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10 MCQ QUIZ

Top 10 MCQ from
today's session

- Amiya Kumar Bagchi was a renowned economist, historian, and public intellectual. He helped establish which institute in Kolkata?

अमिया कुमार बागची एक प्रसिद्ध अर्थशास्त्री, इतिहासकार और सार्वजनिक बुद्धिजीवी थे।
उन्होंने कोलकाता में किस संस्थान की स्थापना में मदद की?

- **A. Institute of Economic Growth / आर्थिक विकास संस्थान**
- **B. Institute of Development Studies / विकास अध्ययन संस्थान**
- **C. Centre for Policy Research / नीति अनुसंधान केंद्र**
- **D. Indian Statistical Institute / भारतीय सांख्यिकी संस्थान**

- The Indian Army has installed optical fibre connectivity at which two locations in Ladakh?
भारतीय सेना ने लद्दाख में किस दो स्थानों पर ऑप्टिकल फाइबर कनेक्टिविटी स्थापित की है?
- **A. Pangong Tso and Leh / पांगोंग त्सो और लेह**
- **B. Siachen and Daulet Beg Oldie / सियाचिन और दौलत बेग ओल्डी**
- **C. Nubra Valley and Kargil / नुब्रा घाटी और कारगिल**
- **D. Turtuk and Drass / तुरतुक और द्रास**

- The High Seas Treaty, developed under UNCLOS, focuses on which aspect?

UNCLOS के तहत विकसित हाई सीज़ संधि किस पहलू पर केंद्रित है?

- **A. Mineral resource exploration / खनिज संसाधन अन्वेषण**
- **B. Marine biological diversity conservation / समुद्री जैव विविधता संरक्षण**
- **C. Straddling fish stock management / प्रवासी मछली भंडार प्रबंधन**
- **D. Climate change adaptation / जलवायु परिवर्तन अनुकूलन**

The Global Plastic Treaty negotiations in Busan highlighted India's stand on plastic alternatives. What was India's primary concern?

बुसान में ग्लोबल प्लास्टिक संधि वार्ता में भारत का प्लास्टिक विकल्पों पर क्या मुख्य चिंता थी?

- A. High cost of alternatives / विकल्पों की उच्च लागत
- B. National priorities and capabilities / राष्ट्रीय प्राथमिकताएँ और क्षमताएँ
- C. Lack of global cooperation / वैश्विक सहयोग की कमी
- D. Technological challenges / तकनीकी चुनौतियाँ

According to NFHS-5, what percentage of child marriages are reported in India annually?

NFHS-5 के अनुसार, भारत में हर साल बाल विवाह की कितनी प्रतिशत घटनाएँ रिपोर्ट की जाती हैं?

- A. 10%
- B. 15%
- C. 20%
- D. 25%

The Siachen Glacier is situated to the north of which valley?

सियाचिन ग्लेशियर किस घाटी के उत्तर में स्थित है?

- A. Nubra Valley / नुब्रा घाटी
- B. Aksai Chin / अक्साई चिन
- C. Gilgit / गिलगित
- D. Leh Valley / लेह घाटी

India opposed being forced to adopt specific plastic alternatives.

What percentage of plastic waste is recycled globally?

भारत ने विशेष प्लास्टिक विकल्प अपनाने के लिए मजबूर होने का विरोध किया। वैश्विक स्तर पर कितने प्रतिशत प्लास्टिक कचरे को पुनर्नवीनीकरण किया जाता है?

A. 10%

B. 15%

C. 20%

D. 25%

Under the Bharat 6G Vision, India aims to achieve leadership in future telecom technologies.

When was 5G launched in India?

भारत 6G विजन के तहत, भविष्य की दूरसंचार तकनीकों में नेतृत्व हासिल करने का लक्ष्य रखता है।

भारत में 5G कब लॉन्च किया गया था?



A. 2021

B. 2022

C. 2023

D. 2024

- Which river originates from the Siachen Glacier and flows into the Indus River system?
कौन सी नदी सियाचिन ग्लेशियर से निकलती है और सिंधु नदी प्रणाली में मिलती है?
- **A. Nubra River / नुब्रा नदी**
- **B. Shyok River / श्योक नदी**
- **C. Jhelum River / झेलम नदी**
- **D. Chenab River / चिनाब नदी**



- **Siachen Glacier is situated to the (2020)**

- (a) East of Aksai Chin

- (b) East of Leh

- (c) North of Gilgit

- (d) North of Nubra Valley



Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.

— *C. S. Lewis* —

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'Indian govt. not part of U.S. probe into Adani Group'

NEWS DELHI

India was not informed by the U.S. about its probe into the Adani group, the MOA has said. "This is a legal matter involving private firms and the U.S. Department of Justice. We are not part of it," said a MOA &

'There's clamour for President's Rule in Manipur'

NEWS DELHI

Former Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court Justice B.R. Prasad said the "clamour for President's Rule seems to be gaining momentum in Imphal," which saw protests after six women and children were abducted and killed. ■ PAGE 8

Electoral process compromised, says Congress

NEWS DELHI

The Congress Working Committee on Friday said the integrity of the entire electoral process was "being severely compromised", and announced a "national" movement to raise public concerns on the issue. ■ PAGE 8

Starmer blames Conservatives for record migration

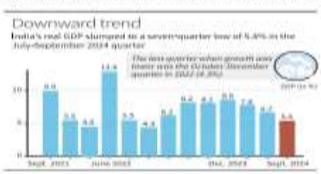
LONDON

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday accused the previous Conservative governments of conducting an experiment with open borders and allowing record high migration. ■ PAGE 12

GDP growth hits 5.4% in Q2, lowest in 7 quarters

Figure much lower than independent projections, reveals challenges India's economy faces in achieving RBI's full-year growth forecast of 7.2%; strong rebound needed in the second half to achieve target; all segments except Agriculture and Services sectors report slump; one-off number, says Chief Economic Adviser Nagawarman on the figures

New Delhi India's real GDP growth in the second quarter of 2024-25 hit 5.4%, the lowest in seven quarters since the start of the financial year, as the economy's performance fell well below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target of 7.2% for the full year. The RBI's real GDP growth in the second quarter of 2024-25 hit 5.4%, the lowest in seven quarters since the start of the financial year, as the economy's performance fell well below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target of 7.2% for the full year. The RBI's real GDP growth in the second quarter of 2024-25 hit 5.4%, the lowest in seven quarters since the start of the financial year, as the economy's performance fell well below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target of 7.2% for the full year.



Core sectors' output up 3.1% in October
New Delhi Output in India's eight core sectors grew 3.1% in October, the fastest in 18 months, but it is too soon to say that even 6.5% number is in danger," Nagawarman said.

Manufacturing growth hit a bump to drop to a mere 2.2% from 4.3% in Q2 of last year, while construction CVA rose 7.2%, about half the 13.6% uptick a year earlier. Electricity, Gas, Water supply and Other Utility Services' CVA rose 3.3%, compared with 10.3% in July-September of 2023. Public Administration, Defence and Other Services led the acceleration among services, with CVA rising 9.2% from 7.7% last year. The NSO highlighted a rebound in consumption spending, pointing to a 6% growth in Private Final Consumption expenditure (PFCE) over this year over the growth rate of 2.6% a year ago. However, this marks a slowdown from the first quarter of this year, when PFCE had risen 7.4%, the fastest in six quarters. Growth in Gross Fixed capital formation, an indicator of capital investments in the economy, slipped to 6.4% from 7.3% in Q1, reflecting the slowest pace in at least six quarters, spiked sectorally, the first half of this year (H1) has seen a growth acceleration in just one segment - Public Administration, Defence & Other Services whose CVA has risen 9.3% from 8% in H1 of 2023-24. The NSO said that Agriculture and Allied sector has bounced back by registering a growth rate of 3.3% after sub-optimal growth rates ranging from 0.4% to 2.0%, observed during previous four quarters. ■ PAGE 8

Lull before the storm



Safe haven: Fishing boats anchored at the Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour on Friday, following RBP's alert about isolated extremely heavy rainfall due to Cyclone Fergat that will cross the coast close to Puducherry by Saturday afternoon. ■ MAIL REPORT ■ PAGE 2

Maharashtra's new CM likely to be sworn in on Dec. 5

Yashwantrao Chavan Patil
MUMBAI
A day after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president L.K. Advani in New Delhi, where the three Maharashtra leaders were told that the state will get a BJP Chief Minister, caretaker CM and Shiv Sena chief Yashwantrao Chavan Patil left for his native village in Setar on Friday. Six days into the declaration of the Assembly election, the BJP has not yet called a meeting of its Maharashtra state leadership party leader. ■ PAGE 12

SC orders officials to be 'totally neutral' in Sambhal masjid row

Krishnanand Rajwade
NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Friday gave a stern instruction to the Sambhal district administration to be "totally, absolutely neutral" and maintain peace after a civil court-ordered survey of a mosque built over a destroyed temple in the 17th century, led to violence, loss of lives and arrests amidst communal tension. A Bench of Chief Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice Sanjay Kumar ordered the civil court to freeze the proceedings before it, the Supreme Court directed the mosque survey report prepared by the civil court's Advocate Commission to be kept in a sealed cover. ■ PAGE 12

