलने वाली आबादी हैं। वे सुदूर उत्तर में अरुणाचल प्रदेश के पूर्वी सियांग और निचली दिबांग घाटी जिलों में रहते हैं।
- आदि लोग बेंत और बाँस की वस्तुएँ बनाने में विशेषज्ञ होते हैं।

- Solung (harvesting festival where animal sacrifices and rituals are performed) and Aran (a hunting festival where all the male members of the family go for hunting) are also among the major festivals of the Adi tribes.

- सोलंग (कटाई का त्योहार जहां जानवरों की बलि और अनुष्ठान किए जाते हैं) और अरन (एक शिकार त्योहार जहां परिवार के सभी पुरुष सदस्य शिकार के लिए जाते हैं) भी आदि जनजातियों के प्रमुख त्योहारों में से हैं।

**Daily Current Affairs**

# Ayushman Bharat Health Account

- Over 25 crore health records of individuals have been linked to their ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account). These records can be easily accessed and managed by the individuals using any of the ABDM-enabled health apps.
- व्यक्तियों के 25 करोड़ से अधिक स्वास्थ्य रिकॉर्ड को उनके ABHA (आयुष्मान भारत स्वास्थ्य खाता) से जोड़ा गया है। इन रिकॉर्ड्स को किसी भी ABDM-सक्षम स्वास्थ्य ऐप का उपयोग करने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा आसानी से एक्सेस और प्रबंधित किया जा सकता है।

# About Ayushman Bharat Health Account:

- The ABHA app will be instrumental in helping citizens to create their longitudinal health records.
- The patients can access their health records with the help of their ABHA address in seconds which will empower them in many ways.
- It will enable them to save their health history on a single platform and access or share their health records anytime and anywhere without a worry of losing them.
- ABHA ऐप नागरिकों को उनके अनुदैर्घ्य स्वास्थ्य रिकॉर्ड बनाने में मदद करने में सहायक होगा।
- मरीज सेकंड में अपने ABHA पते की मदद से अपने स्वास्थ्य रिकॉर्ड तक पहुंच सकते हैं जो उन्हें कई तरह से सशक्त करेगा।
- यह उन्हें अपने स्वास्थ्य इतिहास को एक मंच पर सहेजने और उन्हें खोने की चिंता के बिना कभी भी और कहीं भी अपने स्वास्थ्य रिकॉर्ड तक पहुंचने या साझा करने में सक्षम करेगा।

- This digitization of data exchange will ensure better clinical decision making and continuum of care.

- डेटा एक्सचेंज का यह डिजिटलीकरण बेहतर नैदानिक निर्णय लेने और देखभाल की निरंतरता सुनिश्चित करेगा।



The graphic features a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the right side. On the left, there is a blue background with white and yellow text and icons. At the top left, the 75th anniversary logo of India is visible with the motto 'Satyameva Jayate'. Below it, the text 'Now Health is just a click away' is written in white. The main title 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission' is in large, bold white letters. Below the title, the heading 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Sandbox' is followed by three bullet points, each with a circular icon: a microscope for technology testing, a stethoscope for becoming a Health Information Provider/User, and interlocking gears for linking with building blocks.

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## Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

### Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Sandbox

-  Will act as a framework for technology & product testing
-  Help organisations intending to be a part of National Digital Health Ecosystem become a Health Information Provider/User
-  Will help organisations efficiently link with building blocks of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission



# Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

- Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is the flagship scheme of the Union government as a part of the Indian government's National Health Policy.
- AB-PMJAY provides a health cover of up to Rs. 5 lakh a family a year, for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization, to India's bottom 40% poor and vulnerable population.
- The programme was launched in September, 2018.
- आयुष्मान भारत प्रधानमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना (AB PM-JAY) भारत सरकार की राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य नीति के एक भाग के रूप में केंद्र सरकार की प्रमुख योजना है।
- AB-PMJAY रुपये तक का स्वास्थ्य कवर प्रदान करता है। भारत की सबसे निचली 40% गरीब और कमजोर आबादी के लिए द्वितीयक और तृतीयक देखभाल अस्पताल में भर्ती के लिए प्रति वर्ष 5 लाख रुपये।
- कार्यक्रम सितंबर, 2018 में शुरू किया गया था।

**Daily Current Affairs**

**G20: B20 Event**

- Aizawl will host the second of the four B20 India events scheduled in the northeast.
- B20 is the official G20 Dialogue forum for the global business community.
- It mobilises the views of global business leaders on global economic and trade governance. During the B20 Summit, the B20 sends its final recommendations to the G20 Presidency.
- The event will highlight the opportunities for multilateral business partnerships that the state can offer to delegates in urban planning, bamboo, infrastructure, startups, skill development, nursing, and paramedics.

