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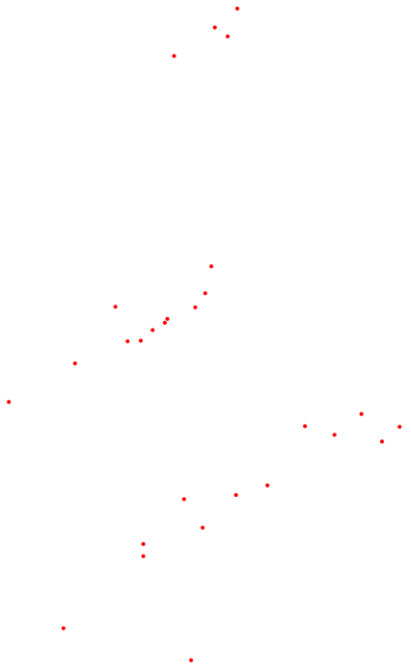
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"Plant your own gardens and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers."

— Jorge Luis Borges



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**Europe, Canada 'willing' to spend more on defence**

**BRUSSELS**  
European NATO allies, Canada on Friday said they are willing to ramp up defence spending, but are cool on American demands for the size of their military budgets, particularly given Donald Trump's readiness to draw closer to Vladimir Putin. » PAGE 12

**Modi to discuss key issues with Dissanayake**

**COLOMBO**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Colombo on Friday, at the invitation of President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, for a visit focused on bilateral discussions and the signing of key agreements. » PAGE 8

**SC directs panel to survey forests in Agasthyamalai**

**NEW DELHI**  
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**NEW DELHI**  
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## Modi, Yunus set aside differences, hold talks on border security, minorities, Sheikh Hasina

**Subashini Haider**  
NEW DELHI  
Setting aside the tensions of the past eight months in their first meeting since the regime change in Dhaka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus held talks on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC regional summit in Bangkok on Friday.

While both leaders raised contentious issues — including India's call for the protection of minorities in Bangladesh, Dhaka's demand for the extradition of former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, and border security issues — during the meeting, they met on cordial terms and exchanged congratulatory messages. Bangladesh will host the BIMSTEC summit next year, and Mr. Modi congratulated Mr. Yunus for assuming its chairmanship.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Bangladesh Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, in Bangkok on Friday.

The Modi-Yunus meeting on Friday was held just after the conclusion of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), a seven-nation grouping that links South Asia and South East Asia. Mr. Modi also met with Myanmar junta commander and PM General Min Aung Hlaing for the first time since the military came to power in 2021, and Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli on the sidelines of the meeting. All three leaders have chosen to visit China, while New Delhi has not issued invitations to them, due to tensions over the relief efforts after devastating earthquakes hit Mandala and other parts of the country last week.

### Dust screen



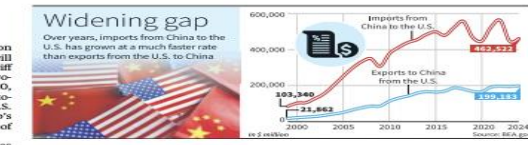
Mumbai's skyline appears hazy in the midst of a dust storm on Friday morning. PTI

## China hits back with 34% tariff on U.S. goods

Beijing retaliates against Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff increase of 34% on Chinese exports. It plans to curb export of rare earth elements, vital in production of high-tech products. Donald Trump criticises China's move; they have 'played it wrong, they panicked', he says.

**Associated Press**  
BEIJING

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**Widening gap**  
Over years, imports from China to the U.S. has grown at a much faster rate than exports from the U.S. to China

Mr. Trump wrote in all caps in a post on his social media platform. China's customs administration said it had suspended chicken imports from some U.S. suppliers after the U.S. government had done a drug ban in China, in shipments from those companies.

**India tariff cut to 26%**

**Press Trust of India**  
NEW DELHI  
The U.S. has revised the import duties to be imposed on India from 27% to 26%, according to a White House document. These duties will come into force from April 9.

Industry experts said it would not have much of an impact. From 2023-22 to 2023-24, the U.S. was India's largest trading partner. The U.S. accounts for about 18% of India's total goods exports.

## Parliament clears revised Waqf Bill after a 14-hour debate in the Rajya Sabha

**Sobhana K. Nair**  
NEW DELHI

Parliament, in the early hours of Friday morning, cleared the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025, after nearly 14 hours of debate in the Rajya Sabha, with 128 members voting in favour and 95 against. The government maintained that the law was not directed against the Muslims and that it only aimed at bringing transparency in the administration of Waqf properties, while the Opposition alleged that it was aimed at reducing Muslims to "second-class citizens" and questioned both "intent and content" of the Bill.



In one voice: People take part in a protest organised by SDPI against the Waqf Bill, in Bengaluru. PTI

**Vinaya Deshpande Pandit**  
MUMBAI  
Maharashtra government will soon tackle a "massive land scam" that took place in the State between 2000 and 2014", Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has said.

Stating that the Waqf Bill had nothing to do with Hinduism, he said that it was in "keeping with the constitutional spirit".  
FULL REPORT » PAGE 4  
Syed Naseer Hussain called it a "targeted legislation against the Muslim community" and said that it intended to make Muslims second-class citizens in the country.  
He alleged that the ruling party brought the legislation in 2024 in order to strengthen its vote bank, as it was able to win only 240 seats in the Lok Sabha election.  
"They have brought this Act just for communal polarisation," he said. He added that everyone, be it a Muslim member... still the Opposition repeatedly raised the issue," he said.  
"Targeted legislation" Earlier in the day, opening the attack, Congress MP MORE REPORTS » PAGE 2 & 4



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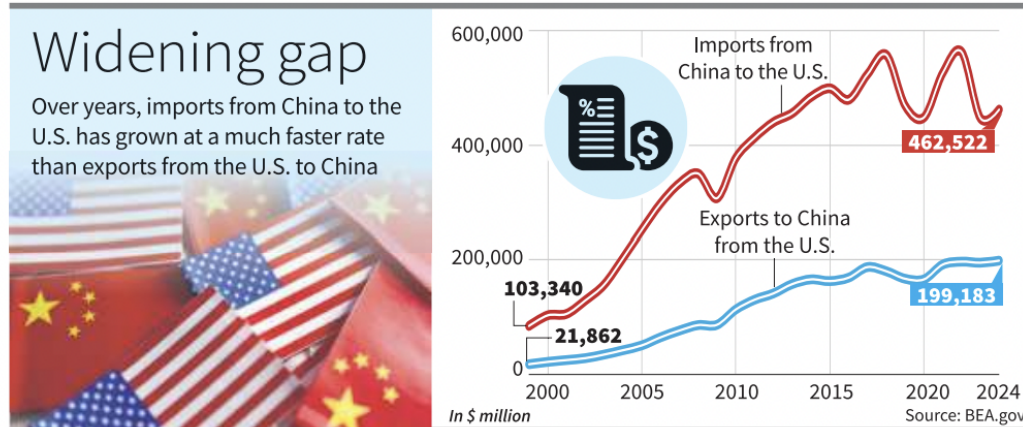
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**Reuters**  
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Included in the list of minerals subject to con-



trols was samarium and its compounds, which are used in aerospace manufacturing and the defence sector. Another element called gadolinium is used in MRI scans.

## 'China panicked'

In his response, Mr. Trump said China "played it wrong".

"China played it wrong, they panicked – the one thing they cannot afford to

do!" Mr. Trump wrote in all caps in a post on his social media platform.

China's customs administration said it had suspended chicken imports from some U.S. suppliers after it detected furazolidone, a drug banned in China, in shipments from those companies.

Separately, it said it had found high levels of mold in the sorghum and salmonella in poultry meat from

some of the companies. The announcements affect one company exporting sorghum, C&D Inc., and four poultry companies.

## 'Bullying practice'

The Chinese government said it had added 27 firms to lists of companies subject to trade sanctions or export controls.

Among them, 16 are subject to a ban on the export of "dual-use" goods.

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High Point Aerotechnologies, a defence tech firm, and Universal Logistics Holding, a publicly traded transportation and logistics company, were among those listed.

Beijing also announced it filed a lawsuit with the World Trade Organization over the tariffs.

"The United States' imposition of so-called 'reciprocal tariffs' seriously violates WTO rules, seriously

damages the legitimate rights and interests of WTO members, and seriously undermines the rules-based multilateral trading system and international economic and trade order," the Commerce Ministry said. "It is a typical unilateral bullying practice that endangers the stability of the global economic and trade order. China firmly opposes this," it said.

Other actions include

the launch of an anti-monopoly investigation into DuPont China Group Co., a subsidiary of the multinational chemical giant, and an anti-dumping probe into X-ray tube and CT tubes for CT scanners imported from the U.S. and India.

In February, China announced a 15% tariff on imports of coal and liquefied natural gas products from the U.S. It separately added a 10% tariff on crude oil, agricultural machinery and large-engine cars.

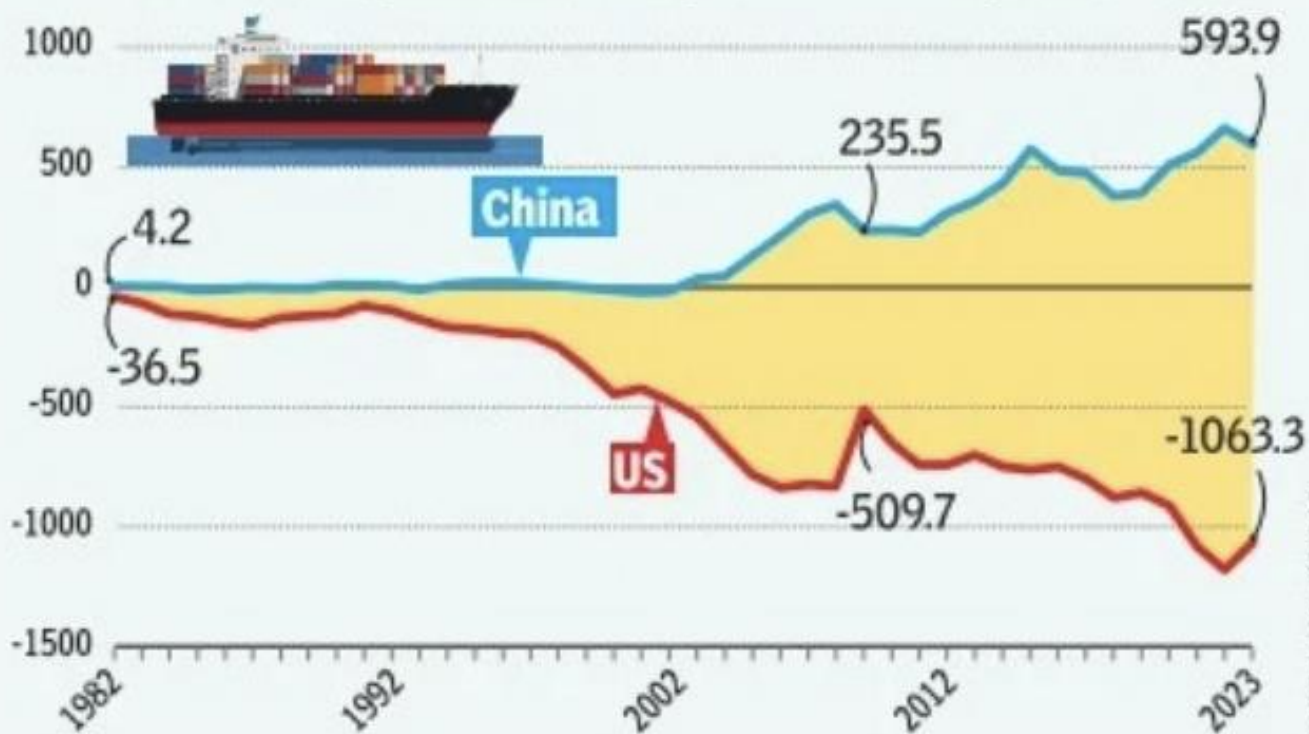
Dozens of U.S. companies are subject to controls on trade and investment, while many more Chinese companies face similar limits on dealings with U.S. firms. The latest tariffs apply to all products made in the U.S., according to a statement from the Ministry of Finance's State Council Tariff Commission.



# Real Reason Behind Trump's Tariff War?

Rise in China's trade surplus is almost a mirror image of rise in US' trade deficit. Trump thinks the world has 'stolen' US' manufacturing over the years. Fact is, China and US are world's top two manufacturing countries

Net trade in goods (total exports minus imports, \$ bn)



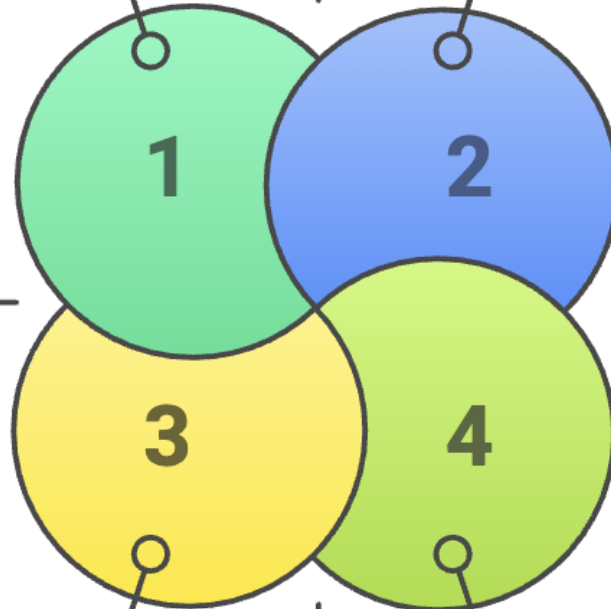
# Strategic Importance of Rare Earth Elements

## Samarium in semiconductor devices

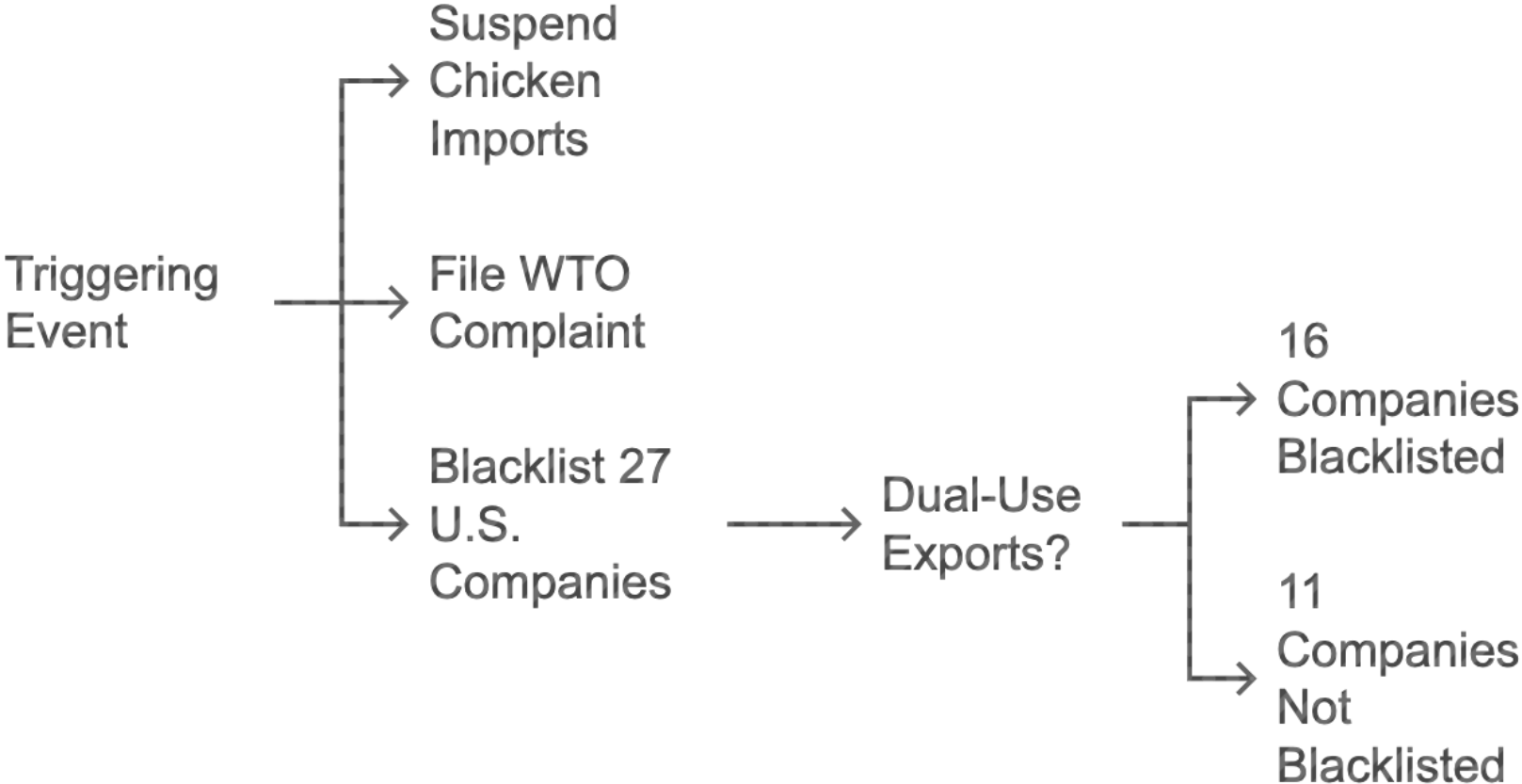
Crucial for civilian technology with minimal military use.

