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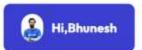


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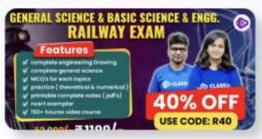


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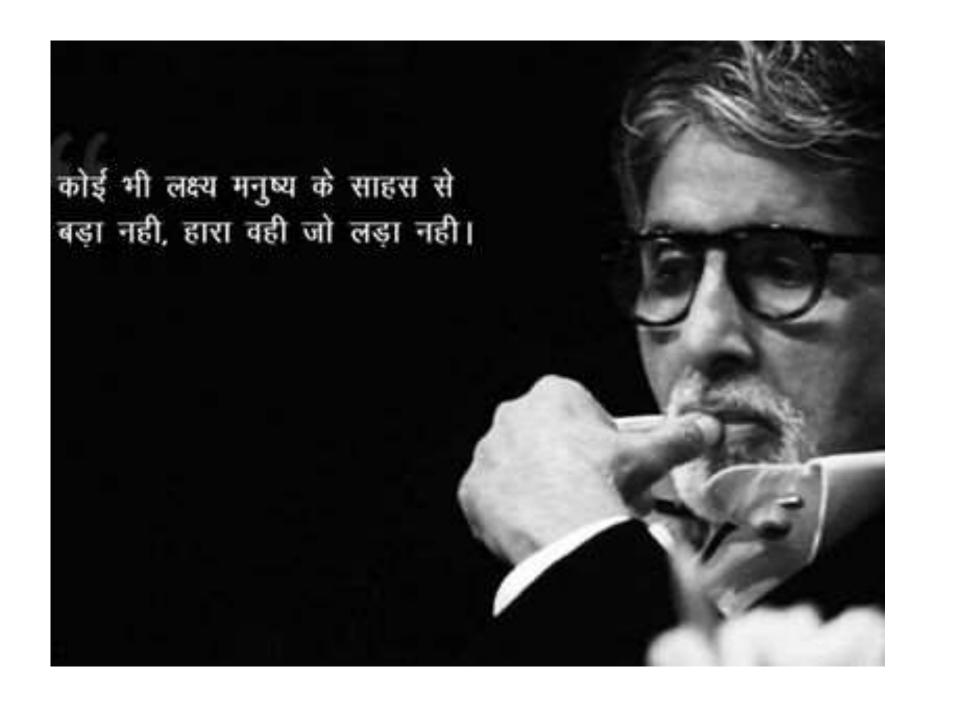
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lasi, week and also since the stand-off that began in May 2020.

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of India on Monday resche-duled by elections in 14 As-sembly constituencies in

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Election body orders transfer of Maharashtra DGP

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Restore statehood to J&K, says L-G at Assembly's first session

In his address on the first day of the first session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Monday, Ligutenant-Governor Manot Sinha underscored the need to restore Statehood to the Union Territory. Praising the people for

said, "The (Union Territo said, "The Union Territory government will make all efforts for the restoration of full Statehood and correstitutional guarantees available to a State, it would be a befuting rest-procation of the faith research by the pumple in our democratic institutions, it democratic institutions, it faith of the people in democratic necessary."

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Temple riot: PM urges Canada to uphold law

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NEW DELHI

rime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday strongly condemned the violence at the Hindu Sabha Temple at Brampton near Toronto and said such actions will "never weaken India's resolve".

Commenting on the ongoing diplomatic downturn between the two sides, the Prime Minister slammed the recent reports of surveillance targeting Indian diplomats in Canada and described such actions as "cowardly". His comments came hours after the Ministry of External Affairs, against the backdrop of anti-India protests and violence around the temple premises, said that it remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada.

"I strongly condemn the deliberate attack on a Hindu temple in Canada. Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats. Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve. We expect Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law," said Mr. Modi in a message. The issue was also taken up by the Congress with senior leader Pawan Khera urging the Centre to "take it up very strongly with the Canadian authorities".

The incident took place on Sunday when a pro-Khalistan crowd came to the temple which was hosting a consular camp that Indian diplomats had organised for the Canadian and Indian life certificate beneficiaries. For the sake of the beneficiaries, the



Diplomatic issue: Indians at a consular camp in Brampton, Ontario, which witnessed 'violent disruptions' on Sunday. PTI

High Commission in Ottawa and Indian missions had planned similar consular camps at multiple locations. The protesters in the pro-Khalistan crowd chanted slogans against the Indian government and Mr. Modi that soon spiralled into a confrontation, with the protesters resorting to violence and entering the temple premises.

"We condemn the acts

of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario. We call on the Government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks. We also expect those indulging in violence will be prosecuted," said Randhir Jaiswal, Official spokesperson of the Ministry, on Monday.

Earlier the High Commission of India had stated that in view of the heightened tension between the two sides, the local police had been informed "in advance to provide strong security measures for these events, which constitute routine consular work". Despite the disruption, the Indian High Commission in Canada said the camp in Brampton was able to issue more than 1,000 life certificates to the Indian and Canadian applicants.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau thanked the local police department for responding to the situation and said, "The acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton today [Sunday] are unacceptable. Every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely."

Indo-Canadian Member of Parliament Chandra Arya who has been critical of pro-Khalistan elements in Canada condemned the incident, and said, "I begin to feel that there is a small grain of truth in the reports that in addition to Canadian political apparatus, Khalistanis have effectively infiltrated into our law enforcement agencies," he said. Mr. Arva called upon Hindu-Canadians to "step up and assert their rights and hold politicians accountable". His remark about infiltration of the law enforcement agencies hints at the allegations that the Canadian Police had not acted professionally while dealing with the pro-Khalistan protesters.