- आइजोल पूर्वोत्तर में होने वाले चार बी20 इंडिया कार्यक्रमों में से दूसरे की मेजबानी करेगा।
- B20 वैश्विक व्यापार समुदाय के लिए आधिकारिक G20 संवाद मंच है।
- यह वैश्विक आर्थिक और व्यापार प्रशासन पर वैश्विक व्यापार जगत के नेताओं के विचारों को जुटाता है। B20 शिखर सम्मेलन के दौरान, B20 अपनी अंतिम सिफारिशें G20 प्रेसीडेंसी को भेजता है।
- यह आयोजन बहुपक्षीय व्यापार साझेदारी के अवसरों को उजागर करेगा जो राज्य शहरी नियोजन, बांस, बुनियादी ढांचे, स्टार्टअप, कौशल विकास, नर्सिंग और पैरामेडिक्स में प्रतिनिधियों को दे सकता है।

**Daily Current Affairs**

**National Youth  
Parliament Festival  
(NYPF)**

- Shri Om Birla, Speaker Lok Sabha to address the valedictory function of the 4th National Youth Parliament Festival on March 2, 2023.
- श्री ओम बिरला, लोकसभा अध्यक्ष 2 मार्च, 2023 को चौथे राष्ट्रीय युवा संसद महोत्सव के समापन समारोह को संबोधित करेंगे।



# About NYPF

- The objective of the National Youth Parliament Festival is to hear the voice of the youth who will join various careers in the near future, including public services.
- The first edition of NYPF was held in 2019 with the theme, “Be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to policy”.
- राष्ट्रीय युवा संसद महोत्सव का उद्देश्य उन युवाओं की आवाज सुनना है जो निकट भविष्य में सार्वजनिक सेवाओं सहित विभिन्न करियर में शामिल होंगे।
- NYPF का पहला संस्करण 2019 में थीम के साथ आयोजित किया गया था, "नए भारत की आवाज़ बनें और समाधान खोजें और नीति में योगदान करें"।

