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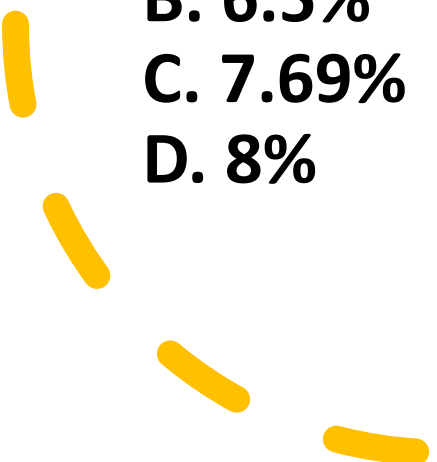
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10 MCQ QUIZ

**Top 10 MCQ from today's
session**

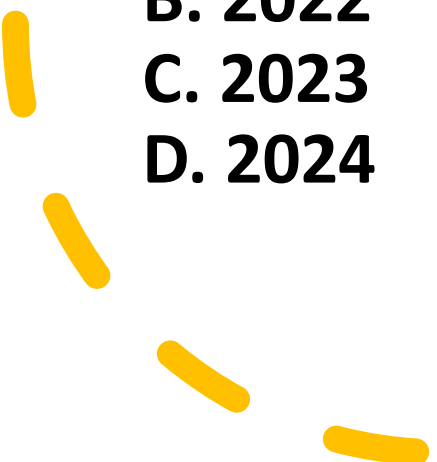
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav, 2024** in New Delhi. What is the primary focus of this festival?
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी नई दिल्ली में **अष्टलक्ष्मी महोत्सव, 2024** का उद्घाटन करेंगे। इस महोत्सव का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?
- **A. Promote northeastern cuisine / पूर्वोत्तर के व्यंजनों को बढ़ावा देना**
- **B. Showcase northeastern culture and economy / पूर्वोत्तर की संस्कृति और अर्थव्यवस्था को प्रदर्शित करना**
- **C. Encourage global trade partnerships / वैश्विक व्यापार साझेदारी को प्रोत्साहित करना**
- **D. Develop infrastructure projects in the Northeast / पूर्वोत्तर में बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं का विकास करना**

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- Odisha has the highest prevalence of **sickle cell disease** in India. What percentage of the state's population are carriers of the disease?
ओडिशा में भारत में **सिकल सेल रोग** का सबसे अधिक प्रचलन है। राज्य की कितनी प्रतिशत जनसंख्या इस बीमारी के वाहक हैं?
 - **A. 5%**
 - **B. 6.5%**
 - **C. 7.69%**
 - **D. 8%**
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- Over **4.8 lakh road accidents** occurred in India in 2023, resulting in **1.72 lakh fatalities**. What was the major cause of these accidents?
2023 में भारत में **4.8 लाख सड़क दुर्घटनाएँ** हुईं, जिनमें **1.72 लाख मौतें** हुईं। इन दुर्घटनाओं का मुख्य कारण क्या था?
- A. Drunk driving / नशे में गाड़ी चलाना
- B. Overspeeding / तेज गति से वाहन चलाना
- C. Faulty vehicles / दोषपूर्ण वाहन
- D. Poor road infrastructure / खराब सड़क का बुनियादी ढांचा

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- The **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission** screened over 4.75 crore individuals. When was this mission launched?


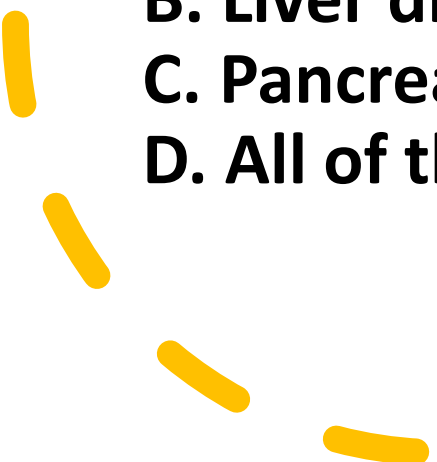
राष्ट्रीय सिकल सेल एनीमिया उन्मूलन मिशन के तहत 4.75 करोड़ से अधिक व्यक्तियों की जांच की गई। यह मिशन कब शुरू किया गया था?

- **A. 2021**
 - B. 2022**
 - C. 2023**
 - D. 2024**
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- The **International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN)** aims to build capacity in genomic analysis. Which countries benefit most from this network?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रोगजनक निगरानी नेटवर्क (IPSN) जीनोमिक विश्लेषण में क्षमता निर्माण का लक्ष्य रखता है। इस नेटवर्क से किस देशों को सबसे अधिक लाभ होता है?

- **A. Developed countries / विकसित देश**
- **B. Low- and middle-income countries / निम्न और मध्यम आय वाले देश**
- **C. G20 nations / जी20 राष्ट्र**
- **D. ASEAN members / आसियान सदस्य**

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- Recent studies show alcohol-related deaths have doubled in the U.S. Which disease is directly linked to alcohol consumption?
हाल के अध्ययनों से पता चलता है कि अमेरिका में शराब से संबंधित मौतें दोगुनी हो गई हैं। कौन सी बीमारी सीधे शराब के सेवन से जुड़ी है?
 - **A. Heart disease / हृदय रोग**
 - **B. Liver disease / यकृत रोग**
 - **C. Pancreatitis / अग्राशयशोथ**
 - **D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी**
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- The **PM Internship Scheme (PMIS)** will offer how many internships during its pilot phase?

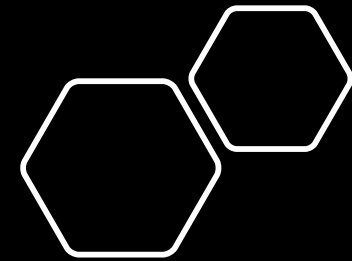
पीएम इंटरनशिप योजना (PMIS) के पायलट चरण में कितनी इंटरनशिप प्रदान की जाएंगी?

- **A. 100,000**
- B. 125,000**
- C. 150,000**
- D. 200,000**



CHILDREN ARE NOT
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Supreme Court takes a stern view of T.N. Minister's reinstatement

NEW DELHI The Supreme Court on Monday took a stern view of the reinstatement of a disqualified candidate as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, "regretting" after getting into a narrow majority on a 5-4 split. The court said the reinstatement of the disqualified candidate was a "blatant violation" of the law and the Constitution. It directed the government to ensure that such a situation does not recur in the future.

Logjam ends, Parliament to debate Constitution

At a meeting called by Speaker, the ruling party agrees to allow certain topics to be raised, but does not accede to an ultimatum on Adam Indictment. Congress decides not to cause any disruption over the Adam issue, but announces protest outside Parliament complex for today; it says the agreement on debate is a breakthrough by the government

Sumanta Chakrabarti

The ruling party agreed to allow certain issues to be raised in the Lok Sabha on December 16 and 17. The ruling side agreed to allow certain issues such as the Bangladesh situation and the violence in Jammu and Kashmir to be raised during 20-25 hours, but did not accede to any ultimatum by the opposition.

The main Opposition party, the Congress, decided not to disrupt Parliament over the Adam issue, but it will hold a protest outside the Main Door of the Parliament complex of 10, 11 and 12 on Thursday. Before the protest, at a meeting of IMHA (the Indian Muslim Home Affairs) leaders, the Congress would ask other parties to join the demonstration, it was said.



MEETING IN PROGRESS Four leaders of various parties at a meeting at the residence of the Speaker.

Madhava Kumar and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi had made the demand in separate letters to Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankar and Mr. Sinha, respectively, last week. "The Lok Sabha Speaker met with four leaders of all the parties. Everybody expressed their frustration on Parliament not functioning. Everybody was of the view that it was not appropriate to cause people's misery. The Opposition also got through their demand, there was a proposal in Business Advisory Committee. Congress, the Opposition on the Constitution, the government has agreed to it," Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ghanshyam Shukla told reporters.

However, the government refused to accede to the demand on Adam Indictment, arguing the developments had taken place in a foreign country, the sources said. Congress members, however, maintained that the decision to agree to a debate on the Constitution

was a "breakthrough" by the government. At the meeting with Mr. Sinha, the sources said, it was agreed that the Opposition Party would be allowed to raise the Adam issue. Some Opposition parties felt that by ending Parliament, the Opposition was falling into the trap of the government and would not be able to raise issues that concern people.

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Marching forward



Marching forward Protests and rallies were held in various parts of the country during the election campaign.

BJP may name CM tomorrow; Sena yet to decide on deputy CM position

Madhava Kumar

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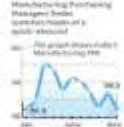
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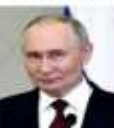
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Putin to visit India early next year for summit with Modi

Sahana Haldar

A sign of closer engagement between India and Russia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited Russian President Vladimir Putin to India for a summit early next year. The report shows that the manufacturing sector's growth slowed to 2.2% in November, down from 2.5% in October.



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Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

In a breakthrough to end the logjam that had plagued the functioning of Parliament for over a week, the government and the Opposition reached a consensus on holding a discussion on the Constitution in both Houses.

The Lok Sabha will hold the discussion on December 13 and 14 and the Rajya Sabha on December 16 and 17.

The ruling side agreed to allow certain issues such as the Bangladesh situation and the violence in Sambhal to be raised during Zero Hour, but did not accede

to any discussion on the Adani indictment.

The main Opposition party, the Congress, decided not to disrupt Parliament over the Adani issue, but it will hold a protest outside the Makar Dwar of the Parliament complex at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Before the protest, at a meeting of INDIA bloc leaders, the Congress would ask other parties also to join the demonstration, sources said.

