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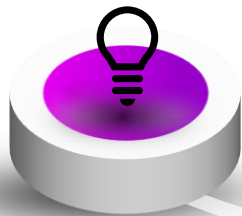
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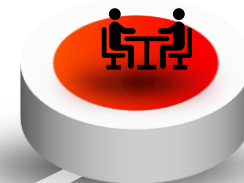
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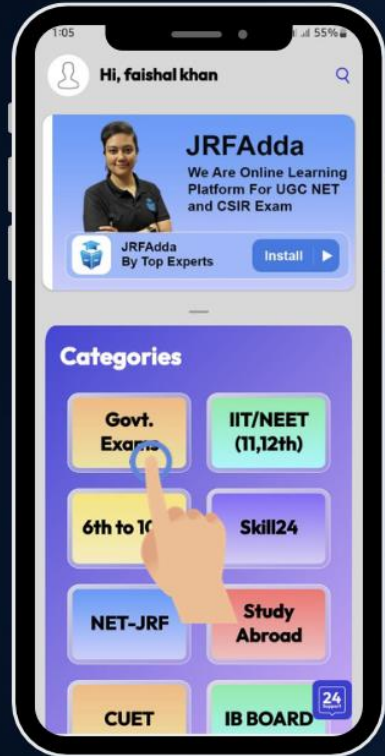
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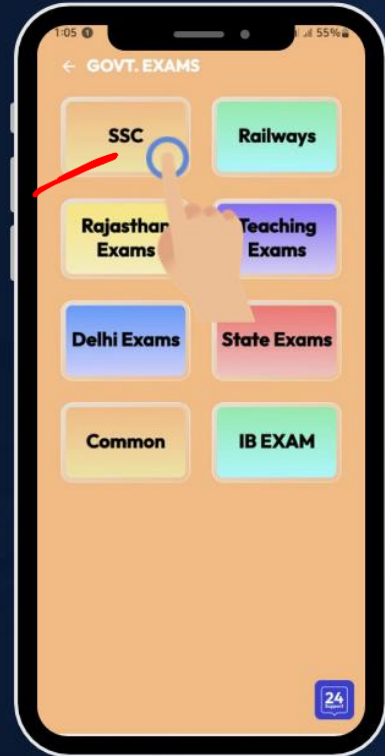
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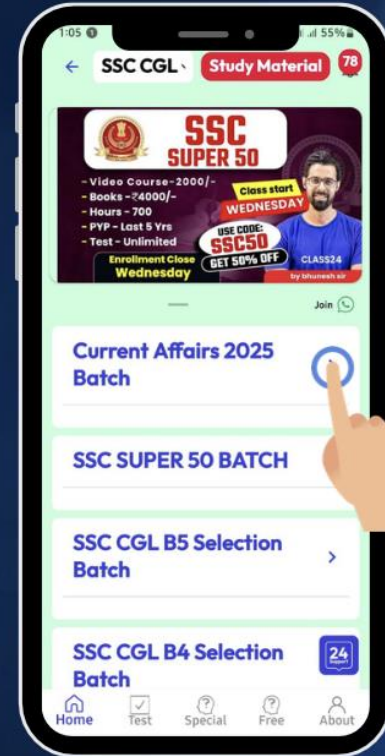
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*“The cold water doesn't get warmer if you jump
late.”*

-Unknown

TRUCE ON AGENDA
Trump and Netanyahu to hold talks
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Will resolve T.N. gov't-Governor tussle, says SC

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'Objections from BGB stalling border fencing'

NEW DELHI
The Union Home Ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that over 800 km of the border along Bangladesh was yet to be fenced, adding that objections from the Border Guard Bangladesh was one of the challenges being faced while fencing. » PAGE 6

10 die in attack on education centre in Sweden

ORERBO
Around 10 persons, including the suspected gunman, were killed on Tuesday in a shooting at Campus Risbergsska, a secondary school for young adults in the town of Orebro in Sweden, the police said after the deadliest school attack in the Scandinavian country's history. » PAGE 14

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Capital contest today
Over 1.56 crore voters will seal the fate of 699 candidates in the election to the 70 Assembly constituencies in Delhi.

DATE OF POLL	DATE OF COUNTING	DEMOGRAPHIC DEMAND
February 5	February 8	18-19 years
1,56,14,000	1,39,93,005	1,09,368
83,76,173	79,885	783
72,36,560	695	13,766
1,267	12,736	2,696

■ Security arrangements ■ The AAP is eyeing a third straight term, while the BJP is hoping to form a government after 20 years ■ The Congress is looking to re-enter the Assembly after a decade



Election load! Officials on election duty carrying polling material on the eve of the Delhi Assembly election, on Tuesday. I.K. MOHTEER (J&K REPORT ON PAGE 3)

PM launches attack on Opposition in LS, mocks Kejriwal

Nistula Hebbur
NEW DELHI

On the eve of polling in the national capital, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Mr. Modi said, unlike others, his government "lived the spirit of the Constitution" by saving public funds for development rather than building a "Sheesh Mahal (grand palace)" a dig at former Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal.

Responding to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President for her address to both Houses of Parliament, Mr. Modi laid out his government's bet on development, stating that "it is only our third term", and exuding confidence in his political authority. "Some parties are like AAP/BJP (disaster) for the future of the youth," he said. Noting that his government had plugged leakages in the disbursement of welfare funds to the poor, he took a dig at Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, saying that those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in huts of the poor will find the talk about the poor in Parliament boring. This was an allusion to Mr. Gandhi's comments after President's address to the joint Houses of Parliament on Friday. The PM added that his government lived the spirit of the Constitution guiding the Indian people to "declare a war" against the Indian state can



Narendra Modi

neither understand the Constitution nor the country's unity, he asserted. This too was a reference to Mr. Gandhi's comments last month that his party was "now fighting the BJP, the RSS, and the Indian state itself".