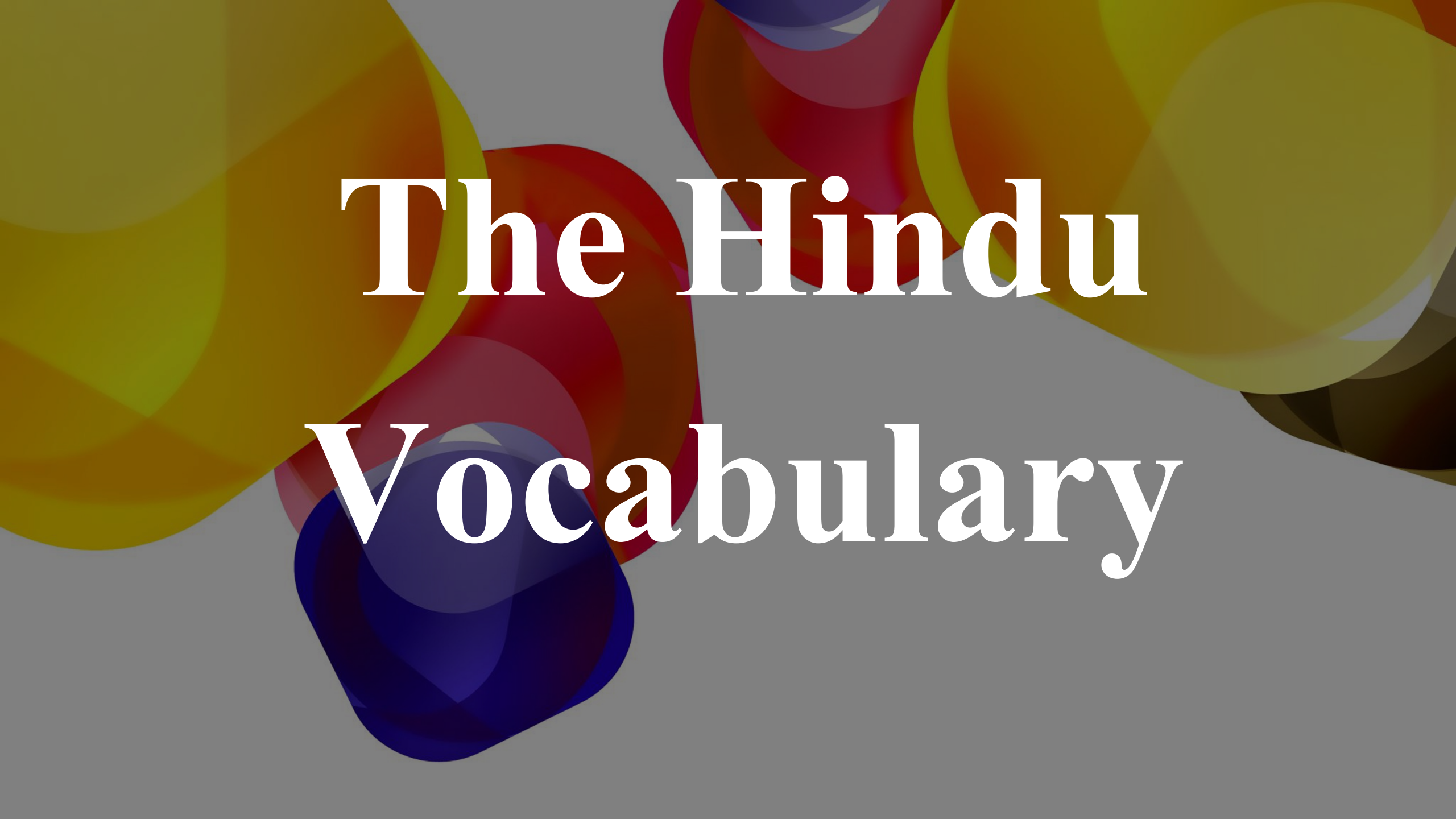
- The second edition was held in 2021 and the third edition in 2022.
- The fourth edition was launched with the theme, “Ideas for a better tomorrow: India for the World”.
- District Youth Parliaments (DYP) were conducted from 25-29 January 2023.
- More than 2.01 lakh youth from 748 districts of all the states and UTs participated at 150 venues across the country.

- दूसरा संस्करण 2021 में और तीसरा संस्करण 2022 में आयोजित किया गया था।
- चौथा संस्करण "एक बेहतर कल के लिए विचार: विश्व के लिए भारत" विषय के साथ लॉन्च किया गया था।
- जिला युवा संसद (DYP) 25-29 जनवरी 2023 तक आयोजित की गई।
- देश भर के 150 स्थानों पर सभी राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों के 748 जिलों के 2.01 लाख से अधिक युवाओं ने भाग लिया।



- The first and second position holders of DYP participated in the State Youth Parliament (SYP) Festival.
- The first three winners will get the opportunity to speak before the speaker of the Lok Sabha on March 2, 2023.

- डीवाईपी के प्रथम और द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त करने वालों ने राज्य युवा संसद (एसवाईपी) महोत्सव में भाग लिया।
- पहले तीन विजेताओं को 2 मार्च, 2023 को लोकसभा अध्यक्ष के समक्ष बोलने का अवसर मिलेगा।



# The Hindu Vocabulary

**Flimsy (Adjective) :** कमजोर:

comparatively light and insubstantial;  
easily damaged

**Synonyms:** fragile, insubstantial, gauzy,  
feeble

**Antonyms:** sturdy, substantial, durable

**Example Sentence:** The storm flattened  
the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers  
lived in.



**Scrawled (Verb)** : write (something) in a hurried, careless way

**Synonyms:** scribble, write hurriedly, write untidily

**Example Sentence:** Someone had scrawled all over my notes.



**Mushy (Adjective):** excessively sentimental; soft and pulpy

**Synonyms:** sentimental, mawkish, emotional, soft, squashy

**Antonyms:** unsentimental, hard-edged

**Example Sentence:** 1. I hate those mushy love stories.



**Propitiate (Verb)** : शांत करना: to lessen the anger or agitation of

**Synonyms**: appease, placate, conciliate

**Antonyms**: anger, antagonize, infuriate

**Example Sentence**: After Bill forgot his wife's birthday, he tried to propitiate the situation by purchasing her the pearl necklace she always wanted.