Global Plastics Treaty draft overlooks key issue of limiting production, says group of countries

Incub: Body
PRAGUE
Following five days of deliberation, countries have thrashed out a preliminary draft of the Global Plastics Treaty at the United Nations-led Global Plastics Treaty negotiations in Busan, South Korea. However, a group of about 67 countries, including the European Union (EU) and a coalition of Pacific Island countries called the High Ambition Coalition, has said that the treaty does not go far enough to address the core purpose, which is to limit production and trade, and address the harm posed by many of the constituent chemicals used in manufacturing plastic. The major points of disagreement are proposals by the EU to have a global treaty to reduce the production of primary plastic polymers, steps to implement strategies and programmes to identify the risks and protect against adverse health impacts associated with plastic pollution. ■ PAGE 12

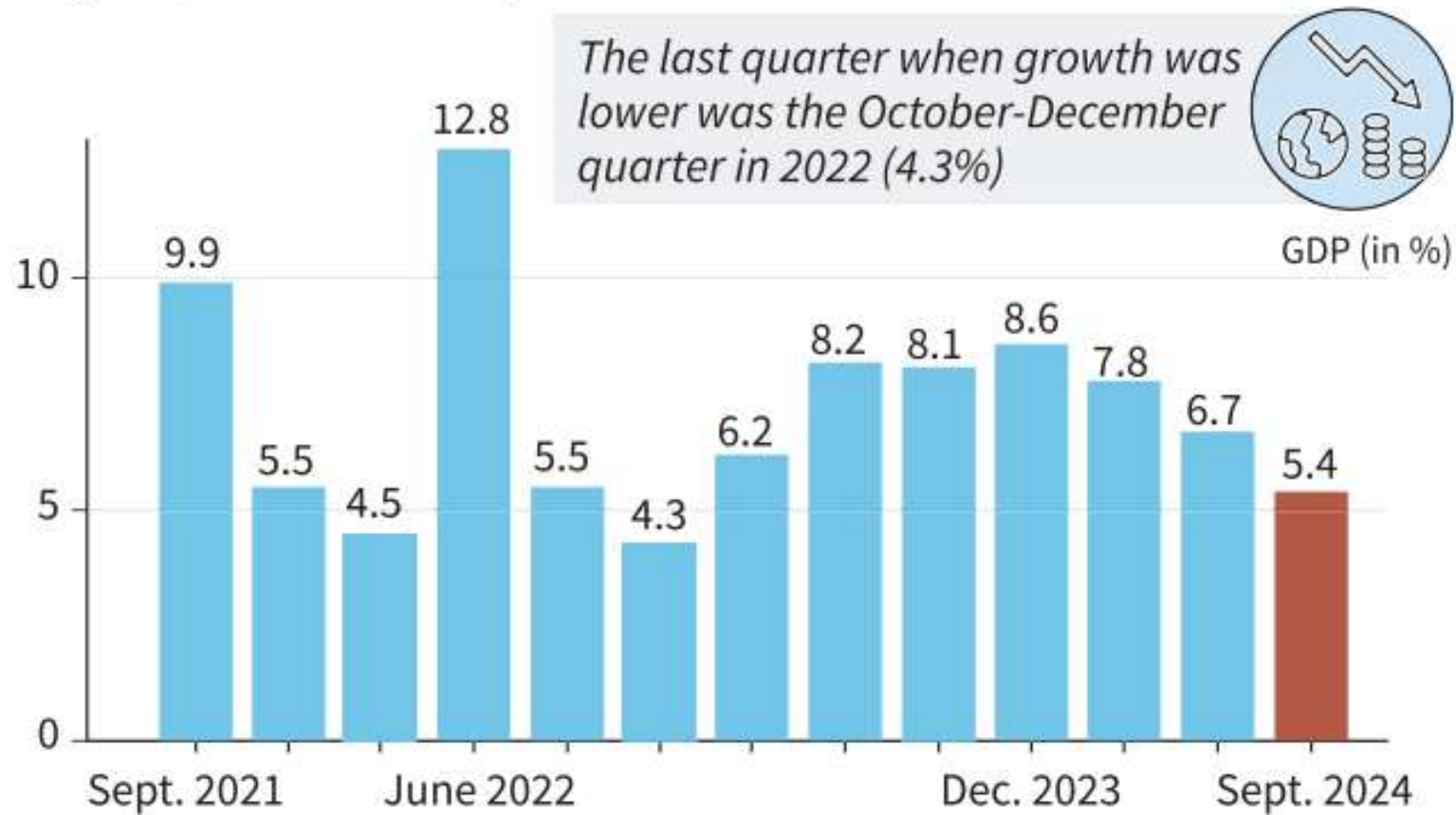
WORLD PLASTICS TREATY HAS THE WORLD'S POLARIS, NOT COMPROMISE

Falling short: Activists seek a strong global plastics treaty outside the venue of the talks in Busan, South Korea, on Friday. ■ PAGE 12

The overwhelming scientific evidence linking the harm plastics cause to health - it has been found in the placenta to 50% of sea food - means that countries can't turn a blind eye to it, said Siobhán Michael, Permanent Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, E.U. "Only about 9% of the harmful chemicals are regulated. So, we need firm text on health," he told The Hindu. The current text of the treaty proposes a framework that will significantly influence humanity's future relationship with plastic, every country and this portion is not contented - shall develop national action plans that will have to be updated at regular intervals. ■ PAGE 12

Downward trend

India's real GDP slumped to a seven-quarter low of 5.4% in the July-September 2024 quarter



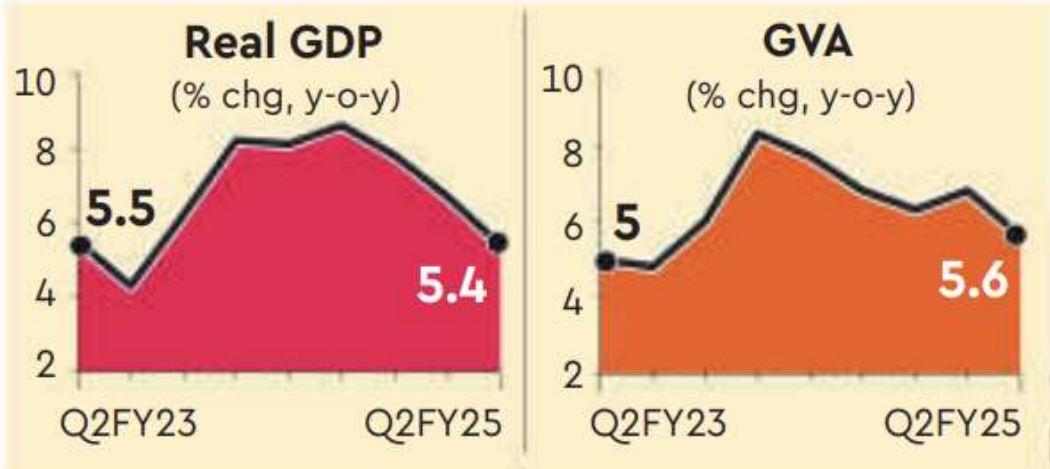
- **GDP Growth Performance**

- India's real GDP growth fell to 5.4% in Q2 (July-September 2024), the lowest in seven quarters, compared to 6.7% in Q1.
- Gross Value Added (GVA) growth also declined to 5.8% from 6.8% in the previous quarter.
- भारत की वास्तविक जीडीपी वृद्धि 2024 की दूसरी तिमाही (जुलाई-सितंबर) में 5.4% तक गिर गई, जो सात तिमाहियों में सबसे कम है, जबकि पहली तिमाही में यह 6.7% थी।
- सकल मूल्य वर्धन (जीवीए) वृद्धि भी पिछले तिमाही के 6.8% से घटकर 5.8% हो गई।

- **Sectoral Performance**

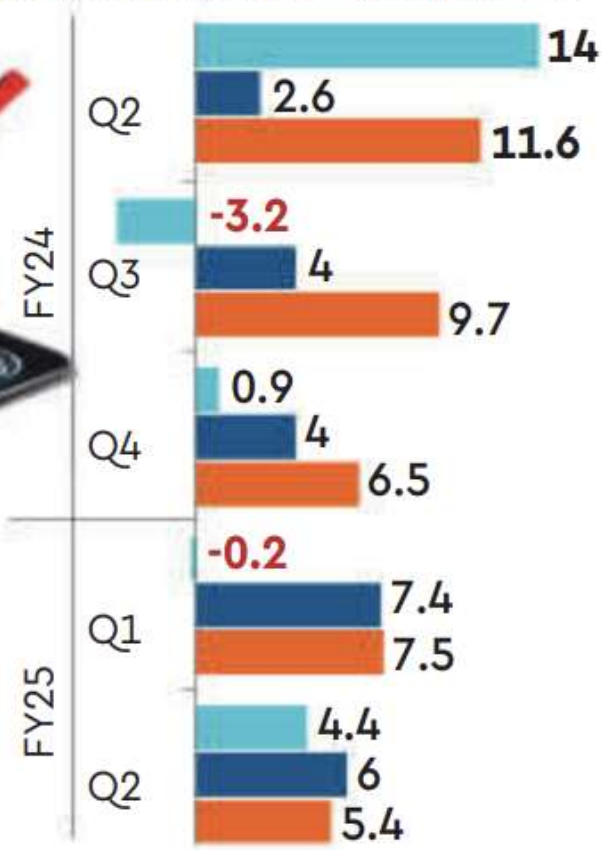
- All sectors except agriculture and services reported a slowdown.
- Manufacturing growth plummeted to 2.2% from 14.3% last year, while construction growth was 7.7%, down from 13.6%.
- कृषि और सेवा क्षेत्रों को छोड़कर सभी क्षेत्रों में गिरावट दर्ज की गई।
- विनिर्माण वृद्धि 14.3% से घटकर 2.2% हो गई, जबकि निर्माण क्षेत्र की वृद्धि 13.6% से घटकर 7.7% रही।

DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE

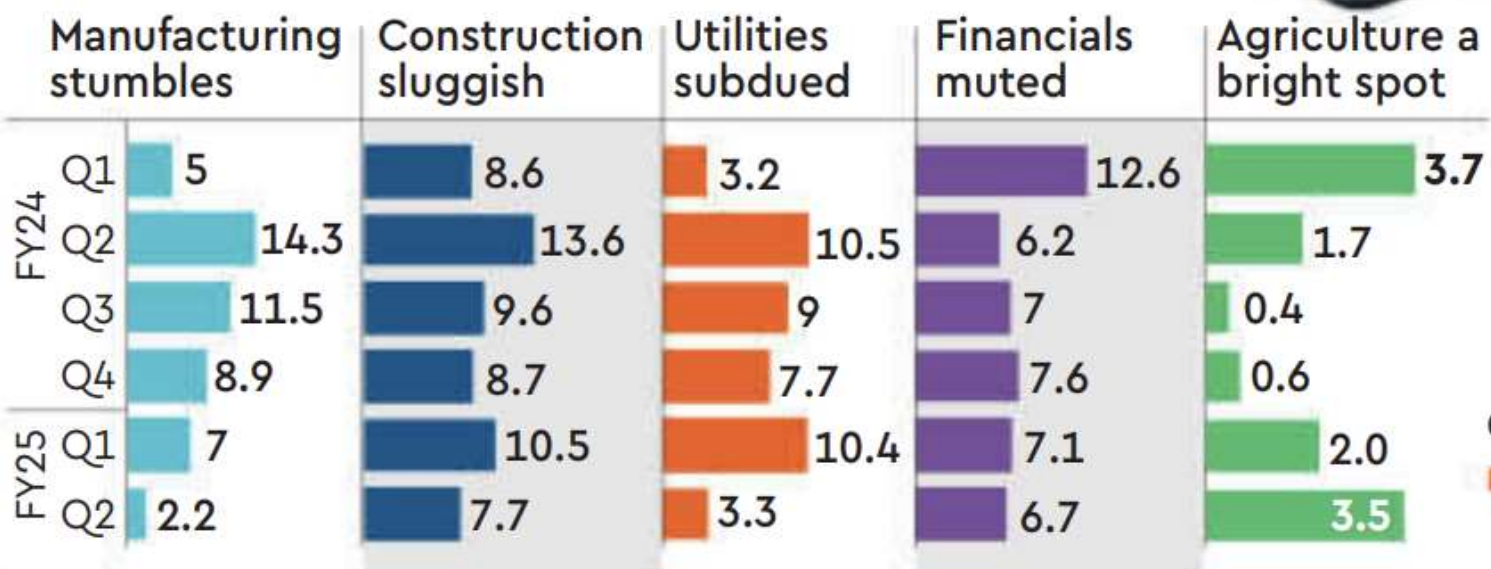


Weak trends in consumption, investment

All at constant prices (% chg, y-o-y)



(GVA, % chg, y-o-y)



Consumption exp Govt Private
Gross fixed capital formation

Source: MoSPI

- **Challenges and Projections**

- RBI's full-year growth estimate of 7.2% may require strong recovery in the second half of 2024-25.

- Chief Economic Adviser Nageswaran termed the slowdown a "one-off number," attributing it to weaker urban demand and other factors.

- आरबीआई के पूरे वर्ष के 7.2% की वृद्धि अनुमान को 2024-25 की दूसरी छमाही में मजबूत सुधार की आवश्यकता हो सकती है।

- मुख्य आर्थिक सलाहकार नागेश्वरन ने इस गिरावट को "एक बार की संख्या" कहा, जो कमजोर शहरी मांग और अन्य कारकों के कारण है।

- **Silver Linings**

- Agriculture and allied sectors registered a rebound with 3.5% growth in Q2.
- Public Administration, Defence, and Other Services also showed a GVA rise to 9.2% from 7.7% last year.
- कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों ने दूसरी तिमाही में 3.5% की वृद्धि के साथ पुनरुत्थान दर्ज किया।
- सार्वजनिक प्रशासन, रक्षा और अन्य सेवाओं ने भी पिछले साल के 7.7% से बढ़कर 9.2% की वृद्धि दर्ज की।

1.Future Outlook

1. The Finance Ministry expects GDP growth for 2024-25 in the 6.5-7% range, contingent on a strong second-half rebound.
2. Urban demand, corporate earnings, and festive spending will play crucial roles in achieving targets.
3. वित्त मंत्रालय को 2024-25 के लिए जीडीपी वृद्धि 6.5-7% के दायरे में रहने की उम्मीद है, जो दूसरी छमाही में मजबूत सुधार पर निर्भर करता है।
4. शहरी मांग, कॉर्पोरेट कमाई, और त्योहारों के खर्च लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाएंगे।

Global Plastics Treaty draft overlooks key issue of limiting production, says group of countries

Jacob Koshy

BUSAN

Following five days of deliberation, countries have thrashed out a preliminary draft of the Global Plastics Treaty at the United Nations-led Global Plastic Treaty negotiations in Busan, South Korea.

However, a group of about 67 countries, including the European Union (EU) and a coalition of Pacific Island countries called the High Ambition Coalition, has said that the treaty does not go far enough to address the core purpose, which is to limit production and trade, and address the harm posed by many of the constituent chemicals used in manufacturing plastic.

The major points of dis-

agreement are proposals by the EU to have a global target to reduce the production of primary plastic polymers, steps to implement strategies and programmes to identify the risks of and protect against adverse health impacts associated with plastic pollution.

Playing safe

The Hindu has learnt that a group of countries, which includes India, Saudi Arabia, and China, is in favour of avoiding any language in reference to these subjects. This is largely because the manufacture of polymers, a raw material for plastic, is a major industry.

Sources said that chemicals that are known to be hazardous are only includ-



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ed in other international conventions such as the Rotterdam, Basel, and Stockholm conventions.

“We absolutely have to have ‘production’ (of plastic polymers) in the text. If not, it will double by mid-century and the weight of

plastic in the ocean will surpass the weight of fish. If we cannot agree, then we are committed to voting on this issue,” said Juan Monterrey, Head of Delegation for Panama, at a press conference on Friday.

The overwhelming scientific evidence linking the harm plastics cause to health – from being found in the placenta to 60% of sea food – means that countries could not turn a blind eye to it, said Sivenra Michael, Permanent Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Fiji. “Only about 6% of the harmful chemicals are regulated. So, we need firm text on health,” he told *The Hindu*.

The current text of the treaty proposes a framework that will significantly influence humanity’s future relationship with plastic. Every country – and this portion is not contested – shall develop ‘national action plans’ that will have to be updated at regular intervals.

Global Plastics Treaty Negotiations

A preliminary draft of the Global Plastics Treaty was discussed after five days of deliberations in Busan, South Korea.

The treaty focuses on reducing plastic pollution but has been criticized for overlooking the critical issue of limiting plastic production.

बुसान, दक्षिण कोरिया में पांच दिनों की चर्चा के बाद ग्लोबल प्लास्टिक संधि का प्रारंभिक मसौदा तैयार किया गया।

संधि प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण को कम करने पर केंद्रित है लेकिन प्लास्टिक उत्पादन को सीमित करने के महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दे की अनदेखी करने के लिए आलोचना की गई है।

Criticism by High Ambition Coalition

A group of 67 countries, including the EU and Pacific Island nations, claimed the treaty fails to adequately address production and trade limitations.

These countries emphasize the adverse health impacts of plastics and the need for stricter chemical regulations.

67 देशों के एक समूह, जिसमें ईयू और प्रशांत द्वीप देश शामिल हैं, ने कहा कि संधि उत्पादन और व्यापार प्रतिबंधों को पर्याप्त रूप से संबोधित करने में विफल रही है।

India and Other Countries' Position

India, Saudi Arabia, and China favor avoiding specific references to limiting polymer production due to its significance in their economies.

The production of polymers is a major industry and a raw material for plastic manufacturing.

भारत, सऊदी अरब और चीन अपने अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में पॉलिमर उत्पादन के महत्व के कारण इसे सीमित करने के विशिष्ट संदर्भों से बचने के पक्ष में हैं।

पॉलिमर उत्पादन प्लास्टिक निर्माण के लिए एक प्रमुख उद्योग और कच्चा माल है।

- **Scientific Evidence on Plastic Harm**

- Studies show plastics harm human health and ecosystems, with only 6% of harmful chemicals currently regulated.