• Incident Overview | घटना का विवरण:

- A pro-Khalistan protest at the Hindu Sabha Temple near Toronto escalated into violence. टोरंटो के पास हिंदू सभा मंदिर में एक खालिस्तान समर्थक प्रदर्शन हिंसा में बदल गया।
- The incident involved protesters chanting slogans against the Indian government and entering temple premises.

प्रदर्शनकारियों ने भारतीय सरकार के खिलाफ नारेबाजी की और मंदिर परिसर में प्रवेश किया।

• Indian Government's Response | भारतीय सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly condemned the violence, describing it as an attempt to intimidate diplomats. प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हिंसा की कड़ी निंदा की और इसे राजनियकों को डराने की कोशिश बताया।
- Modi urged the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law. मोदी ने कनाडा सरकार से न्याय सुनिश्चित करने और कानून बनाए रखने का आग्रह किया।

• Canadian Response | कनाडा की प्रतिक्रिया:

- Canadian politicians, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, condemned the incident. कनाडा के राजनेताओं, जिनमें प्रधानमंत्री जस्टिन ट्रूडो शामिल हैं, ने इस घटना की निंदा की।
- Trudeau thanked the local police for managing the situation and ensuring safety. टूडो ने स्थिति संभालने और सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए स्थानीय पुलिस को धन्यवाद दिया।

1. Security Concerns | सुरक्षा चिंताएं:

- 1. The High Commission of India expressed concern over the safety of Indian nationals and diplomats in Canada. भारत के उच्चायोग ने कनाडा में भारतीय नागरिकों और राजनियकों की सुरक्षा को लेकर चिंता व्यक्त की।
- 2. Indo-Canadian MP Chandra Arya noted the infiltration of Khalistanis in law enforcement agencies. इंडो-कनाडाई सांसद चंद्र आर्य ने कानून प्रवर्तन एजेंसियों में खालिस्तानियों की घुसपैठ पर ध्यान दिलाया।

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Turkiye ousts three elected pro-Kurdish mayors from office



office over terrorism related charges and replaced them wit state appointed officials. The move comes days after the airest are

Toll in Lebanon crosses 3,000 in the 13-month Israel-Hezbollah war



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Pak. MPs vote to extend tenure of military chiefs from 3 to 5 years



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NEW YORK

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Candidates make final cases in swing States as U.S. votes

Harris struck an optimistic note in her closing message saying the U.S. could turn the page on a decade of politics driven by fear and division: Trump focuses on border and economy

the U.S. approached a historic Election Day on Tuesday, with U.S. Vice-President and Democratic candidate Kamala Harris and Repu-blican nominee and former President Donald Trump making their final cases to voters across bat deground States, especial tion that is tight and where both candidates have a

Mocking dance



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Black woman to seek the Presidency Mr. Trump, 78, is the first former President to be convicted of a felony and is seeking a second

non-consecutive term, on-ly the second in U.S. histo-ry. He has also recently sur-vived two assaultation attempts.

Ms. Harrie's closing mea-sages cought to strike an optimistic note. In Michi-gan on Sunday, she said the U.S. had an opportuni-ty for a "fresh start" and could "sure the page on a

dent Donald Trump are neck and neck in the race for the White House. It is likely that if Ms. Harris decade of politics driven by fear and division." Mr. Trump's closing arguments have focused on security of the U.S.-Mexicoborder, attacking Demo-crats and saying he will im-

crote and saying he will im-prove the seconomy.

"The day I take office the migrant invasion ends and the restoration of our rountry bugins," Mr. Trump and in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Mon-day.

wins, many of her policies towards India will pick up where Mr. Biden left off. There may be some greater emphasis on issues that are important to the left flank important to the left flant of the Democratic party mubble positions about de-mocratic norms and hu-man rights in the actions of the Narondra Modi govern-ment, inter-governmental discussions on these sub-jects are largely — but not fully — managed behind alcowed doors, and that is likely to countries.

likely to continue. Any step changes in U.S. policy towards India are

more likely to appear if Mr Trump becomes Presi-dent. These changes may result from first order impacts, such as in trade, the energy sector, or the initia-tive on Critical and Emergmay view that as a threat to U.S. manufacturing. Given Mr. Trump's moreantilist ing Technologies (ICET). But there are second order changes which could be at changes which could be at least as profound, but felt only in the medium to long term. These might occur through Mr. Trump's ap-proach to the Ukraine-Rus-sis war, the conflict in West Apia, and importantly ac-tions a second of the South Astan neighbour holds and the profit and could be second on the con-tent of the broads and earth of EGT, an initiative

tion and technology cooperation.

As far as trade is con-cerned, Mr. Trump has a

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A return to uncertainty, tariffs and a transactional approach under Trump

> Consider cooperation in the domain of outer space. the domain of outer space, an aspect of IGET, for in-stance. Mr Trump is conti-nuing to show signs that he will be supportive of space exploration and its commercialisation.

Friction points However, with Mr. Trump there could be some friction points - where manu-facturing and ICST pro-jects intersect (for example semi-conductor fabricagoing to support manufac-turing in India, Mr. Trump

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preference for trade deals, rather than the Biden ad-

rather than the Biden ad-ministration's framework approach, Iralia has not yet approach. Iralia has not yet signed on to the Inch-Pacific Economic Frame-work (1929). Mr. Tramp-said in 2023 that he would undo this framework. He is likely to follow through. He views trade balances as profit and loss state-

as profit and has state-ments. He has repsimedly suggested that India and China as being "cough" on trade. He called India the variff king when he was Peasident and took India out of the U.S.'s preferen-tial trading programme, the Generalized System of Proforences (GSP) If elected, Mr. Trump is (Gely to seek the espadiation of ta-riffs across product catego-ries with regard to U.S.-In-dia trade.