"Those who walk around with the Constitution in their pockets, do they know how they force Muslim women to live in hardship? We brought in the triple talaq law to give them their rights," Mr. Modi said.

He also addressed social justice concerns raised by Opposition leaders including the demand for a caste census, saying that his government had helped those from disadvantaged castes without increasing social tensions.

In a sharp attack, Mr. Modi said that talking about caste had become a fashion in some quarters, asking, "Have you seen any Scheduled Caste families that has sent three MPs to Parliament at the same time or even two? Tribe family". Without mentioning names, this was a reference to the fact that three members of the Gandhi family are all current MPs.

China hits back at U.S. with goods tariffs, probe into Google

Beijing
China said on Tuesday it would impose tariffs on imports of U.S. energy, vehicles and equipment, firing a return salvo in an escalating trade war between the world's two biggest economies. U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday had announced sweeping measures against major trade partners Canada and Mexico, while goods from China were hit with an additional 10% tariff on top of the duties they already pay. Minutes after they came into effect, Beijing unveiled levies of 15% on imports of coal and liquefied natural gas from the U.S., while crude oil, agricultural machinery, big-engine vehicles, and pick-up trucks face 10% duties. China is a major market for U.S. energy exports and according to Beijing customs data, imports of oil, coal and LNG totalled more than \$7 billion last year.

But that is dwarfed by China's imports from more friendly powers such as Russia, from which it purchased \$24 billion worth last year. "Unilateral hike" Beijing said the measures were in response to the "unilateral tariff hike" by Washington. The U.S. decision, China said, "seriously violates World Trade Organization rules, does nothing to resolve its own problems, and disrupts normal economic and trade cooperation with the United States". Beijing said it would file a complaint with the WTO over the "malicious" levies. The move, the federation is not aggressive, as China only targets some U.S. products in a market for U.S. tariff on all China's exports to the U.S., Zhang Zhiwei of Pinpoint Asset Management said in a



note. "This is likely only the beginning of a long process for the two countries to negotiate." It has "launched an investigation into Google in accordance with the law" as a result, the administration said in a statement. It did not provide further details about the allegations against Google. The U.S. tech behemoth's core search engine and many of its services are blocked in mainland China, where U.S. Internet titans have long struggled with doing business. Google in 2011 abandoned its Chinese-language search engine in the mainland and transferred it to Hong Kong. The probe into PVH and Illumina would "safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, in accordance with relevant laws", China's Commerce Ministry said in a statement. "The above two entities

Sensex rebounds as Canada, Mexico get tariff breather
MUMBAI
The Indian stock market bounced back sharply on Tuesday with its biggest uptick in a month, fuelled by the U.S.'s decision to pause the blanket tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico that had spooked global markets and currencies on Monday. » PAGE 12

Shoppers walk by a Calvin Klein store in Beijing. The brand is owned by PVH Group into which China announced a probe on Tuesday. AP

violate normal market transaction principles, interrupt normal transactions with Chinese enterprises, and take discriminatory measures against Chinese enterprises," it added. China in September said it was investigating PVH for an "unreasonable" boycott of cotton from its Xinjiang region, where Beijing is accused of widespread rights violations. Beijing also unveiled fresh export controls on rare metals and chemicals including tungsten, tellurium, bismuth, and molybdenum, used in a range of industrial appliances. Mr. Trump has said his tariffs aimed to punish countries for failing to halt flows of illegal migrants and drugs into the U.S. He said on Monday that he planned a call with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in the next 24 hours.

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Major crackdown: A file photo of detained immigrants being boarded on a U.S. C-17 military aircraft last month. REUTERS

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14 million

Total illegal immigrants in the US in 2024

60%

No legal status

40%

Temporary permission

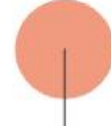
> \$4,675 Cost per migrant on a military deportation flight to Guatemala last week, news agency Reuters said. An NYT report on Jan 31 quoted an US official as saying that military aircraft would “support the Department of Homeland Security in the deportation of more than 5,000 illegal aliens”. That’s a total spend of at least \$23,375,000 at the per head cost of the Guatemala plane.

1 THOSE WITH PERMISSION FALL UNDER THE PROTECTION OF MANY PROGRAMMES



TPS
1.1 million

Biden extended protections. Trump could let them expire



DACA
5,40,000

Trump appears open to allowing them to stay



Waiting on asylum claim
2.6 million

These cases must go through immigration court

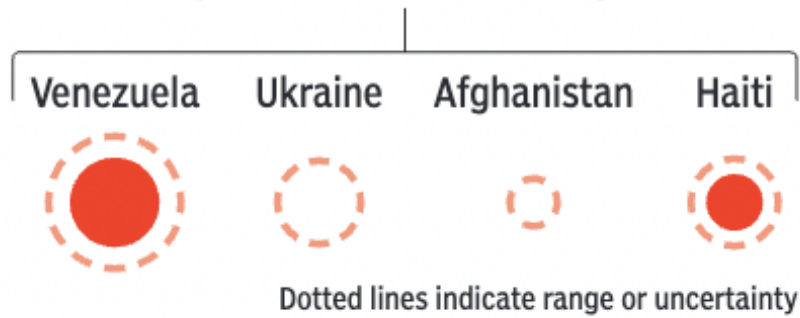
Other deferred action
2,80,000

Source: US department of homeland security; US customs and border protection; Migration Policy Institute