The breakthrough came at a meeting of floor leaders of all parties called by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, where the government conceded to the demand for holding a discussion on the Constitution. Congress



Major breakthrough: Floor leaders of various parties at a meeting at the chamber of the Speaker in Parliament on Monday. ANI

president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi had made the demand in separate letters to Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar and Mr.

Birla, respectively, last week.

"The Lok Sabha Speaker met with floor leaders of all the parties. Everybody expressed their frustration on Parliament not func-

tioning. Everybody was of the view that it was not appropriate to waste people's money. The Opposition also put forward their demand, there was a proposal in Business Advisory Committee to have discussion on the Constitution, the government has agreed to it," Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told presspersons.

However, the government refused to accede to a discussion on Adani indictment, arguing the developments had taken place in a foreign country, the sources said.

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was a "climbdown" by the government.

At the meeting with Mr. Birla, the sources said, it was agreed that Samajwadi Party would be allowed to raise the Sambhal issue, Trinamool Congress the situation in Bangladesh and DMK the devastation caused by Cyclone Fengal in the Lok Sabha during Zero Hour on Tuesday.

Functioning to resume

Mr. Rijiju also mentioned the first Bill of the Session would be passed on Tuesday. The functioning of both Houses had been paralysed since the beginning of the Winter Session on November 25. The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha had

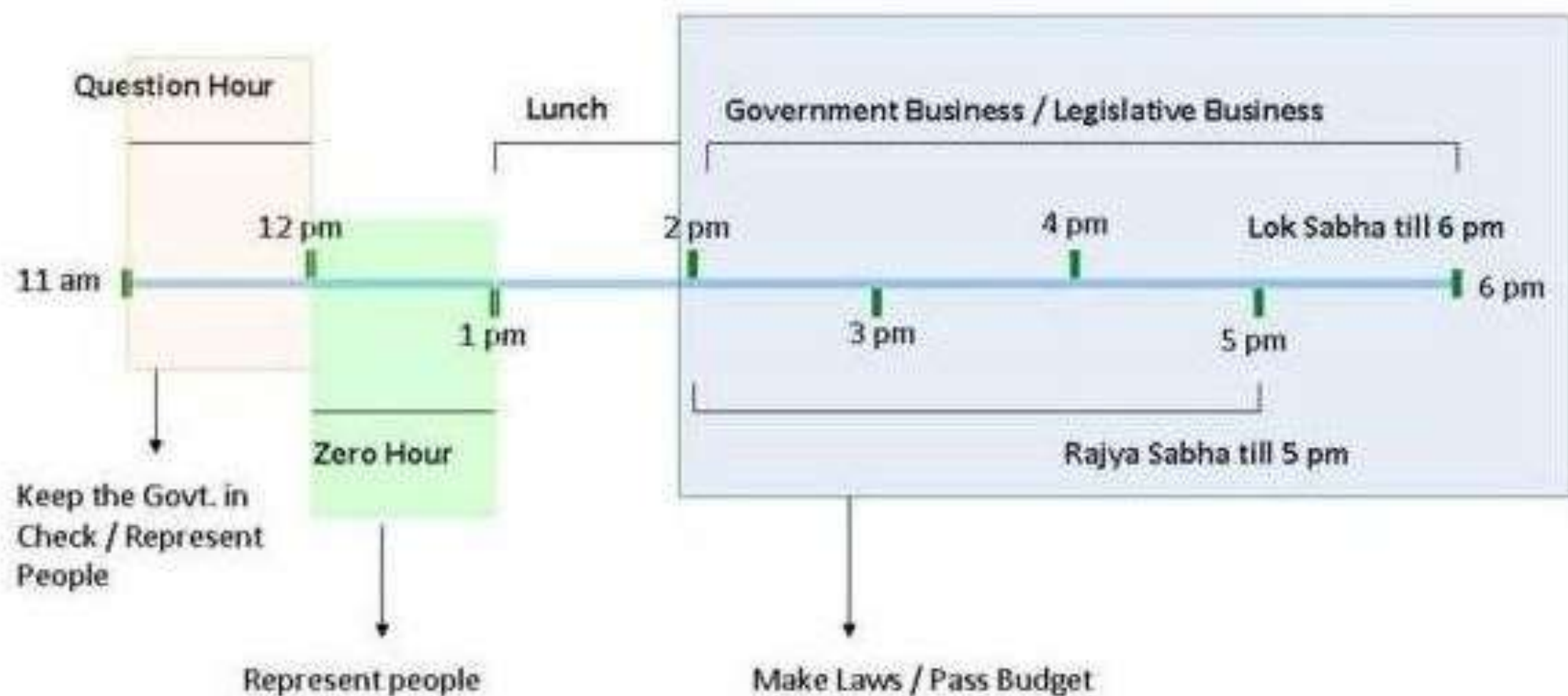
functioned for just 67 and 93 minutes, respectively.

The development on Monday comes amid increasing isolation of the Congress over the stalling of Parliament over the Adani issue. Some Opposition parties felt that by stalling Parliament, the Opposition was falling into the trap of the government and would not be able to raise issues that concern people.

The Trinamool had notably been uncomfortable in allowing Parliament to be disrupted like this and had not been attending INDIA bloc meetings recently.

BOTH HOUSES STALLED

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- **Breakthrough in Parliamentary Logjam**


- The government and Opposition reached a consensus to resume Parliamentary functioning by agreeing to hold discussions on the Constitution.

- सरकार और विपक्ष ने संविधान पर चर्चा करने के लिए सहमति बनाकर संसदीय गतिरोध को समाप्त किया।





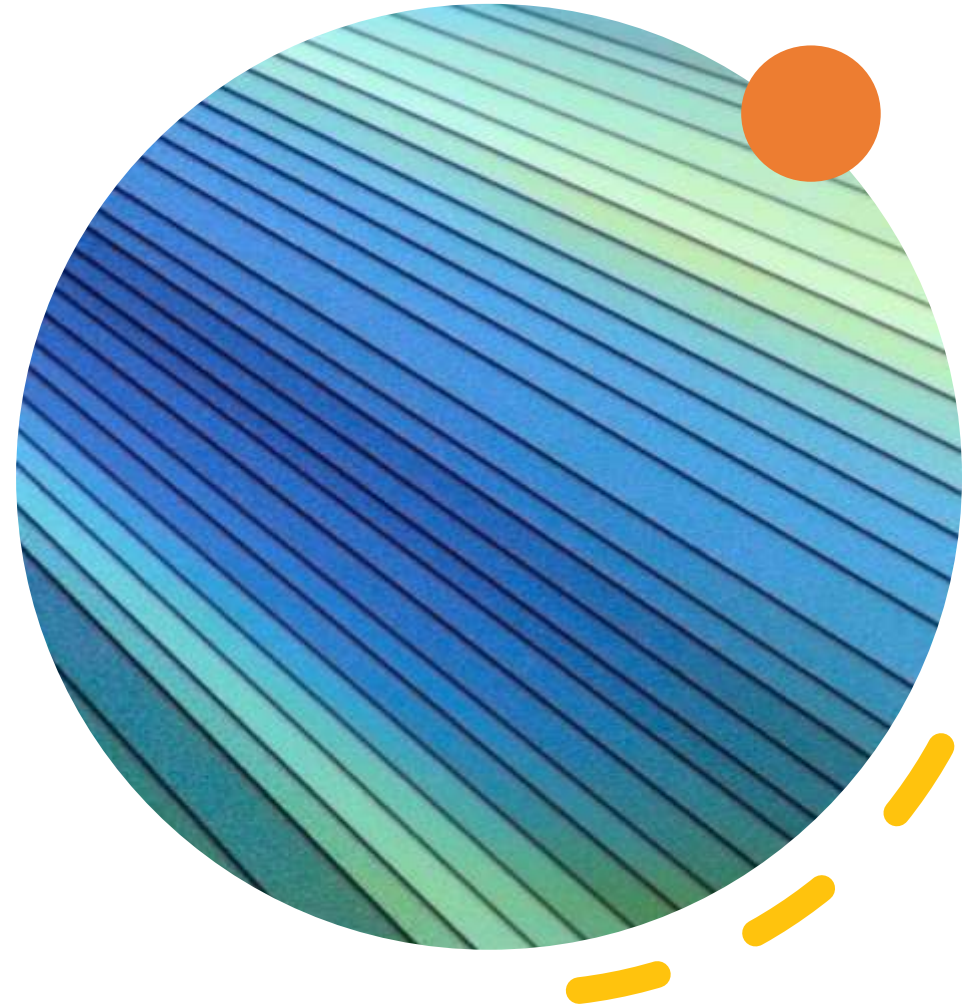
- **Scheduled Discussions**

- The Lok Sabha will discuss the Constitution on December 13 and 14, while the Rajya Sabha will take it up on December 16 and 17.
 - लोकसभा में 13 और 14 दिसंबर को संविधान पर चर्चा होगी, जबकि राज्यसभा इसे 16 और 17 दिसंबर को लेगी।
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Issues Raised in Zero Hour

Topics such as the situation in Bangladesh and violence in Sambhal will be raised during Zero Hour.