China and Russia
Mr. Trump has said be will
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These are, however, larger questions about his

There are, Intweet, larger questions about his approach to Chinese President Xi Jimping, Mr. Trumpsays he gots on with Mr Xi, while also mentioning China in virtually every campaign speech as an eco-

nomic competitor. Mr. Trump began a trade was with China during his time in the White House. With regard to Moscow, since Mr. Trump left office, Indian purchases of Rus-sian oil have increased sig-nificantly (from about 26). nificantly (from about 25-to just over 40% by some estimates between 3021 and May 2024), India has been accused of helping to fund Russia's invasion of Ukraine through oil pur-

Ulcration through oil purchases and has defended its purchases as being in its national insterest.

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Alleged plots Officials who served as bu-reaucrats in both Demo-cratic and Republican administrations are united in one thing - that neither a the other way if a foreign assasmate a U.S. vitizen on U.S. soil observating from whether or not that happened in the Sidus for Justice leader Gurpatwant Singh Pamum case, as alleged by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Pro-Schulbstan figures, have openly propagated separation in the Indian.

contests as well as instead threats against Instian as-sets. Nevertheless, thus far, these activities have appeared to avail of protec-tions offered by the Pirst Amendment (of the U.S. Constitution). It is unclear if this would change under a hypothetical Trump administration.

In a rare case, Iran executes Jewish citizen for murder

Associated Press

tran on Monday executed a Jawish citizen convicted of mundering another man in 2022 following a personal dispute, reports said. It was a rare case of an execution of member of a reli-gious ininority in the pre-dominately Muslim nation.

Supreme Court order Missionniline.tr., a website diffilated with fran's judici-ary, and Arvin Chaftreins, i. 2t, was put to death at-ter the country's Supremo Court affirmed the capital punishment handed down in the case entire last year, which is a supremoved the court in the case suffer last year, and fees Kathin, the pro-mid fees Kathin, the pro-secutor of the western view secutor of the western city of Kermanshah, as saying accused of killing another man in 2022 over personal tives had failed to convinc

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Agence France Presse

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the problem in the Gasa Strip and not part of the so-lution." Mr. State was quote the solution of the solution of the Harman's October 7 at-tack on bread resulted in the deaths of 1,206 people, as the solution of the solution of pages has solution of the page 1,200 people, as the solution of the solution of the them, civiliane, according to figures from the Hama-run territory's Health Mt. Nations, considers to be Nations considers to be reliable. Jonathan Powler, an



Israel notifies UN about severing ties with UNRWA

UNRWA spokesman, said the ban would probably cause the collapse of sid ef-forts to Gasa.

depth of ICET, an initiative launched in 2023 by the Bi-den administration and the

Modi government and led by the countries' National

Security Advisers, it is like ly to continue.

"UNRWA or nothing"
"If this law is implemented, it would be likely to cause the collapse of the international bumanitarian operation in the Gaza Strip - an operation of which UNRWA is the backhone," Mr. Fowler said.
"It would also be likely

to came the collapse of en-sential services provided by UNRWA in the West bank and East Jerusalem, including education, healthcare, and

sanitation."
But larael has dismissed the argument on Gaza, say-ing only a part of aid was being delivered into the territory by UNRWA.

"The State of Israel is committed to interrutional law and will continue to fa-

climate the entrance of hu-reacitarian aid into the Ga-as Strip in a manner that does not have the security of the citizens of largel," Mr. Kata said.

Mr. Kata said.
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cus of its war to Lebanon, where it stepped up a care paign against Hamas ally Heshellah following nearly a year of cross-border fire.

Israel notifies UN about severing ties with UNRWA

Agence France-Presse

JERUSALEM

Israel formally notified the United Nations of its decision to sever ties with the agency supporting Palestinian refugees, it said on Monday, after lawmakers voted to ban the organisation vital to the occupied territories.

The ban, which sparked global condemnation including from key Israeli backer the U.S., should come into force in late January, with the UN Security Council warning it would have severe consequences for millions of Palestinians.

Israel has accused a dozen employees of the agency, UNRWA, of participating in the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas, the deadliest in Israeli history.

UNRWA fired nine employees in the wake of the attack that sparked the Gaza war following the accusations. "On the instruction of Foreign Minister Israel Katz, the Ministry of foreign affairs notified the UN of the cancellation of the agreement between the State of Israel and UNR-WA," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"UNRWA, the organisation whose employees participated in the October 7 massacre and many of whose employees are Hamas operatives, is part of the problem in the Gaza Strip and not part of the solution," Mr. Katz was quoted as saying.

Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel resulted in the deaths of 1,206 people, mostly civilians.

Israel's retaliatory campaign has killed 43,341 people in Gaza, a majority of them civilians, according to figures from the Hamasrun territory's Health Ministry, which the United Nations considers to be reliable.

Jonathan Fowler, an



A Palestinian carries an aid box distributed by UNRWA in Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza Strip on Monday. REUTERS

UNRWA spokesman, said the ban would probably cause the collapse of aid efforts to Gaza.

'UNRWA or nothing'

"If this law is implemented, it would be likely to cause the collapse of the international humanitarian operation in the Gaza Strip — an operation of which UNRWA is the backbone," Mr. Fowler said.