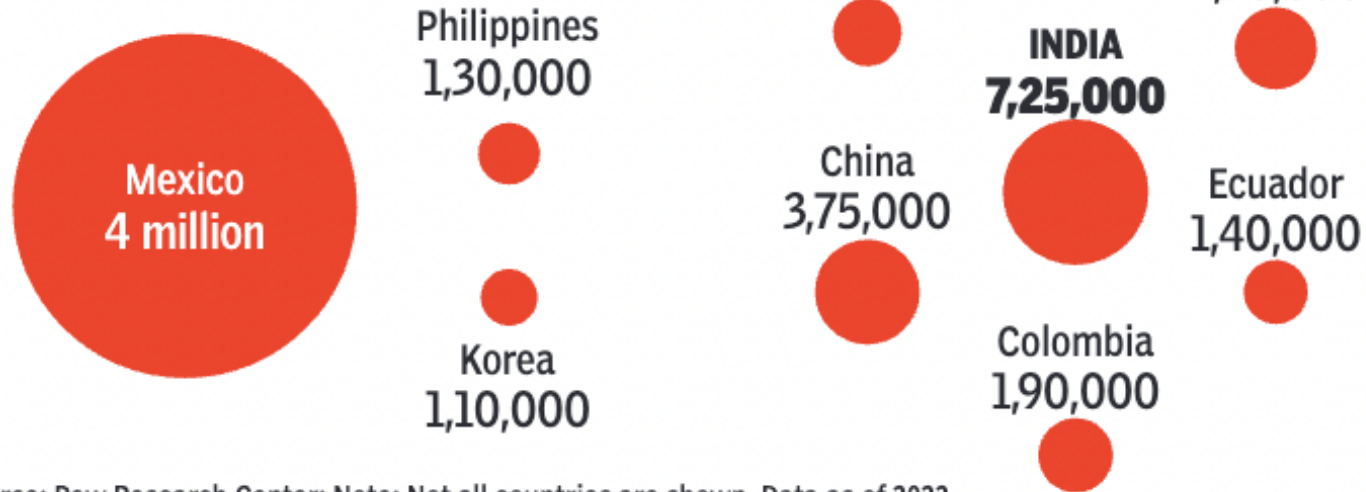
- > **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** is a temporary immigration status provided to nationals of certain countries experiencing problems that make it difficult or unsafe for them to be sent back
- > **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** temporarily delays the deportation of people without documentation who entered US as children. Renewal is not automatic
- > When an immigrant is not subject to mandatory detention or is not deemed to be a risk, **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) exercises its discretion** in making custody determinations to release him or her with conditions

4 THESE IMMIGRANTS COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Many arrived in the last two years

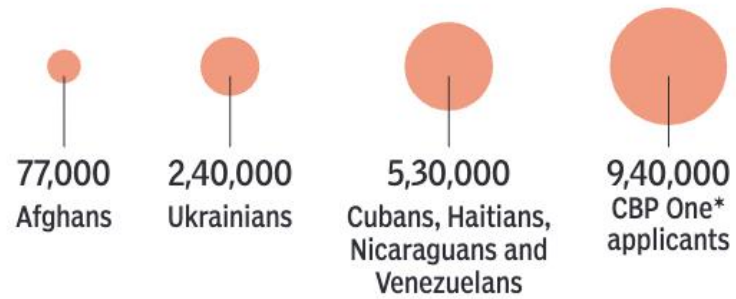


These populations have been shrinking



Source: Pew Research Center; Note: Not all countries are shown. Data as of 2022. The growth shown for select countries is based on administrative data

2 GROUPS THAT RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN PAROLE UNDER BIDEN

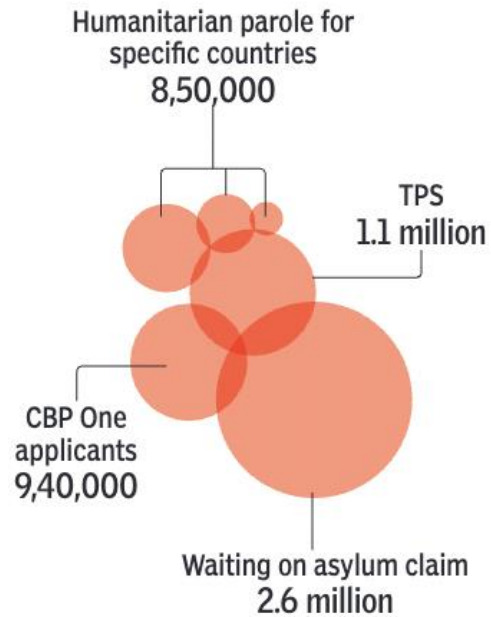


*'CBP One' is a mobile application that grants access to a variety of services provided by Customs and Border Protection

Trump may have limited power to immediately remove people in these groups, but he ended new applications and moved to quickly deport some of them