## Gadolinium in MRI machines

Essential for advanced medical imaging in civilian use.



# China's Countermeasures Against U.S. Actions







Rival Blocs  
Polarization



Global Supply  
Chain  
Disruption



International  
Legal  
Maneuvering



Legal  
Framework  
Engagement



U.S.-China Trade War

WTO Legal Actions

## Comparing Economic and Legal Dimensions of Trade Dispute

# Impact on Multinational Firms by Sector

## Aerospace manufacturing challenges

High impact on aerospace with low uncertainty.

## Semiconductor supply chain disruptions

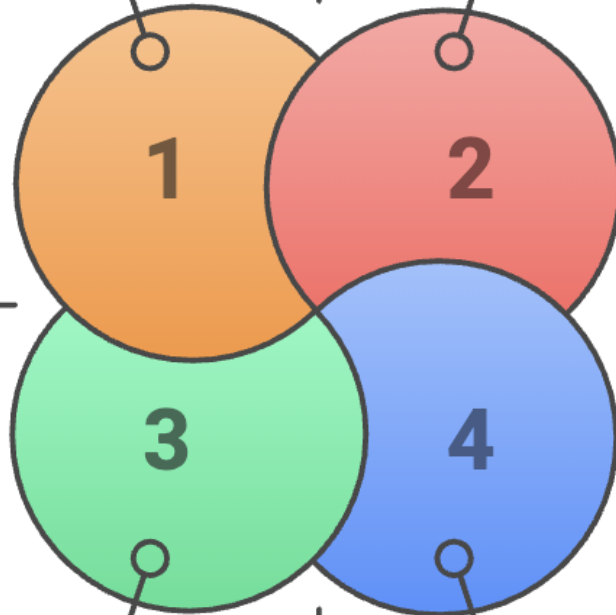
High uncertainty and significant impact on tech sector.

## Energy sector regulatory changes

Low impact and uncertainty in energy sector.

## Rare earths export controls

Low impact but high uncertainty in rare earths.



## Data Pointers for Prelims:

Indicator	Value
China's new tariff on U.S.	34%
U.S. imports from China (2024)	\$462 billion
U.S. exports to China (2024)	\$199 billion
India's trade with U.S.	18% of India's exports
India's revised tariff on U.S.	Cut to 26% from 27%
Rare Earths from China	Samarium, Gadolinium



IN BRIEF



Allahabad High Court refuses to quash summons to Rahul

The Allahabad High Court on Friday refused to quash summons issued to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in the V.D. Savarkar defamation case by a magistrate court in Lucknow. The Bench of Justice Subhash Vidyarthi noted that Mr. Gandhi had the remedy of moving the Sessions Judge under Section 397 of the Cr.P.C. (Section 438 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita). "The inherent powers of this court recognised by Section 482 Cr.P.C. are meant to be invoked to secure the ends of justice," the court said while dismissing Mr. Gandhi's plea. Mr. Gandhi had challenged an order of the trial court summoning him in the defamation case filed by advocate Nripendra Pandey.

Four Railway projects worth ₹18,658 crore get Cabinet nod

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) announced on Friday that four multi-tracking projects across the Indian Railways costing approximately ₹18,658 crore that cover 15 districts in three States - Maharashtra, Odisha and Chhattisgarh - were approved. The project will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 1,247 km and will enhance connectivity to approximately 3,350 villages covering a population of nearly 47.25 lakh, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a briefing on New Delhi. These projects include the Sambalpur-Jajpura third and fourth lines, Jharuguda-Sason third and fourth lines, Kharsana-Nayagarh-Parmalikana fifth and sixth lines and Gondia-Balharshah doubling. These projects are expected to be completed by 2030-31.

SC directs CEC to survey forests in Agasthyamalai for encroachments

**Krishnasadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI  
The Supreme Court has directed the Central Empowerment Committee (CEC) to conduct an extensive survey of the entire tropical forest ecosystem of the Agasthyamalai landscape in the southernmost Western Ghats to identify non-forestry activities and encroachments. In a 16-page judgment, a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta termed the survey as an interim measure "to initiate the process of restoration of the pristine forest areas and to protect the tiger habitats, wildlife reserves and sanctuaries falling under the Agasthyamalai biosphere".

Agasthyamalai is a 3,500-km biosphere reserve within TN, and Kerala. The landscape is recognised by the UNESCO as a 3,500-km biosphere reserve falling within both Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The CEC survey would include the Periyar tiger reserve, Sivilliputhur grizzled squirrel wildlife sanctuary, Meghamalai and Thirunelveli wildlife sanctuaries. The judgment was pronounced on March 29 and published on Friday. The report would contain the comparative data pertaining to the forest cover as it existed earlier vis-à-vis in the current position in order to gauge the extent of depletion and degradation in the forest area. "The world at large is facing the calamities caused by climate change, and the primary culprit behind this is the depleting forest cover owing to a myriad of issues including rapid urbanisation, unchecked industrialisation, encroachments, etc.," Justice Mehta observed. The judgment was based on a recommenda-

**Anil Kumar**  
M who played films in shaping the cultural consciousness of the country, passed away in Mumbai early on Friday after a prolonged illness. He was 87. Making 'Bharat' a household name, he created an idealist hero with a strong moral compass who stood for national integrity, putting family and country before self, and was steadfast in raising his voice against social injustice, foreign influence, unemployment, and corruption. Unlike the nationalism portrayed by Raj Kapoor and Mehboob Khan, Kumar's imagination of Mother India was a lot more direct, almost overt. Born in Allahabad (now in Pakistan) in 1937, his cinematic language was a product of Partition, where he lost his younger brother during riots. The personal tragedy shaped his views on nationalism and the importance of unity. Over the years, some find the depiction of the projects in the film and the village and city and the East and the West in the iconic films *Upkar* (1967) and *Purab Aur Pachim* (1970) simplistic. Put into

Manoj Kumar, who made 'Bharat' a household name, takes his final bow

The veteran film personality will be remembered for making patriotism aspirational and raising bread-and-butter issues in popular idiom; he created an idealist hero, who stood for national integrity, putting family and country before self, and was steadfast in raising his voice against injustices



MANOJ KUMAR (1937-2025)

raking up issues of unemployment and rampant inflation in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan*, where the song *Mehngai Maar Gayi* won him the ire of Indira Gandhi's bureaucracy. Before that, when Kumar found his heroism and the bugle call for being vocal for local, which drive the ruling dispensation, find their echo in Kumar's universe. The filmmaker was the first recipient of the Dada Sahab Phalke Award for lifetime achievement by the Government came to power in 2014. The alert, when Kumar found a way with Prime Ministers. At the time of the emergency, Kumar depicted the youth's growing disillusionment with the welfare state of

the village, who will take care of the country's hunger?" Educated, Bharat is a failure by choice, and he decides to put his family and his village before himself, which wins him the heroine's attention. **Romantic hero** Born as Harikrishna Goswami, Kumar picked his screen name from Dilip Kumar's character in *Shubhadra* (1949). Inspired by the thespian, he started as a romantic hero. After an uneven start, thrillers like *Woh Kaun Thi* (1964), *Poona Ki Raat* (1965), and *Gumnaam* (1965) made him a big draw at the box office, and romantic dramas like *Do Baaton* (1966) and *Patthar ke Sapnon* (1967) e-

mented his honest face in the hearts. He delivered a sensitive performance opposite Dilip Kumar in *Aandhi* (1968), and despite a strong patriotic image and moral stand, he successfully kept escaping the image trap by mixing up titles by doing a *Sanyasi* (1975) between *Be-Iman* (1972) and *Dus Numbari* (1976). Conscious of his limitations as an actor, he covered them quite well. Long before it became material for memes, his gesture of covering his face with his palm won him a strong female fan following. It is said that covering the face was a signal to the cameraperson to zoom in, and when his fingers came from right to left or left to right, it was to direct the trolley movement. His collaborators say that a series of bad lucks every department of filmmaking. For Kumar, songs were always integral to the story, for they conveyed as critics panned his Compositers Kalyanji-Anandji always acknowledged Kumar's contribution. Having started his career as a ghostwriter, his creative advice was sought even when he worked aside his home production. It is said that he contributed to Raj Kapoor's *Mera*

*Naam Joker*, where he made a special appearance. His long-time assistant Chandra Bhanoo, who went on to direct Amitabh Bachchan's *Dion*, credits Kumar for pushing him to include *Khalke Paan Banaye Wala* at a tense moment in the caper. He is Saira Banu in *Purab Aur Pachim*, Zeenat in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan*, or Heema Malini in *Karam*. There was a touch of titillation in the way Kumar's camera captured the gesture figure in his films. His depiction of rape in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan* and *Clerk* was questioned. However, in films like *Upkar* and *Shor*, we find a more robust female protagonist. By the 1980s, Kumar had lost touch with the times. After his magnum opus *Kranti* (1981), he deliriously tried to make *Kalyug Aur Ramayan* and *Santosh*. His style was reduced to a gimmick, and his mannerisms became forced as critics panned his work as attempts to promote his brother and son. Meanwhile, his ideological stance moved further right. He joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2014 and pitched for Mr. Modi in 2014. He then moved away from the public eye, but Bharat missed his singular vision.

CSIR-NAL signs technology transfer deal with firm to make HANSA trainer-planes

**Iacob Koshy**  
NEW DELHI  
In a first, the National Aeronautics Laboratories (NAL) - a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) body - has signed a technology transfer agreement with a private company to manufacture trainer airplanes in India. This would be the first time that the aircraft would be manufactured in India based on technology fully designed and developed in India. The HANSA-3 NG aircraft is a two-seat aircraft and is the latest iteration of the HANSA planes that have been made since 1998. Fourteen HAN-

SA planes have been made over the years by NAL and used by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Indian Institutes of Technology. "The HANSA-3 NG aircraft is a two-seat aircraft and is the latest iteration of the HANSA planes that have been made since 1998. Fourteen HAN-

Cong. rolls out fellowship for professionals to join politics

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI  
The Congress on Friday launched the Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellowship programme, named after the former Prime Minister, inviting mid-career professionals to join politics with an aim to build a modern and progressive India. Under the fellowship, 50 mid-career professionals will be chosen every year and mentored by senior party leaders from professional backgrounds. Those who have spent a minimum 10 years in the professional world and attained financial security and are passionate about building a progressive India would be chosen.

TH CROSSWORD 14451 (set by Avtar)

Across  
1 Earth taken from uncultivated grassy patch completely (7)  
2 Policewoman hiding behind the scenes (7)  
3 Collection of anecdotes about North African State's primaries (4)  
11 Work on new tariff to cover closed circuits, chiefly for an-road monitor (7,3)

Down  
1 Many in fear reportedly led by member of barbarian tribe (7)  
2 Topless girls for ovens (5)  
4 Become a sailor's stooge, training with captain's second (2,2,3)  
5 Fabled note about banks in Frankfurt (6)  
7 Select more run out of India for surveyor (9)  
8 European recalled crew of poem 'Scimitars' (7)  
9 Switch tracks following road, crossing outskirts of Toledo (3,4-5)  
10 Uncertain future - too unpredictable (3,2,4)  
11 Zanzibar now legally protects nocturnal flier (4,3)  
12 With terminals of office in sync, programmers initially try to crack code (7)  
13 Wanting more, picked up joint, love (7)  
14 Cut on vacation providing refuge to stray fawn (6)  
15 Batter's boundary to cross half-century (7)

To solve this puzzle online, visit our crossword site. <https://www.thehindu.com/crossword>

12 Heard about "Nansu," it is an emergency (8)  
13 Watched European wanting to counter cutting article in newspaper (4-6)  
14 Jolly to entertain master of local slang (9)  
16 Rank 144 (5)  
17 Supports venture to visit Mars, every so often (5)  
18 Bar's cleaner taking get out for dinner, at the close (9)  
19 Veteran in favour of returning Avtar's draft (3,5)  
20 Sweet Charlie takes time off for drink (6)  
21 Competitor's withdrawn round - those who came undressed, starting to rehearse (10)  
22 Infectious disease killed college poet (4)  
23 I love LA's fossilised pits (7)  
24 Cook with oil in can with fine bits of raw yam (4,3)  
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SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

### Efficacy of Rama Navami

Narayana Himself manifested on earth as Rama to establish three things. First, He wanted to highlight the true, selfless devotion of Gautha, Sabari, Vibhishana to the universe. Secondly, he wanted to destroy evil forces as personified by Ravana and others. Third, and most importantly, He manifested to lead by example and show mankind the importance of treading the path of dharmas in day-to-day life, said Tirukkudalarthar, Venkatesan.

The Lord was born to King Dasaratha and Queen Kaushalya as Rama in Ayodhya in the Chaitra month (period between the new moon day of Panguni month and Chithirai month), during the Shukla paksha, under the Tamil star Purvashada. This day is celebrated as Rama Navami. Devotees observe fast and perform puja during the noon hour (when Rama was born). They also recite the relevant verses pertaining to Rama's birth, as elucidated in Valmiki Ramayana or Kamba Ramayana, as per their choice. It is considered efficacious to offer garlands of tulsi to Rama, Lakshmana, Sita and Hanuman. Chanting of Rama namam and offering fresh flowers are also in practice. Offerings to the Lord include rice, pongazh (jaggery juice), this buttermilk, rice and standard delicacies. A recitation of Periyavachana Pillai's Ramayana, culled from the works of Azhwar, is also a time-honoured tradition. Puja in Tralbandam. Chanting of Rama nama, hearing discourses on Ramayana, taking part in bhajans and writing of Rama nama are some of the spiritual goals for devotees on this auspicious day.



# Manoj Kumar, who made 'Bharat' a household name, takes his final bow

The veteran film personality will be remembered for making patriotism aspirational and raising bread-and-butter issues in popular idiom; he created an idealist hero, who stood for national integrity, putting family and country before self, and was steadfast in raising his voice against injustices

## Anuj Kumar

**M**anoj Kumar, whose films played a vital role in shaping the cultural consciousness of the country, passed away in Mumbai early on Friday after a prolonged illness. He was 87.