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to cause the collapse of essential services provided by UNRWA in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, including education, healthcare, and sanitation."

But Israel has dismissed the argument on Gaza, saying only a part of aid was being delivered into the territory by UNRWA.

"The State of Israel is committed to international law and will continue to facilitate the entrance of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip in a manner that does not harm the security of the citizens of Israel," Mr. Katz said.

Residents of Nur Shams camp in the occupied West Bank were fearful for the future after an Israeli raid last week damaged the UNRWA office there.

The 13,000 inhabitants of the camp near the northern city of Tulkarem depend heavily on UNRWA.

"For us, it's UNRWA or nothing," Shafiq Ahmad Jad, who runs a phone shop in the camp, said.

"For the refugees... they look to UNRWA as their mother," said Hanadi Jabr Abu Taqa, an agency official in charge of the northern West Bank. "So imagine if they lost their mother."

A series of probes, including one led by former French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, found some "neutrality related issues" at UNRWA but stressed that Israel had not provided evidence for its chief allegations. An internal probe found that nine employees "may have been involved in the armed attacks of 7 October".

UNRWA history

UNRWA was established in 1949 after the first Arab-Israeli conflict following Israel's creation in 1948.

The agency, which began its operations on May 1, 1950, was tasked with assisting some 7,50,000 Palestinians who had fled or been expelled from their homes during the war.

Its mandate has since been repeatedly extended in the absence of a solution for Palestinian refugees.

Since late September, Israel has broadened the focus of its war to Lebanon, where it stepped up a campaign against Hamas ally Hezbollah following nearly a year of cross-border fire.



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International Space Station

Largest modular space station in low Earth orbit also the largest human made structure in space



Launched on

20 November, 1988 from Kazakhstan



Mission life

It is expected to operate till 2030.



Orbit

It orbits LEO of earth at an average altitude of 400 km and circles the globe every 90-93 minutes







USA- NASA



EUROPE -ESA



JAPAN - JAXA



CANADA- CSA



✓ RUSSIA- ROSCOSMOS



Components

Station is divided into two sections:

The Russian Orbital Segment (ROS), operated by Russia.

The United States Orbital Segment (USOS), run by the United States and other countries.



Significance

It serves as a microgravity and space environment research laboratory

More than 3,000 experiments have been conducted aboard ISS.



India's mission

India plans to have own space station by 2035 which would weigh 20 tonnes.

Would orbit an altitude of 400 km above earth, where astronauts could stay for 15-20 days.

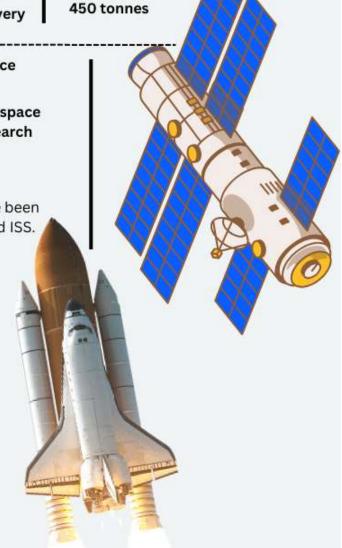
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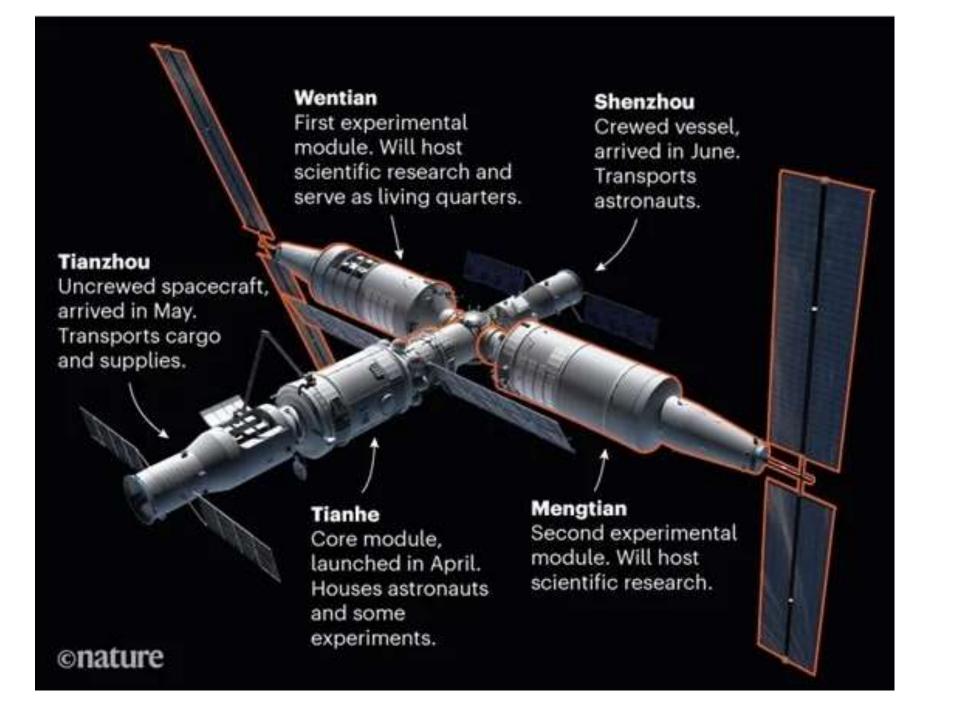


Notable success

Medical discovery- Advancements in osteoporosis treatments and understanding muscle atrophy.