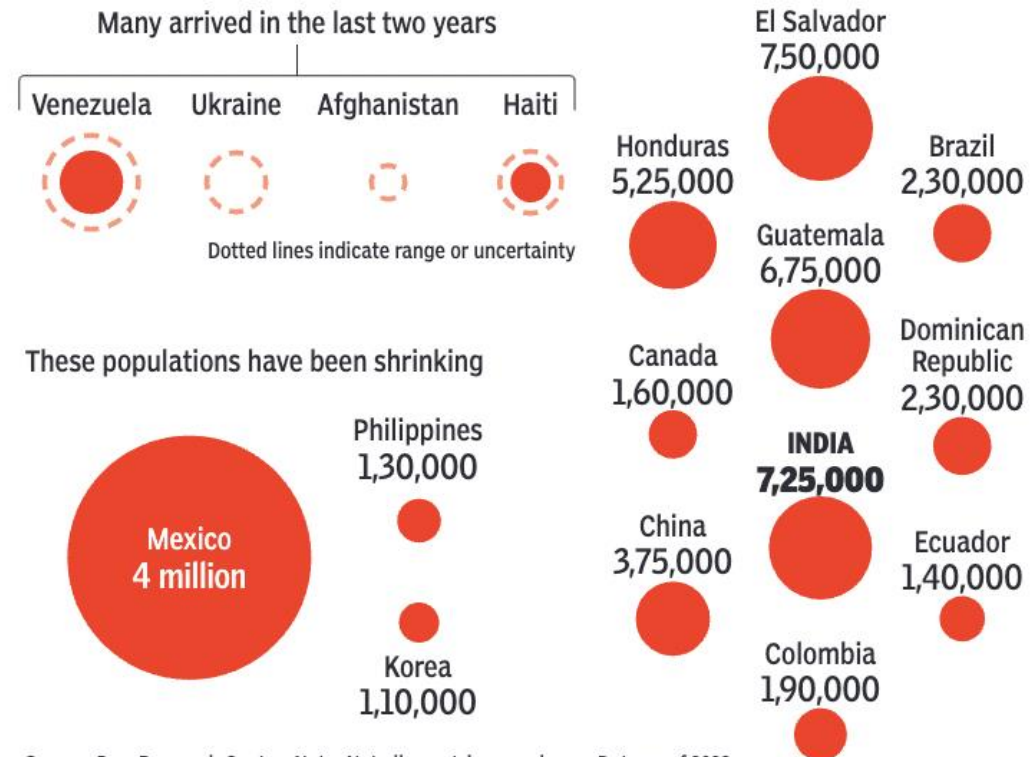


3 PEOPLE CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE STATUS, AND MANY OF THESE GROUPS OVERLAP



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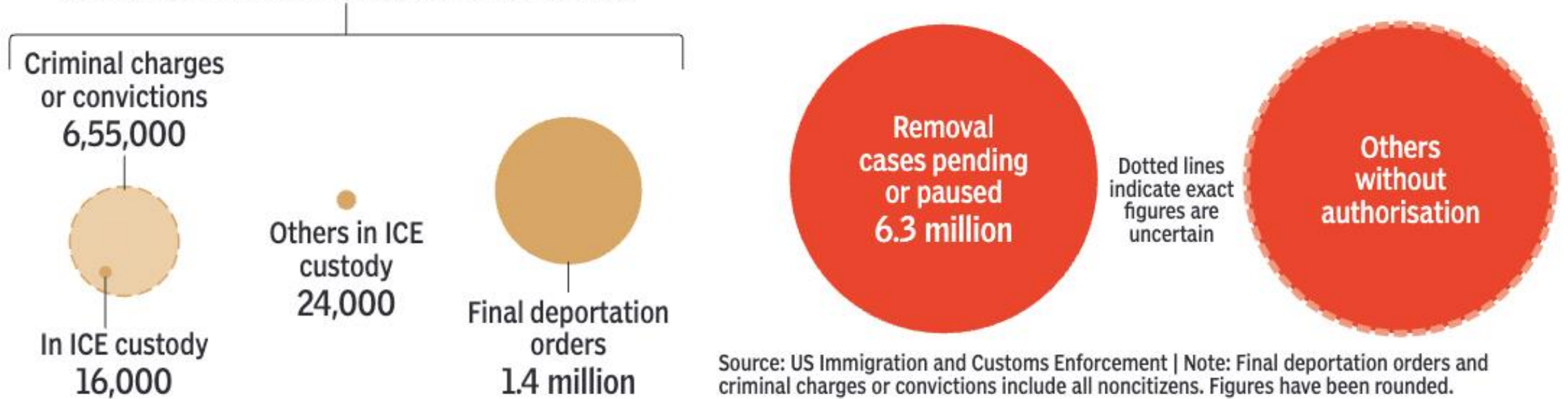
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5 ONLY FEW IMMIGRANTS CAN BE SWIFTLY REMOVED. EVEN FEWER ARE IN CUSTODY

These groups are most vulnerable to deportation



Source: US Immigration and Customs Enforcement | Note: Final deportation orders and criminal charges or convictions include all noncitizens. Figures have been rounded.

All data from NYT. The newspaper said there is no direct measure of the population living in the US without authorisation, as no major govt survey collects information on immigration status. Researchers use Census Bureau data that is adjusted using administrative records and other data. NYT said that many people may be counted in more than one of these groups. The data for the graphic was taken from a combination of think tanks and US govt sources.

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- प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अमेरिका यात्रा से कुछ दिन पहले, ट्रंप प्रशासन ने अवैध भारतीय प्रवासियों को निर्वासित करने की प्रक्रिया शुरू कर दी है।




- Sources confirm that around 200 Indian nationals were flown back on a military aircraft early Tuesday. सत्रों के अनुसार, मंगलवार तड़के एक सैन्य विमान में लगभग 200 भारतीय नागरिकों को वापस भेज दिया गया।
- The Indian government had confirmed their nationality before the deportation. भारतीय सरकार ने निर्वासन से पहले उनकी राष्ट्रियता की पुष्टि की थी।

- **Deportation Process | निर्वासन प्रक्रिया**
- **The military aircraft used for deportation was a new method, distinct from previous chartered removal flights.**
 - निर्वासन के लिए सैन्य विमान का उपयोग एक नई प्रक्रिया थी, जो पहले के चार्टर्ड रिमूवल फ्लाइट से अलग थी।
- **The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stated that they had removed or returned over 1,60,000 individuals globally since June 2024.**
 - अमेरिकी गृह सुरक्षा विभाग (DHS) ने बताया कि उन्होंने जून 2024 से अब तक वैश्विक स्तर पर 1,60,000 से अधिक लोगों को हटाया या वापस भेजा है।
- **Repatriation flights have operated to more than 145 countries, including India.**
 - पुनर्वास उड़ानों का संचालन 145 से अधिक देशों में किया गया है, जिसमें भारत भी शामिल है।

- **India's Response | भारत की प्रतिक्रिया**
- **External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal clarified that India only takes back its citizens after confirming their nationality.**
 - **विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता रंधीर जैसवाल ने स्पष्ट किया कि भारत केवल अपने नागरिकों को ही वापस लेता है, वह भी उनकी राष्ट्रियता की पुष्टि करने के बाद।**