- Plastic in oceans could surpass the weight of fish by mid-century if production isn't curtailed.

- अध्ययनों से पता चलता है कि प्लास्टिक मानव स्वास्थ्य और पारिस्थितिक तंत्र को नुकसान पहुंचाता है, और वर्तमान में केवल 6% हानिकारक रसायनों को विनियमित किया गया है।

- यदि उत्पादन को नियंत्रित नहीं किया गया, तो सदी के मध्य तक महासागरों में प्लास्टिक की मात्रा मछलियों के वजन को पार कर सकती है।



- **Treaty Provisions and Gaps**

- The current treaty draft suggests each country develops "national action plans" updated regularly but avoids direct production caps.
- Critics demand stronger commitments to limit polymer production to prevent doubling by mid-century.
- वर्तमान संधि मसौदा सुझाव देता है कि प्रत्येक देश "राष्ट्रीय कार्य योजनाएँ" विकसित करे, जिन्हें नियमित रूप से अपडेट किया जाए, लेकिन सीधे उत्पादन सीमा से बचता है।
- आलोचक मध्य सदी तक उत्पादन को दोगुना होने से रोकने के लिए पॉलिमर उत्पादन को सीमित करने की मजबूत प्रतिबद्धताओं की मांग कर रहे हैं।

IN BRIEF



Himachal CM seeks special industrial package from Centre

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has urged the Centre to give a special industrial package for the State along the lines of such packages for Jammu and Kashmir and northeastern States. Mr. Sukhu met Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal in New Delhi late on Thursday and requested for the package to ensure balanced regional development. He also sought respite of transport subsidy scheme for light vehicles considering the high logistics cost involved. He asked for the relaxation of pending capital subsidy under the Industrial Development Scheme.

UP Speaker administers oath to newly elected BJP RLD MLAs

Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana on Friday administered oath to newly elected BJP and RLD MLAs. Voting for the bye-elections for nine Assembly seats was held on November 29 and the results were declared on November 29. The BJP MLAs and one RLD MLAs were elected. The Bahujan Party (Bahujan) (Bahujan), Surender Singh (Bahujan reserved), Sanjeev Sharma (Bahujan), Dharmraj Nishant (Bahujan), Sonchandra Maurya (Bahujan) and Mithlesh Pal (Bahujan) were elected. The RLD took the oath.

Houses for surrendered Maoists, IWE violence-hit approved

The Hindu Bureau RAIPUR

Surrendered Maoists and those affected by the violence inflicted by them will receive houses in Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana, Chief Minister Vishwanath Singh said on Friday.

The surrendered Maoists and families affected by the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will get these houses as part of the State's rehabilitation policy, he said. "This is a step towards bringing them into the mainstream. These are not just houses but a symbol of respect and security. Our government will implement this scheme with complete transparency," a statement quoted Mr. Singh.

France in focus as this year's Kolkata film fest unveils line-up of 175 films from 29 countries

Musickar.com

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Committee members unveiling the schedule for the 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival on Friday. (Musickar.com)

Kerala CPI(M) criticises bid to 'saffronise' higher education

State secretary M.V. Govindan says Governor Khan has attempted to derail functioning of varidies and declined assent to Bills passed by Assembly; calls for 'popular resistance' against his activities

The Hindu Bureau THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M)) appears to open a possibly more grassroots-based and combative battlefront against Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan. Politically, the new marshalling of Left forces against Mr. Khan, who is nearing the end of his term, could further fray the already fraught State-Centre relations.



M.V. Govindan and Arif Mohammed Khan

After chairing a party secretariat meeting in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday, CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan called for "popular resistance" against Mr. Khan's alleged attempts to subvert higher education, derail the functioning of Varidies, and render the Assembly ineffectual by declining assent to Bills passed by the democratically elected House. Mr. Govindan said the party would mobilise students, teachers, university employees, parents, writers, opinion leaders, intellectuals, and the general public to oppose Mr. Khan's alleged attempts to subvert higher education, derail the functioning of Varidies, and render the Assembly ineffectual by declining assent to Bills passed by the democratically elected House.

No HC stay on Chancellor's order on V-C appointment

The Hindu Bureau COCHIN

The Kerala High Court on Friday refused to stay the Chancellor's order appointing Clea Thomas as the interim Vice-Chancellor of Digital University Kerala. While considering the petition challenging the appointment, the bench of Justice A. Ziyad Rahaman directed the respondents to file statements within three weeks.

The court adjourned the case for December 3, 2024, in conjunction with the right-wing media. The LJP was on course to victory in the 2026 Assembly polls, he emphasised. A coalition of Hindu nationalist and Muslim fundamentalist organisations called behind the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) leading to the bypoll win in Palakkad, he said.



Cyclone Fengal to cross Puducherry coast today noon

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

With the slow-moving weather system gathering pace, the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, announced that Cyclone Fengal will cross the coast close to Puducherry by Saturday afternoon. The RMC has maintained the red alert - indicating isolated extremely heavy rainfall - in seven coastal districts for Saturday. Intense rain will lash other districts.

On the day of the cyclone's landfall, Chennai and its neighbouring districts, Cuddalore, Pudukottai, Villupputur and Kanyakumari will receive intense rain. With the weather system consolidating itself, it is likely to bring heavy rain in north Tamil Nadu till Saturday, and in the Western Ghats districts and interior parts from December 3. Orange and yellow alerts have been issued for other districts which are expected to receive heavy to very heavy rain. The Cauvery delta districts and north interior districts, too, may receive heavy to very heavy rain on Saturday. The RMC has said Cyclone Fengal will cross north Tamil Nadu/Puducherry coast between Karaikal and Marambalam as a cyclonic storm by Saturday afternoon. It would have a wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph.

U.P. Governor sets up three-member judicial commission to investigate Sambhal violence

Press Trust of India LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel has announced the formation of a three-member judicial inquiry commission to investigate the November 24 violence in Sambhal. In a notification issued on November 28, he emphasised the necessity of conducting a "thorough inquiry to serve the public interest and ensure transparency."



Friday prayers passed off peacefully at the Shahi Jama Masjid and other places in Sambhal. PTI

A dead, scores injured Four persons died and scores, including police personnel, were injured in Sambhal after a confrontation between a court-appointed commission to investigate the November 24 violence in Sambhal. In a notification issued on November 28, he emphasised the necessity of conducting a "thorough inquiry to serve the public interest and ensure transparency."

As part of a planned civil and conspiracy. It will also monitor the preparedness of local law enforcement and administration in maintaining order during the event and make recommendations for measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Internet restored Meanwhile, Internet services were restored at Sambhal, hours after Friday prayers passed off peacefully at the Shahi Jama Masjid and other places in Sambhal. PTI

Welcoming the order, the masjid committee's lawyer Shauket Ahmed Wara said the apex court order was a "positive development."

Lower Chief Gopal Sharma, representing the Hindu litigants, said the court's order would be followed. "Whether it is the decision of the appellate court, the High Court or the order of the apex court, everyone should follow it," he said.

A 15-member delegation of the Bahujan Party (GP) will go to Sambhal on Saturday on the instructions of SP State president Shyam Lal Pal and the delegation will submit a report to Mr. Yadav after taking detailed information. Congress State president Ajay Rai said a party delegation will also go there on Monday.

SC stays Madras High Court order to restore DA case against OPS

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Madras High Court order to restore a disproportionate assets case registered against former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and AIADMK chief leader C. Panneerselvan and his family members.



C. Panneerselvan

In October, the High Court had set aside the July 2012 decision of the Chief Judicial Magistrate in Chennai which ordered a Single Judge Bench of Justice N. Anand Venkatesh to conduct an inquiry and restore the case against OPS. On Friday, a Bench, headed by Justice Prithvi Chandan Reddy, sought response...

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KOLKATA

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“The 1966 film, *Galpo Holeo Satti*, directed by Tapan Sinha will be the inaugural film of the 30th KIFF. It will screened on



Committee members unveiling the schedule for the 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival on Friday. DEBASISH BHADURI

December 4 at Kolkata's Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium at 5.30 p.m. at the inaugural ceremony of KIFF,” Aroop Biswas, West Bengal Minister and Chief Adviser to KIFF commit-

tee, said on Friday.

“The French film selection offers a rich and diverse cinematic experience with 21 different films. These include contemporary French films by

women directors, classics, short films, and documentaries,” said Nicolas Facino, director of Alliance Francaise du Bengale. “Some contemporary French filmmakers are also set to arrive in Kolkata to present their films at KIFF.”

He added that KIFF will also screen *La Souriante Madame Beudet* (*The Smiling Madame Beudet*), a silent film made in 1923 by pioneering feminist French filmmaker Germaine Dulac.

Centenary tributes

Notably, the festival will also screen classic Indian and international films as part of centenary tributes to prominent film personalities like Tapan Sinha, Marlon Brando, Akkineni

Nageswara Rao, Talat Mahmood, Mohammed Rafi, Sergei Parajanov et al. Meanwhile, special tributes will be given to Kumar Shahani, Alain Delon, Gautam Halder, Manoj Mitra and others.

Chairperson of the 30th KIFF Goutam Ghose highlighted that the festival this year will also screen certain films with projections from their original celluloid, like *Chokh* and *Debsishu* by reputed director from the 1980s, Utpalendu Chakraborty.