Making 'Bharat' a household name, he created an idealist hero with a strong moral compass who stood for national integrity, putting family and country before self, and was steadfast in raising his voice against social injustice, foreign influence, unemployment, and corruption.

Unlike the nationalism portrayed by Raj Kapoor and Mehboob Khan, Kumar's imagination of Mother India was a lot more direct, almost overt. Born in Abbottabad (now in Pakistan) in 1937, his cinematic language was a product of Partition, where he lost his younger brother during riots. The personal tragedy shaped his views on nationalism and the importance of unity.

Over the years, some find the depiction of the clash of cultures between village and city and the East and the West in his iconic films *Upkar* (1967) and *Purab Aur Pachhim* (1970) simplistic. Put into

context, in the mid-1960s and early 1970s, when the Bollywood hero was on a picnic in Kashmir while India was at war with a belligerent neighbour, Kumar made loving your country an aspirational idea. He made *Shor* (1972) for the rights of the mill worker, espoused communal amity, and kept issues of *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan* (1974) relevant at the box office in a poetic fashion.

## Global anthems

Songs like *Mere Desh Ki Dharti Sona Ugle* and *Bharat Ka Rehne Wala Hoon* became global anthems and inspired a generation, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who paid a rich tribute to Kumar.

The alarm for reviving the Golden Bird period and the bugle call for being vocal for local, which drive the ruling dispensation, find their echo in Kumar's universe. The filmmaker was the first recipient of the Dada Saheb Phalke Award after the NDA government came to power in 2014.

Kumar had a way with Prime Ministers. At the cusp of the Emergency, Kumar depicted the youth's growing disillusionment with the welfare state by



MANOJ KUMAR (1937-2025)

raking up issues of unemployment and rampant inflation in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan*, where the song *Mehngai Maar Gayi* won him the ire of Indira Gandhi's bureaucracy.

Before that, when Kumar found his voice with *Shaheed* (1965), the most moving cinematic depiction of Bhagat Singh's life, he caught the eye of the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The film and the song *Mera Rang De Basanti Chola* struck a chord with Bhagat Singh's mother, and Shastri asked Kumar to take his slogan, *Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan*, to the public. It resulted in *Upkar*, where the character Bharat asks, "If every young man moves out of

the village, who will take care of the country's hunger?" Educated, Bharat is a farmer by choice, and he decides to put his family and his village before himself, which wins him the heroine's attention.

## Romantic hero

Born as Hari Krishna Goswami, Kumar picked his screen name from Dilip Kumar's character in *Shabnam* (1949). Inspired by the thespian, he started as a romantic hero. After an uneven start, thrillers like *Woh Kaun Thi* (1964), *Poonam Ki Raat* (1965), and *Gumnam* (1965) made him a big draw at the box office, and romantic dramas like *Do Badan* (1966) and *Patthar Ke Sanam* (1967) ce-

mented his honest face in the hearts. He delivered a sensitive performance opposite Dilip Kumar in *Aadmi* (1968), and despite a strong patriotic image and moral stand, he successfully kept escaping the image trap by mixing up titles by doing a *Sanyasi* (1975) between *Be-iman* (1972) and *Dus Numbari* (1976).

Conscious of his limitations as an actor, he covered them quite well. Long before it became material for memes, his gesture of covering his face with his palm won him a strong female fan following. It is said that covering the face was a signal to the cameraperson to zoom in, and when his fingers moved from right to left or left to right, it was to direct the trolley movement.

His collaborators say that Kumar had a grasp of every department of filmmaking. For Kumar, songs were always integral to the story, for they conveyed what dialogues could not. Composers Kalyanji-Anandji always acknowledged Kumar's contribution.

Having started his career as a ghostwriter, his creative advice was sought even when he worked outside his home production. It is said that he contributed to Raj Kapoor's *Mera*

*Naam Joker*, where he made a special appearance. His long-time assistant Chandra Barot, who went on to direct Amitabh Bachchan's *Don*, credits Kumar for pushing him to include *Khaike Paan Banaras Wala* at a tense moment in the caper.

Be it Saira Banu in *Purab Aur Pachhim*, Zeenat Aman in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan*, or Hema Malini in *Kranti*, there was a touch of titillation in the way Kumar's camera captured the female figure in his films. His depiction of rape in *Roti Kapada Aur Makaan* and *Clerk* was questioned. However, in films like *Upkar* and *Shor*, we find a more robust female protagonist.

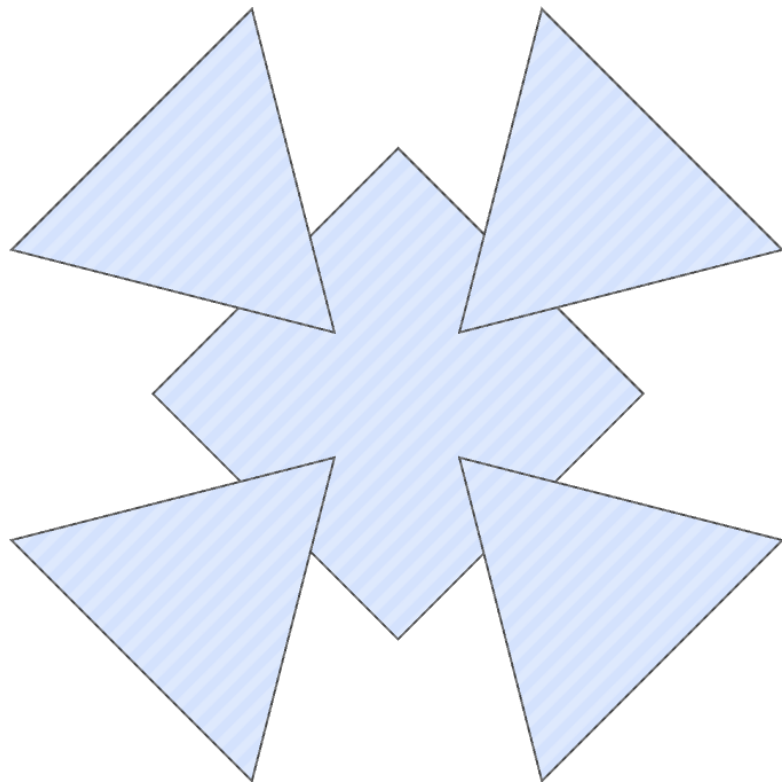
By the 1980s, Kumar had lost touch with the times. After his magnum opus *Kranti* (1981), he delivered a series of duds like *Kalyug Aur Ramayan* and *Santosh*. His style was reduced to a gimmick, and his mannerisms became forced as critics panned his works as attempts to promote his brother and son.

Meanwhile, his ideological stance moved further right. He joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2004 and pitched for Mr. Modi in 2014. He chose to remain away from the public eye, but Bharat missed his singular vision.

<b>Born</b>	<p>Harikrishan Giri Goswami</p> <p>24 July 1937</p> <p><a href="#">Abbottabad, North-West Frontier Province, British India</a> (present-day <a href="#">Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</a>, Pakistan)</p>
<b>Died</b>	<p>4 April 2025 (aged 87)</p> <p><a href="#">Mumbai, Maharashtra</a>, India</p>
<b>Nationality</b>	Indian
<b>Other names</b>	<i>Bharat Kumar</i>
<b>Occupations</b>	<p>Actor · film director · film producer · screenwriter · lyricist · editor · politician</p>
<b>Years active</b>	1957–1999
<b>Height</b>	6 ft 1 in (1.85 m)
<b>Political party</b>	<a href="#">Bharatiya Janata Party</a>
<b>Spouse</b>	Shashi Goswami
<b>Children</b>	2; including <a href="#">Kunal Goswami</a>
<b>Relatives</b>	<a href="#">Manish R Goswami</a> (brother)
<b>Honours</b>	<p><a href="#">Padma Shri</a> (1992)</p> <p><a href="#">Dadasaheb Phalke Award</a> (2015)</p>



## Legacy of Manoj Kumar



### **Patriotism**

Kumar's films often highlighted national pride and unity.



### **Family Values**

His works emphasized the importance of family and relationships.



### **Social Justice**

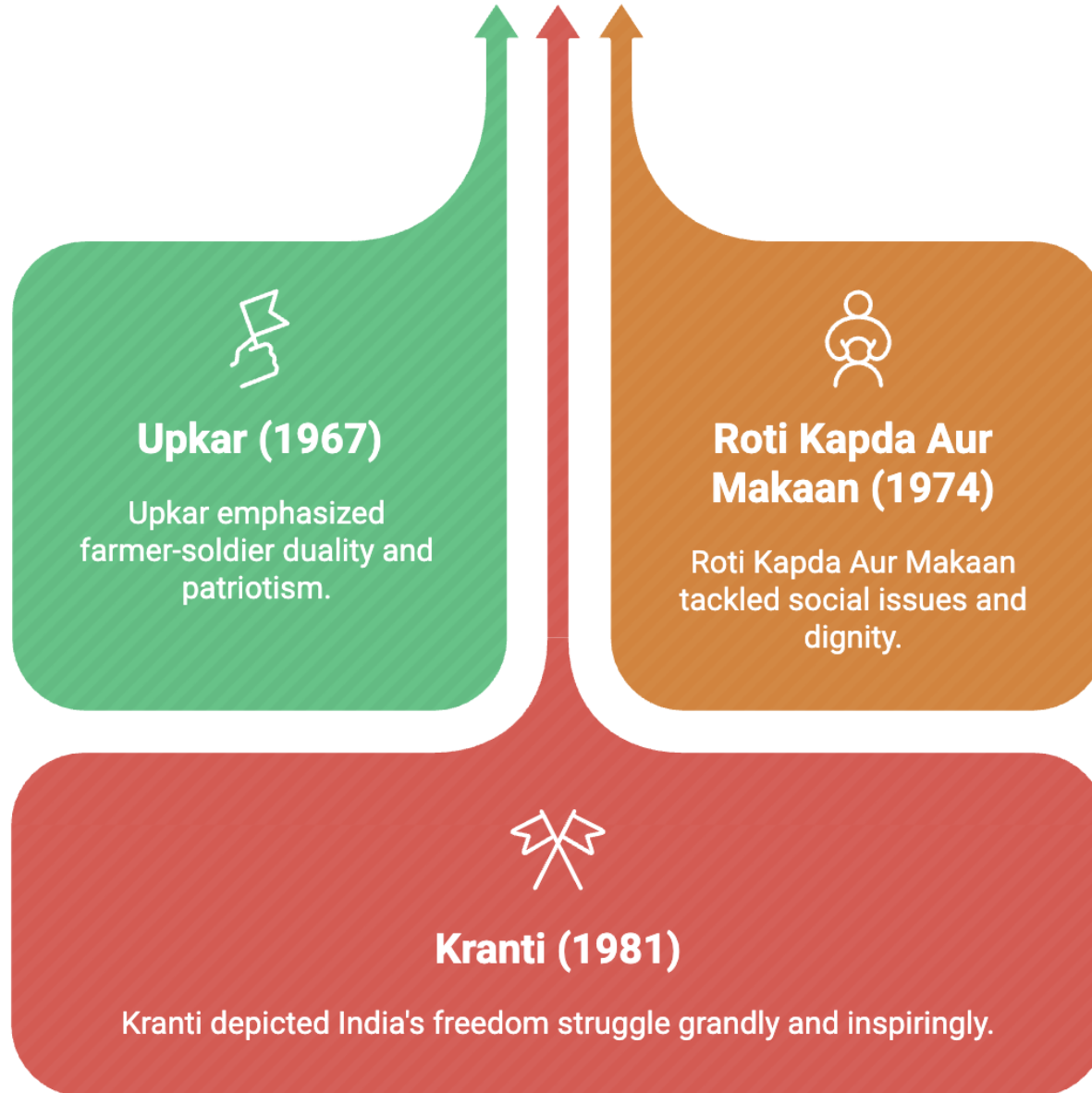
Films addressed societal issues and the fight for equality.



### **Bharat Kumar**

His nickname reflects his strong pro-India filmography.

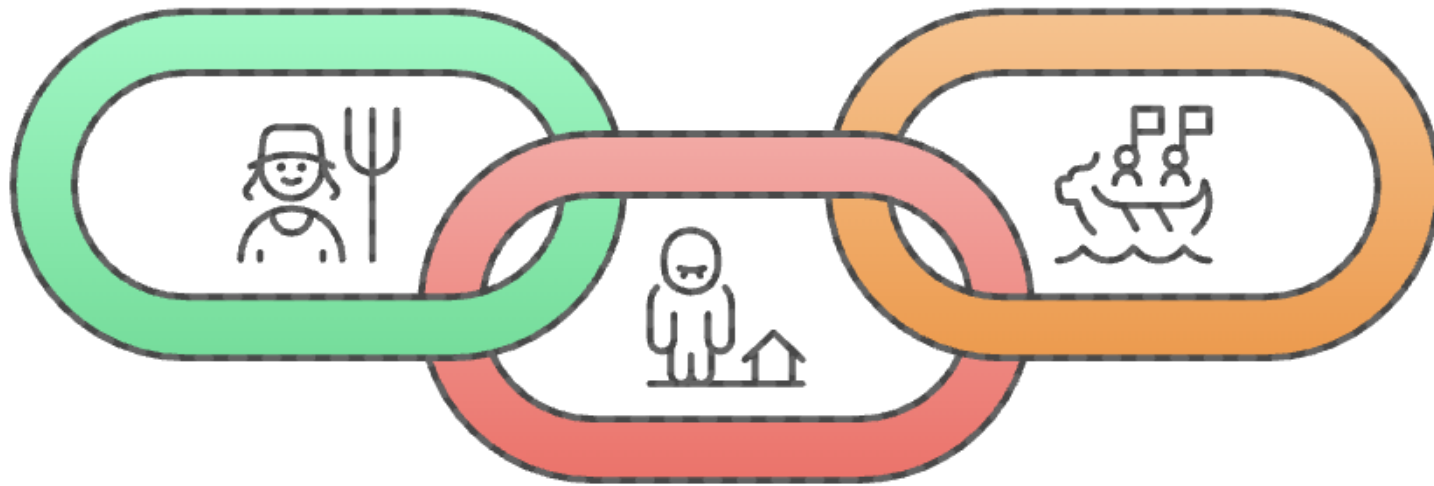
## Patriotic Themes in Manoj Kumar's Films



# Celebrating Manoj Kumar's Impactful Patriotic Film Legacy

Farmer-Soldier  
Duality

Freedom Struggle



Social Issues



# India ranks 10th in AI investments: UN

**YOSHITA SINGH**

United Nations, April 4

**INDIA AND CHINA** are the only developing countries in the world with significant private investments in AI in 2023, according to a UN report. India ranks tenth.

The 2025 Technology and Innovation Report, issued by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), also states that India ranked 36th in 2024 on the 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies;' index, improving its position from 48th in 2022.

India ranks 36th out of 170 nations on a global index measuring a country's readiness for frontier technologies, improving its ranking from last year, according to the report.

The index combines indicators for ICT deployment, skills, R&D activity, industrial capacity, and access to finance.

India ranks 99th for ICT, 113th for skills, 3rd for R&D, 10th for industrial capacity, and 70th for finance.

India along with Bhutan, Morocco, Moldova, and Timor-Leste improved their positions in human capital due to more years of schooling and a greater share of high-skill employment in their working populations, the report said.

The report also notes that China, Germany, India, the UK,

and the US show scientific strength in the field of AI.

The US leads the world in terms of private investment in AI, at \$67 billion in 2023, or 70% of global AI private investments.