ज़ीरो ऑवर में बांग्लादेश की स्थिति और संभल में हिंसा जैसे मुद्दों को उठाया जाएगा।






- **Opposition's Protest**

- Congress decided not to disrupt Parliament over the Adani issue but will hold a protest outside the Parliament complex.
- कांग्रेस ने अडानी मुद्दे पर संसद में बाधा डालने का निर्णय नहीं लिया लेकिन संसद परिसर के बाहर प्रदर्शन करेगी।

- **Government's Stand on Adani Issue**

- The government refused to discuss the Adani indictment, arguing that the developments occurred in a foreign country.
 - सरकार ने अडानी मामले पर चर्चा करने से इनकार कर दिया, यह तर्क देते हुए कि घटनाक्रम एक विदेशी देश में हुआ
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1. Functioning of Both Houses

1. Both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha had stalled since November 25, functioning for just 67 and 93 minutes, respectively.
2. लोकसभा और राज्यसभा 25 नवंबर से स्थगित थीं, और क्रमशः केवल 67 और 93 मिनट के लिए चली थीं।



Protesters barge into Bangladesh mission in Agartala, pull down flag

External Affairs Ministry expresses regret over the incident in Tripura capital, says government is taking action to step up security arrangements at Bangladesh missions in India. Dhaka says the breach has left its personnel with sense of insecurity

Royal Bahadur Ali
Kathil Bhatnagar
AGARTALA/NEW DELHI

After a group of protesters entered the premises of the Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Tripura's capital Agartala, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday said the incident was "deeply regrettable".

"The Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the incident had left the personnel at the mission with a sense of 'insecurity', adding that the protesters were 'subdued or aggrieved'."

"The MEA reiterated India's commitment to uphold the sanctity of diplomatic missions and promised enhanced security of the diplomatic missions in Bangladesh in the future. Against the backdrop of the November 25 attack on Hindu leader Chinmay Krishna Das in Chittagong, a large group of protesters



During the street protests, protesters staged protest over alleged atrocities in Bangladesh on Monday.

from the Hindu Sangha Parishad on Monday forced their entry into the Assistant High Commissioner's office in Agartala, pulled down the National Flag of Bangladesh and damaged items before being pushed out.

The incident is the breach of premises at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commissioner in Agartala, Das deeply regrettable. Diplomatic and consular proper-

ties should not be targeted under any circumstances. The government is taking steps to step up security arrangements for the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi and their Deputy/Assistant High Commission in the country," the MEA said in a statement.

The arrest of Mr. Das and the subsequent suspension of bank accounts

Protests held in Mumbai

Hundreds of protesters, including members of the Shiv Sena, gathered outside the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Mumbai on Monday, demanding the immediate release of Hindu monk Chinmay Krishna Das, who was arrested in the neighbouring country. They voiced concerns over "targeted attacks on minority Hindus" in Bangladesh.

of several of his associates in Bangladesh has caused tension. On Monday, members of the Hindu Sangha Parishad organised a protest in Agartala and raised slogans on the road leading to the mission. Witnesses said a large number of people entered the premises of the Assistant High Commission in the Surjaba area, while their leaders were submitting a

The Hindu Bureau

KOLKATA/PETRAPOLE

Protests against the arrest of Hindu monks in Bangladesh reached Petrapole on the India-Bangladesh border on Monday. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has urged the Centre to seek the intervention of the United Nations in deploying a peace-keeping mission in the neighbouring country.

"Observing that it is not in her jurisdiction, she must insist on the affairs of a foreign country," the Chief Minister said. "If required, the government must take up the matter with the United Nations so that peace-keeping missions may be deployed in the region."

Speaking in the West Bengal Assembly, Ms. Banerjee said that the Minister for External Affairs should come to the aid of the monks, if the Prime Minister is unwilling to do the job himself," she stated. "The Chief Minister said that influence in Bangladesh

Thousands take part in rally at border in West Bengal



People protesting against alleged atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh, at the Petrapole border in West Bengal on Monday.

can be repaired and avoid the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue. "We have no problem in sharing our roof with them," said Ms. Banerjee, who clarified that she was speaking about Indian citizens in the neighbouring countries, not "Hindus" of Bangladesh. Meanwhile, at the Petrapole international checkpoint, hundreds of monks from various Hindu religious institutions and sects across West Bengal joined the protests. Amidst loud chants of "Jai Shri Ram"

U.P. Cong. protests as police prevent team from visiting Sambhal

The Hindu Bureau

LAKHNAW

Chaos unfolded outside the Uttar Pradesh Congress office in Lucknow on Monday when hundreds of party workers attempted to reach the office. During a face-off with the police after a local congressman led by state Congress president Ajay Rai was prevented from leaving for Sambhal.

Mr. Rai, senior Congress leader, and workers staged a sit-in outside the office. "The day the restrictions are lifted, a Congress delegation will go to Sambhal," Mr. Rai said. The police put some party leaders under house arrest.

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No voter must be turned down, SC tells EC over increased voter limit

Rishabh Dasgupta

NEW DELHI

Hearing a petition challenging the poll body's decision to enhance the maximum number of voters per polling station from 1,200 to 1,500, Chief Justice of India Sanjay Kumar on Monday told the Election Commission that "no voter should be turned down".

The petition said the move leads to disenfranchisement among the "teeming millions", especially the underprivileged, for whom the Commission works. "We are concerned... no voter should be turned down. You have to explain your position," Chief Justice Sanjay Kumar, leading a bench with Justice Sanjay Kumar, addressed the EC.

"The petition, filed by activist Indu Prakash Singh and represented by senior advocate A. M. Singhvi, addressed the SC against the EC's decision to increase the number of voters per polling station, probably in a bid to lower the cost of election," it said.

"The EC does not realise that such an approach is actually a very regressive step in democracy as a result of which the Right to Representation of People Act, 1951 mandates the



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'Make in India' is now 'make-believe in India', says Congress

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The fall in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) numbers for the last quarter highlights the "unimpressive" manufacturing growth, the Congress leader said on Monday.

In a statement, Congress economic affairs minister Jai Ram Ramesh said the trend indicates that the Narendra Modi led government's "Make in India" scheme has become "Make-believe in India".

"The data belies the dismal reality of the Prime Minister's decade-old promise to make India a new global hub for manufactur-

ing exports. The unfortunate reality is that 40 years after the Government's flagship Make in India scheme was launched, India's manufacturing is stagnating, and our exports are faltering," Mr. Ramesh said.

On Sunday, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi too had raised similar concerns.

"In fact, growth in India's share of global exports grew much faster in the 2008-15 period, largely corresponding to Dr. Manmohan Singh's tenure as Prime Minister," he stated.

"The Congress leader said that in an employment-intensive sector like garment manufacturing, countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam have taken a lead and 'cheap imports from China have become the MSME sector.' Make in India has simply become Make-Believe in India," Mr. Ramesh claimed.

Rampal Varma gets relief from arrest

The Hindu Bureau

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Film director Rampal Varma got a reprieve in the Andhra Pradesh High Court as cases pertaining to posting of objectionable messages, allegedly including morphed photos, against B. Chandrababu Naidu, K. Paswan Kothari and Nara Lokesh on his X account. It gave him interim protection from arrest till December 9.

Chief Justice passed the order on Monday after hearing the anticipatory bail petition filed by Mr. Varma, who had contended that the messages were posted as part of the promotion of his movie. Varma and other accused are not barred under law as he has the right to express his views under Article 19(2A) of the Constitution.

Deals for 26 Rafale-M jets, 3 Scorpene submarines to be signed: Navy chief

Dinakar Patel

NEW DELHI

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Farmers stage protest at Delhi borders for MSP, compensation

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Over a thousand farmers gathered at the Delhi-Noida border on Monday for their demand for land allocation and increased compensation for the land acquired by the government, the police said on Monday.

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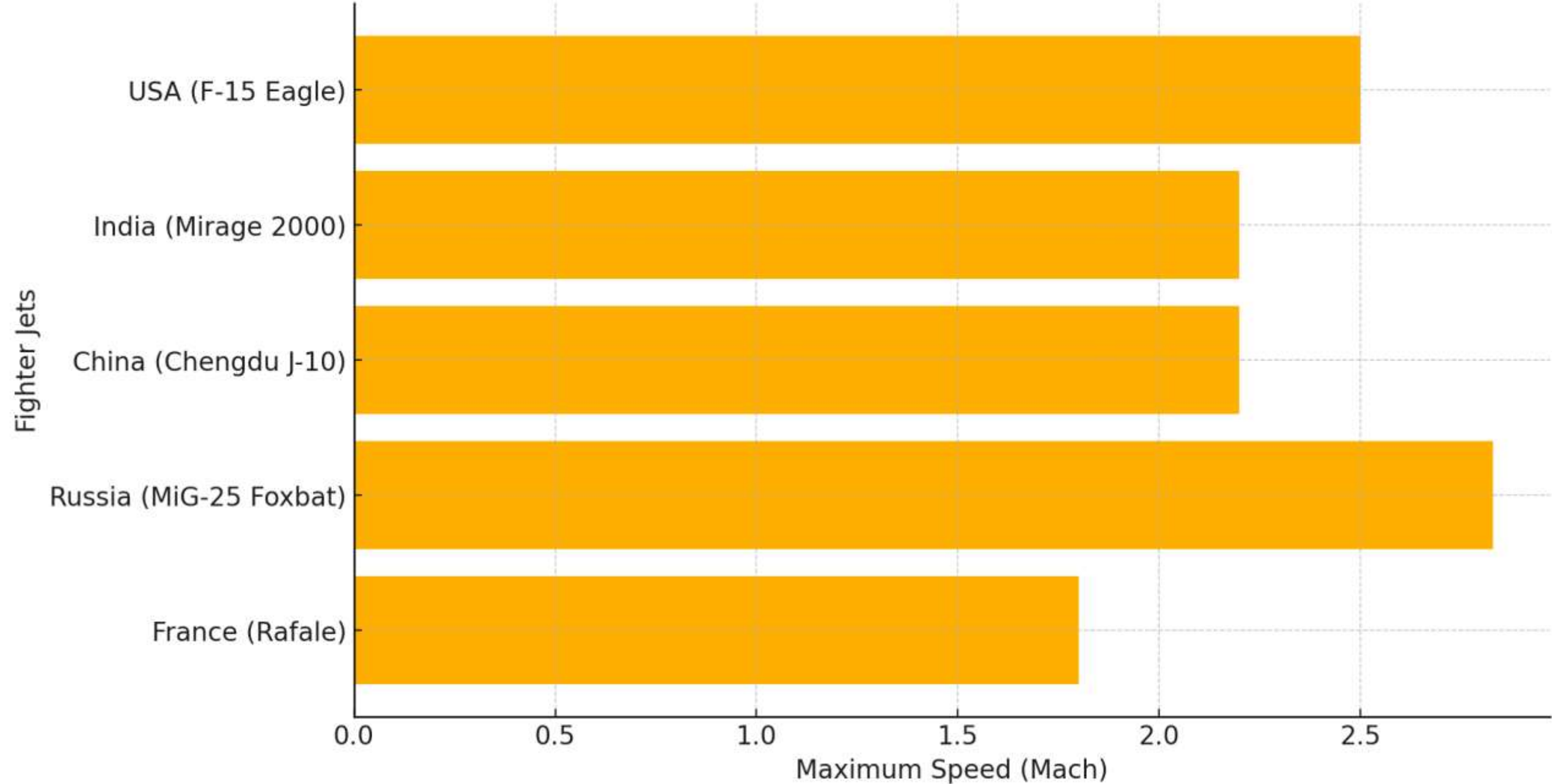
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"We did carry out test of missile... Launch was successful. Concerned agencies are examining as to what trajectory the missile took," he said on the recent K4 SLBM test with a range of 3,500 km from *INS Arighaat*.