Dark matter- Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS), which is intended to detect dark matter







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Risky outreach: A policeman standing guard as a health worker administers polio drops to a child during a door-to-door poliovirus vaccination campaign on the outskirts of Peshawar. AFP

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Pakistan has witnessed a dramatic uptick in attacks since the return of the Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan in 2021, with Islamabad claiming hostile groups are now operating from there. "In our area, nearly half of the parents were initially resistant to the polio vaccine, believing it to be a ploy by the West," said local resident Ehsanullah, who goes by one name.

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Rumours debunked

From previously being blamed for the mistrust of polio vaccines, some religious leaders – who wield immense authority in Pakistan – are now at the forefront of the campaign to convince parents.

"All major religious schools and scholars in Pakistan have debunked the rumours surrounding the polio vaccine," said Imam Tayyab Qureshi.

"Those who attack polio vaccination teams have no connection to Islam or humanity," he said in the provincial capital of Peshawar, where Panam Dehri lies on the outskirts.

For one parent in Panam Dehri, the endorsement by religious chiefs proved pivotal.

"Initially I did not vaccinate my children against polio. Despite everyone's efforts, I refused," said Zulfiqar, who uses one name.

"Later, the Imam of our mosque came to explain the importance of the polio vaccine, telling me that he personally vaccinated his own children and encouraged me to do the same," he said. "After that, I agreed."

Another impediment can be that parents in impoverished areas use the government's eagerness to vaccines as a bargaining chip, attempting to negotiate investment in water and road projects.

"There are demandbased boycotts and community boycotts that we face," lamented Ayesha Raza, spokeswoman for the government polio eradication campaign.

"Your demands may be very justified, but don't link it to your children's health," she pleads to them.

Personal battle

For some health workers, the battle to eradicate polio is more personal.

Hobbling door-to-door in Panam Dehri, polio survivor Ismail Shah's paralysed leg does not slow his mission.

"I decided in my childhood that when I grew up I would fight against the disease that disabled me," said the 35-year-old.

Mr. Shah is among 4,00,000 volunteers and health workers who spent the past week patiently explaining to families that the oral inoculation – administered in two doses – is safe.

Their goal is to protect 45 million children, but it's far from straightforward. When Mr. Shah arrived in his patch of 40,000 inhabitants there were more than 1,000 refusals.

"Now, there are only 94 reluctant parents left, and soon I will persuade them as well," he said.

• Current Situation | वर्तमान स्थिति:

- Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic. पाकिस्तान और अफगानिस्तान ही ऐसे देश हैं जहां पोलियो अब भी स्थानिक है।
- In 2023, Pakistan reported 45 cases, a significant rise from only one case in 2021. 2023 में पाकिस्तान में 45 मामले दर्ज किए गए, जो 2021 में केवल एक मामले से काफी अधिक है।

• Challenges Faced | सामना की जाने वाली चुनौतियाँ:

- Militancy and misinformation are major barriers. उग्रवाद और गलत सूचना मुख्य बाधाएँ हैं।
- Health workers are frequently targeted by militants; several have been killed. स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों पर अक्सर उग्रवादियों द्वारा हमला किया जाता है; कई मारे गए हैं।
- Suspicion fueled by past incidents like CIA's vaccination campaign used to track Osama bin Laden.
 - ओसामा बिन लादेन को ट्रैक करने के लिए सीआईए के टीकाकरण अभियान जैसी घटनाओं से संदेह बढ़ा है।

• Community Response | सामुदायिक प्रतिक्रिया:

- Clerics and religious leaders have come forward to debunk vaccine myths. मौलवी और धार्मिक नेता टीके से संबंधित मिथकों को दूर करने के लिए आगे आए हैं।
- Despite efforts, some parents remain resistant to vaccinating their children. प्रयासों के बावजूद, कुछ माता-पिता अपने बच्चों का टीकाकरण कराने से इनकार कर रहे हैं।

• Health Workers' Efforts | स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों के प्रयास:

- Teams continue their work amidst threats, aiming to vaccinate 45 million children. टीमें धमकियों के बीच अपना काम जारी रखे हुए हैं, 4.5 करोड़ बच्चों को टीका लगाने का लक्ष्य है।
- Personal stories, like that of Ismail Shah, highlight the dedication of health workers. इस्माइल शाह की व्यक्तिगत कहानी स्वास्थ्यकर्मियों की समर्पण भावना को उजागर करती है।

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What is polio

- Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious viral disease, mainly affecting children
- According to WHO, the virus is transmitted from person-to-person, mainly through the faecal-oral route

STRAINS

- There are three types of polio virus strains P1, P2 and P3
- P2 was eradicated globally in 1999
- India attained a polio free status in 2014 after successfully eliminating the wild P1 and P3 strains



VACCINATION SCHEDULE

OPV: At 6 weeks, 10 weeks and 14 weeks

IPV: At 6 weeks and 14 weeks

OPV booster: Between 16 and 24 months

What is polio disease?