The only developing countries with significant investments were China in second position, with \$7.8 billion, and India in tenth position, with \$1.4 billion, according to the report.

The report noted that AI is expected to reach \$4.8 trillion in market value by 2033, becoming a prominent force in digital transformation.

However, access to AI infra-

structure and expertise remains concentrated in a few economies. Only 100 companies, mainly in the US and China, account for 40% of global corporate R&D spending. AI could impact 40% of jobs worldwide, offering productivity gains but also raising concerns about automation and job displacement.

The benefits of AI-driven automation often favour capital over labour, which could widen inequality and reduce the competitive advantage of low-cost labour in developing economies.

—PTI

**China, Germany, India, the UK, and the US show scientific strength in the field of AI, the report finds**

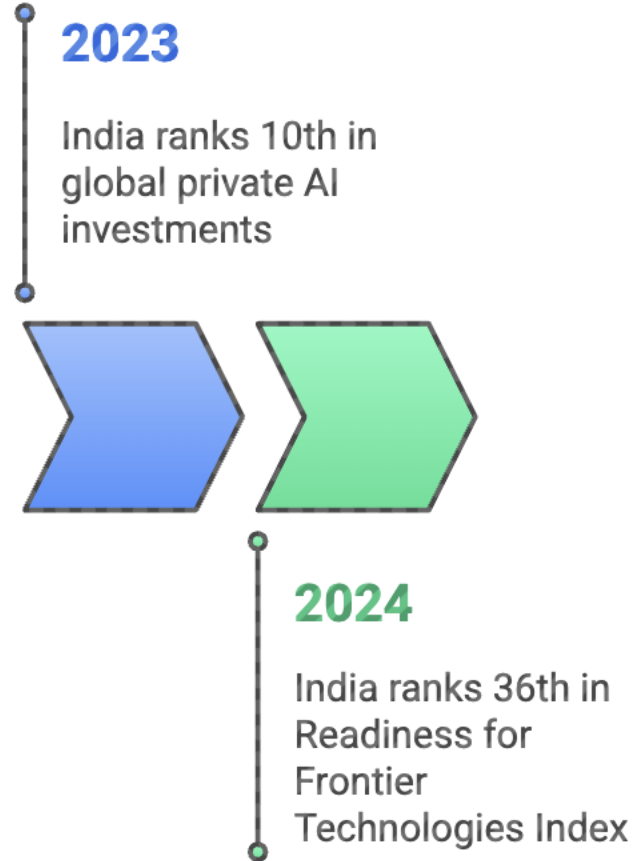
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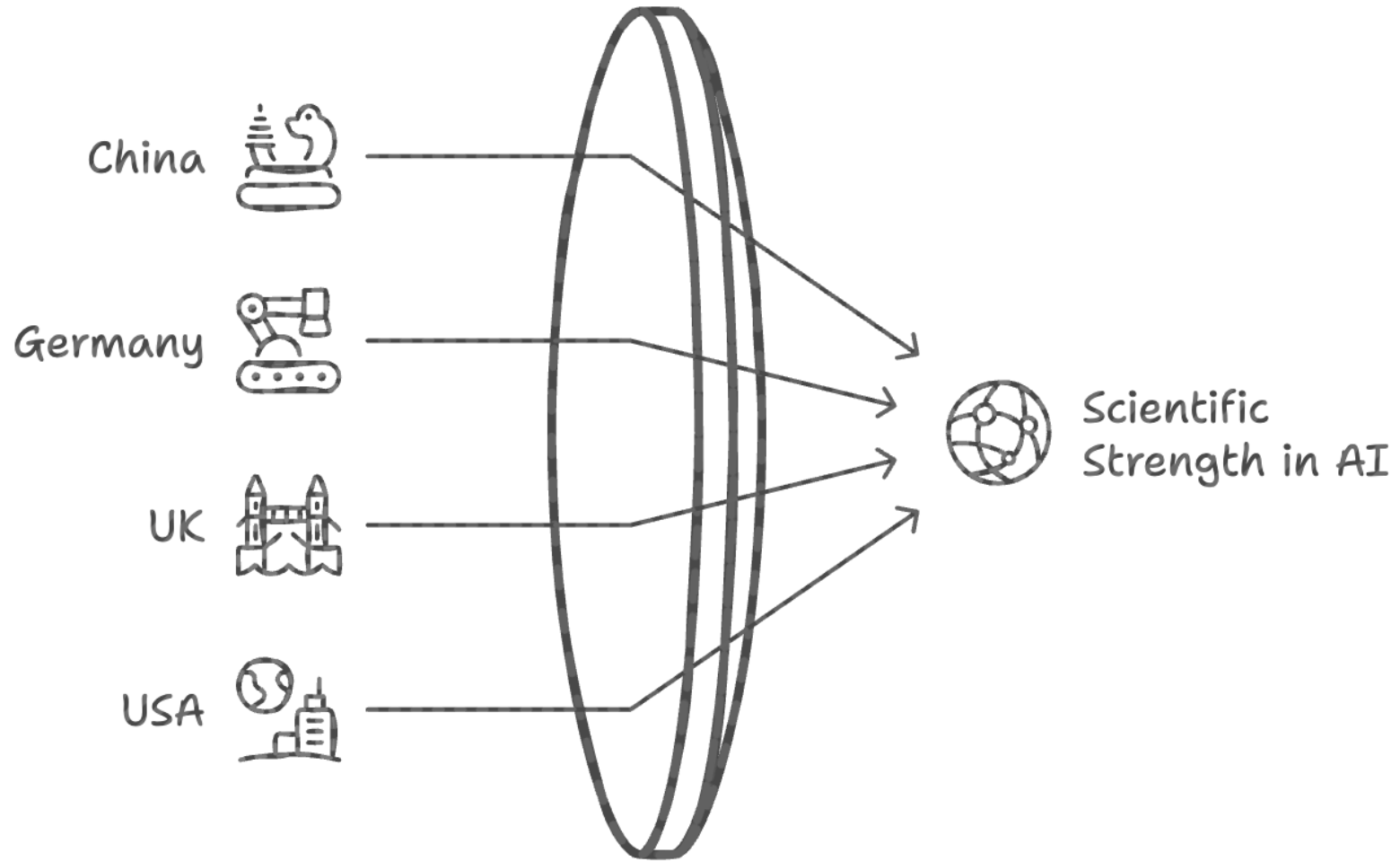
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## India's AI Investment and Readiness Journey

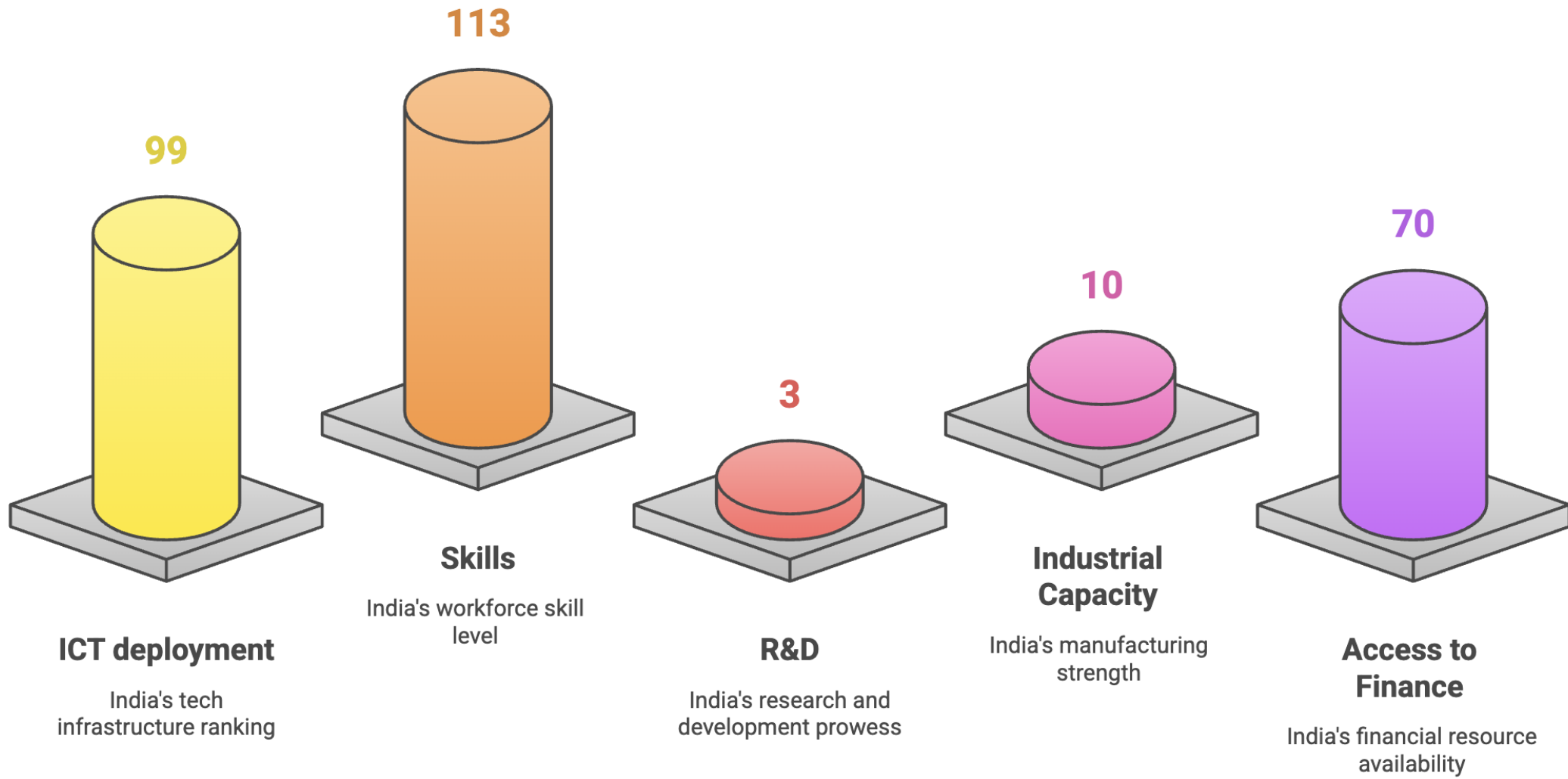


# Global AI Leadership

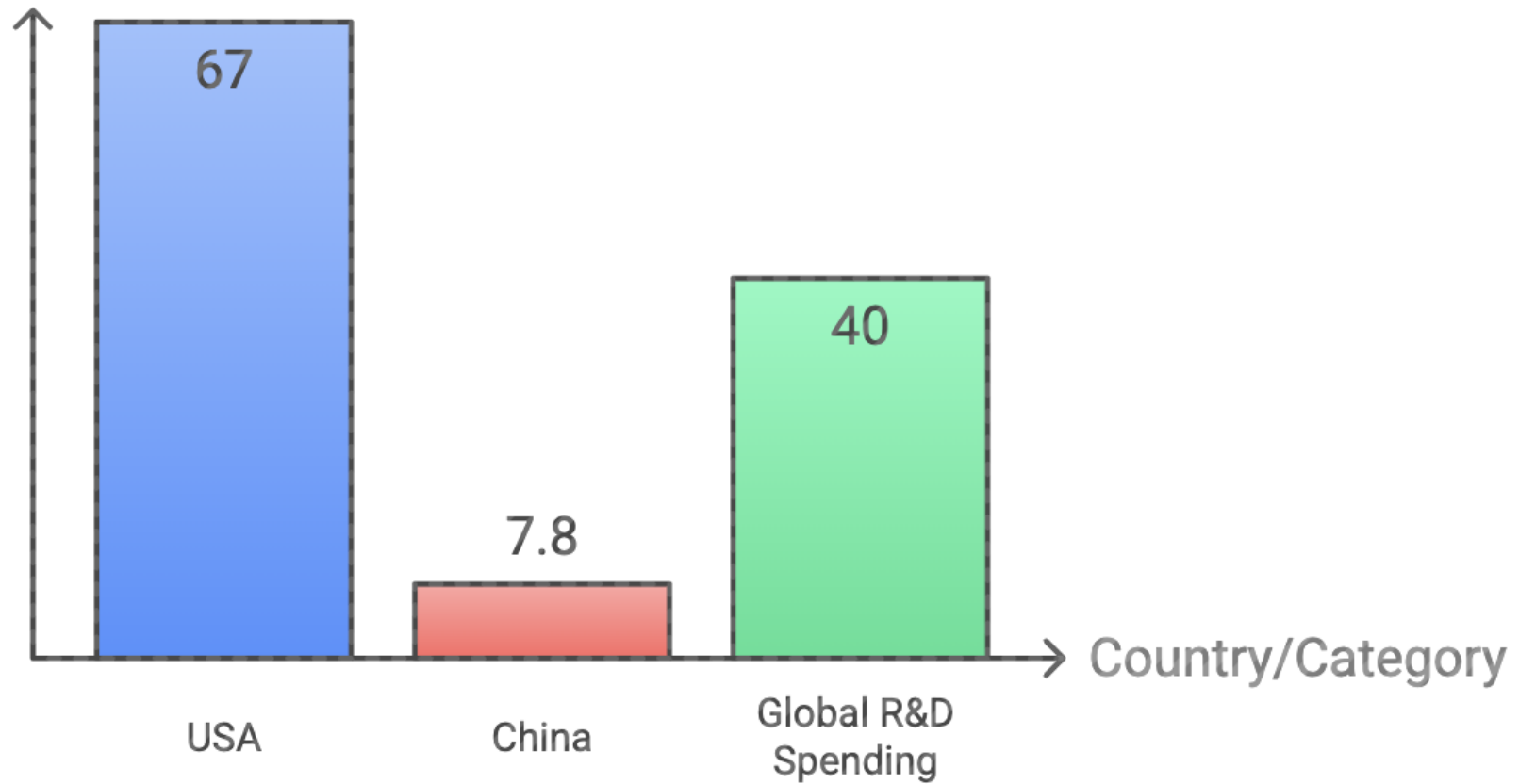




## India's Global Rankings in AI-Related Metrics



Investment and R&D  
Contribution (billion  
dollars)