**Dunce (Noun)** : मूर्ख : a person who is slow at learning; a stupid person.

**Synonyms**: fool, idiot, simpleton

**Antonyms**: brainy, genius, intellectual

**Example Sentence**: Because it takes me a long time to solve problems, I am a dunce at mathematics.



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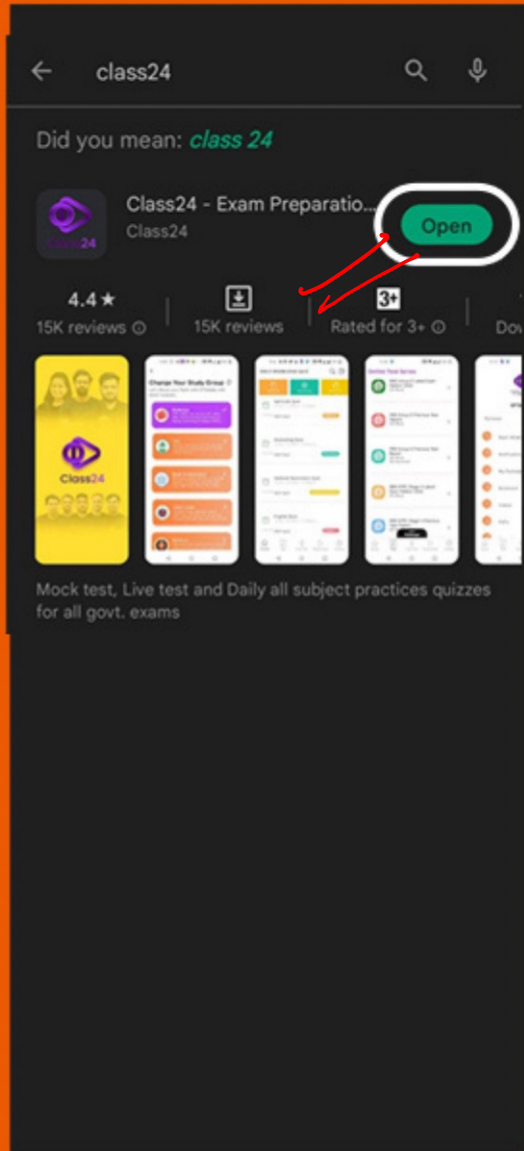
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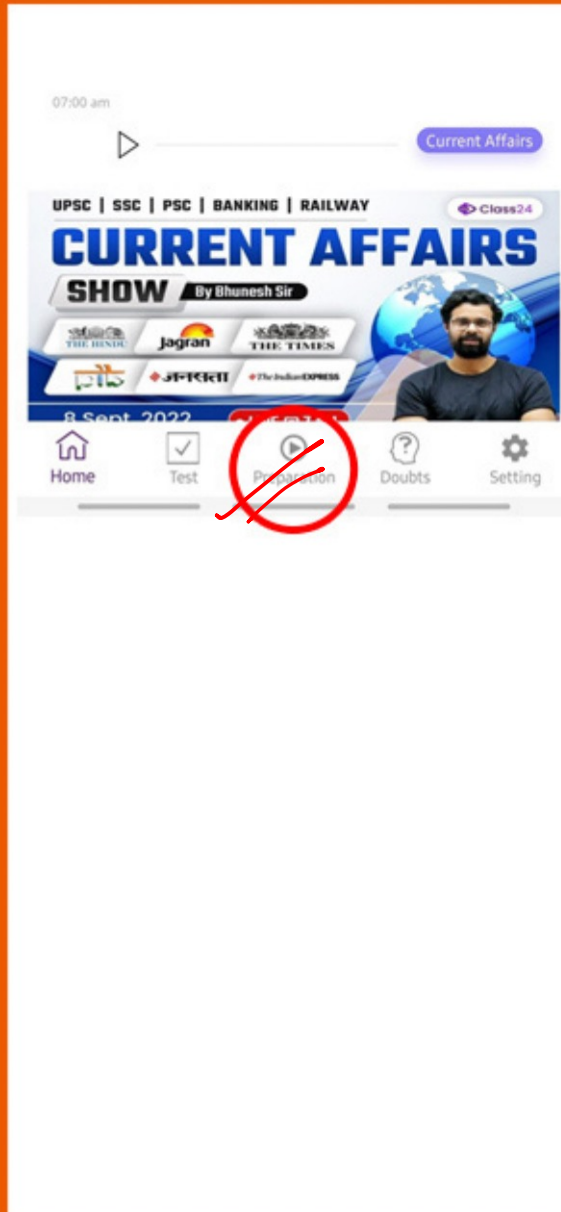
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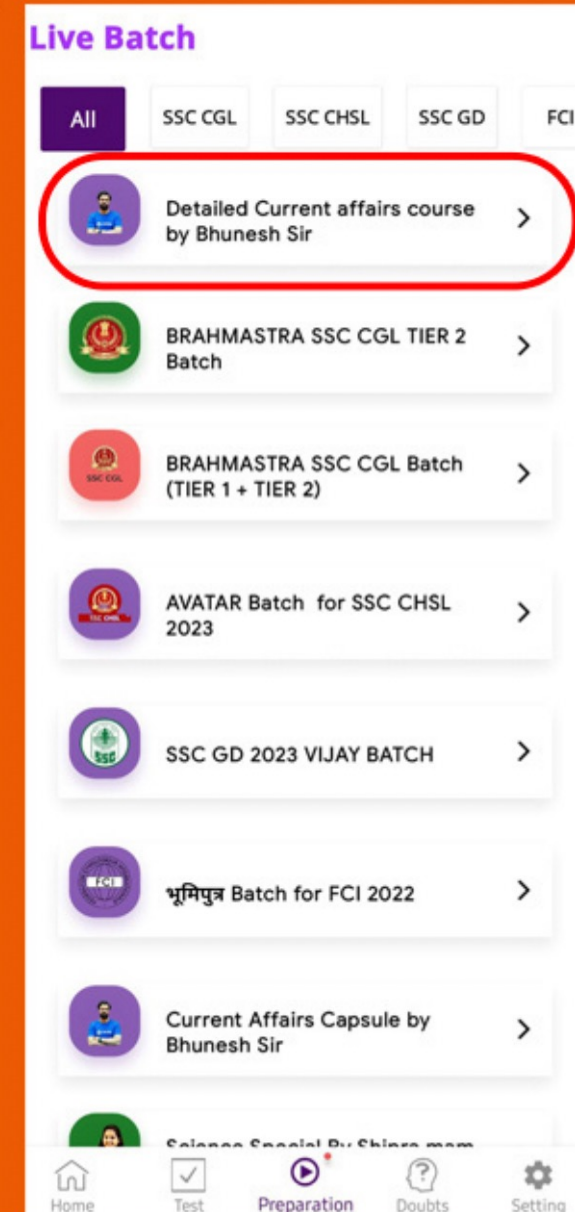
# STEP-1