Comparison of Maximum Speeds of Fighter Jets






- **Rafale-M Fighter Jets and Scorpene Submarines**

- India is negotiating a deal with France for 26 Rafale-M fighter jets and three additional Scorpene-class conventional submarines.

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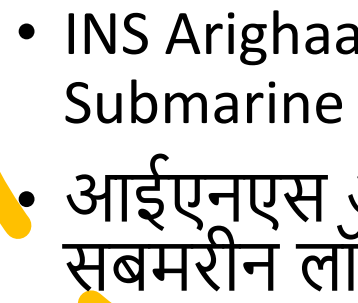




- **Status of Submarine Projects**

- Of the six Scorpene submarines from an earlier contract, five have been inducted, and the sixth is expected to be commissioned this month.
- पहले के अनुबंध की छह स्कॉर्पीन पनडुब्बियों में से पांच को शामिल किया गया है, और छठी पनडुब्बी इस महीने चालू होने की उम्मीद है।

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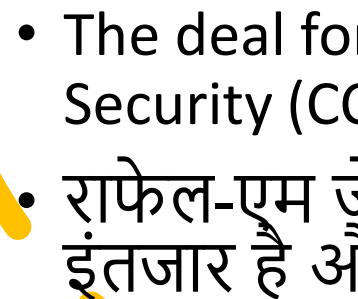
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- **Future Nuclear Attack Submarines**

- The first of two nuclear attack submarines (SSN) being indigenously designed and manufactured is expected to be ready by 2036-37.
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- **Acquisition Process**

- The deal for Rafale-M jets is pending clearance from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) and is expected to be finalized soon.
 - राफेल-एम जेट्स के सौदे को सुरक्षा पर मंत्रिमंडल समिति (सीसीएस) से मंजूरी का इंतजार है और इसे जल्द ही अंतिम रूप दिए जाने की उम्मीद है।
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- **Submarine Testing and Development**

- INS Arighaat recently conducted a successful test of the K4 SLBM missile with a range of 3,500 km.

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INS Arighat

Nuclear-capable submarine-launched missiles

- K-4 (in development)**
Range: 3,500km
- K-15 Sagarika**
Range: 750km

ARIHANT-CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Length	110 metres
Displacement	6,000 tonnes
Crew	95
Surface speed	15 knots (28km/h)
Submerged speed	24 knots (44km/h)

INS ARIGHAT: Indian Navy's second indigenously-designed and built Arihant-class submarine

Six 533mm torpedo tubes

Propulsion
80MW nuclear pressurised water reactor drives steam turbine

Vertical launch tubes
Can carry 12 K-15 (three per tube) or four K-4 missiles

INDIA'S SUBMARINE FLEET

Nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBN): 2



INS Arihant INS Arighat

Nuclear attack submarine (SSN): 1



INS Chakra

Diesel-electric submarines (SSK): 14

Kalvari-class (2)

Shishumar-class (4)



Sindhughosh-class (8)





Telangana Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates ambulances and other initiatives in Hyderabad on Monday.

Revanth inaugurates 33 exclusive clinics for transpersons

Midharsih Kumar Shrivastava
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu virtually inaugurated 33 transgender clinics — one in each of the 33 districts on Monday. These clinics named "Matri Clinics" aim to provide free health check-ups, diagnostic tests, and medicines for transgender individuals, ensuring accessible and inclusive healthcare across Telangana, the Chief Minister said.

The clinics will operate two days in a week, every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "This initiative is a milestone for India as it stands the first comprehensive State-wide healthcare support system for transgender individuals through specialised transgender health centres," said Health Minister C. Dasmodu Raja Saikumar.

Each clinic is staffed by a team comprising a doctor trained in transgender healthcare, a counsellor, and a transgender individual serving as a Community Health Champion.

The Chief Minister also flagged off 23 new ambulances, expending the

State's ambulances fleet from 790 to 1,022. This upgrade aims to reduce the average response time from 10 minutes to 14 minutes and improve golden-hour hospitalisation rates from 61% to 80%. With this addition, every Mandal will now have at least one ambulance, equipped with GPS-enabled tracking for real-time monitoring and efficient dispatch.

As part of the Praja Palana-Praja Vijayotsava celebrations being held from December 1 to 15 marking one year of Congress government in the state, multiple initiatives under the Health Department were launched by the Chief Minister along with Mr. Sarath Chandra, support secretary to Health Minister, at a "Health Festival" held in Hyderabad.

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The Tamil Nadu government has mobilised all available resources to provide relief and rehabilitation to the affected population, he said.

12 dead, 2.11 lakh hectares of farmland flooded due to cyclone in Tamil Nadu

Detailed assessment on crop damage would be made after the rains subside, says CM M.K. Stalin. In a letter to the PM, he states 2,416 huts and 721 houses have been destroyed across the State

The Hindu Bureau
VILLUPPATTUR

A total of 12 lives were lost and over 2,400 huts were damaged in Tamil Nadu due to cyclone Fergal, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Monday.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Stalin said 2,416 huts and 721 houses were destroyed, and 983 head of cattle had died. Over 2.11 lakh hectares of agricultural and horticultural land had been inundated, he added.

Over 9,500 km of roads, 1,847 overhead and 417 tanks had been damaged, and 1,649 km of electrical conductors had been affected.

Over 23,654 electric poles and 997 transformers had been affected. Over 4,200 angawadi centres, 205 primary health centres, 4,304 school buildings, 361 community centres and 235 water supply schemes had been affected, he said.

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Beaching with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin viewing a position at an observation shelter in Villupuram district on Monday.

Despite the State government's best efforts, "the scale of this disaster has overwhelmed the State's resources, and the State needs urgent financial assistance to manage the fallout of this natural disaster," Mr. Stalin said.

Central funds Mr. Stalin requested Mr. Modi to release ₹2,000 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund to aid the restoration and rehabilitation efforts. He also requested that a Central team be deputed to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the damage and livelihoods.

They added that the cyclone had "wreaked unprecedented havoc" across 14 districts of Tamil Nadu, Cuddalore, and eight islands of the Tamil Nadu territory, receiving rainfall equivalent to an entire season's average (more than 50 cm) in a single day, resulting in widespread flooding and severe damage to infrastructure and crops, Mr. Stalin said.

Earlier, addressing a press conference after visiting affected areas in Villupuram district, Mr. Stalin said crops on 1.29,000 hectares in Villupuram, Kallar, Kanchi, and Tiruvannamalai districts had been inundated due to heavy rain caused by the cyclone. The Tamil Nadu government would submit a detailed report to the Centre on the extent of the damage, he added.

Precautionary steps The government had taken all precautionary measures before the onset of the cyclone. Review meetings were held, and Ministers and monitoring officers were sent to the districts to monitor relief and rescue efforts, he said.

"I was in touch with the Collector of the districts concerned through video-conference, and gave them directions on the precautionary measures to be taken," he added. The Chief Minister also visited the districts to assess the damage and relief efforts.

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BJP issues notice to its MLA for attacking Karnataka party unit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP central disciplinary committee on Sunday has issued a show-cause notice to rebel leader and senior Karnataka MLA Bannargodda Patil Yashpal for allegedly violating the party's discipline by indulging in public attacks of the party leadership.

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as Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

What had caused concern for the party leadership was that Mr. Yashpal had become a rallying point for several other disgruntled leaders. This group has also embarked upon a parallel campaign against Waqf reform.

Rebels in Delhi

Incidentally, the rebel leaders, including Mr. Yashpal, reached Delhi on Sunday night to meet the central leaders. They were planning to submit their preliminary report on the Waqf campaign. Their visit was preceded by that of Mr. Vijayendra, who has reportedly drafted a committee of the central leaders on disciplinary activities in the State.

The notice says "Your continuing tirade against the party State leadership and your defiance of party discipline, including your public pronouncements and stance in contravention of party's official stand on all matters of political and public importance have been reported in media and different party forums."

Incessant rain triggered by Cyclone Fergal floods roads and uproots trees in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Incessant rain lashing Bengaluru under the impact of Cyclone Fergal resulted in the inundation of multiple roads and tree falls on Monday.

At 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Bengaluru city received 14.3 mm, HAL Airport 16.6 mm and Kempegowda International Airport 4.3 mm of rain fall. The city recorded a maximum temperature of 22.8 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 20.4. The IMD has forecast a generally cloudy sky and moderate to heavy rain for the next 36 hours.