Global AI Investment and R&D Contribution

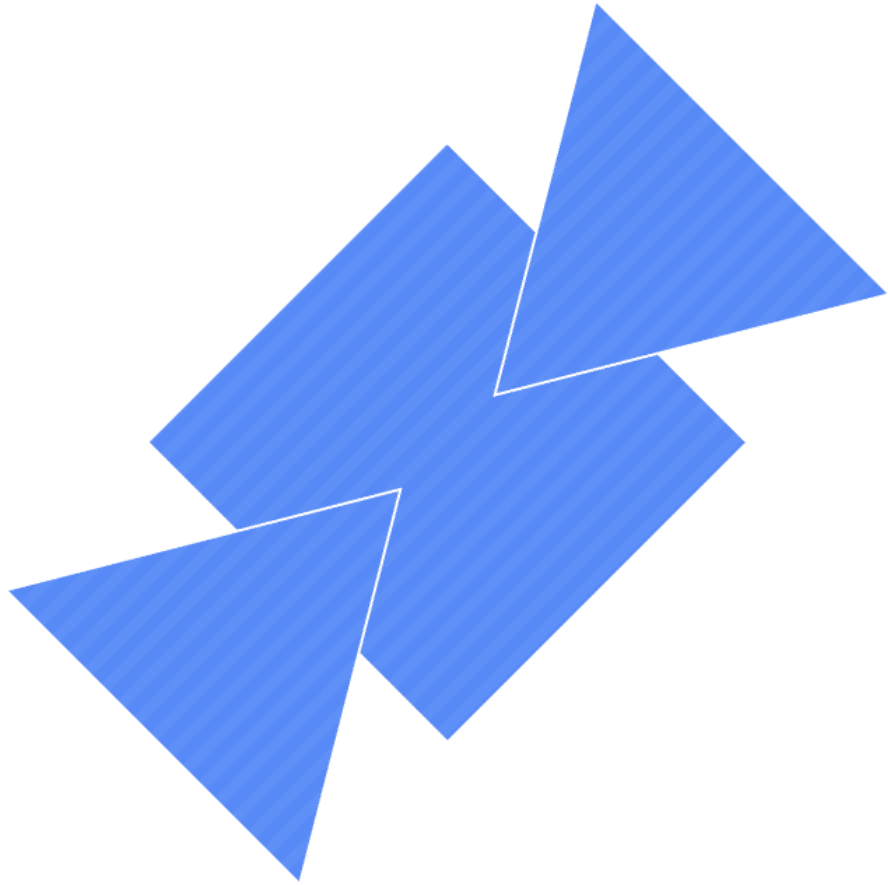




GI Tag to Tomato Chilli and  
Kannadippaya



# Enrichment of India's GI Registry



## ▶ **Warangal Chapata Chilli**

A unique variety of chilli from Warangal

## ▶ **Kerala's Kannadippaya**

Traditional tribal handicraft from Kerala





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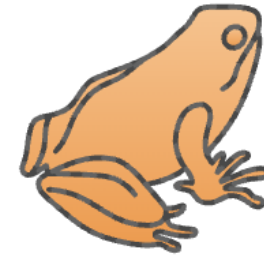
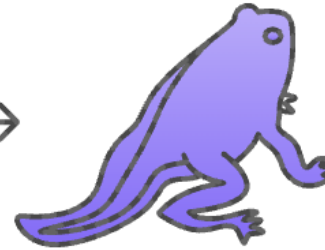
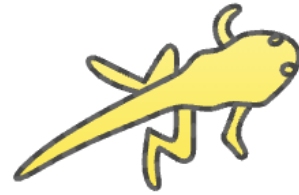
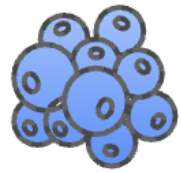




# Chandrayaan's ChaSTE



## Lunar Temperature Measurement



### Initial Deployment

ChaSTE instrument  
ready

### Successful Landing

Vikram lander lands  
on Moon

### Instrument Deployment

ChaSTE is deployed

### Temperature Measurement

Subsurface  
temperature  
measured

### Data Collection

First-ever lunar  
temperature data

# CHANDRAYAAN 3

India's 3<sup>rd</sup> lunar mission; a successful attempt at achieving a soft landing on lunar south

## BRIEF HISTORY

### Lunar Mission



**Chandrayaan 1**  
(2008)



**Chandrayaan 2**  
(2019)

### Aim

Create a 3D atlas of moon  
& Mineralogical mapping

Exploring lunar south pole

### Launch Vehicle

PSLV – C11

GSLV MkIII-M1

### Success

Detection of water and  
hydroxyl on lunar surface

Lander and rover crashed  
but orbiter successfully  
collected data

## COMPONENTS

- Lander - **Vikram**; Rover - **Pragyan** (same as Chandrayaan 2)
  - ▶ Both designed to last for 14 days; not supposed to come back to the earth
- Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (**SHAPE**)
  - ▶ An experimental payload in propulsion module
  - ▶ Study spectro-polarimetric signatures of Earth (near-infrared wavelength range)

## ASPECTS TO STUDY

- Lunar quakes
- Thermal properties of lunar surface
- Changes in plasma near the surface
- Accurately measuring distance b/w Earth and the moon

## MISSION LIFE

- 1 lunar day (~14 Earth days)

## LAUNCH VEHICLE

- LVM3 - M4



*India became the 1<sup>st</sup> country to successfully land on Lunar south pole and 4<sup>th</sup> to achieve soft-landing on Lunar surface (after US, Russia and China)*

## Why Chandrayaan 3 Succeeded?

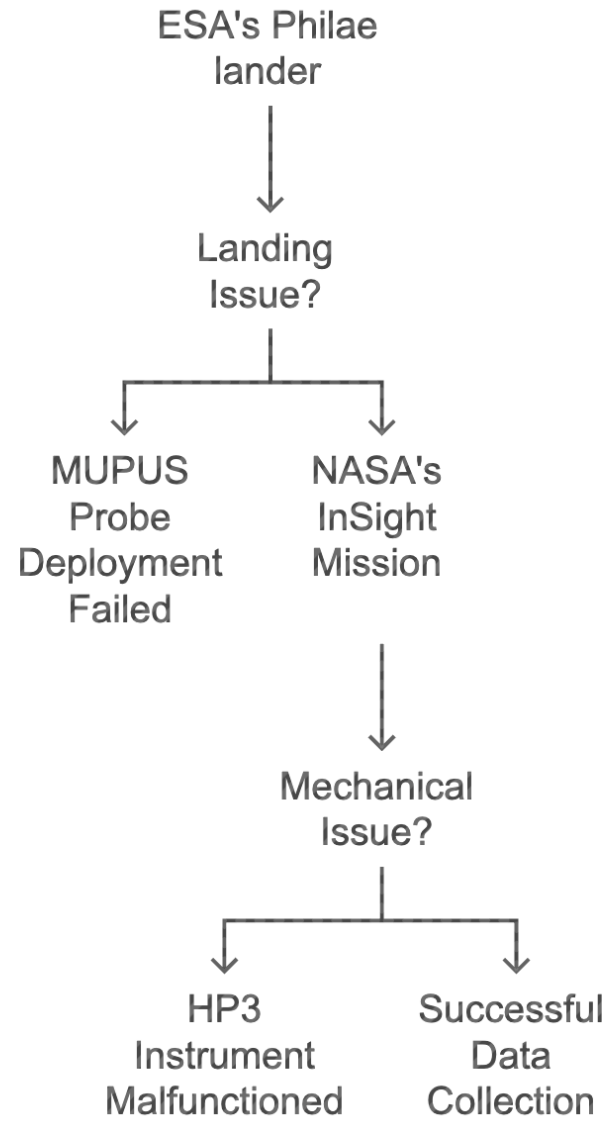
- A "**failure-based design**", unlike the "success-based design" of Chandrayaan-2
  - ▶ Even if all the sensors failed and engines stopped, **Vikram was sure to make the landing**
  - ▶ Provision of **multiple attempts** for landing if attempt 1 failed
- Developed accordingly to **rule out the scenario of crash landing**
  - ▶ Expanded landing area for more flexibility to land safely
  - ▶ Equipped with more fuel to enable longer-distance travel

## Importance of Lunar South Pole

- Vastly different, more **challenging terrain** compared to lunar equatorial region
- Potential repositories of valuable **information about early Solar System**
- Impact **future deep space exploration** significantly
- **Water may be concentrated** in the moon's southern hemisphere



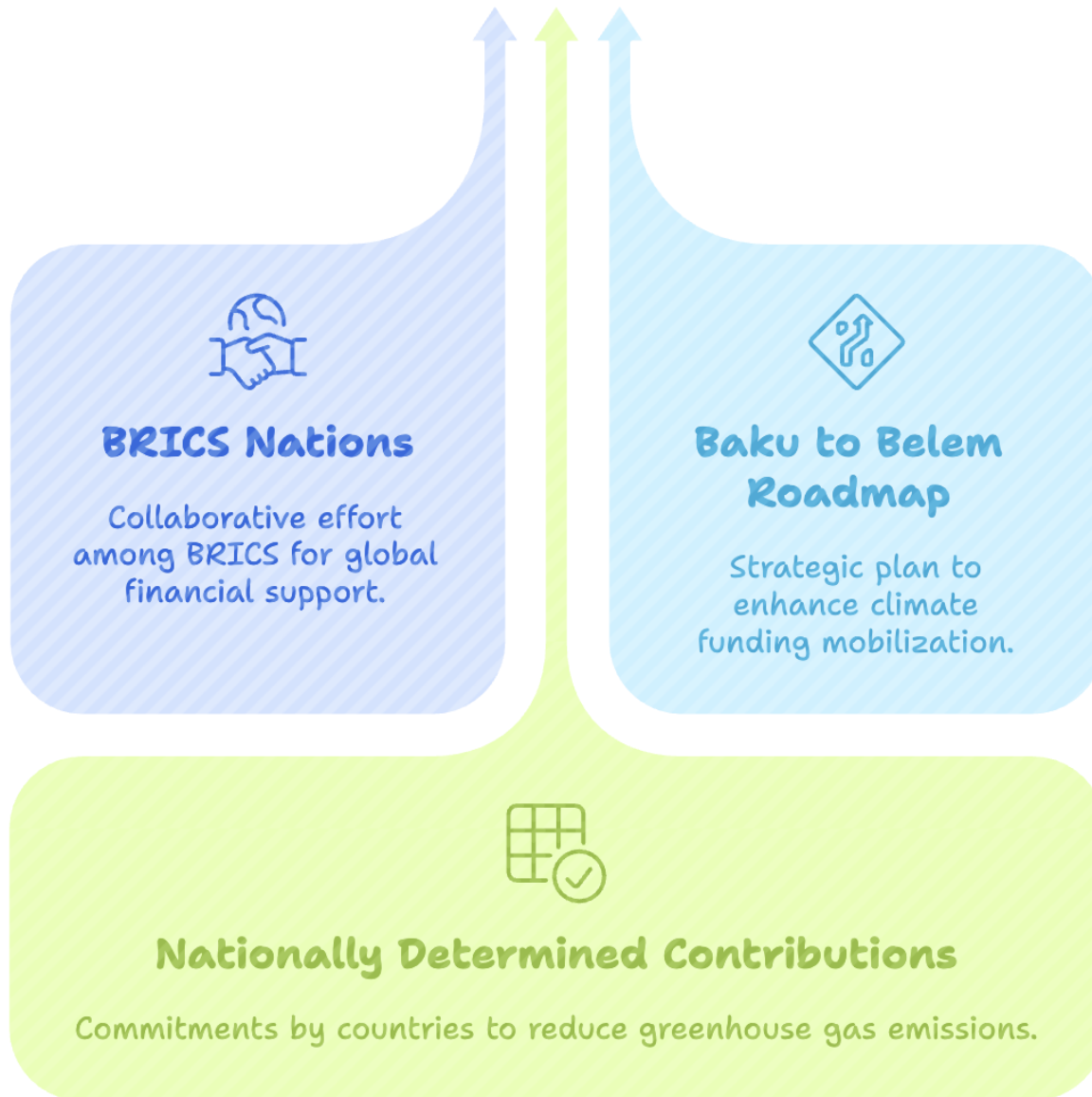
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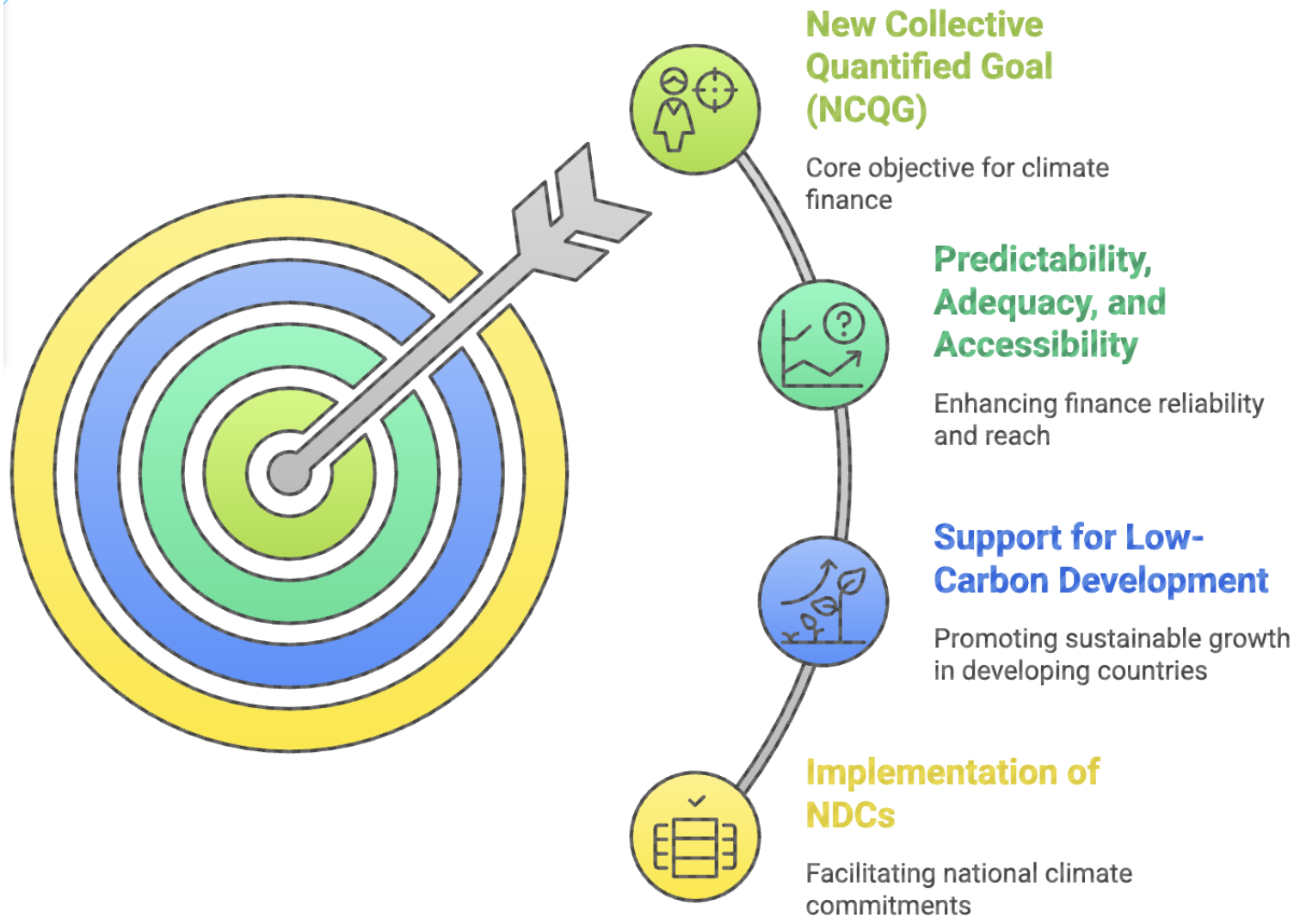
# Baku to Belem Roadmap