- Polio (also called Poliomyelitis) is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus
- The virus invades the nervous system and can cause permanent paralysis
- Polio is spread through person-to-person contact and can spread rapidly through a community
- Most infected people (90%) have no symptoms or very mild symptoms
- However, one in 200 infections leads to permanent paralysis (can't move parts of the body) and even death





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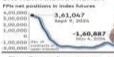
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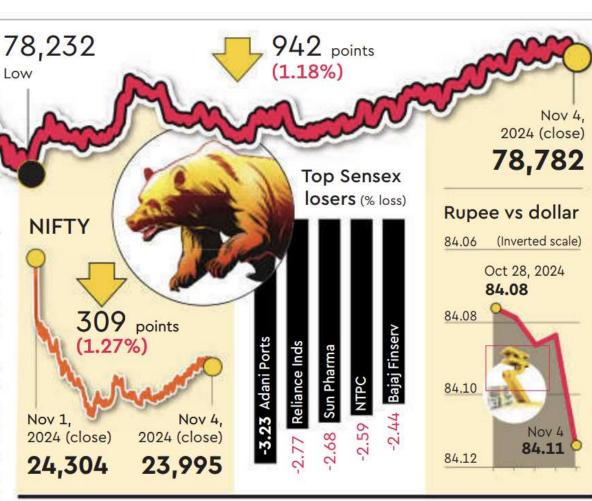
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VIVEK KUMAR M Mumbai, November 4

BENCHMARK INDICES HIT their lowest levels in over four months in intra-day trade on Monday, as concerns over the outcome of the US presidential election and fresh stimulus measures by China kept global investors jittery.

The uncertainty over these global events added to the underlying concerns of high valuations and slowing earnings growth, and triggered a 2% fall in the Sensex and Nifty to 78,232.60 points and 23,816.15 points, respectively. However, the key indices managed to regain some lost ground. While the Sensex ended the day 1.2% lower at



Reliance Jio set for 2025 IPO, retail debut much later

Could be India's biggest ever, overtaking Hyundai

ADITYA KALRA & KANE WU New Delhi/Hong Kong, November 4

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES IS looking at a 2025 listing for Jio, valued by analysts at over \$100 billion, and plans to launch retail unit's IPO much later, two people familiar with the matter told Reuters. Chairman Mukesh Ambani hasn't updated his IPO timelines after saying in 2019 that Reliance Jio and Reliance Retail would "move towards" a listing within five years.

In recent years, Ambani raised \$25 billion collectively for digital, telecom and retail businesses from the likes of KKR. General Atlantic

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and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, valuing both ventures at above \$100 billion.

The two sources said Reliance has now firmed up plans to launch the Reliance Jio

IPO in 2025 as it internally believes it has achieved a stable business and revenue stream in becoming the country's No. 1 telecom player with 479 million subscribers.

But the retail business IPO is not expected until after 2025 as the company first needs to address some internal business and operational challenges, said the first source.

Reliance Industries did not respond to a request for comment.

Reliance is set to lock horns with Elon Musk if Starlink service is launched in India, and Jio, which is also backed by Google and Meta, has collaborated with Nvidia to develop Al infrastructure.

The sources said there was no internal deci-



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 Jio valuation pegged at over

\$100 billion ■ Jefferies estimates Jio IPO valuation at

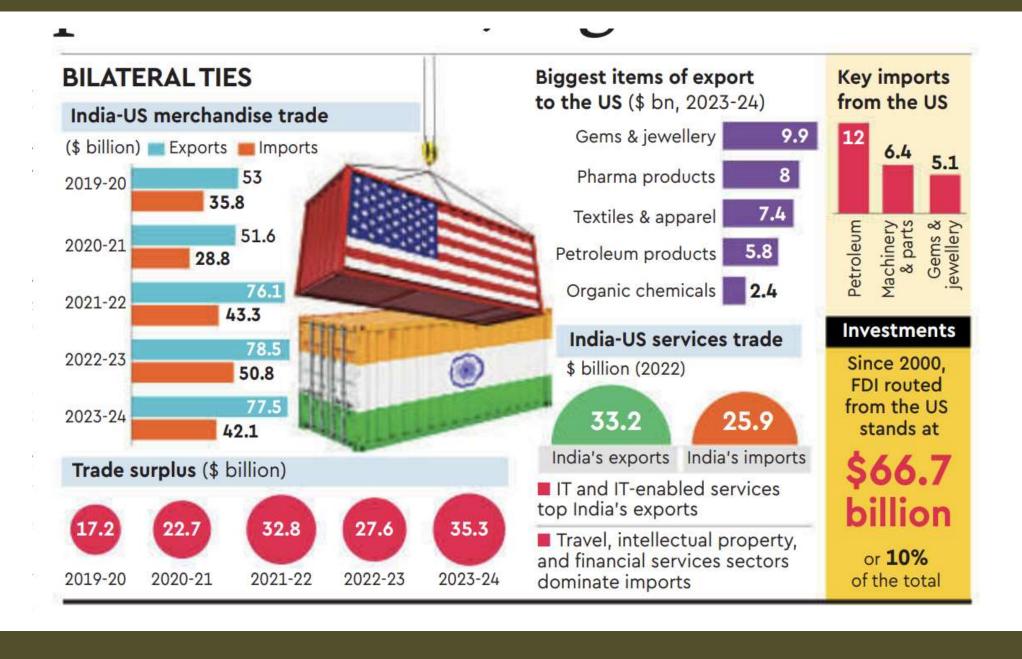
\$112 billion

- Reliance sees telecom business as stable and IPO-ready
- But sees need to fix operational issues in retail segment
- RIL doesn't want to hit markets with two big IPOs around the same time

sion yet on a valuation of Reliance Jio and bankers haven't yet been appointed, but Jefferies in July pegged the company's estimated IPO valuation at \$112 billion. Reliance, however, aims for Jio IPO to be the country's biggest ever, overtaking Hyundai India's record \$3.3billion IPO this year, said the first source.

Both the sources, who declined to be named as the discussions are private, said the IPO timelines can still change.