# STEP-2



# STEP-3



# STEP-4





## 1. Consider the following statements

1. India's Gross Domestic Product data is released by National Statistical Office (NSO)
2. NSO works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

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

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 1. निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए

1. भारत का सकल घरेलू उत्पाद डेटा राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (NSO) द्वारा जारी किया जाता है।
2. NSO सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के तहत काम करता है

**ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सही है/हैं?**

- ए) केवल 1
- बी) केवल 2
- सी) 1 और 2 दोनों
- डी) न तो 1 और न ही 2

## Answer – C

- **Statement 1 is correct:** India's GDP growth slowed to 4.4% in the October-December 2022 quarter, from 6.3% in the second quarter (Q2) of 2022-23 as per the National Statistical Office (NSO), which retained its full-year growth estimate for the economy at 7%, despite revising the preceding fiscal's GDP growth figure 40 basis points higher to 9.1%
- **Statement 2 is correct:** National Statistical Office (NSO) is attached office of The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation which was formed in May 2019, when government has decided to merge the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

**2. Which of the following methods are used to calculate Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**

1. Expenditure Method
2. Production (Value added method) method
3. Income method

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.**

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

**2. सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) की गणना करने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किस विधि का उपयोग किया जाता है**

1. व्यय विधि
2. उत्पादन (मूल्य वर्धित विधि) विधि
3. आय विधि

**नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए।**

- क) केवल 2 और 3
- बी) केवल 1 और 2
- ग) केवल 1 और 3
- डी) 1, 2 और 3

## Answer – D

- Gross domestic product (GDP) is the total monetary or market value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period
- **Method for calculating GDP:**
  1. Expenditure Method
  2. Production (Value added method) method
  3. Income method

**3. With reference to 'Raisina Dialogue', consider the following statements**

1. It is India's premier conference on geoeconomics committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community
2. It is organized by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs

**Select the correct statement(s)**

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**3. 'रायसीना डायलॉग' के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए**

1. यह भू-अर्थशास्त्र पर भारत का प्रमुख सम्मेलन है जो वैश्विक समुदाय के सामने सबसे चुनौतीपूर्ण मुद्दों को संबोधित करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है
2. इसका आयोजन इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर डिफेंस स्टडीज एंड एनालिसिस (IDSA) द्वारा विदेश मंत्रालय की साझेदारी में किया जाता है

**सही कथन का चयन करें**

- ए) केवल 1
- बी) केवल 2
- सी) 1 और 2 दोनों
- डी) न तो 1 और न ही 2

## **Answer – A**

- Raisina Dialogue is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, committed to addressing the most challenging issues facing the global community.
- It is held annually since 2016 in New Delhi.
- It is organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.



- The Dialogue is structured as a multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral discussion involving heads of state, cabinet ministers, and local government officials, who are joined by thought leaders from the private sector, media, and academia.

**4. Consider the following statements with respect to 'National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)'**

1. It is a statutory body functioning under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
2. The Commission while inquiring into any matter under its ambit has the same powers as are vested in a civil court
3. The NCSK has been assigned the work to monitor the implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013

**Choose the correct answer using the code given below**

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

**4. 'राष्ट्रीय सफाई कर्मचारी आयोग (NCSK)' के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें**

1. यह सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय के तहत कार्यरत एक वैधानिक निकाय है
2. अपने दायरे में आने वाले किसी भी मामले की जांच करते समय आयोग के पास वही शक्तियाँ होती हैं जो एक दीवानी अदालत में निहित होती हैं
3. एनसीएसके को हाथ से मैला ढोने वालों के रोजगार निषेध और उनके पुनर्वास अधिनियम, 2013 के कार्यान्वयन की निगरानी का कार्य सौंपा गया है।

**नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए**

- a) केवल 1 और 3
- बी) केवल 2 और 3
- ग) केवल 1 और 2
- घ) केवल 3

## Answer – D

- With the lapsing of the “The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993”, the Commission is acting as a Non-Statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Commission’s tenure is extended from time to time through Government Resolutions.
- The mandate of the Commission lays down that it has the power to Investigate specific grievances and take suo-motu notice of matters relating to non-implementation of: – programmes or schemes in respect of any group of Safai Karamcharis decisions, and take up such matters with the concerned authorities or with the Central or State Governments. But it does not have the power as are vested in civil courts

- With the enactment of “The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013”, the mandate and scope of the Commission has also been enlarged.
- The Commission shall perform the following functions, namely:- To monitor the implementation of the Act, to enquire into complaints regarding contravention of the provisions of the Act, and to convey its findings to the concerned authorities with recommendations requiring further action.

5. 'Siang Unying Festival' seen in news is celebrated in

- a) Sikkim
- b) Mizoram
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Manipur

5. खबरों में रहा 'सियांग उनिंग फेस्टिवल' मनाया जाता है

- ए) सिक्किम
- बी) मिजोरम
- सी) अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- डी) मणिपुर

## Answer – C

- The festival of Unying is celebrated to herald the season of cultivation, beginning of the Adi community's new year, arrival of spring seasons as well as a great way to strengthen the bond among the community.
- The Adi constitute a major group and inhabit the lower part of the Lower Dibang Valley district, especially the Roing and Dambuk areas of Arunachal Pradesh.
- They are experts in making cane and bamboo items.

Thank you 😊