The city has been receiving showers since Monday morning and the rain continued the next day morning. On Sunday, the city recorded a minimum temperature of 20.4 de-



Continuous rains and cold weather prevailed across Bengaluru city for the second day due to the impact of Cyclone Fergal on Monday.

grees Celsius which is 2.3 degrees Celsius lower than normal. BMMF data showed that these trees had fallen in Jayanagar and Malleshwaram, and one near the office of the Criminal Investigation Department. A senior BMMF official said that the trees had fallen on the standby across the city. The affected roof of a house in JJR Nagar collapsed, and teams from BMMF rescued two people in the building. They have been shifted to a temporary shelter in the neighbourhood. Residents returning to Bengaluru after the weekend faced traffic congestion on Mysuru Road, Tumakuru Road, NICE Road and other stretches. Rakesh, who was travelling from Chickballapur district to Bengaluru on Sunday, said he covered about 182 km in a two-and-a-half-hour, but to travel 67 km from Nelamangala toll gate to his house took another two-and-a-half hours. Due to rain, there was bumper-to-bumper traffic even on the NICE road as vehicles moved slowly.

On Monday, office goers faced hardship with flooding at Pattabhi near a bridge, Outer Ring Road, Banerghatta Road, Kasturba Road, and Doddanekundi village road.

In Kolar, Chickballapur, Ramnagar, Manthar, Channarayana, Channarayana, Dakshina Kannada, and Udipi areas, schools and colleges will be closed on December 3.

Bad weather forces closure of three traditional trekking routes to Sabarimala temple

The Hindu Bureau
BENCHI

The Kerala government on Monday informed the Kerala High Court that the movement of Sabarimala pilgrims from the traditional trekking paths from Vandiyapuzha, Pulundi and Kuzhuvilly has been suspended for the time being due to incessant rain.

The submission was made by the government pleader when the cases relating to the arrangements being made for the Sabarimala pilgrims came up for hearing.

The Bench also asked the Travancore Devaswom pilgrims relief committee about the maintenance of toilet facilities, including biogas and solar cell toilets, at Nilakkal, Pampa and Sabarimala Samsthana and also along the trekking path from Pampa to Samanthandam.

Mukki paths closed The Mukki district administration has temporarily suspended pilgrim journey along the traditional forest route through Sathran and Mukki to the Sabarimala Samanthandam due to bad weather.



Pilgrims walking in a line for darshan at Sabarimala Samanthandam on Monday.

LDF to protest in Kerala against Centre over Wayanad aid

Prava Prasad of India
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's ruling CPDM-led LDF said it will stage a march and sit-in on Monday to protest the aid from the BJP Bharat in Thiruvananthapuram and at Central government offices across the State on December 3 to protest the Centre's refusal to provide vital aid to flood-affected areas in Wayanad.

In a statement on Monday, LDF convenor P.R. Mahalingam stated that everyone should come for-

Navy to hold operational exercise in Jan.

The Hindu Bureau
BANGALURU

An "operational demonstration" by the Indian Navy will be organised by the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) on January 4, 2025, at K.R. Beach here instead of the annual Navy Day demonstration on December 4. Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Naval Command (CINCLANT) Rakesh Pundhakar has said here on Monday.

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TTD to give special darshan tokens to residents of Tirupati

G.P. Shankar
TIRUMALA

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Monday addressed a long-standing demand by offering special darshan tokens to the residents of Tirupati. The newly constituted board on November 16 had resolved to permit the residents in the darshan of Lord Venkateswara on the first Tuesday of every month.

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Speaking on the ENC’s progress over the last one year and development activities, he said in the past year, three ships of the ENC were deployed in the Arabian Sea to augment overall naval efforts. *INS Sumitra* and *INS Sumedha*, along with Marine Commandos, played a stellar role in securing the release of 59 personnel from hijacked vessels, and apprehension of 20 Somali pirates.

INS Shivalik was involved in real-time combat situations, wherein the ship provided Anti-Missile Defence cover to merchant vessels being attacked by Houthi rebels.

- **Operational Exercise in January 2025**
- The Indian Navy will conduct an operational demonstration on January 4, 2025, at R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam.
- This replaces the traditional annual Navy Day demonstration on December 4.
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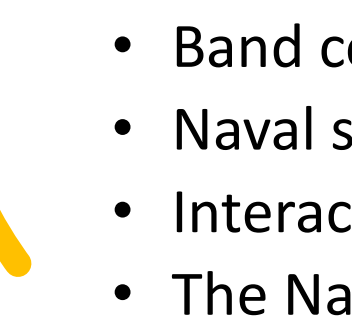




- **Special Guest for January Event**

- Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will be the chief guest for the operational demonstration in Visakhapatnam.


- **Additional Events in Visakhapatnam**

- Other activities during Navy Week include:
 - Band concerts.
 - Naval ship visits for children.
 - Interaction with veterans.
 - The Navy Marathon on December 15 along Beach Road.
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- **Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Contributions**

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Founded	26 January 1950; 74 years ago <i>(as current service)</i>
	5 September 1612; 412 years ago <i>(as East India Company's Marine)</i> ^{[1][2]}
Country	 India
Type	Navy
Role	Naval warfare , force projection , sealift , nuclear deterrence
Size	64,000 active personnel ^[3] 50,000 reserve personnel ^[4] (250 including auxiliaries) Approx. 300 aircraft
Part of	 Indian Armed Forces
Headquarters	Integrated Defence Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
Motto(s)	<i>Sham No Varunah</i> (ISO) <u>transl.</u> : 'May the Lord of Water be auspicious onto us'
Colours	Navy blue, gold and white 
March	Quick: <i>Jai Bharati</i> (Victory to India) Slow: <i>Anand Lok</i> (Realm of Joy)
Anniversaries	Navy Day : 4 December

Operational fleet

as of January 2024



- 2 Aircraft carriers
- 1 Amphibious transport dock
- 6 Landing Ship Tanks
- 8 Landing Craft Utility
- 13 Destroyers
- 15 Frigates
- 20 Corvettes
- 3 Nuclear submarines
- 17 Diesel Submarines
- 15 Offshore Patrol Vessels
- 115 Patrol vessels
- 5 Replenishment Oilers
- Other auxiliary vessels

Major wars and operations [\[hide\]](#)

- Portuguese-Indian War
- Indo-Pakistani War of 1965
- Operation Trident
- 1971 insurgency in Ceylon
- Operation Python
- Indo-Pakistani Naval War of 1971
- Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
- Operation Lal Dora
- Operation Cactus
- Operation Flowers are Blooming
- Kargil War (Operation Talwar)
- Anti-piracy operations in Somalia

Aircraft flown

Fighter	Mikoyan MiG-29K, Dassault Rafale-M
Helicopter	Dhruv, Ka-28, Ka-31, Sea King Mk.42C, UH-3 Sea King, Chetak, Sikorsky MH-60R
Utility helicopter	Dhruv
Patrol	Boeing P-8 Poseidon, Dornier 228, Britten-Norman BN-2
Reconnaissance	IAI Heron, IAI Searcher Mk II, General Atomics MQ-9B SeaGuardian
Trainer	BAE Hawk, HAL HJT-16, Pipistrel Virus, MiG-29KUB

IN BRIEF

PM watches Sabarmati Report with his colleagues

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday watched the Sabarmati Report, said to be based on the burning of the national capital by the British...

Man held in Odisha for killing pig on stage, eating its meat

A man has been arrested in Odisha's Ganjam district for allegedly killing a pig on stage and eating its raw meat while portraying the role of a demon in a traditional 'Jatra' play performance...

CJ urged to undo changes made to court building

The Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association (SCAARA) on Monday asked Chief Justice of India Sanjay Khanna to undo two alterations made by the predecessor to the court building...

Delhi curbs will be eased only after fall in air pollution: SC

Bench takes note of the plight of the poor and of non-payment of subsistence allowance for construction workers who are unable to earn a living during the enforcement of the restrictions

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said it wanted to ensure there is a 'consistent downward trend' in the pollution in the national capital before easing graded response action...



Anti smog gun being used to sprinkle water to curb pollution in New Delhi on Monday.

veiledhubs of the poor, "Please remember the plight of the workers. These people are unable to earn..." Justice Oka reacted.

"We know that ultimately some day we have to leave all this to you... We will hear on this issue on Thursday (December 30) after checking the air quality index to find out whether there is any downward trend," Justice Oka said.

court had repeatedly ordered these States to pay the allowance from their labour cess funds.

Further, the court directed the Chief Secretaries of Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, who are collectively tasked with monitoring compliance with GRAP-IV measures at the border entry points to the capital, were summoned in the course of their court appearances...

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

A study by Oxford University's Saïd Business School has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's PRAGATI infrastructure monitoring system for accelerating 340 projects worth \$205 billion across the country...

Lack of coordination

Besides, the Commission's report also revealed to the court that there was a "complete lack of coordination" among state governments such as Municipal Police, Delhi government, Pollution Control Board, etc.

Oxford study lauds PRAGATI system for fast-tracking projects

The report adds that the economic impact of PRAGATI is evident. According to studies by the Reserve Bank of India and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, for every rupee spent on infrastructure, India sees a gain of ₹2.8 to ₹3.8 in GDP.

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The study found that it would undoubtedly find permanent solutions to the annual pollution problem that plagues the capital between October and January.

Workers must unite against the policies of MNCs, governments, says veteran trade union leader

Mr. Mavrikis, speaking at a meeting on Monday on world trade union movement, said that increasing the number of workers against the policies of governments that favour big corporations...

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Veteran Greek trade union leader and the working class leader of the International Union of Marine Workers (IUMW) George Mavrikis called for a united fight by workers against the policies of governments that favour big corporations...

Data on Union government job quotas missing from DoPT's latest annual report

Abhinav Lokeshman NEW DELHI

The Union government's Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has removed data on reservation in Union government jobs and positions from its latest Annual Report 2023-24 released last month...