Like other years, the 30th edition of the KIFF will have ‘Unheard India’, a non-competitive category that boasts of screenings of multiple films made in Indian languages like Garhwali, Konkani and Tulu.

- **Overview of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)**

- The 30th edition of KIFF will take place from December 4 to 11, showcasing 175 films from 29 countries.
- France is the focus country this year, with a special selection of French films and filmmakers in attendance.
- कोलकाता अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव (KIFF) का 30वां संस्करण 4 से 11 दिसंबर तक आयोजित होगा, जिसमें 29 देशों की 175 फिल्मों प्रदर्शित की जाएंगी।
- इस साल फ्रांस फोकस देश है, जिसमें फ्रेंच फिल्मों का विशेष चयन और फिल्म निर्माता शामिल होंगे।

- **Film Line-Up and Screenings**

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- कोलकाता के 20 स्थलों पर फिल्मों प्रदर्शित की जाएंगी।

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By LINDY
A student's case...
...in a court of law.

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DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

Legal matter between pvt party & US: Govt on Adani indictment

IN THE first official comment after the US indictment of multinational giant Adani for its alleged role in a bribery scheme, the government on Friday issued a "legal matter" involving private individuals and private entities and the US Department of Justice.

Responding to a question at the weekly meeting, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Rishabh Jaiswal said the Indian government was not inclined to advance about the matter, nor had it received any request to serve a summons in arrest warrant.

"Obviously, there are established procedures and legal avenues in such cases which we believe would be followed... We have not been informed in advance on the issue," he said. Jaiswal added that there had been no "conversations" with the US on the matter.

"This is a matter that pertains to private individuals and private entities. The Government of India, we are not part of it legally in any manner at this point in time. We see it as a case between the US Department of Justice and private individuals and entities," he said.

Saying that the government had not received any requests to serve summons or arrest warrants, he said.

Sambhal mosque survey: SC halts trial court proceedings, says maintain peace

CJ bench tells mosque management committee to approach High Court



Friday prayers were offered at the mosque in Sambhal amid tight security. (PTI)

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

UNDERLINED: that "peace and harmony must prevail", the Supreme Court on Friday stayed a trial court in Uttar Pradesh — which had allowed a survey of the Mughal-era Shah Jahan Masjid in Sambhal which Hindu claim was built by destroying a Hindu temple — to temporarily halt proceedings in the matter.

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Sanjay Kumar was hearing a Special Leave Petition filed by the mosque management committee, which sought an ex-parte adjournment stay on the question of the mosque. It also sought to appoint a survey team to approach the Allahabad High Court against the trial court order, it said for the proceedings before the trial court would follow the directions of the High Court.

CWC RESOLUTION SILENT ON EVMs
Cong widens focus to 'entire poll process', targets 'partisan' EC
Calls for national movement, says defeats in Haryana, Maharashtra due to 'malpractices'

MANOJ CHOUDHARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

AT A meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), held against the backdrop of back-to-back electoral defeats in Haryana and Maharashtra, the Opposition party on Friday decided to launch a "national movement" seeking "free and fair elections" and targeted the Election Commission (EC) as "partisan functioning".

The party decided not to focus solely on the integrity of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) or the demand for a return to ballot papers, and instead agreed to widen the ambit of its

MANUFACTURING, MINING DRAG GROWTH

GDP growth rate slumps to near two-year low of 5.4% in July-Sept

Deregulation, state capacity to spend, pvt hiring key to higher growth: CEA

ANANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

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The 5.4 per cent growth rate in Q3 is lower than 6.7 per cent in April-June quarter and 6.1 per cent in July-September 2023. It is the lowest since the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

EXPRESS **E** **Beating cyclical slowdown**

A 5.4% growth rate in Q3 has set alarm bells ringing in the government. The key question going forward is, has India entered a cyclical growth slowdown phase. The CEA said in clear certainty, however, that deregulation, improving state capacity for public investment, and private sector competition policies, will pave the path for higher growth in the coming quarters.

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DAY AFTER DELHI VISIT, SHINDE LEAVES HIS VILLAGE; MAHAYUTI MEETING PUT ON HOLD



Shinde visits village when he has to take a decision. Party leader

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE & MANOJ CHOUDHARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

A DAY after meeting the BJP top brass, including Union Home Minister Anuraag Singh, Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra's caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde left for his village in Satara on Friday, triggering speculation on his exit from the party.

With Shinde away, a Maharashtra meeting that was expected to be held in Mumbai to discuss government formation had to be put on hold.

Shinde's departure has been seen as a "big decision" by the party. He has been seen today, he may have some decision by tomorrow. Considering the ongoing political developments in Maharashtra, and what he would do, he should be a part of the government and guide us," he said.

Shinde, too, told reporters in his village of Oreagan that he had "taken a decision" and would talk to them later.

Party leader Sanjay Shinde, however, said that whenever Shinde has to "reflect on an important matter" or take a "big decision", he visits his village. "As he has gone today, he may have some decision by tomorrow. Considering the ongoing political developments in Maharashtra, and what he would do, he should be a part of the government and guide us," he said.

MoEF, Jal Shakti said no, but panel tells SC 5 hydro projects on Ganga are good to go

HARIKISHAN BHARMA & NIKHIL GHANSHYAM
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 29

OBSERVING THAT the benefits outweigh the potential drawbacks, a Supreme Court-appointed panel has backed five hydroelectric projects on the Ganga and its tributaries in Uttarakhand — as the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF) and Jal Shakti Ministry opposed the projects.

The ministers had raised apprehensions ranging from impact on rivers to being taken into account to the projects falling in landslide or seismic zones.

The tribunal has been assessing the feasibility of installing five HEPs on the Ganga since 2013. In a suo moti case filed following the Koshihar, floods that killed over 5,000 people.

Initially, the court put a moratorium on granting clearance for any new HEPs, and asked the MoEF to form a committee to first study the impact of such projects. Since then, the ministry has formed three committees.

■ After the HEP proponents moved the Supreme Court for permission to renew their case, the ministry formed a second committee in 2023 under IT, Kishore Vajpai. This panel found that the six projects had prior clearance but would pose serious ecological impacts.

■ Then, a third committee was formed in 2024 under Jal Shakti, headed by G. K. Vishwakarma.

'Anti-national': Biren Govt hits back at BJP's Mizo ally for targeting him

SURESH BARUAH
DISPUR, NOVEMBER 29

TRAINING ITS guns on the Mizo National Front (MNF) by seeking Chief Minister N Biren Singh's resignation, the Manipur government has dubbed the Mizo ally of the BJP an "anti-national party". It also alleged that Mizoan is "concocting" the primary cause for the transfer of area, ammunition and drugs between India and Myanmar.

The MNF — which, despite its differences with the BJP on multiple matters, is still a member of

Telangana govt schools for SCs, STs under scanner after girl's death; toll 49 this year

SURESHWAR JANVALA
HYDRABAD, NOVEMBER 29

A YOUNG girl with her brothers, who wanted to study for as long as the family could afford it — this is how 16-year-old Sarika's brother remembers her. She would not insist on her getting married until she completed higher education. She used to talk about science and engineering courses," says S. Naveen, her brother.

Her dreams came crashing after she got food poisoning at

the government-run residential school where she was studying in Wanaparthy Mandal in Telangana's Komuram Bheem Ashwini district.

She was among 60 students to have fallen ill after lunch on October 28 at the St Anthony's School, run by the Telangana Education Department's Society for Education, Research and Innovation, she died on November 25.

SARIKA was among 200 residential educational institutions that were shut down for scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Backward

Classen, and minority communities. The schools are under inspection following the death of 49 students over the course of this year — 30 from schools, 14 because of other illnesses.

That it is Sarika's death that has perhaps shaken the system the most, with Chief Minister A Revathi lending, who also heads the state's Department of Education, is the state government has ordered the setting up of committees to address the issue of food and children of fallen comrades," he is expected to have said.

In 1963, even Don Bradman played for PWS 20 years after his retirement. Incidentally, he scored four runs, the exact number he needed in his last international game to get the century of 100. Back then, he would, of course, fall for a duck in getting out in his last international test match, but not in his last international test match.

"It wouldn't happen in a thousand years! Anyone that says that is ignorant as the victor!"

These games stopped after Mervyn's return. But another day of a private match in Brisbane, which Bradman in 1963.

INSIDERS
SURRYTA BANUJA
CANBERRA, NOVEMBER 29

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As India play PM's XI today, an Aussie quick recalls Sachin wicket in '91

EXPRESS IN AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA, NOVEMBER 29

GIRIRAM VEERA
CANBERRA, NOVEMBER 29

"SACHIN TENDULKAR WAS such a big name then. Ravi Shastri was," says the one-time Aussie first-class pace bowler Greg Rowell with a laugh. A successful lawyer and cricket

Australia official in his mid-50s now, he is talking about the 1991 Prime Minister's XI game at Manuka Oval, where the current India team is set to play the test on game between Australia and India.

Rowell, 23 then, and looking to make his name in the first-class cricket, finished the game with figures of 1 for 23, including the wicket of Tendulkar and Shastri.