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India retains solar alliance presidency

MANU KAUSHIK New Delhi, November 4

INDIA HAS BEEN re-elected as president of the Indian Solar Alliance (ISA) from 2024 to 2026 at the 7th general assembly of the alliance held here on Monday. France has been re-elected as vice-president.

The annual assembly of the ISA witnessed the launch of demonstration projects. At the assembly, which was attended

by ministers from 29 countries, minister for new and renewable energy Pralhad Joshi said that ISA has been at the forefront of mobilising resources and facilitating the deployment of solar projects worldwide, particularly in least developed countries and small island developing states.

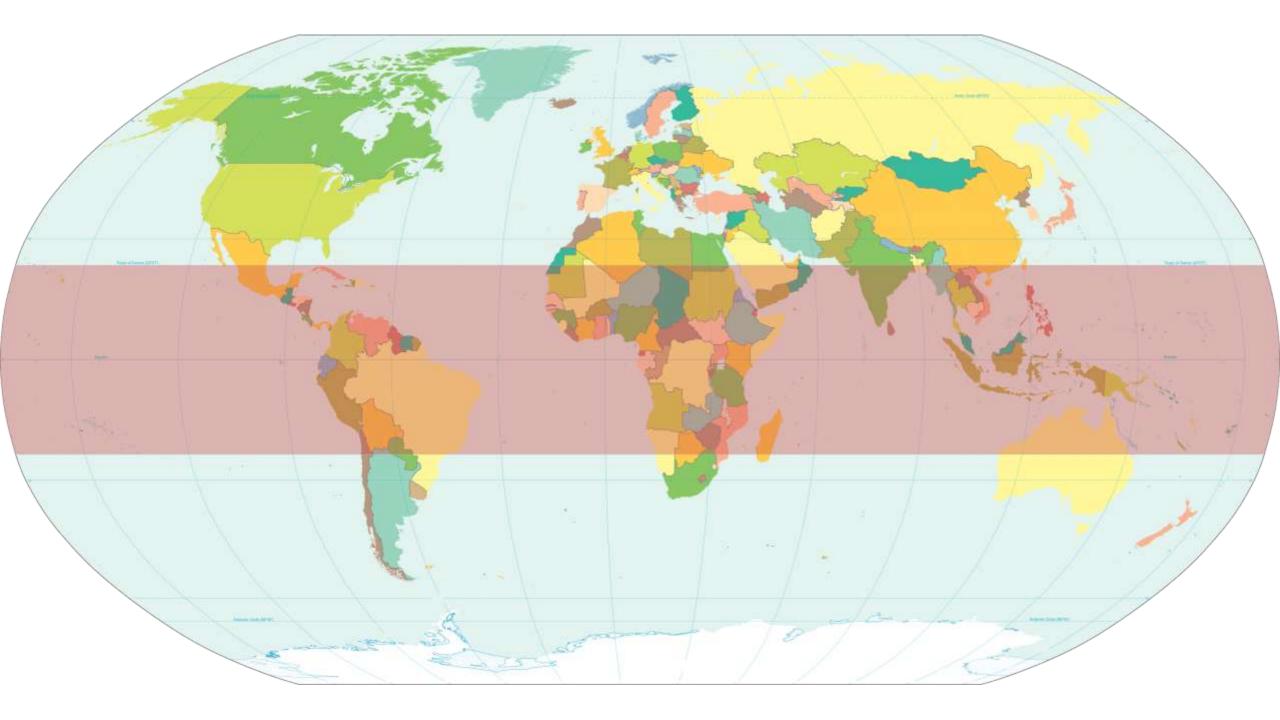
"ISA has successfully completed 21 out of 27 demonstration projects, showcasing our collective ability to make significant strides in solar energy deployment and support sustainable development across the globe," Joshi said.

He said the ISA is pushing the global solar agenda in a big way through a series of initiatives. Record-breaking investments are not only adding new solar capacity but also driving down the solar energy cost worldwide. Global solar investments have grown from \$144 billion in 2018 to \$393 billion

in 2023 and are expected to reach \$500 billion by the end of 2024, he added.

Similarly, the global solar facility has unlocked commercial capital for solar projects in underserved regions, especially Africa. ISA member countries selected Ashish Khanna as the next director general. He will assume office in March 2025, when the tenure of the incumbent director general, Ajay Mathur, comes to an end.

ISA Abbreviation Formation 30 November 2015 Founded at Paris, France Purpose Bring together a group of nations to endorse clean energy, sustainable environment, public transport and climate Headquarters National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram, Haryana, India Region All members of UN served **Fields** Renewable energy Membership 120+ members of UN, incl. the United States, Japan, France, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Algeria and Australia etc. Official French, English language Director Ajay Mathur General International Solar Alliance Website New website of International Solar Alliance 2 available in UNO's six languages.



Nabhmitra Application

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Recently, the Nabhmitra application helped fishermen in the sea during cyclone Dana using the Vessel Communication and Support System.

Nabhmitra allows real-time tracking of vessel positions, course and speeds, helping fishermen return safely to shore during adverse weather conditions like cyclones.

- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying featuring indigenous transponder technology.
- It enables two-way communication which was not possible before induction of this technology beyond mobile coverage range.





It was developed by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and is being implemented through NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), commercial arm of ISRO.



Traditionally, authorities relied on Very High Frequency Radio Waves and phone calls to contact vessels but locating fishing boats in distant waters was difficult due to absence of mobile networks.