# Uniting for Climate Finance

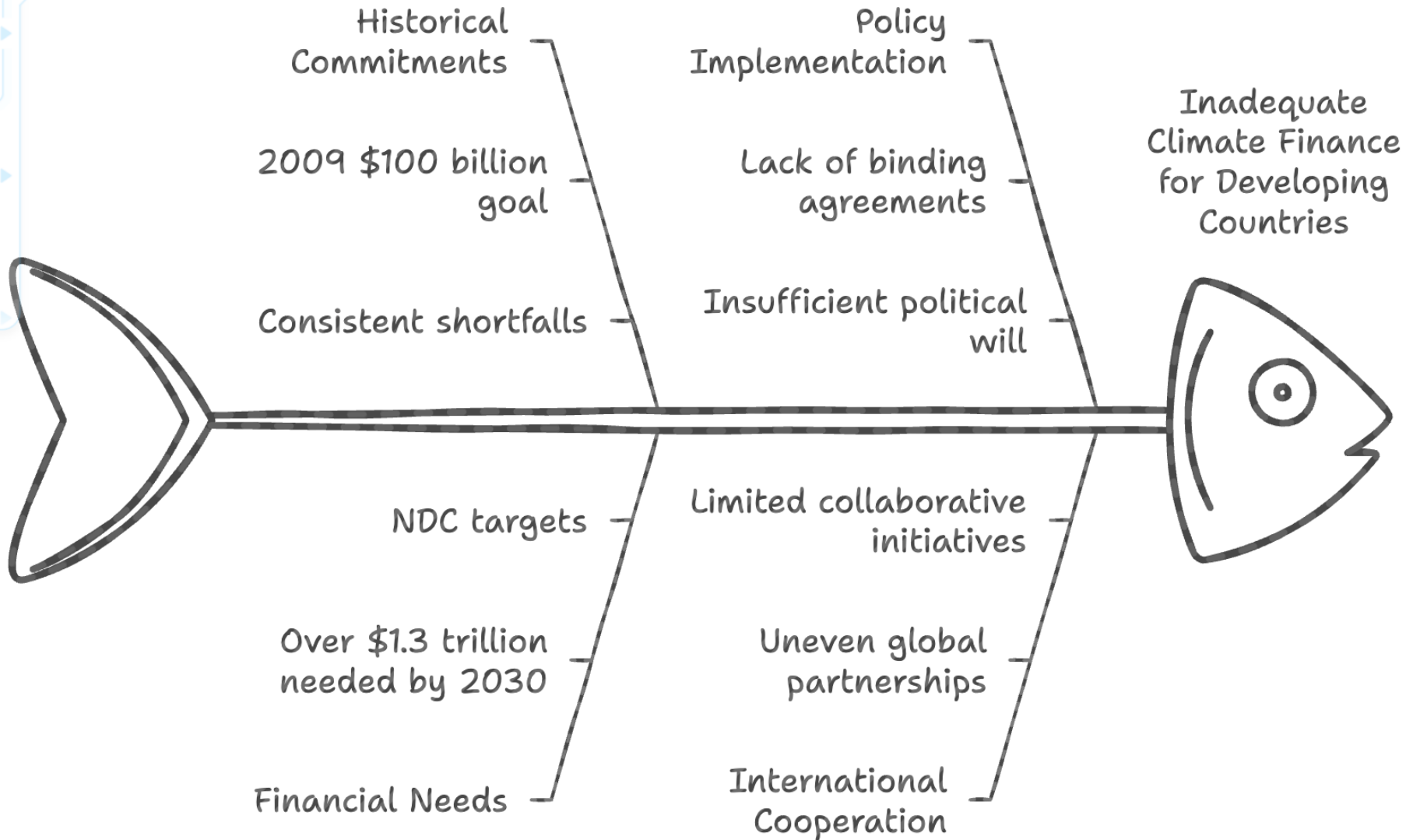




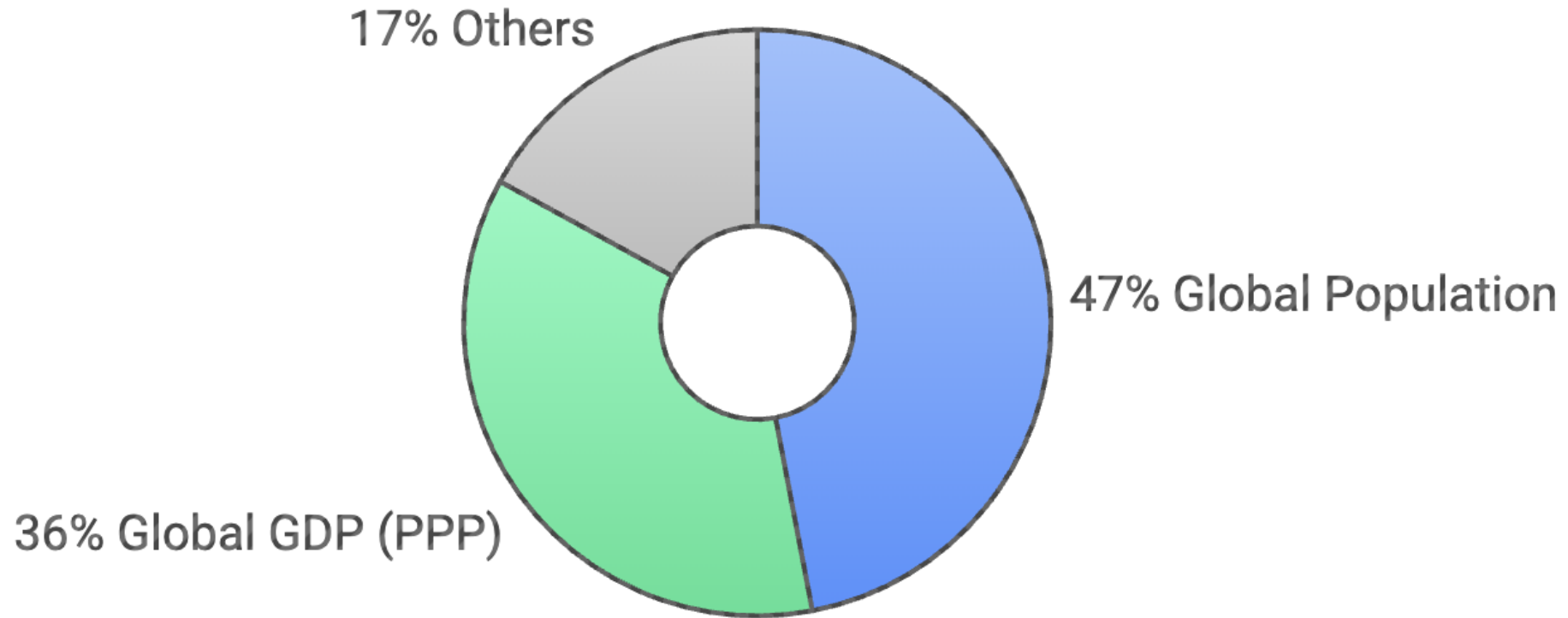
# Baku to Belém Roadmap Framework



# Analyzing the Shortfall in Climate Finance



# BRICS Contribution to Global Population and GDP





# Heard and McDonald Islands

An aerial photograph of the Heard and McDonald Islands. The image shows a large, crescent-shaped island in the foreground, densely covered with green vegetation and palm trees. The island is surrounded by shallow, turquoise waters, likely a lagoon or a bay, with several small, rectangular structures or platforms visible in the water. In the background, a prominent, jagged mountain peak rises above the horizon, surrounded by other smaller islands and a vast expanse of deep blue ocean. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds, creating a bright and clear atmosphere. The text "Heard and McDonald Islands" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.











Heard Island and McDonald Islands

Google Earth VR

**Fauna**

## Where are these remote islands now subject to U.S. tariffs?





## Announcement of Tariffs

Trump announces a baseline 10% tariff on all trade partners.



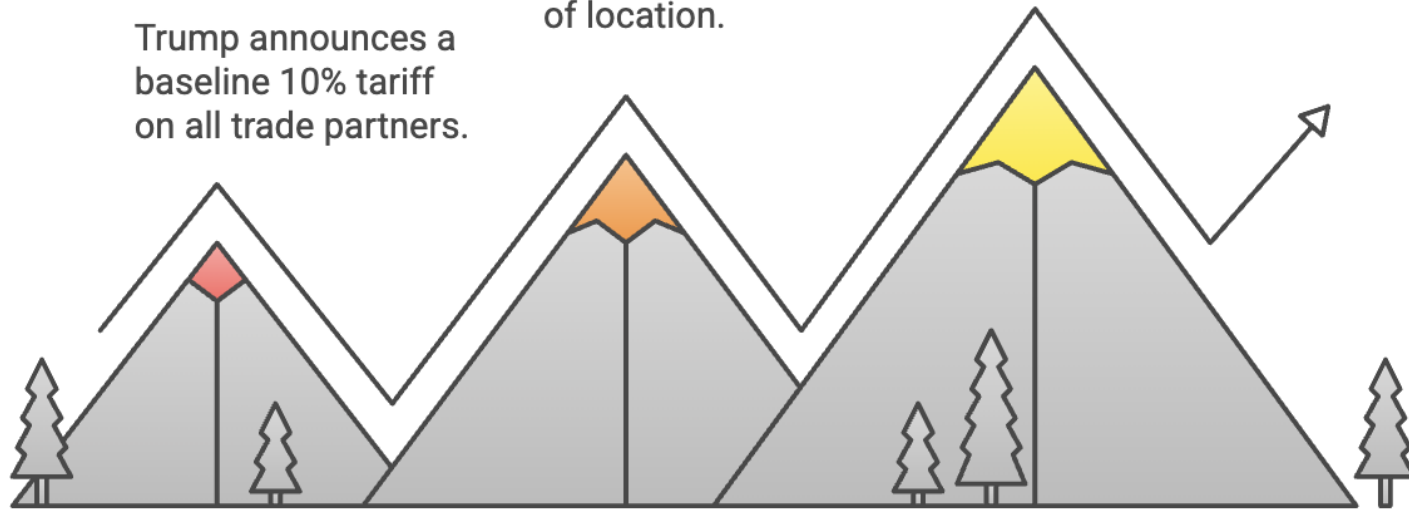
## Inclusion of Trade Partners

The tariff policy includes all trade partners, regardless of location.



## Specific Mention of Islands

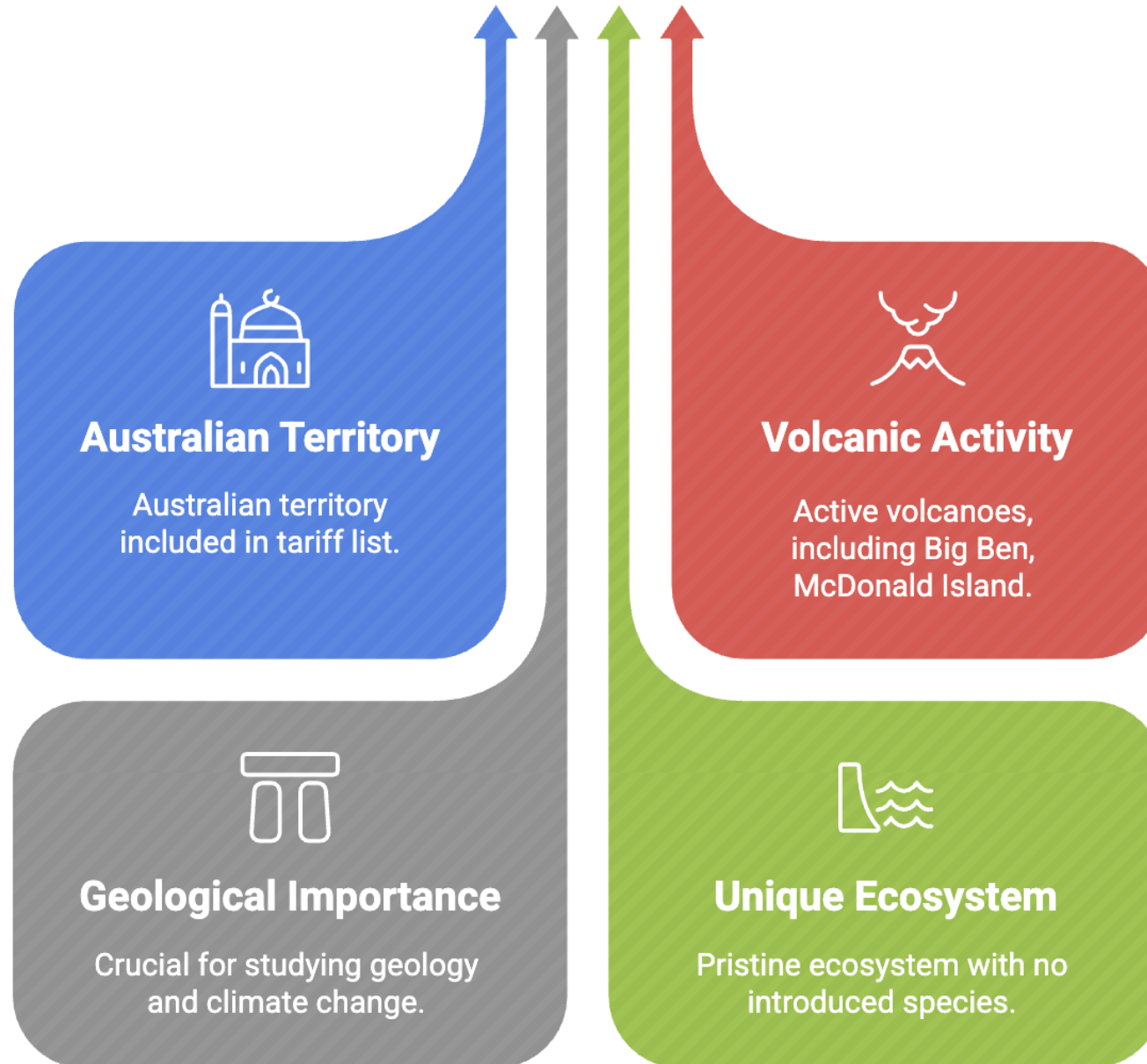
The Heard and McDonald Islands are specifically mentioned in the policy.