Like most India had played just one Test before that. Sachin Tendulkar and the 18-year-old Manoj Prasad were the main players. But soon, hundreds of thousands of fans gathered to witness the match. "Oh, by the way, the first time I would know who

troubled really was," he says.

The Prime Minister's XI games were a big deal then in Australia, not with Australia's youngsters rubbing shoulders with the national team. It was full-time national-level first-class players. It was a game where the country saw and judged you," Rowell recalls.

In that game, apart from young Rowell, there was Brian Stanger, Steve Waugh, Damien Martin, Michael Hussey, and several others. Damien Martin with the first and only hat-trick in the match. "Oh, by the way, the first time I would know who

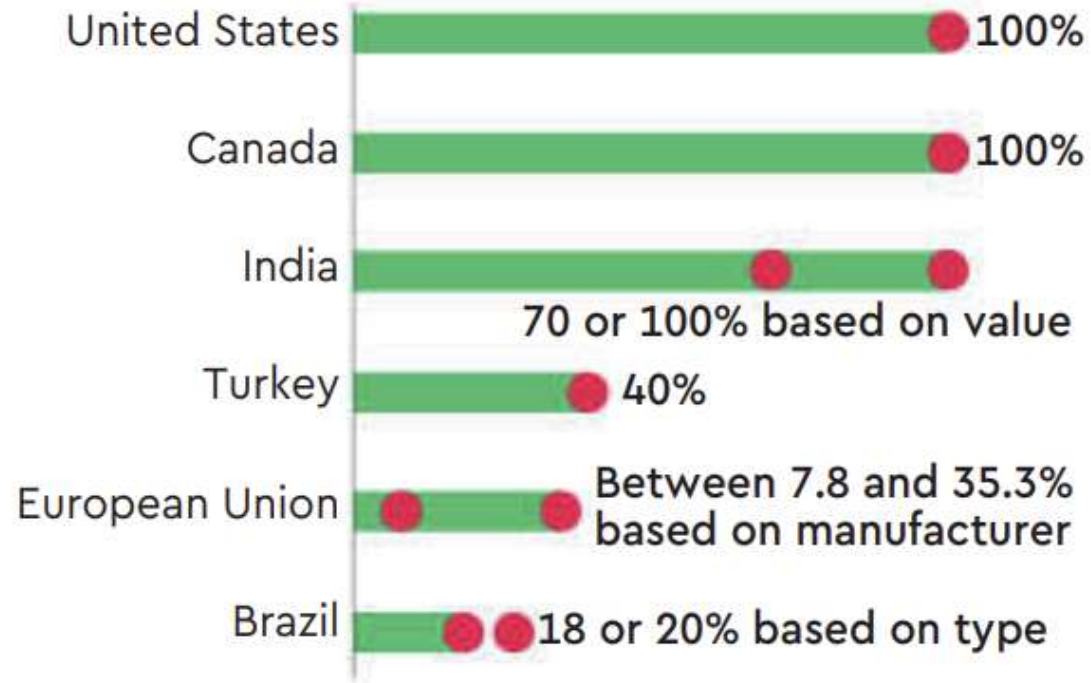
played his cricket in Sydney at Canberra cricket won't lay them.

The 18-year-old Indian bowler, who with Australia's PM Anthony Albanese, ahead of the match had come and having a chat with the captain, got a game. To be called up the Australian cricket team, he would have to have a game at Australia, getting the country's captain and board of cricket to support his partnership and potential.

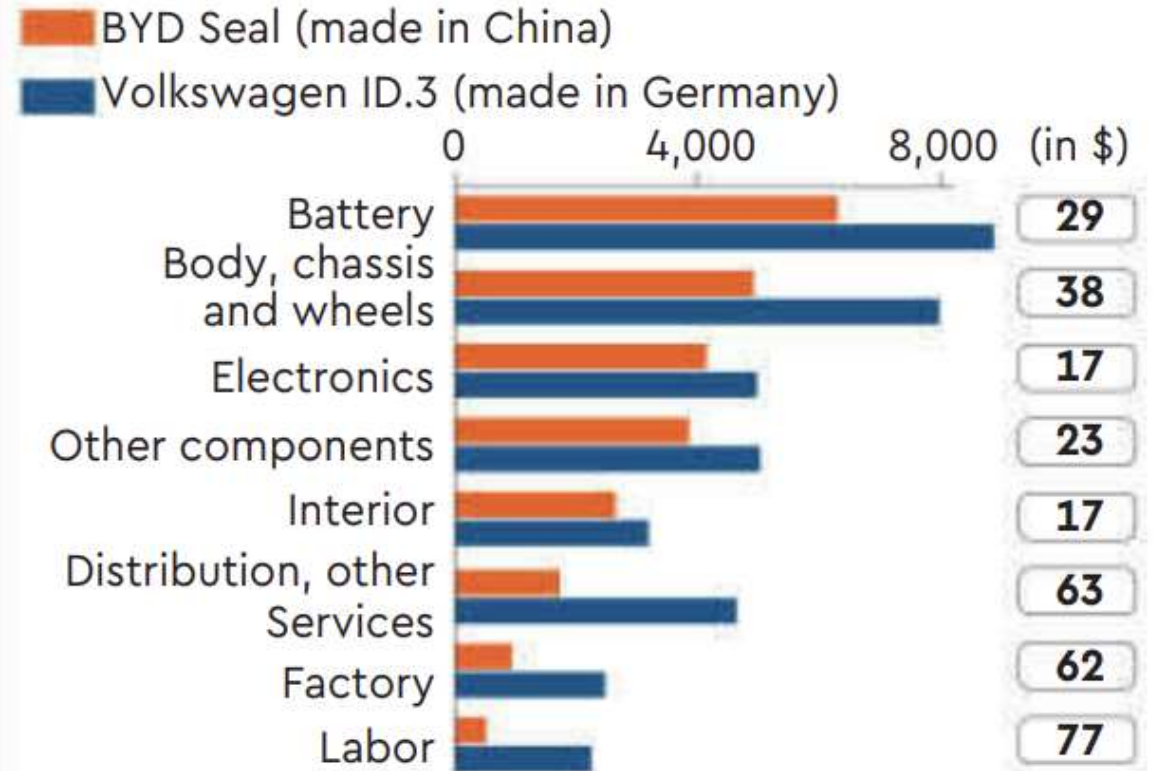
"I added that it was a personal proposition, not a government matter that I would personally guarantee the support of the government, including transport of players and other matters. It would go to the Canberra Players Club, devoted to helping victims

AUTO SUPERPOWER

Additional tariffs levied on Chinese electric cars in major world markets



Production costs are much lower in China



Source: UBS Note: Models compared are of similar size and function. Prices are in U.S. dollars, for models from 2021



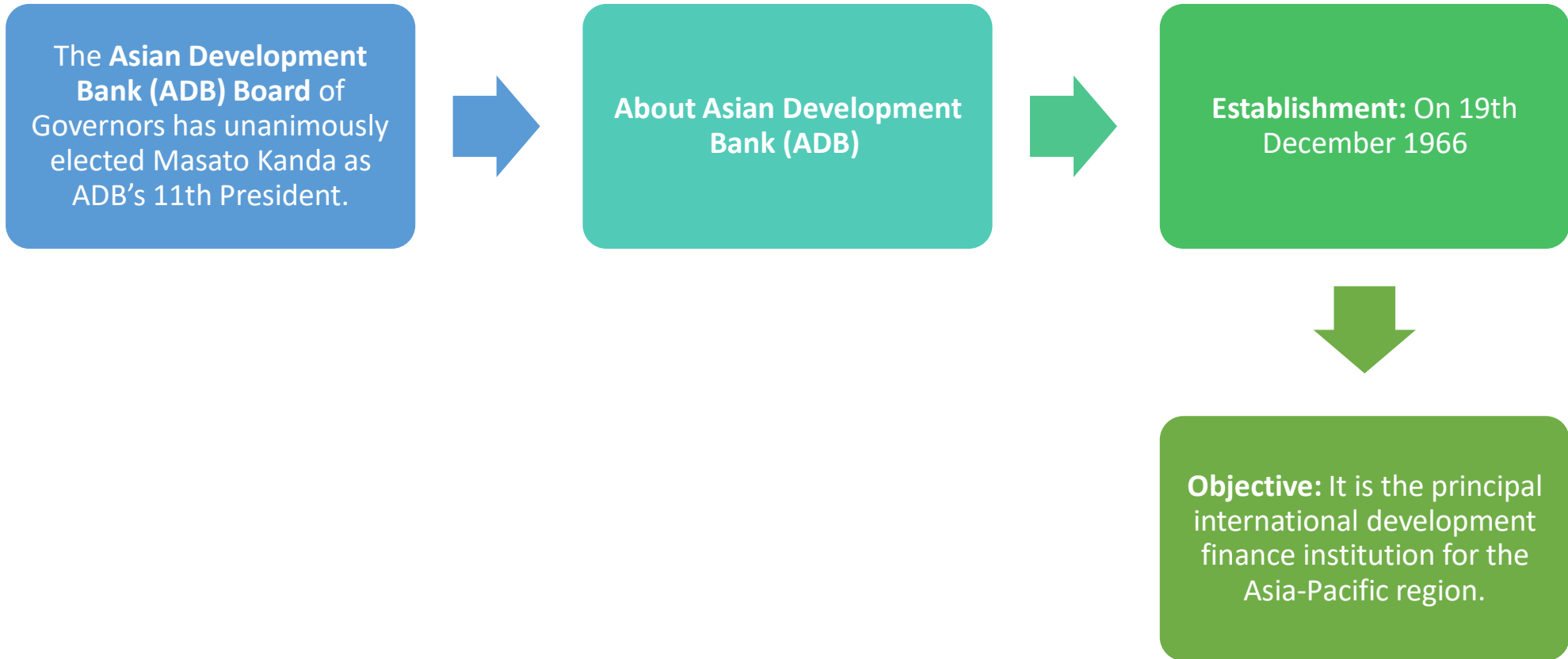
International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)

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- **International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)**
 - **Syllabus: GS2/Health**
 - **In News**
 - The International Pathogen surveillance network announced the **first round of grants towards understanding disease threats.**
 - It supports low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in building capacity for pathogen genomic analysis to track and respond to disease threats.