India's First Biomanufacturing Institute

- Recently, India's first Biomanufacturing Institute, the "BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio-Manufacturing Institute" (BRIC-NABI), was inaugurated in Mohali.
- About BRIC-NABI: It is formed by merging National Agri-Food
 Biotechnology Institute (NABI) and the Center of Innovative and Applied
 Bioprocessing (CIAB), combining expertise in biotechnology and
 bioprocessing to scale up agri-tech innovations.

• It aims to boost India's agri-food sector through advanced biotechnology, enhancing agricultural R&D for high-yield crops, disease-resistant crops, biofertilizers, and biopesticides to support sustainable practices.

Hwasong-19

 North Korea recently conducted a test launch of its intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), the Hwasong-19, which it claims to be "the world's strongest strategic missile."



About Hwasong-19:

- Nation: North Korea
- <u>Purpose:</u> Long-range intercontinental ballistic missile, aimed at deterring external threats and asserting North Korea's military capabilities.

Key features:

- <u>Fuel type:</u> Uses solid fuel, enhancing mobility and readiness by eliminating the need for on-site fueling.
- <u>Size:</u> Estimated to be over 28 meters long, significantly larger than similar ICBMs from other nations.
- <u>Detection risk:</u> Large size and transport vehicles make it easier to detect, raising concerns about its survival in actual combat

Comparable Missiles from Other Nations:

- United States: Minuteman III
- Solid-fueled ICBM, designed for long-range precision nuclear strike capabilities.

Russia: RS-24 Yars

• Solid-fueled, highly mobile and with multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs) for enhanced strike potential.

China: DF-41

• Solid-fueled ICBM, capable of reaching targets over 12,000 km away, with MIRV capability.



 The Government of India has launched the "Namo Drone Didi" scheme to empower women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).

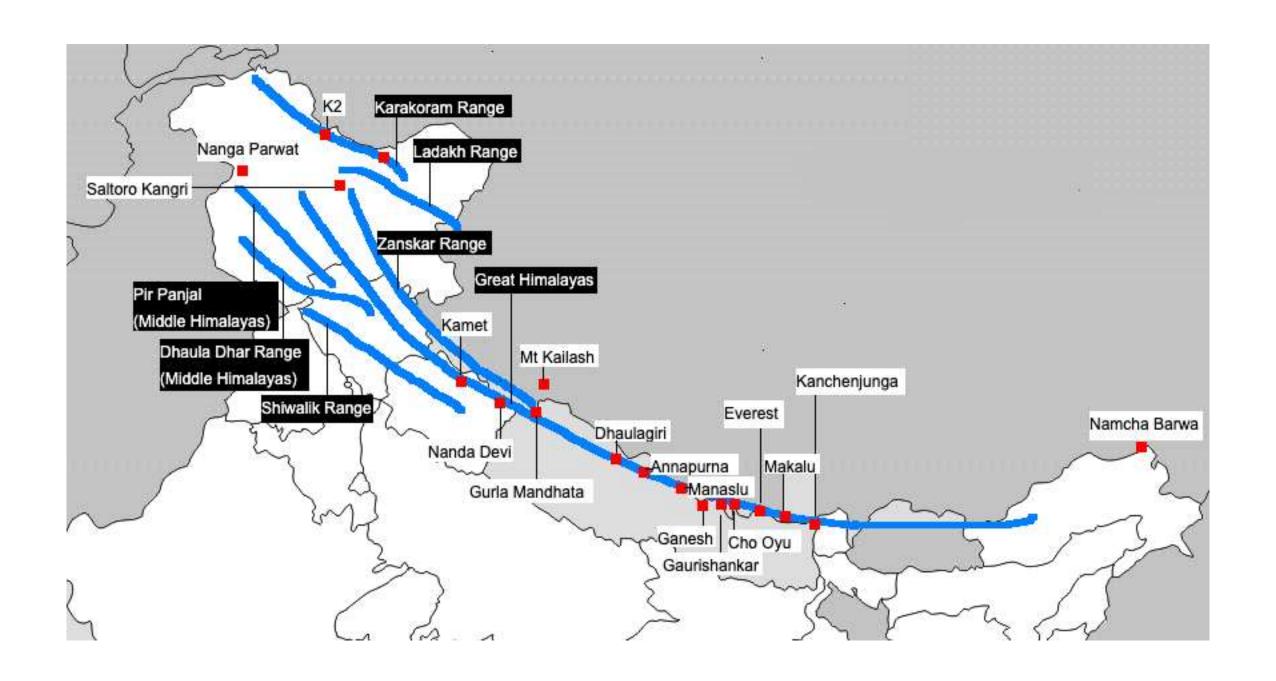




- Origin: Launched by the Government of India under the DAY-NRLM initiative.
- <u>Aim:</u> To provide women SHGs with drones for agriculture-related services, empowering them with new income sources while enhancing farming efficiency.
- Ministry: Administered by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with the Ministry of Rural Development



Annapurna Base Camp (ABC), located at the base of Annapurna-I, has witnessed a record-breaking influx of tourists following this year's Dashain festival.



- About Mount Annapurna:
- <u>Location:</u> Situated in the Annapurna Range of Gandaki Province, north-central Nepal.
- Elevation: Stands as the world's tenth-highest peak, reaching 8,091 meters above sea level.
- <u>Conservation</u>: Encompassed within the Annapurna Conservation Area, covering 7,629 square kilometers.
- Nickname: Often called the "Killer Mountain" due to its high fatality rate among climbers attempting to summit.

Word of the day

Detract:

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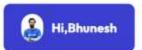


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