Marginalised communities can't even go to court because there is no consolidated data of how many reserved posts remain vacant.

rights body, said that "disorganised consciousness" of data on reservation in government jobs had emerged as a primary concern at a national convention held on Sunday on the "exclusion of advances from jobs"...

Marginalised communities can't even go to court because there is no consolidated data of how many reserved posts remain vacant

posts. "If you peruse the Ministry of Finance's Pay Research Unit records, it would appear that there are over 10 lakh Central government employees, but in the DoPT's annual reports since 2018, the data on reservations is provided for just about 19 lakh employees, with no explanation as to which employees are being left out," Mr. Rawal said.

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THE CROSSWORD 14346



- Across: 1. A rogue raises primary education to get hold over the world of children (8)...

To solve this puzzle online, go to our crossword site at https://www.puzzlepage.in/crossword/

- 18. Doesn't rely on public offices. Stops solving crossword (5,4,4,4)...

SUDOKU

9x9 grid for a Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Two smaller 4x4 grids for easier Sudoku puzzles.

FAITH

No excuse for inaction

While the Mahabharata talks about vidhi, it points out that we must not see vidhi as an excuse for inaction, elaborates P.T. Seshadri in a discourse. When Yudhishthira blames vidhi for the plight of the Pandavas, Draupadi tells him that the devote guru Bhishmapati had said about vidhi: A person who simply blames vidhi, and does nothing to change a situation, is an adharme among humans...

Oxford study lauds PRAGATI system for fast-tracking projects

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A study by Oxford University's Saïd Business School has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's PRAGATI infrastructure monitoring system for accelerating 340 projects worth \$205 billion across the country and bringing about economic transformation.

The study titled "From Gridlock to Growth: How Leadership Enables India's PRAGATI Ecosystem to Power Progress" was authored by Soumitra Dutta, dean at the SBS, and co-authored by associate fellow Mukul Pandya. It was presented at a symposium hosted by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, on Monday.

The study looked at factors including close monitoring of infrastructure projects and their completion since 2015 through the PRAGATI system, an acronym for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation of projects.

"The platform symbolises India's commitment to overcoming bureaucratic inertia and fostering a Team India mindset and culture of accountability and efficiency," says the report. "PRAGATI has brought together diverse stakeholders from Central

The report says that PRAGATI system symbolises India's commitment to overcoming bureaucratic inertia

and State governments onto a single platform and this collaborative approach has been instrumental in addressing some of the complex challenges in infrastructure development, from land acquisition to inter-ministerial coordination," the report says.

The report adds that the economic impact of PRAGATI is evident. According to studies by the Reserve Bank of India and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, for every rupee spent on infrastructure, India sees a gain of ₹2.5 to ₹3.5 in GDP. "By fast-tracking projects that provide services like roads, railways, water, and electricity, PRAGATI has improved the quality of life for millions of Indians. It has incorporated sustainability into its core operations, facilitated faster environmental clearances and promoted the use of green technologies. This holistic approach ensures that India's development is both inclusive and sustainable," the report says.


Recognition by Oxford Study

ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी के सईद बिजनेस स्कूल के अध्ययन ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) सिस्टम की प्रशंसा की।

यह सिस्टम 2015 से 340 प्रोजेक्ट्स, जिनकी कुल लागत \$205 बिलियन है, को ट्रैक और तेज़ी से पूरा करने में मदद कर रहा है।



- **Study Details**

- अध्ययन का शीर्षक: *From Gridlock to Growth: How Leadership Enables India's PRAGATI Ecosystem to Power Progress* |
 - इसे सईद बिजनेस स्कूल के डीन सौमित्रा दत्ता और सह-लेखक मुकुल पांड्या ने लिखा है।
 - भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान, बंगलुरु में एक संगोष्ठी के दौरान यह अध्ययन प्रस्तुत किया गया।
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Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently, chaired the meeting of **41st edition** of PRAGATI (**Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation**), the **ICT based multi-modal platform**, involving **Centre and State governments**.

Who designed it?

- The system has been designed in-house by the **PMO team** with the help of **National Informatics Center (NIC)**.

Key Highlights:

- It was launched in **2015** by the Prime Minister's office (**PMO**).
- The PRAGATI platform uniquely bundles three latest technologies:
 1. **Digital data management,**
 2. **Video-conferencing and**
 3. **Geo-spatial technology.**
- It is a **three-tier system** (PMO, Union Government Secretaries and Chief Secretaries of the States).
- The Prime Minister will hold a monthly programme where he will interact with the Government of India Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries **through video-conferencing enabled by data and geo-informatics visuals**.

PRAGATI

Pro-active Governance And Timely Implementation

Benefits:

- It is aimed at addressing common man's grievances and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.
- It is a robust system for bringing **e-transparency and e-accountability** with **real-time presence and exchange** among the key stakeholders.
- It **promotes cooperative federalism** as it brings on one platform the **Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States**.



Will set date for Putin visit early next year: Kremlin



SHUBHAJIT ROY & DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

Expected to visit India next year

LESS than a month, Russia has conveyed twice that President Vladimir Putin is expected to visit India next year. Saying that Putin had received Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to visit India, the Kremlin has said the dates will be decided early next year. This will be Putin's first visit to India since the war in Ukraine began in February 2022.

"Our leaders have an agreement to hold meetings once a year. This time, it's our turn... We received PM Modi's invitation and we will certainly consider it positively. We will figure out the tentative date early next year," Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said.

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CBSE plan: Pick from standard or advanced Social Science and Science in Classes 9-10

Proposal to start from 2026-27, must be cleared by CBSE governing body

ADHINAYA HARIKOVIND
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

AFTER INTRODUCING two levels of Mathematics (standard and basic) for Class 10 students, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is keen to be working towards a similar structure for Science and Social Science (standard and advanced) for Classes 9 and 10, starting from the 2026-27 academic session.

The decision to offer these subjects at two levels was taken during a recent meeting of the CBSE's curriculum committee. The Board's governing body, which serves as its highest decision-making authority, has to give the final approval.

The framework for this change, including whether students opting for the advanced level will use different study material or simply take a different exam, is yet to be finalised.



AS PART of the attempt to "reduce pressure", the National Education Policy, 2020, stated that "all subjects and corresponding assessments, beginning with Mathematics, could be offered at two levels, with students doing some subjects at standard level and some at higher level".

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DEBATE IN LS ON DEC 13-14, RS ON DEC 16-17

House deadlock breaks as Govt and Opp agree on Constitution debate

Under pressure from section of INDIA bloc and within, Congress changes tack



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla meets floor leaders. Express

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE WEEK-LONG standoff in Parliament came to an end as the government and the Opposition reached an agreement Monday, which was reflected by the announcement of dates for a special discussion on the Constitution in both the Houses.

The Opposition leaders indicated that they would cooperate with the government for smooth functioning of both the Lok Sabha

and Rajya Sabha, which have been stalled over various issues — including Cautam/Adani's indictment by the US prosecutors in an alleged bribery case, recent Samthal violence and Manipur unrest — since the Winter Session got underway on November 25.

At a meeting of floor leaders of all parties convened by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, both the government and Opposition

parties agreed for a special discussion on the Constitution during the session.

Expressing confidence that both the Houses will function smoothly from Tuesday, Parliamentary Affairs Minister

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IN PARLIAMENT
PAGE 5

Protesters vandalise Bangla mission in Agartala, MEA says 'deeply regrettable'

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, DECEMBER 2

A PROTEST outside the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala over the recent arrest of Hindu monk Chintoy Krishna Das spiralled into a riot Monday afternoon as a group of protesters broke the police barricade and stormed inside, indulging in vandalism and



Security at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala on Monday. PTI

removed the Bangladesh national flag from a pole.

In the evening, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) described the incident as "deeply regrettable" even as Bangladesh said the incident appeared to be "pre-planned" and blamed Tripura Police for not doing enough.

In a statement, the MEA said, "The incident earlier today of the breach of premises at the

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35% GST likely on cigarettes, aerated drinks and tobacco

ANANCHAL MAHAJAN
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

IN A step that would mark the first major restructuring of tax rates under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) seven years after its rollout, a special rate of 35 per cent could be carved out for demerit (sin) goods such as aerated beverages, cigarettes, tobacco and related products.

At a meeting on Monday, ahead of the GST Council meeting on December 21, the Group of Ministers (GoM) in rate rationalisation finalised its report with this recommendation of a special rate, in addition to proposing a slew of rate tweaks for over 148 items including ready-made garments.

The proposed hike in GST rates for sin goods, from the

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Akal Takht indicts Sukhbir and others, tells Akali Dal need to 'rebuild' party

KAMALDEEP SINGH BHAR
AARITSAR, DECEMBER 2

IN A scathing indictment of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and its president Sukhbir Singh Badal, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Jagtar Singh on Monday imposed religious punishment on



Sukhbir Singh Badal with others. Anand Singh

Badal and other senior Akali leaders, saying they were unfit to lead the Sikh community.

The Jathedar directed the party's working committee to accept Badal's resignation and announced the formation of a committee to initiate a mass shap drive and begin the process

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At home of IIT researcher killed in Lothal, a box of soil, questions

MAULSHREE BETH
SITAPUR, DECEMBER 2

"THIS is all we have now," says Madhusree Verma. On the concrete slab in front of her is an open black suitcase with plastic bags and mud samples that her daughter Surabhi Verma collected during her study of the Harappan



Surabhi Verma

site of Lothal.

Last week, on November 27, Surabhi, a 26-year-old PhD student at IIT Delhi's Centre for Archaeological Sciences, died when a trench she was working in near Lothal collapsed on her. While Surabhi was buried alive, her Associate Professor Yashwanth was pulled out of the trench.