- **About International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)**

- It is a global initiative led by the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, aimed at advancing pathogen genomics and enhancing public health decision-making.
- It focuses on **monitoring and analyzing the genetic material** of pathogens like viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites to track their evolution, spread, and inform public health actions.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)



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Focus areas

include: Poverty reduction, Infrastructure development, regional integration.












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Membership: Total of 69 members (including 49 from Asia and the Pacific and 20 from outside the region).

- India is a founding member and one of its largest borrowers.

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Shareholders: Japan and the United States hold the largest shares in ADB, each owning around 15.6% of the total subscribed capital.

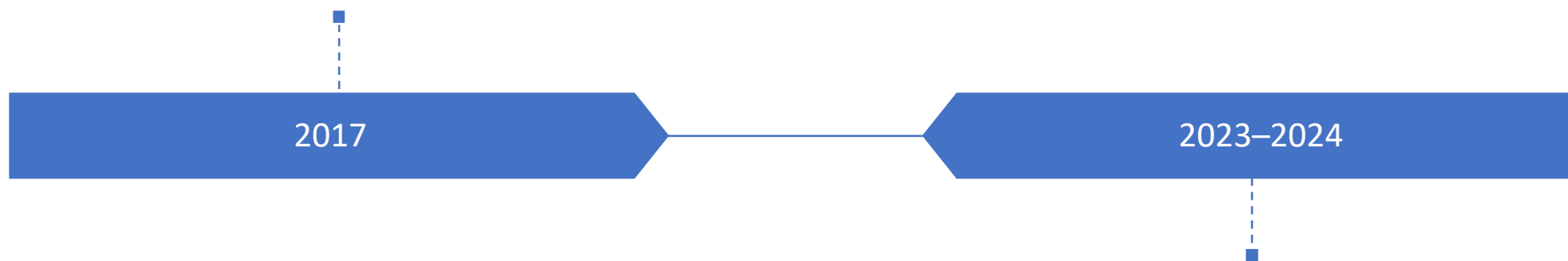
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Shiro Inoue	1972–1976	 Japanese
Taroichi Yoshida <small>[ja]</small>	1976–1981	 Japanese
Masao Fujioka <small>[Wikidata]</small>	1981–1989	 Japanese
Kimimasa Tarumizu <small>[ja]</small>	1989–1993	 Japanese
Mitsuo Sato	1993–1999	 Japanese
Tadao Chino	1999–2005	 Japanese
Haruhiko Kuroda	2005–2013	 Japanese
Takehiko Nakao	2013–2020	 Japanese
Masatsugu Asakawa	2020–February 23, 2025	 Japanese
Masato Kanda	February 24, 2025–	 Japanese

The Worker Population Ratio for
Women has Increased



- As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), The Worker Population Ratio for women has increased from 22% in 2017-18 to 40.3% in 2023-24.
- **About**
- **The Labour Force Participation Rate for women** has risen from 23.3% in 2017-18 to 41.7% in 2023-24.

It indicates that 39.6% of women with post-graduate education and above are employed in 2023-24, up from 34.5% in 2017-18.



23.9% of women with a higher secondary education are part of the workforce in 2023-24, compared to 11.4 per cent in 2017-18.



The number of women in **salaried employment is increasing**, while women in informal wage work are decreasing.

The share of women working in agriculture is decreasing. The proportion of women entering the services sector is increasing.

Dark Tourism

A photograph of a red tent pitched on a beach at night. The tent is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The beach is dark, and the ocean is visible in the background. The sky is filled with stars, and a bright blue star is visible on the right side. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric.



Examples of Prominent Dark

Tourism Sites: Auschwitz
Concentration Camp (Poland): A
reminder of the
Holocaust. **Chernobyl** (Ukraine):
Site of a catastrophic nuclear
disaster.

Ground Zero (New York):
Memorial for the victims of the
9/11 attacks.

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- **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park (Japan):** Commemorates victims of the atomic bombing in 1945.
 - **Jallianwala Bagh (Amritsar, Punjab) :** The site of the tragic 1919 massacre, where innocent lives were lost, Jallianwala Bagh serves as a powerful tribute to resilience and sacrifice.

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- **Reasons for Popularity**

- **Emotional Connection:** Visitors seek to engage deeply with the history and emotions of those affected by past tragedies.


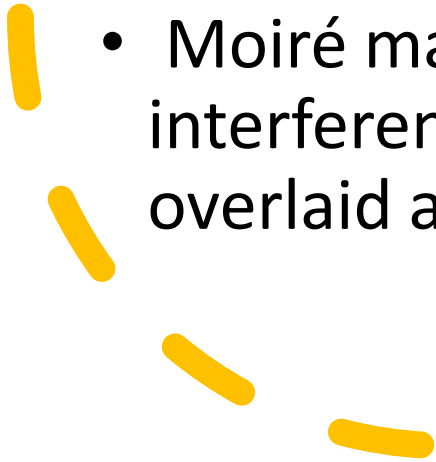
- **Curiosity and Uniqueness:** Dark tourism offers unique, non-traditional experiences distinct from typical tourist attractions.

- **Reflection on Mortality:** It prompts introspection about life, death, and historical significance, offering a “reality check.”










Moiré Materials and Superconductivity

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- A recent Nature study found that moiré materials made from semiconductors can also be superconducting, a property previously thought to be exclusive to graphene.
 - What are the Key Facts About Moiré Materials?
 - About:
 - Moiré materials are materials having unique properties due to the interference pattern formed when two repetitive structures are overlaid at a slight angle
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Creation of Moiré Materials:
Moiré materials are created by stacking two layers of a two-dimensional (2-D) material, such as tungsten diselenide, and twisting one layer at a small angle (3.65°).

The twist between the layers creates a unique moire pattern that gives rise to new electronic behaviors not present in individual layers.

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- **Superconductivity** is the property of certain materials to conduct **direct current (DC) electricity without energy loss** when they are **cooled below a critical temperature (T_c)**.
 - These materials also **expel magnetic fields** as they transition to the superconducting state.
 - Superconductivity was discovered in **1911** by **Heike Kamerlingh-Onnes**. For this discovery, he won the **1913 Nobel Prize in Physics**.
 - E.g., **MRI machines** use an alloy of **niobium and titanium**.
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General Upendra Dwivedi, the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), launched the Eklavya online learning platform for the Indian Army.

This initiative aligns with the Army's vision of a “Decade of Transformation” and the 2024 theme, “Year of Technology Absorption.”



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- **About Eklavya Platform:**
 - **Developed by:** Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N), with support from the Directorate General of Information Systems.
 - **Launched in:** 2024 by the Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi.
 - **Aim:** To facilitate continuous professional military education, decongest physical courses, and encourage domain specialization.
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ISKCON

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- **About ISKCON:**
 - **Full form:** International Society for Krishna Consciousness.
 - **Founder:**C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
 - **Founded In:** New York City, USA.
 - **Year:**
 - **Aim:** To promote Krishna Consciousness and devotional service to Krishna as the Supreme Godhead.

- **Features:**

- Largest branch of **Gaudiya Vaishnavism**, rooted in 16th-century India.
- Emphasizes chanting the **Hare Krishna Mahamantra**.
- Engages in public bhakti practices like **Sankirtan, yoga seminars**, and festivals.
- Runs social initiatives, including free food distribution, schools, eco-villages, and hospitals.