- The Indian government is 'duty-bound' to take back its citizens but concerns remain over U.S. immigration policy. भारतीय सरकार अपने नागरिकों को वापस लेने के लिए 'कर्तव्यबद्ध' है, लेकिन अमेरिका की आब्रजन नीति को लेकर चिंताएं बनी हुई हैं।
- Many federally funded projects in the U.S. have been defunded, leading to policy uncertainty. अमेरिका में कई संघीय वित्त पोषित परियोजनाओं को रोक दिया गया है, जिससे नीति संबंधी अनिश्चितता बनी हुई है।

- **Political Significance | राजनीतिक महत्व**
- **Illegal immigration has been a major issue in Trump's policy discussions.**
 - अवैध प्रवासन ट्रंप की नीति चर्चाओं में एक प्रमुख मुद्दा रहा है।
- **PM Modi is expected to visit the U.S. on February 12, where he will meet world leaders including U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Japan's PM Shigeru Ishibashi.**
 - प्रधानमंत्री मोदी 12 फरवरी को अमेरिका की यात्रा करने वाले हैं, जहां वे ब्रिटेन के प्रधानमंत्री कीर स्टारमर और जापान के प्रधानमंत्री शिगेरु इशिबाशी सहित अन्य वैश्विक नेताओं से मुलाकात करेंगे।

- 6. Conclusion | निष्कर्ष
-  The deportation of 200 Indians reflects the Trump administration's strict stance on immigration.
- 200 भारतीयों का निर्वासन ट्रंप प्रशासन की सख्त आव्रजन नीति को दर्शाता है।
 -  India is managing repatriation carefully, ensuring due process before accepting deported nationals.
- भारत निर्वासित नागरिकों को स्वीकार करने से पहले उचित प्रक्रिया सुनिश्चित कर रहा है।
 -  Upcoming Modi-Trump talks may shape future immigration policies between the two nations.
- आगामी मोदी-ट्रंप वार्ता दोनों देशों के बीच भविष्य की आव्रजन नीतियों को आकार दे सकती है।

China hits back at U.S. with goods tariffs, probe into Google

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China said on Tuesday it would impose tariffs on imports of U.S. energy, vehicles and equipment, firing a return salvo in an escalating trade war between the world's two biggest economies.

U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday had announced sweeping measures against major trade partners Canada and Mexico, while goods from China were hit with an additional 10% tariff on top of the duties they already endure.

Minutes after they came into effect, Beijing unveiled levies of 15% on imports of coal and liquefied natural gas from the U.S., while crude oil, agricultural machinery, big-engined vehicles, and pick-up trucks face 10% duties.

China is a major market for U.S. energy exports and according to Beijing customs data, imports of oil, coal and LNG totalled

more than \$7 billion last year.

But that is dwarfed by China's imports from more friendly powers such as Russia, from which it purchased \$94 billion-worth last year.

'Unilateral hike'

Beijing said the measures were in response to the "unilateral tariff hike" by Washington.

The U.S. decision, China said, "seriously violates World Trade Organization rules, does nothing to resolve its own problems, and disrupts normal economic and trade cooperation between China and the United States". Beijing said it would file a complaint with the WTO over the "malicious" levies.

"I think the retaliation is not aggressive, as China only targets some U.S. products, in response to the U.S. tariff on all China's exports to the U.S.," Zhang Zhiwei of Pinpoint Asset Management said in a



Shoppers walk by a Calvin Klein store in Beijing. The brand is owned by PVH Group into which China announced a probe on Tuesday. AP

note. "This is likely only the beginning of a long process for the two countries to negotiate".

Probes launched

Alongside its tariffs, China announced a probe into U.S. tech giant Google and the addition of U.S. fashion group PVH Corp.— which owns Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein — and biotech giant Illumina to a list of "unreliable entities".

Beijing's State Administration for Market Regula-

tion said the U.S. tech giant was "suspected of violating the Anti-Monopoly Law of the People's Republic of China".

It has "launched an investigation into Google in accordance with the law" as a result, the administration said in a statement.

It did not provide further details about the allegations against Google.

The U.S. tech behemoth's core search engine and many of its services are blocked in mainland

Sensex rebounds as Canada, Mexico get tariff breather

MUMBAI

The Indian stock market bounced back sharply on Tuesday with its biggest uptick in a month, fuelled by the U.S.'s decision to pause the blanket tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico that had spooked global markets and currencies on Monday. » PAGE 12

China, where U.S. Internet titans have long struggled with doing business.

Google in 2011 abandoned its Chinese-language search engine in the mainland and transferred it to Hong Kong.

The probe into PVH and Illumina would "safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, in accordance with relevant laws", China's Commerce Ministry said in a statement.

"The above two entities

violate normal market transaction principles, interrupt normal transactions with Chinese enterprises, and take discriminatory measures against Chinese enterprises," it added.

China in September said it was investigating PVH for an "unreasonable" boycott of cotton from its Xinjiang region, where Beijing is accused of widespread rights violations.

Beijing also unveiled fresh export controls on rare metals and chemical-including tungsten, tellurium, bismuth, and molybdenum, used in a range of industrial appliances.

Mr. Trump has said his tariffs aimed to punish countries for failing to halt flows of illegal migrants and drugs into the U.S. He said on Monday that he planned a call with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in the next 24 hours.