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Welcoming the pioneer batch of Bharti Scholars

Bharti Airtel Foundation awarded scholarships to 276 deserving scholars from diverse socio-economic backgrounds in 2024, studying at the top 50 NIRF Engineering colleges in India.

 100% College & hostel fees

 22% Girl students

 High-end laptop

Bharti Airtel Scholarship

Achievers today. Leaders tomorrow.



'Brain rot' named Oxford Word of the Year 2024

London: Many of us have felt it, and now it's official: "brain rot" is the Oxford dictionaries' word of the year. Oxford University Press said on Monday the evocative phrase "gained new prominence in 2024", with its frequency of use increasing 230 per cent from the year before.

It defines brain rot as "the supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as the result of overconsumption of material (particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging".

The word of the year is intended to be "a word or expression that reflects a defining theme from the past 12 months". "Brain rot" was chosen by a combination of public vote and language analysis by Oxford lexicographers. **AP**

IMD: Second warmest November since 1901

POST-MONSOON RAINFALL OVER INDIA

Region	Rainfall departure % (Nov)	Rainfall departure % (Oct-Nov)
Northwest India	-79.9	-77.2
East & Northeast India	-67	1.8
Central India	-87.4	-21.5
South peninsula India	-37.9	-6.5
All India	-54.5	-15

Source : IMD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, DECEMBER 2

INDIA EXPERIENCED the second warmest November in 123 years, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said Monday. A warming trend has continued over India since the post-monsoon season in October and could contribute to making 2024 the warmest year ever on record, globally.

At the recently concluded COP-29 in Baku, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said that the January-September 2024 global mean surface air temperature was 1.54 degree Celsius (°C) above the pre-industrial average. The global body also warned that the 2015-2024 decade was on its

way to be the warmest ever.

According to the IMD, the average maximum temperature recorded over the country in November was 29.37 °C — 0.62 degrees above normal. The average minimum temperature, too, was high last, with a deviation of 1.05 degrees above the normal mark of 15.86°C.

India's warmest November was in 2016, when the average maximum temperature was 29.75°C.

Meteorologists attributed the above-normal temperatures over India to two factors: the lack of strong western disturbances affecting the plains of northwest India and the lack of cyclonic disturbances (low pressure systems or likewise) — in the absence of which the rainfall activity remained at its lowest.

Now, book an Uber Shikara in Dal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 2

RIDE-HAILING MULTINATIONAL company Uber on Monday launched its first water transport service in Kashmir, bringing the option to book shikaras through its mobile app.

Uber Shikara will allow tourists in Srinagar the option to pre-book their boat rides on the Dal Lake through their app. "The limited-period product will help tourists pre-book their shikara rides through the Uber app in advance so that they are all set to enjoy the scenic beauty of Dal Lake in Srinagar during the upcoming busy holiday season," the company said in a statement.

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated all stakeholders of the tourism sector of J&K on the launch of Uber Shikara. Commending Uber for their futuristic vision, he said the Uber Shikara in Srinagar is "a testament to creative ways technol-



Shikaras after Uber launched its first water transport service at Dal Lake in Srinagar, Monday. *Reuters*

ogy can enhance our cultural heritage."

Prabhjeet Singh, president, Uber India and South Asia said, "We are always looking to make mobility magical and effortless. Uber Shikara is our humble attempt to blend technology and tradition to give a seamless experience to travellers."

As part of the initiative, Uber has stated that the entire cost of the ride will be compensated to

the Shikara drivers, without Uber taking a cut, creating additional economic opportunities for the grassroots tourism workers in J&K. Each Uber Shikara ride can be booked for a period of 1 hour, up to four passengers. Uber Shikara rides can be booked 12 hours prior and up to 15 days in advance, the company said.

The shikaras will be available at predetermined government rates at the Dal Lake.

Madhya Pradesh gets its eighth tiger reserve in Ratapani

ANAND MOHAN J

BHOPAL, DECEMBER 2

THE RATAPANI Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh was on Monday declared a tiger reserve following in-principle approval from the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change through the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

Officials said this will bring significant benefits. "Local communities will see economic opportunities grow with the promotion of ecotourism, which is expected to generate employment and improve livelihoods," said an official.

Officials said the tiger reserve designation enables the state to receive funding from the NTCA, which will "ensure better management and conservation efforts for wildlife".


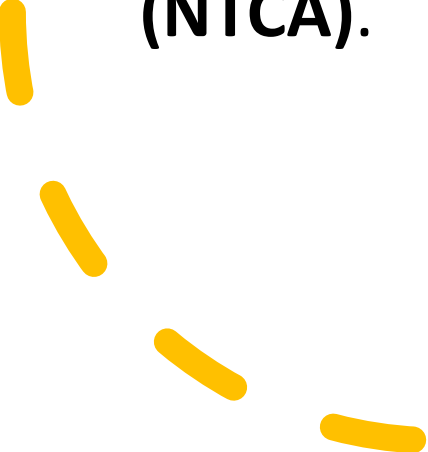
"Eco-development programs are also set to provide further support to the region's inhabitants," said an official.



The notification delineates the core and buffer areas, making this the eighth tiger reserve in the state. The core area spans 763.8 square kilometers, while the buffer area covers 507.6 square kilometers, making the total area of the Ratapani Tiger Reserve 1,271.4 square kilometers.

Sitting in the lap of the Vindhya hills, the sanctuary en-

compasses a World Heritage Site – the Bhimbetka Rock Shelters – and many historical and religious destinations. It is located in the Raisen district with a substantial cover of teak forests and is less than 50 kilometres away from Bhopal.

The notification was issued under Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, acknowledging the core area as a critical tiger habitat. This will cover nine revenue villages covering 26.947 square kilometers. "These villages have been integrated into the buffer zone. This decision ensures that the rights of local villagers within the sanctuary's boundaries will remain unaffected," said a wildlife officer.

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- **Declaration of Ratapani as Tiger Reserve**
 - The **Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary** in Madhya Pradesh has been declared the **eighth tiger reserve** in the state.
 - Approval was granted by the **Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change** through the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)**.
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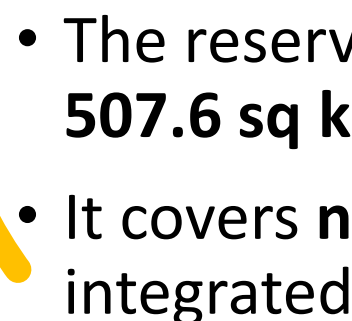
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- **Significance of the Tiger Reserve**
 - Officials emphasized that this status will **enhance wildlife management and conservation efforts.**
 - The notification was issued under **Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, acknowledging the core area as critical tiger habitat.
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- **Impact on Local Communities**

- Eco-tourism initiatives are expected to **generate employment** and improve livelihoods for local communities.
- **Eco-development programs** will also support the inhabitants of the region.

- **Geographical Details**

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- The reserve encompasses a **core area of 763.8 sq km** and a **buffer area of 507.6 sq km**, making a total area of **1,271.4 sq km**.
 - It covers **nine revenue villages** spanning **26.947 sq km**, which have been integrated into the buffer zone.




- **Location and Cultural Significance**

- Situated in the **Raisen district**, it includes teak forests and is less than **50 km from Bhopal**.
- The sanctuary houses the **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters**, a **World Heritage Site**, along with many historical and religious destinations.



- **Villager Rights and Buffer Zone Management**


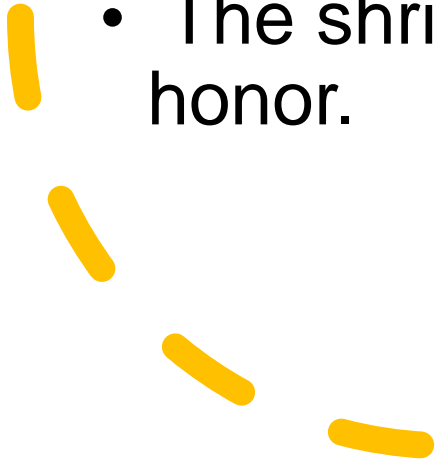
- Authorities have ensured that the **rights of local villagers within the sanctuary's boundaries will remain intact**, promoting coexistence between conservation efforts and community development.



52	Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve	-	Rajasthan	2022 	481.9073	1019.9848	1501.8921
53	Ranipur Tiger Reserve	-	Uttar Pradesh	2022 	230.31	299.0512	529.3612
54	Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve	-	Madhya Pradesh	2023 	1414.006	925.120	2339.12
55	Dholpur – Karauli Tiger Reserve	-	Rajasthan	2023 	599.6406	-	599.6406
				Total	43,513.0166 sq km	35,222.58 sq km	78,735.5966 sq km



Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti and Sufism



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- A Hindu Sena petition was admitted in an Ajmer court, claiming a Shiva temple lies beneath the Ajmer Sharif dargah, and calling for an archaeological survey.
 - The dargah is the mausoleum of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, a key figure in the spread of Sufism in the subcontinent.
 - The shrine was built by Mughal Emperor Humayun in his honor.
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- **Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti**
 - **Early Life:** He was born in 1141 CE in Persia (modern-day Iran) and was orphaned at 14. He embarked on a spiritual journey after meeting Ibrahim Qandozi, a mystic.
 - Moin-ud-din, believed to be a descendant of Muhammad.
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Spiritual Training: Moinuddin studied various subjects in Bukhara and Samarkand before being initiated into the Chishti Sufi order by Khwaja Usman Harooni near Herat.

Arrival in Ajmer: in 1192 CE, Moinuddin arrived in Ajmer, during the decline of the Chauhan dynasty following its defeat by Muhammad of Ghor.

- He chose to stay and help the suffering population.