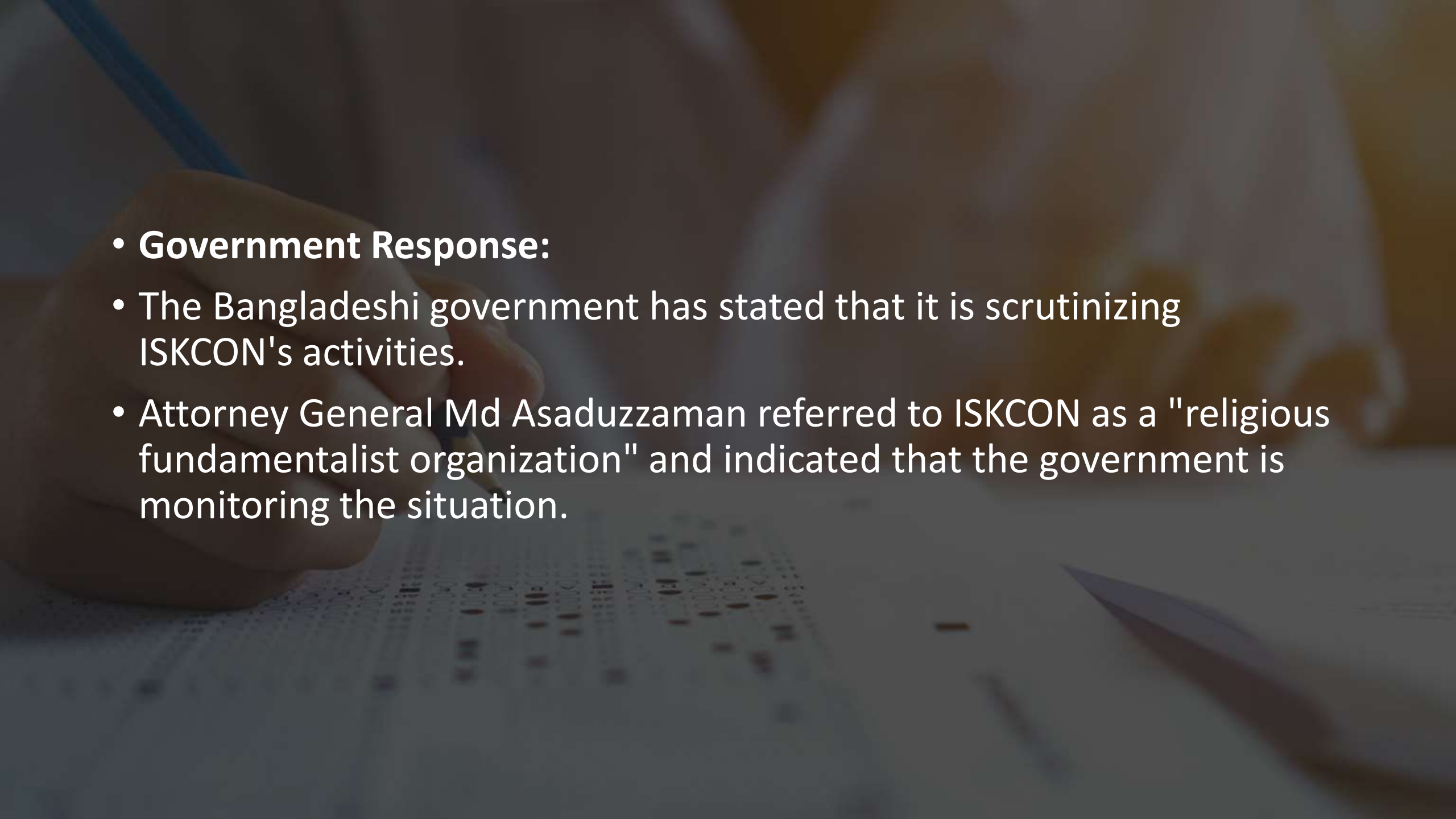
- **Arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das:**
- On November 25, 2024, Chinmoy Krishna Das, a Hindu monk and former ISKCON member, was arrested at Dhaka's Shahjalal International Airport on charges including sedition.
- His arrest led to protests in Dhaka and Chittagong. During these protests, a Muslim lawyer named Saiful Islam Alif was killed in Chittagong, escalating tensions



Calls for ISKCON Ban: Following these incidents, Islamist groups such as Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh have demanded an immediate ban on ISKCON, labeling it an "anti-Hindu militant group."



Additionally, a writ petition was filed in the Bangladesh High Court seeking a ban on ISKCON, prompting the court to request a report from the state regarding the organization's activities



- **Government Response:**

- The Bangladeshi government has stated that it is scrutinizing ISKCON's activities.
- Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman referred to ISKCON as a "religious fundamentalist organization" and indicated that the government is monitoring the situation.

Top 10 MCQ from
today's session

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- India's real GDP growth fell to **5.4%** in Q2 2024, the lowest in seven quarters. Which sector showed resilience with **3.5% growth**?
2024 की दूसरी तिमाही में भारत की वास्तविक जीडीपी वृद्धि **5.4%** तक गिर गई, जो सात तिमाहियों में सबसे कम है। किस क्षेत्र ने **3.5% वृद्धि** के साथ मजबूती दिखाई?
 - **A. Manufacturing / विनिर्माण**
B. Agriculture and Allied Sectors / कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्र
C. Construction / निर्माण
D. Services / सेवाएं

- As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the **Labour Force Participation Rate** for women increased to **41.7%** in 2023-24. What was it in 2017-18?
आवधिक श्रम बल सर्वेक्षण (PLFS) के अनुसार, महिलाओं की श्रम बल भागीदारी दर 2023-24 में बढ़कर **41.7%** हो गई। 2017-18 में यह कितनी थी?
- **A. 22%**
- **B. 23.3%**
- **C. 25%**
- **D. 30%**

- The **30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF)** will showcase **175 films**. Which country is the focus country this year?
30वें कोलकाता अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव (KIFF) में 175 फिल्मों प्रदर्शित की जाएंगी। इस साल फोकस देश कौन सा है?
- **A. USA / अमेरिका**
- **B. France / फ्रांस**
- **C. Germany / जर्मनी**
- **D. Japan / जापान**

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- The **International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)** supports which countries in building capacity for pathogen genomic analysis?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रोगजनक निगरानी नेटवर्क (IPSN) रोगजनक जीनोमिक विश्लेषण के लिए किस देशों का समर्थन करता है?
 - **A. Low- and Middle-Income Countries / निम्न और मध्यम आय वाले देश**
 - **B. G20 Countries / जी20 देश**
 - **C. Developed Nations / विकसित राष्ट्र**
 - **D. ASEAN Members / आसियान सदस्य**

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- A recent Nature study revealed that **moiré materials** can be superconducting. What property is unique to superconductors?
हाल ही में एक अध्ययन ने खुलासा किया कि **मॉइरे सामग्री** सुपरकंडक्टिंग हो सकती है। सुपरकंडक्टर की कौन सी विशेषता अनूठी है?
 - **A. Zero resistance to electric current / विद्युत प्रवाह के लिए शून्य प्रतिरोध**
 - **B. High thermal conductivity / उच्च तापीय चालकता**
 - **C. Magnetic absorption / चुंबकीय अवशोषण**
 - **D. Resistance increases at low temperatures / कम तापमान पर प्रतिरोध बढ़ता है**

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- The **Eklavya Platform**, launched in 2024, aims to promote which of the following?

2024 में लॉन्च किया गया **एकलव्य प्लेटफॉर्म** निम्न में से किसे बढ़ावा देने का लक्ष्य रखता है?

- **A. Corporate Education / कॉर्पोरेट शिक्षा**
- B. Professional Military Education / पेशेवर सैन्य शिक्षा**
- C. Higher Secondary Education / उच्चतर माध्यमिक शिक्षा**
- D. Rural Skill Development / ग्रामीण कौशल विकास**

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- According to studies, **plastic in oceans** could outweigh fish by mid-century.

What percentage of harmful chemicals in plastics is regulated?

अध्ययनों के अनुसार, महासागरों में प्लास्टिक का वजन मध्य शताब्दी तक मछलियों से अधिक हो सकता है। प्लास्टिक में कितने प्रतिशत हानिकारक रसायनों को विनियमित किया गया है?

- **A. 5%**
- B. 6%**
- C. 10%**
- D. 15%**

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- Which of the following is **NOT** a feature of ISKCON?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा **ISKCON** की विशेषता **नहीं** है?
 - **A. Promotes Krishna Consciousness / कृष्ण चेतना को बढ़ावा देना**
 - **B. Conducts yoga seminars / योग संगोष्ठियों का आयोजन**
 - **C. Engages in free food distribution / निःशुल्क भोजन वितरण में शामिल**
 - **D. Specializes in political advocacy / राजनीतिक वकालत में विशेषज्ञता**

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- The **Worker Population Ratio (WPR)** for women rose to **40.3%** in 2023-24. What was it in 2017-18?
महिलाओं के लिए **कर्मचारी जनसंख्या अनुपात (WPR)** 2023-24 में बढ़कर **40.3%** हो गया। 2017-18 में यह कितना था?
 - **A. 20%**
 - **B. 22%**
 - **C. 30%**
 - **D. 35%**

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- The **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park** is a popular dark tourism destination.

What event does it commemorate?

हीरोशिमा पीस मेमोरियल पार्क एक लोकप्रिय डार्क टूरिज्म स्थल है। यह किस घटना की स्मृति में बनाया गया है?


- **A. 1945 Atomic Bombing / 1945 का परमाणु बम विस्फोट**
- B. 1919 Jallianwala Massacre / 1919 का जालियांवाला नरसंहार**
- C. 1947 Partition Violence / 1947 का विभाजन हिंसा**
- D. 1950 Korean War / 1950 का कोरियाई युद्ध**



Fun fact

Myth: Reading in dim light damages your eyes.

Burst: Reading in low light may strain your eyes temporarily, but it won't cause permanent damage. Your eyes recover once they rest.

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

Thank you
guys.