RELIEF FOR CANADA, MEXICO
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- China announced retaliatory tariffs on U.S. imports, including energy, vehicles, and equipment. चीन ने अमेरिकी आयातों पर प्रतिशोधात्मक शुल्क लगाने की घोषणा की, जिसमें ऊर्जा, वाहन और उपकरण शामिल हैं।
- This comes in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's broad tariffs on China, Canada, and Mexico. यह प्रतिक्रिया अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप द्वारा चीन, कनाडा और मेक्सिको पर लगाए गए व्यापक शुल्कों के जवाब में आई है।
- China also launched an investigation into Google and U.S. fashion group PVH Corp. चीन ने Google और अमेरिकी फैशन समूह PVH Corp. की जांच भी शुरू कर दी है।

- **China's Tariffs on U.S. Imports | चीन द्वारा अमेरिका पर लगाए गए शुल्क**
- **Beijing imposed 15% tariffs on imports of coal, liquefied natural gas, crude oil, agricultural machinery, and vehicles.**
 - बीजिंग ने कोयला, तरलीकृत प्राकृतिक गैस, कच्चे तेल, कृषि मशीनरी और वाहनों के आयात पर 15% शुल्क लगाया।
- **Big-engine vehicles and pickup trucks face a 10% duty.**
 - बड़ी इंजन वाली गाड़ियों और पिकअप ट्रकों पर 10% शुल्क लगाया गया है।
- **China argues that this is a direct response to U.S. tariffs on all Chinese exports.**
 - चीन का कहना है कि यह अमेरिका द्वारा चीनी निर्यात पर लगाए गए शुल्क का सीधा जवाब है।

- **China's Complaint to WTO | चीन की WTO में शिकायत**
- **Beijing criticized Washington's "unilateral tariff hike" as a violation of WTO rules.**
 - बीजिंग ने वाशिंगटन के "एकतरफा शुल्क वृद्धि" की आलोचना की और इसे WTO नियमों का उल्लंघन बताया।
- **China plans to file a complaint against U.S. tariffs at the World Trade Organization (WTO).**
 - चीन विश्व व्यापार संगठन (WTO) में अमेरिकी शुल्कों के खिलाफ शिकायत दर्ज करने की योजना बना रहा है।
- **Beijing argues that U.S. actions disrupt normal economic cooperation.**
 - बीजिंग का कहना है कि अमेरिकी कार्रवाइयों से सामान्य आर्थिक सहयोग बाधित हो रहा है।

- **China's Probe into Google & PVH Corp. | चीन द्वारा Google और PVH Corp. की जांच**
- **China is investigating Google over alleged violations of its anti-monopoly law.**
 - चीन Google की जांच कर रहा है, जो इसके एंटी-मोनोपॉली कानून के उल्लंघन का आरोप लगा रहा है।

- **PVH Corp., which owns brands like Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein, has been added to China's "unreliable entities" list.**
 - **PVH Corp., जो Tommy Hilfiger और Calvin Klein जैसे ब्रांडों का मालिक है, को चीन की "अविश्वसनीय इकाइयों" की सूची में जोड़ा गया है।**
- **China claims this move is necessary to protect national security and economic stability.**
 - **चीन का दावा है कि यह कदम राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा और आर्थिक स्थिरता की रक्षा के लिए आवश्यक है।**

- **Trump's Justification for Tariffs | ट्रंप का तर्क शुल्क लगाने के लिए**
- **President Trump justified tariffs as a means to punish countries failing to stop illegal migration and drug trafficking.**
 - **राष्ट्रपति ट्रंप ने कहा कि शुल्क उन देशों को दंडित करने के लिए लगाए गए हैं, जो अवैध प्रवासन और मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी को रोकने में विफल हो रहे हैं।**

- **Trump confirmed he would hold a call with Chinese President Xi Jinping in the next 24 hours.**
 - ट्रंप ने पुष्टि की कि वह अगले 24 घंटों में चीनी राष्ट्रपति शी जिनपिंग से बातचीत करेंगे।
- **Global Market Reaction | वैश्विक बाजार की प्रतिक्रिया**
- **Indian Sensex rebounded sharply after the U.S. paused tariffs on Canada and Mexico.**
 - भारत का सेंसेक्स अमेरिका द्वारा कनाडा और मैक्सिको पर शुल्क रोकने के बाद तेजी से उछला।
- **China also imposed export restrictions on rare metals, affecting global supply chains.**
 - चीन ने दुर्लभ धातुओं के निर्यात पर भी प्रतिबंध लगा दिया, जिससे वैश्विक आपूर्ति श्रृंखला प्रभावित हुई।

- Conclusion | निष्कर्ष

-  China's countermeasures show its willingness to challenge U.S. tariffs.

- चीन की जवाबी कार्रवाई से पता चलता है कि वह अमेरिकी शुल्कों को चुनौती देने के लिए तैयार है।

-  The ongoing trade war may further strain U.S.-China relations.

- चल रहे व्यापार युद्ध से अमेरिका-चीन संबंध और तनावपूर्ण हो सकते हैं।

-  Markets are reacting to tariff pauses and geopolitical tensions.

- बाजार शुल्क रोकने और भू-राजनीतिक तनाव पर प्रतिक्रिया दे रहे हैं।

Can't keep people in detention cells indefinitely: SC

Orders Assam To Deport 63 'Foreigners'

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New Delhi: Holding that it is violation of human rights and also fundamental rights granted by the Constitution to foreigners to keep them in detention centres for indefinite period, Supreme Court on Tuesday directed Assam govt to take immediate step to deport 63 persons who have been declared 'foreigners' by tribunals. It also sought a response from the Centre on what should be done to the stateless people — those who are declared foreign nationals in India but whose nationality has not been established.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan slammed the state for delay in deportation as some of the foreigners are in detention centres for more than a decade and refused to accept the state's defence that delay is because foreign addresses of the detained persons were not known. It asked why they cannot be taken to the capital city of their country and be dropped there.

"Lack of their foreign address cannot be a reason to delay the deportation. Show us that without an address, you cannot deport them. You cannot detain them indefinitely. If you know that they are from a particular country then it is for that country to decide where they should go. There is reluctance on your part. Put them on a plane to the capital of the country. It is a violation



The apex court also sought a response from the Centre on what should be done to the stateless people

of their human rights and also fundamental rights granted to them under Article 21," the bench said.