Title “Garib Nawaz”: Moinuddin earned the title “**Garib Nawaz**” (friend of the poor) for his selfless service, including building a refuge and langarkhana (community kitchen) for the homeless and needy.


Contributions and Teachings : Moinuddin interacted with **Hindu mystics and sages, sharing common values of devotion** and rejecting religious orthodoxy, focusing on equality and divine love.

Mughal Patronage: Emperor Akbar revered Moinuddin, made pilgrimages to his shrine, and helped beautify Ajmer, contributing to the city's revival.

Legacy: Moinuddin's teachings of love, compassion, and inclusivity continue to resonate in India's religiously diverse landscape, bridging cultural gaps between communities.

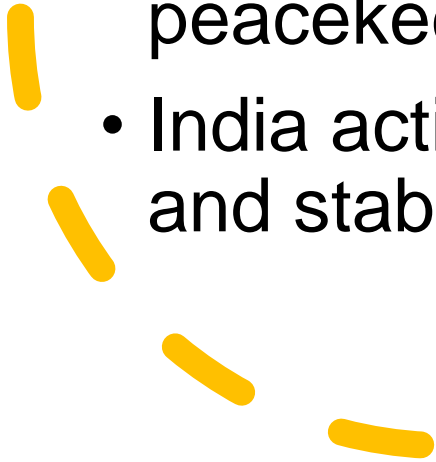


India re-elected to U.N. Peacebuilding Commission

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- India has secured its re-election to the **United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)** for the **2025-2026 term**, reaffirming its commitment to global peace initiatives.
 - **About UN Peacebuilding Commission**
 - **Established in 2005**, the UNPBC is an intergovernmental advisory body that supports peace efforts in conflict-affected countries.
 - It brings together key stakeholders, including UN agencies, regional organizations, and civil society, to develop comprehensive strategies for post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding.





• **India's Contributions to UN Peacekeeping**

- India is **one of the largest contributors of troops** to UN peacekeeping missions, with thousands of Indian peacekeepers deployed in various conflict zones.
 - India is a significant financial contributor to the UN peacekeeping budget.
 - India actively engages in diplomatic efforts to promote peace and stability, particularly in its regional neighborhood.
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E-Daakhil Portal



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- The E-Daakhil portal, launched nationwide by the Department of Consumer Affairs, is now operational in all states and union territories, with its latest launch in Ladakh in November 2024.
 - About: The E-Daakhil portal was launched on 7th September 2020 by the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission under the Consumer Protection Act 2019, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
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- **Features:**

- It provides an **inexpensive, speedy, and hassle-free mechanism** for filing consumer complaints online.
 - It lets consumers file complaints, pay fees, and track cases from home. Registration is simple via **OTP** on mobile phones or email addresses.
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Usage and Impact:

- Over **281,024 users** have registered on the portal, with **198,725 cases filed and 38,453 resolved**, addressing issues like **faulty product compensation** and financial grievances.

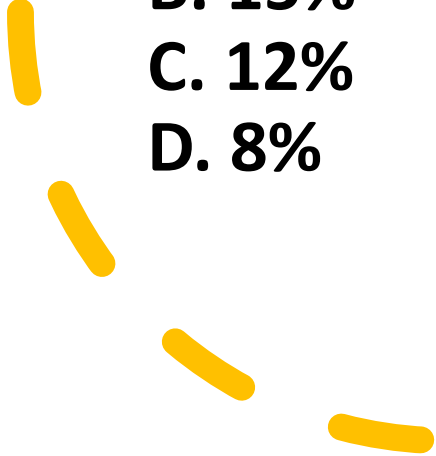
Integration with E-Daakhil: The government is also developing **e-Jagriti**, a platform to enhance case filing and resolution, aiming to transform consumer justice in India.

Top 10 MCQ from
today's session



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- The **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** aims to reduce the cost of logistics in India. What is the target percentage by 2030?

पीएम गति शक्ति राष्ट्रीय मास्टर प्लान का उद्देश्य भारत में लॉजिस्टिक्स लागत को कम करना है। 2030 तक लक्ष्य प्रतिशत क्या है?

- **A. 10%**
 - B. 15%**
 - C. 12%**
 - D. 8%**
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- India's **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2024** rank has improved. What is India's current rank?

भारत की वैश्विक आतंकवाद सूचकांक (GTI) 2024 रैंक में सुधार हुआ है।
भारत की वर्तमान रैंक क्या है?

- A. 11th / 11वीं
 - B. 13th / 13वीं
 - C. 14th / 14वीं
 - D. 16th / 16वीं
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- The **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters**, located within the Ratapani Tiger Reserve, are significant for what reason?

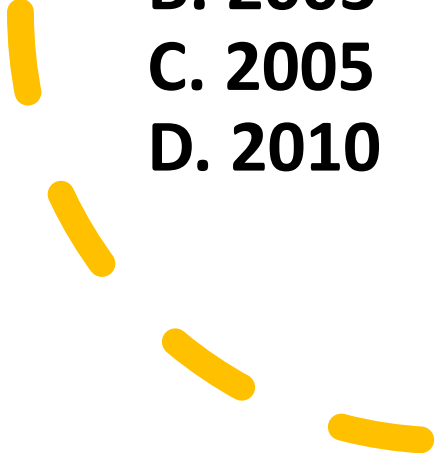
रत्तापानी बाघ अभयारण्य में स्थित भीमबेटका रॉक शेल्टर्स किस कारण से महत्वपूर्ण हैं?

- A. World Heritage Site / विश्व धरोहर स्थल
- B. Rich in flora and fauna / वनस्पति और जीव-जंतुओं से समृद्ध
- C. Historical and cultural landmarks / ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक स्थल
- D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी



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- India has been re-elected to the **UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)** for the term 2025-26. When was the PBC established?

भारत को 2025-26 कार्यकाल के लिए **संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति निर्माण आयोग (PBC)** में फिर से चुना गया है। पीबीसी की स्थापना कब हुई थी?

- **A. 2000**
 - B. 2003**
 - C. 2005**
 - D. 2010**
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When was it launched?

ई-दाखिल पोर्टल भारत में उपभोक्ता शिकायत दर्ज करने को आसान बनाता है। इसे कब लॉन्च किया गया था?

- **A. September 2020 / सितंबर 2020**
- B. January 2021 / जनवरी 2021**
- C. November 2019 / नवंबर 2019**
- D. December 2020 / दिसंबर 2020**

- The **INS Arighaat**, India's second nuclear ballistic missile submarine, recently tested which missile?

आईएनएस अरिघाट, भारत की दूसरी परमाणु बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल पनडुब्बी, ने हाल ही में कौन सी मिसाइल का परीक्षण किया?

- **A. K4 SLBM with 3,500 km range / 3,500 किमी रेंज वाली K4 एसएलबीएम**
- B. Agni-V / अग्नि-वी**
- C. BrahMos / ब्रह्मोस**
- D. Prithvi-II / पृथ्वी-II**

- The **Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary** in Madhya Pradesh has been declared a tiger reserve. What is its total area?
मध्य प्रदेश में **रतापानी वन्यजीव अभयारण्य** को एक बाघ अभयारण्य घोषित किया गया है। इसका कुल क्षेत्रफल कितना है?
- **A. 763.8 sq. km / 763.8 वर्ग किमी**
- **B. 1,271.4 sq. km / 1,271.4 वर्ग किमी**
- **C. 507.6 sq. km / 507.6 वर्ग किमी**
- **D. 900 sq. km / 900 वर्ग किमी**

The **Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary** in Madhya Pradesh has been declared the eighth tiger reserve in the state. Under which section of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, was this notification issued?
मध्य प्रदेश में **रतापानी वन्यजीव अभयारण्य** को राज्य का आठवां बाघ अभयारण्य घोषित किया गया है। यह अधिसूचना वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की किस धारा के तहत जारी की गई थी?

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- A. Section 35 / धारा 35
 - B. Section 36A / धारा 36A
 - C. Section 38V / धारा 38V
 - D. Section 39 / धारा 39

- The **E-Daakhil portal** simplifies consumer complaint filings in India. Under which act was this portal launched?

ई-दाखिल पोर्टल भारत में उपभोक्ता शिकायत दर्ज करने को सरल बनाता है। यह पोर्टल किस अधिनियम के तहत लॉन्च किया गया था?

- **A. Consumer Protection Act, 2015 / उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 2015**
- **B. Consumer Protection Act, 2019 / उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 2019**
- **C. Consumer Grievance Redressal Act, 2020 / उपभोक्ता शिकायत निवारण अधिनियम, 2020**
- **D. National Consumer Protection Act, 2022 / राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अधिनियम, 2022**

- India is negotiating a deal with France for 26 Rafale-M fighter jets and three additional submarines. Which class do these submarines belong to?

भारत फ्रांस के साथ 26 राफेल-एम लड़ाकू विमानों और तीन अतिरिक्त पनडुब्बियों के लिए समझौता कर रहा है। ये पनडुब्बियां किस श्रेणी की हैं?

- **A. Kalvari-Class / कलवरी-श्रेणी**
- B. Scorpene-Class / स्कॉर्पीन-श्रेणी**
- C. Arihant-Class / अरिहंत-श्रेणी**
- D. Akula-Class / अकुला-श्रेणी**

Word of the day

Victuals:

a stock or supply of foods; a source of materials to nourish the body; any substance that can be used as food

Synonyms: aliment, nourishment, nutrition, sustenance, provisions

Usage: *I cooked up some victuals for them.*


Pronunciation: newsth.live/victualspro

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ˈvɪtəlz/

- **Myth:** You can catch a cold by being out in cold weather.
Burst: Cold weather itself doesn't make you sick. Colds are caused by viruses, which spread more easily in crowded, indoor environments where people huddle together during winter.





Thank you
guys.