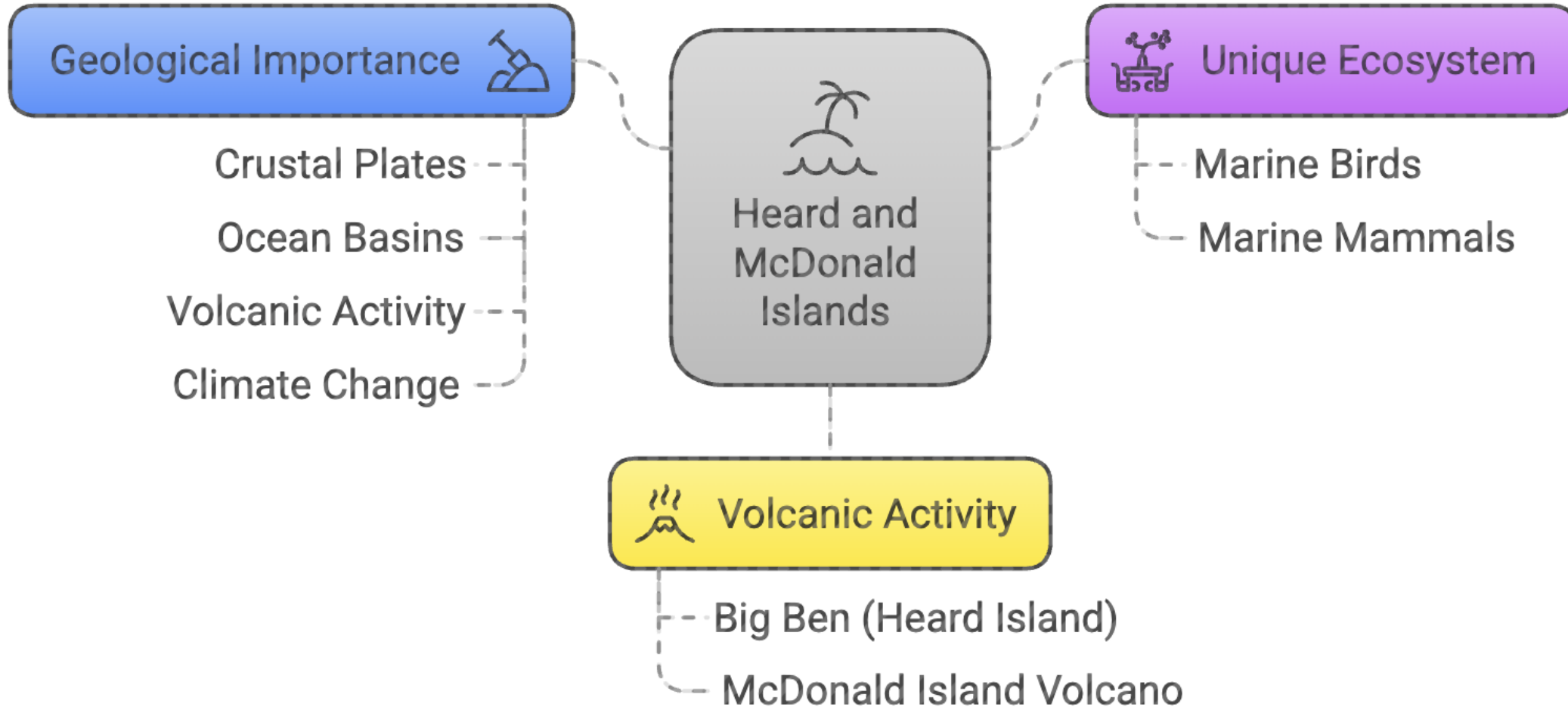




# The Convergence of Natural Wonders



# Geological and Ecological Significance of Heard and McDonald Islands



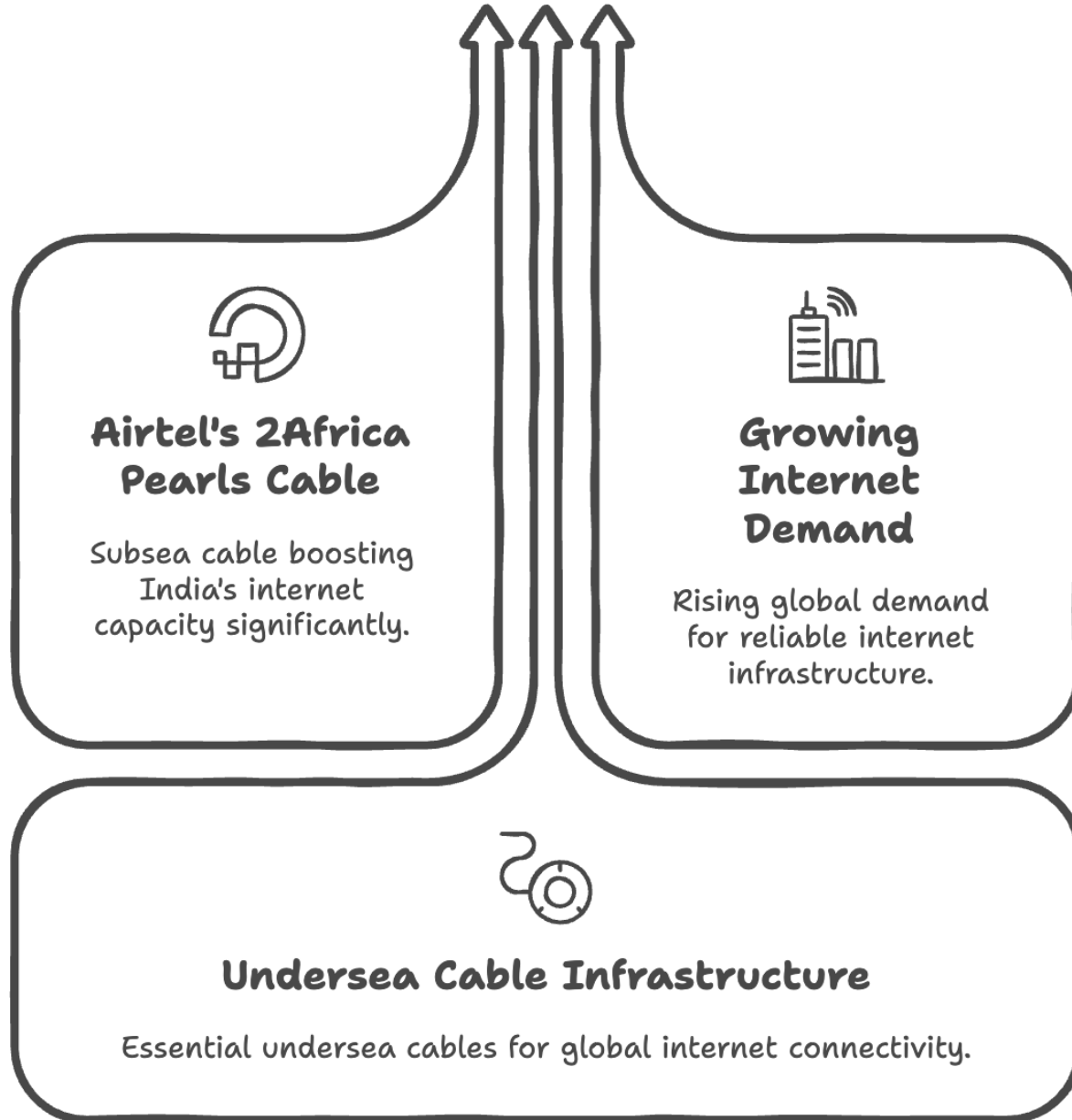


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# Underwater Cables

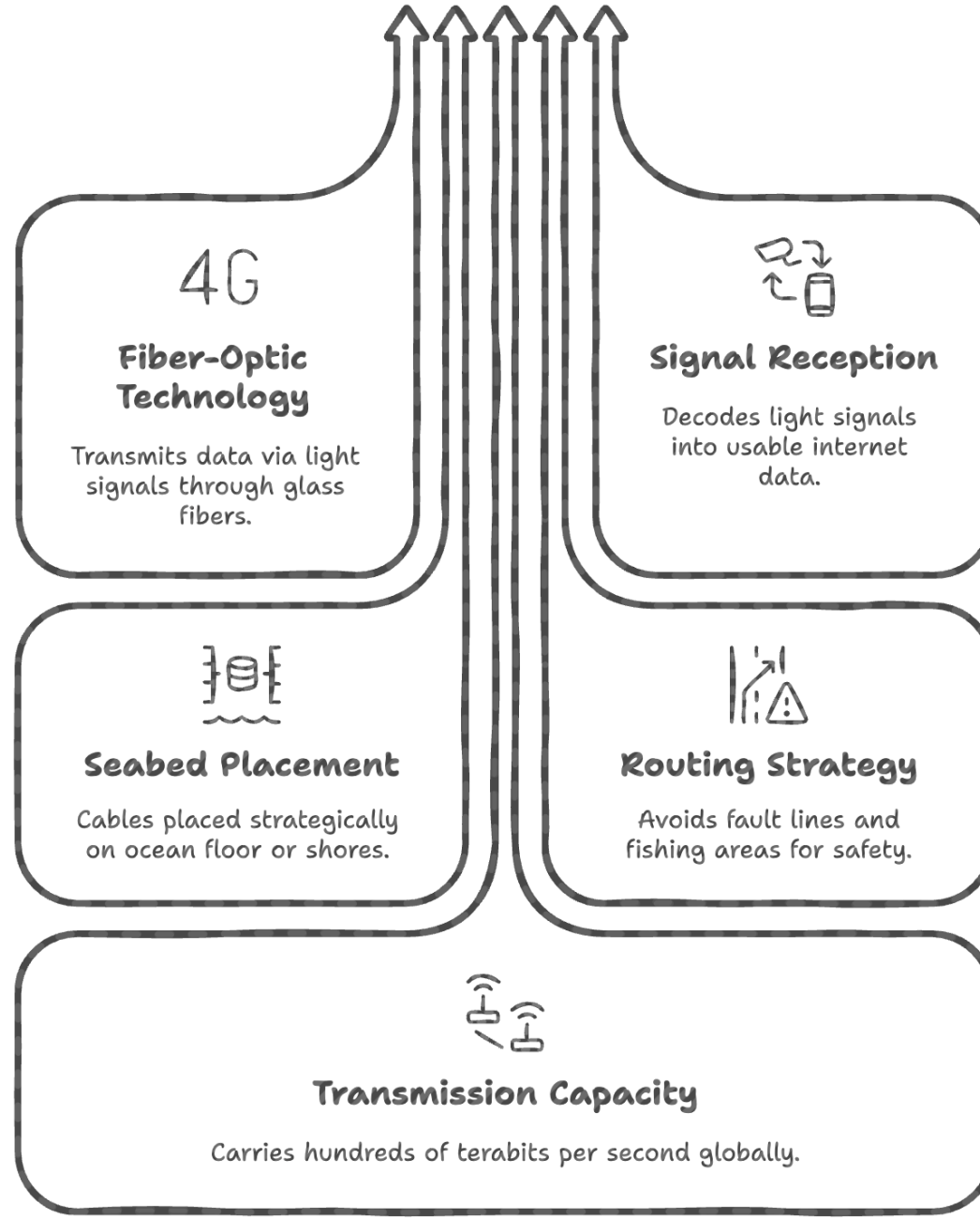


# Strengthening Global Connectivity

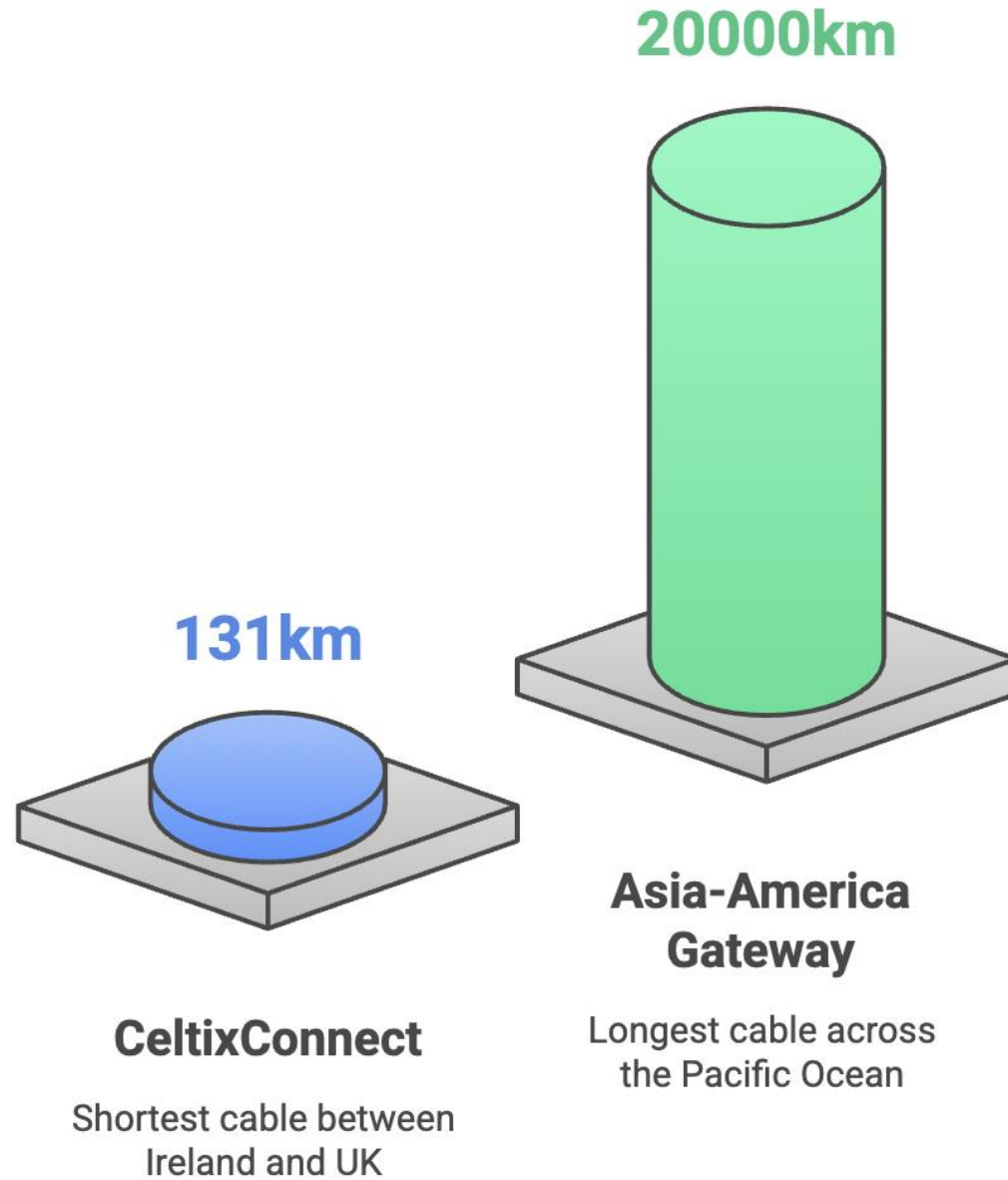




# Enabling Seamless Global Communication



# Comparison of Submarine Cable Lengths

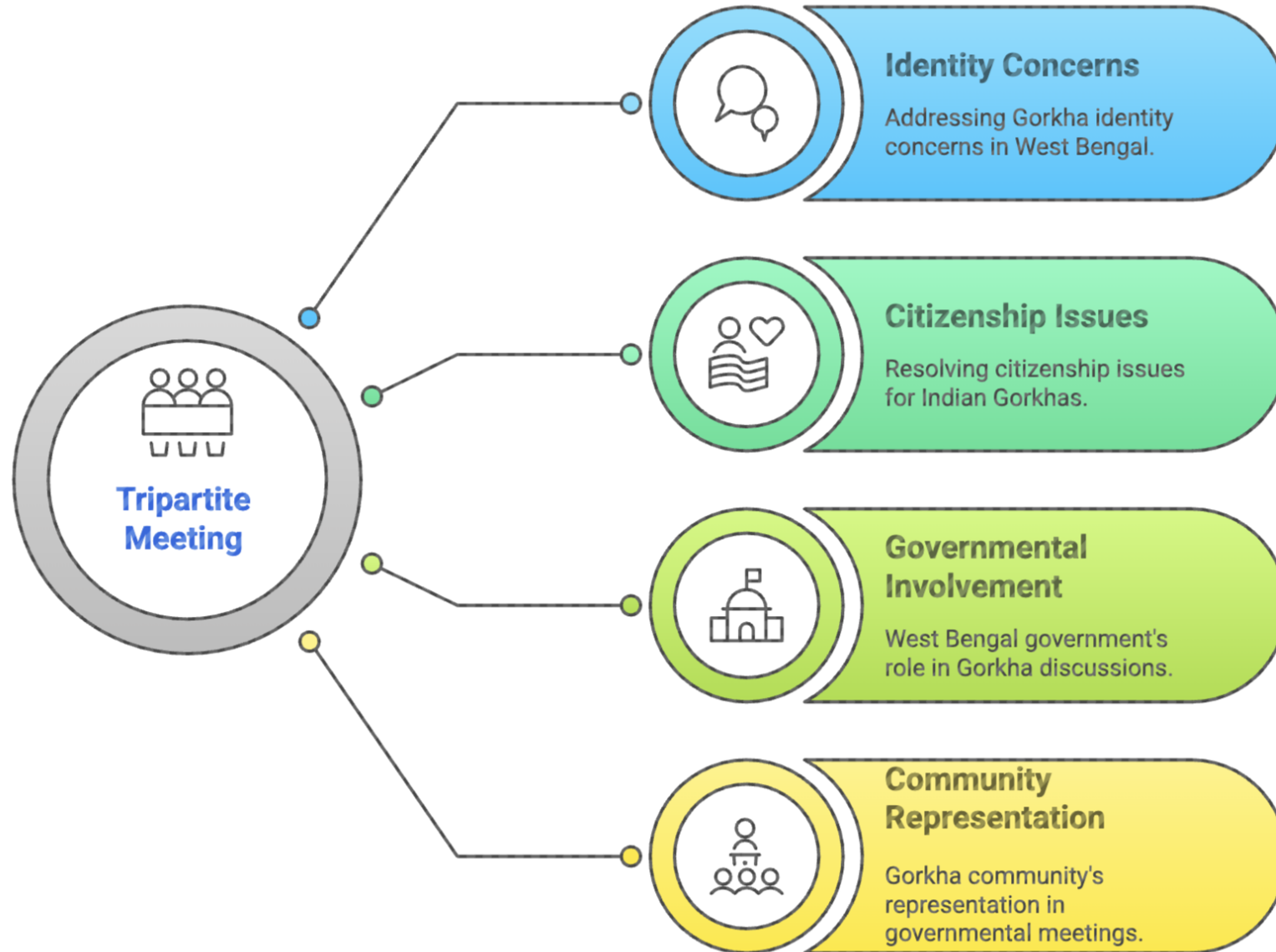




Gorkha



# Unpacking the Gorkha Identity and Citizenship Dialogue



# Gorkhas: A Cultural and Historical Overview

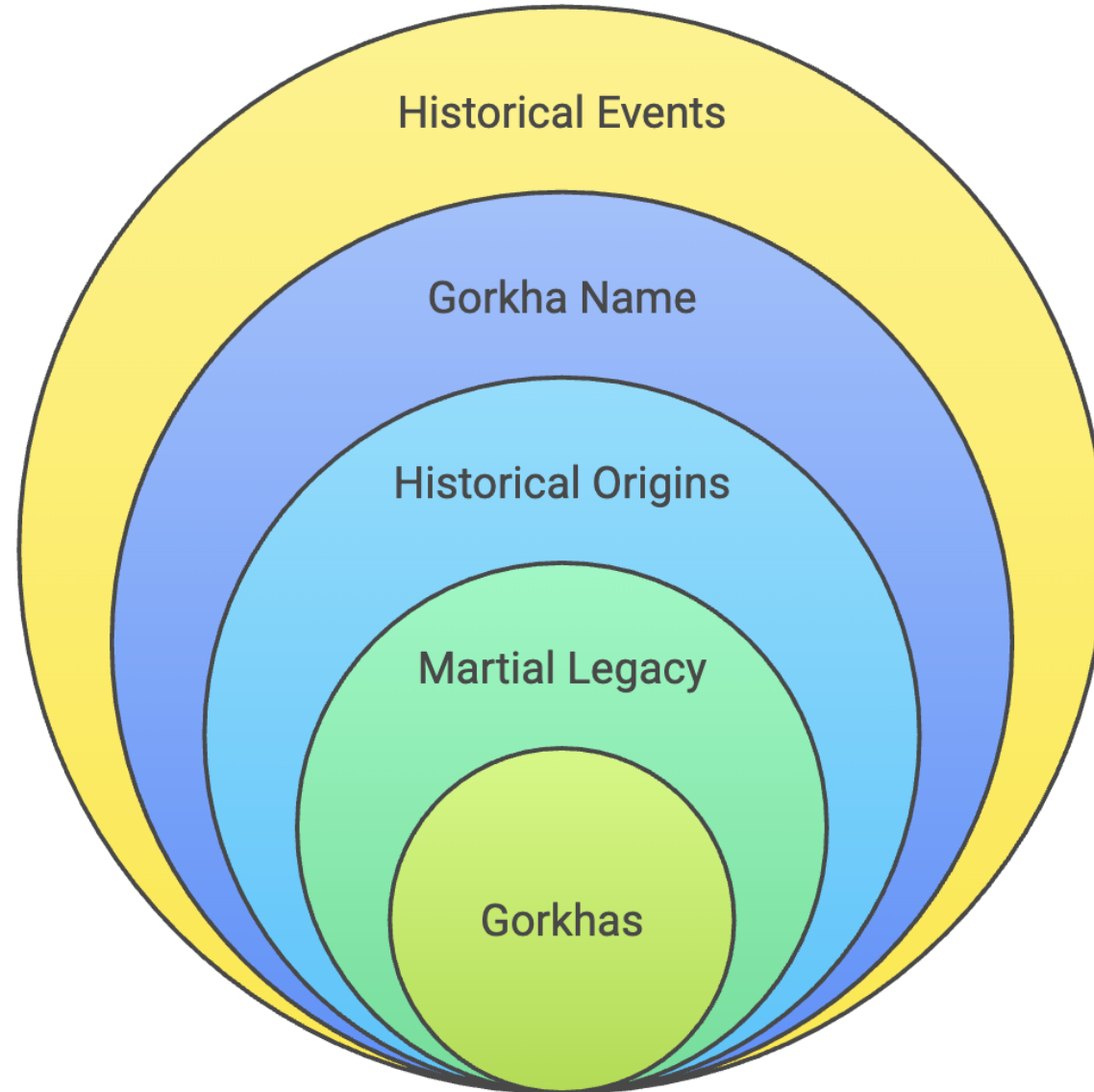
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Origin from Guru  
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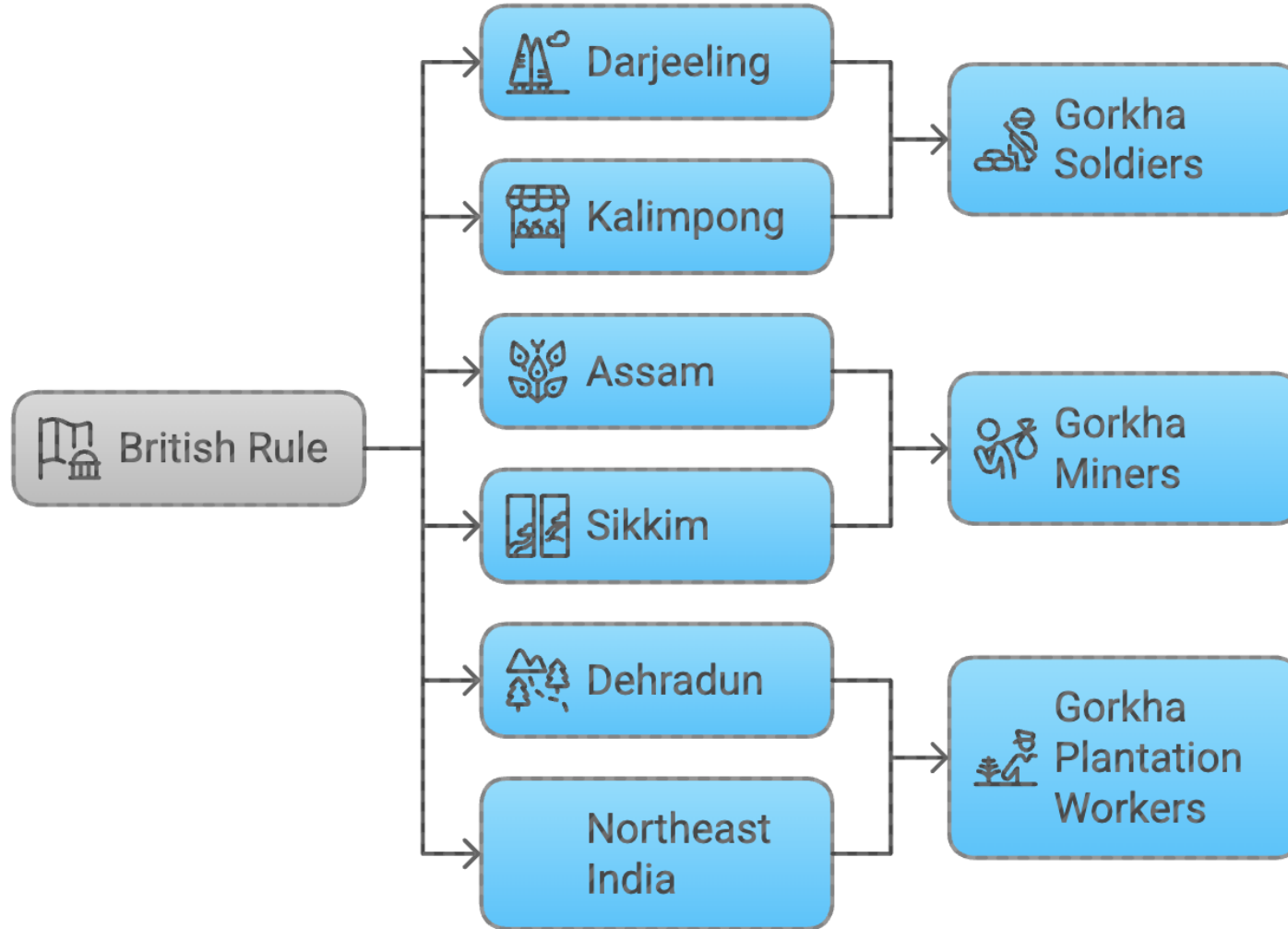
Descendants of  
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Bravery in British and  
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Ethnic Nepali-  
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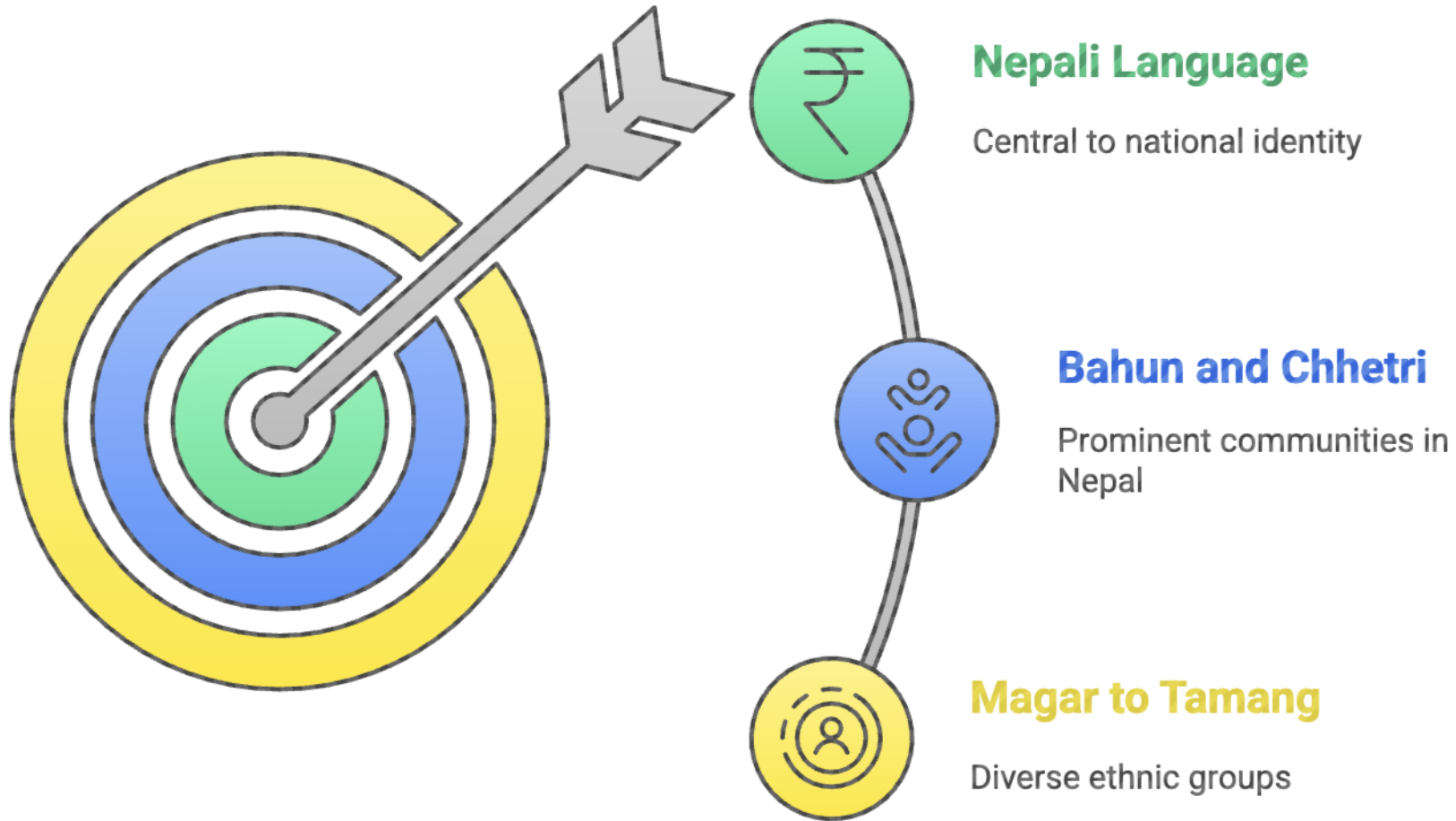


# Gorkha Settlements in India





# Cultural and Linguistic Hierarchy in Nepal



10 MCQ

**Which two items from India recently received the GI tag?**

- **भारत के किन दो उत्पादों को हाल ही में GI टैग प्राप्त हुआ है?**
  - A. Bikaneri Bhujia and Banarasi Saree
  - B. Tomato Chilli and Kannadippaya
  - C. Mysore Pak and Kanchipuram Silk
  - D. Alphonso Mango and Kolhapuri Chappal



**Where is the Tomato Chilli, which got the GI tag, grown?**

• **GI टैग प्राप्त टमाटर मिर्च कहाँ उगाई जाती है?**

A. Telangana

B. Tamil Nadu

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Karnataka

**Kannadippaya, a GI tagged product, is a type of what?**

- **GI टैग वाला कन्नडिप्पाया किस प्रकार का उत्पाद है?**
  - A. Handloom cloth
  - B. Bamboo basket
  - C. Traditional fishing net
  - D. Medicinal root

**What does ChaSTE stand for in the Chandrayaan mission?**

- **चंद्रयान मिशन में ChaSTE का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?**
  - A. Chandrayaan Surface Temperature Explorer
  - B. Chandrayaan Soil Thermal Experiment