As the state was facing a tough time during the hearing with the court accusing it of hiding facts, solicitor general Tushar Mehta came to the rescue and assured the bench that he will sit with chief secretary of the state and will also hold talks with the ministry of external affairs and then file a comprehensive affidavit. He said that deportation is a central subject and it is for the Centre to take a call.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that as per his information, Bangladesh was not accepting these persons as their citizens and they are continuing in detention centres.

The court granted four weeks time to Centre to file a detailed affidavit, giving details on the number of people deported and manner of their deportation. It also sought information on what should be done to those whose nationality has not been established but has been declared as foreign national in India.

- The Supreme Court ruled that keeping foreigners in detention centers indefinitely violates human rights and constitutional rights under Article 21.
- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने फैसला सुनाया कि विदेशी नागरिकों को अनिश्चित काल तक हिरासत केंद्रों में रखना मानवाधिकारों और संविधान के अनुच्छेद 21 के तहत मौलिक अधिकारों का उल्लंघन है।
- The court directed the Assam government to deport 63 foreigners declared by tribunals as illegal immigrants.
- अदालत ने असम सरकार को उन 63 विदेशी नागरिकों को निर्वासित करने का निर्देश दिया जिन्हें ट्रिब्यूनलों द्वारा अवैध प्रवासी घोषित किया गया है।

- **Concerns Over Stateless People | राज्यविहीन लोगों पर चिंता**
- **The Supreme Court sought a response from the Central Government on what should be done with stateless people whose nationality has not been established.**
 - **सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र सरकार से यह पूछते हुए जवाब मांगा कि उन राज्यविहीन लोगों का क्या किया जाए जिनकी राष्ट्रियता स्थापित नहीं हुई है।**
- **The bench questioned why they cannot be taken to the capital city of their country and deported.**
 - **न्यायाधीशों ने पूछा कि उन्हें उनके देश की राजधानी क्यों नहीं ले जाया जा सकता और वहां निर्वासित क्यों नहीं किया जा सकता।**

- **Criticism of Assam Government | असम सरकार की आलोचना**
- **A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan criticized Assam for keeping these people in detention for over a decade.**
 - **न्यायमूर्ति अभय एस ओका और उज्जल भड़यां की पीठ ने असम सरकार की आलोचना की कि ये लोग एक दशक से अधिक समय तक हिरासत में रखे गए।**

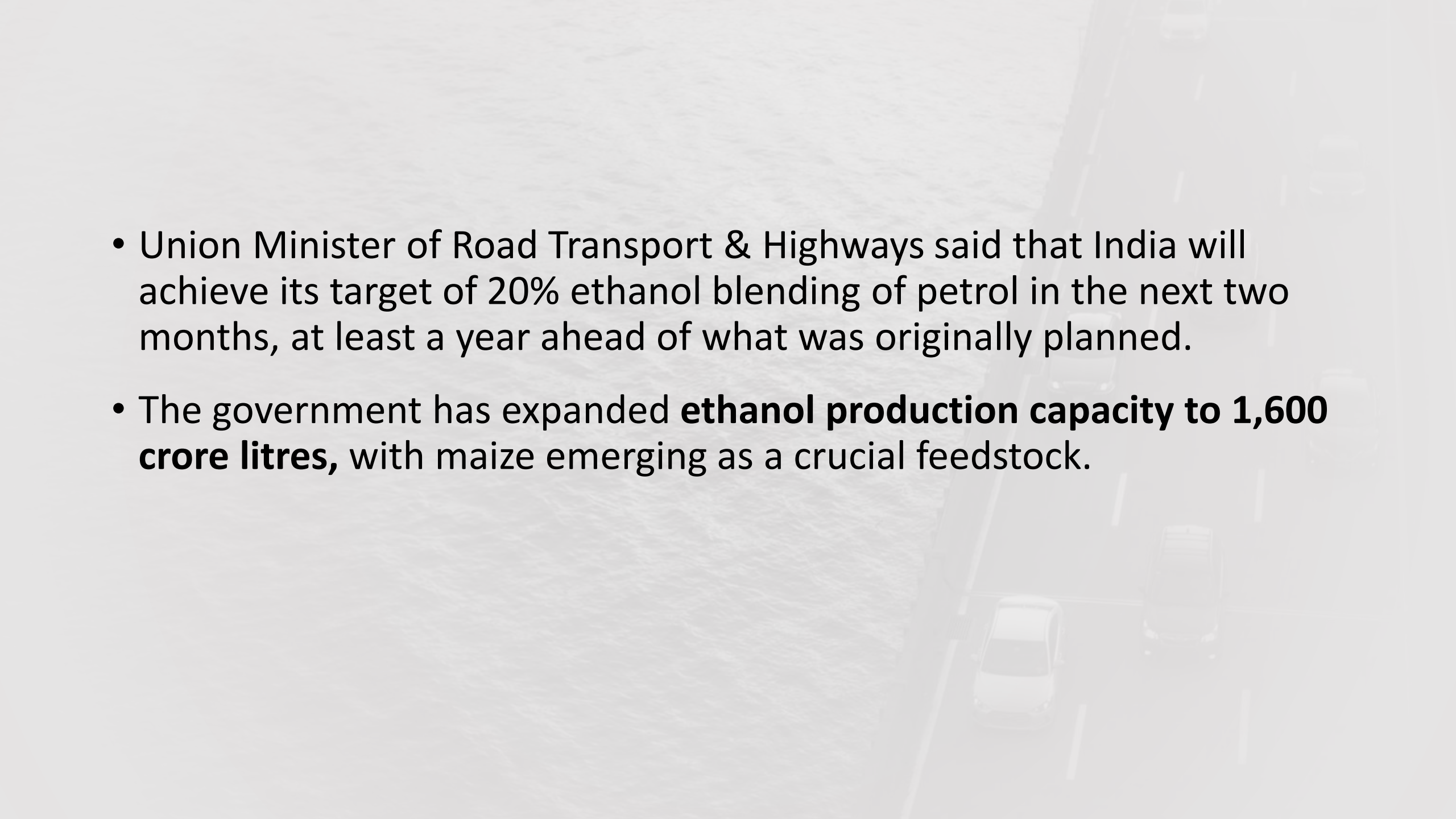
- The state argued that deportation was delayed due to a lack of foreign addresses.राज्य सरकार ने दलील दी कि विदेशी पते की अनुपस्थिति के कारण निर्वासन में देरी हुई।
- The court rejected this reasoning, stating that lack of an address is not a valid excuse for indefinite detention.अदालत ने इस तर्क को खारिज करते हुए कहा कि किसी पते की अनुपस्थिति अनिश्चित हिरासत का उचित कारण नहीं हो सकता।