  - C. Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment
  - D. Chandra Space Technology Explorer

## What was ChaSTE's main objective?

- ChaSTE का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या था?

A. Mapping craters on the Moon

B. Measuring heat conductivity and temperature of the lunar south pole

C. Analyzing moon dust composition

D. Testing solar panels on the moon



**The “Baku to Belem Roadmap” relates to which global initiative?**

- **“बाकू से बेलेम रोडमैप” किस वैश्विक पहल से संबंधित है?**
  - A. Climate action
  - B. Global education transformation
  - C. Digital connectivity
  - D. Renewable energy trade

**Heard and McDonald Islands are located in which ocean?**

• **हर्ड और मैकडोनाल्ड द्वीप किस महासागर में स्थित हैं?**

- A. Arctic Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Pacific Ocean

**Which country governs the Heard and McDonald Islands?**

• **हर्ड और मैकडोनाल्ड द्वीप किस देश के अधीन हैं?**

A. United Kingdom

B. New Zealand

C. Australia

D. France

**What is the significance of underwater cables in global connectivity?**

- **वैश्विक कनेक्टिविटी में अंडरवाटर केबल्स का क्या महत्व है?**
  - A. They are used for oil transportation
  - B. They connect power grids
  - C. They transmit internet and communication data
  - D. They support submarine movement



**The Gorkha regiment in India is primarily composed of soldiers from which region?**

- **भारत की गोरखा रेजिमेंट मुख्य रूप से किस क्षेत्र के सैनिकों से बनी है?**
  - A. Rajasthan
  - B. Uttarakhand
  - C. Nepal
  - D. Sikkim

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# Word of the day

## **Fracas:**

noisy quarrel

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**Synonyms:** scuffle, fight, clash

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**Usage:** *Security guards rushed in to stop the fracas at the concert.*

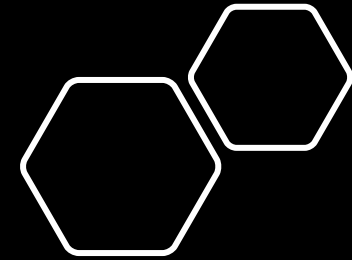
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**Pronunciation:** [newsth.live/fracaspro](http://newsth.live/fracaspro)

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**International Phonetic Alphabet:** /fɹækɑː/

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