- **Centre's Stand & External Affairs Ministry Involvement | केंद्र का पक्ष और विदेश मंत्रालय की भूमिका**
- **Solicitor General Tushar Mehta assured the court that he would discuss the matter with the Assam Chief Secretary and the External Affairs Ministry.**
 - साँलिसिटर जनरल तुषार मेहता ने अदालत को आश्वासन दिया कि वह असम के मुख्य सचिव और विदेश मंत्रालय के साथ इस मामले पर चर्चा करेंगे।
- **The court noted that deportation policy is a central subject and must be handled by the Centre.**
 - अदालत ने कहा कि निर्वासन नीति एक केंद्रीय विषय है और इसे केंद्र सरकार द्वारा संभाला जाना चाहिए।

- **Issues with Deportation to Bangladesh | बांग्लादेश को निर्वासन की समस्या**
- **Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves stated that Bangladesh is not accepting these individuals as its citizens, leading to their prolonged detention.**
 - वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता कॉलिन गॉसाल्वेस ने कहा कि बांग्लादेश इन व्यक्तियों को अपने नागरिक के रूप में स्वीकार नहीं कर रहा है, जिससे उनकी हिरासत लंबी हो रही है।
- **The court granted four weeks to the Centre to file a detailed affidavit on the number of people deported and the process of deportation.**
 - अदालत ने केंद्र को चार सप्ताह का समय दिया ताकि वह निर्वासित किए गए लोगों की संख्या और निर्वासन की प्रक्रिया पर एक विस्तृत हलफनामा प्रस्तुत करे।

A photograph of an industrial facility, likely an ethanol production plant, with several tall smokestacks emitting thick, dark plumes of smoke that rise into a hazy, yellowish sky. The foreground shows a flat, light-colored ground, possibly snow or a dry field. The overall atmosphere is one of industrial activity and air pollution.

Ethanol Production India

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- An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway with several cars driving on it. To the left of the highway is a large field of crops, likely corn or a similar grain. The image is in grayscale and serves as a background for the text.
- Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways said that India will achieve its target of 20% ethanol blending of petrol in the next two months, at least a year ahead of what was originally planned.
 - The government has expanded **ethanol production capacity to 1,600 crore litres**, with maize emerging as a crucial feedstock.

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- Ethanol Fuel Production
 - What is Ethanol Fuel?
 - Ethanol is a renewable biofuel derived from sugarcane, grains, and other biomass.
 - It is blended with petrol to reduce crude oil dependency, lower emissions, and promote energy security.
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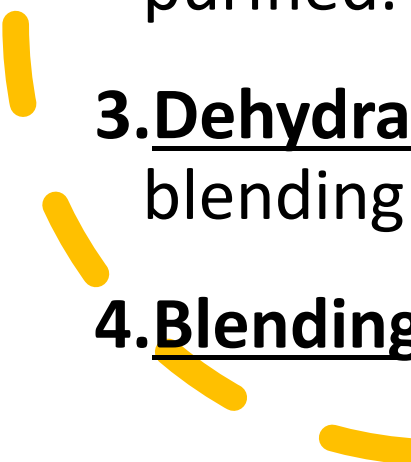
- **How is Ethanol Produced?**

1. **Fermentation**: Sugars from **sugarcane juice, molasses, grains (maize, rice, jowar, bajra, millets)** are fermented using yeast.

2. **Distillation**: Ethanol is separated from the fermented mixture and purified.

3. **Dehydration**: Water is removed to produce **anhydrous ethanol** for blending with petrol.

4. **Blending**: Mixed with petrol at **5%, 10%, or 20% (E5, E10, E20)** ratios.



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- Current Status of Ethanol Production in India:
 - Ethanol blending reached 15% in 2024, targeting 20% (E20) by 2025.
 - Ethanol distillery capacity expanded to 1,600 crore litres, aiming for 1,700 crore litres by 2025.
 - Sugar-based ethanol contributes 400 crore litres, grain-based ethanol (maize, rice) contributes 700 crore litres.
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GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

PROMOTING ETHANOL PRODUCTION

**NATIONAL POLICY ON
BIOFUELS (2018)**



Boosts ethanol blending using diverse feedstocks.

**REPURPOSE USED COOKING
OIL (RUCO) INITIATIVE**



Promotes biodiesel from used cooking oil.

**ETHANOL BLENDED PETROL
(EBP) PROGRAMME**



Aims for E20 fuel by 2025-26, cutting fossil fuel reliance.

**INTEREST SUBVENTION
SCHEME**



Aids sugar mills/distilleries in ethanol expansion.

**PM JI-VAN
YOJANA (2019)**




Supports 2G ethanol from agri-waste.

TARGET:

The government set an ambitious target of achieving **20% blending by 2025 (from existing 15 %)**



- **Role of Maize in Ethanol Production:**

- • **Maize contributes nearly 400 crore litres of ethanol**, a significant increase from near-zero in 2020.
 - • **Maize-based ethanol is more sustainable** than sugarcane due to lower water consumption.
 - • **Government promoting maize cultivation**, leading to a **10% increase** in maize farming area.
 - • **Distiller's Dried Grains with Soluble (DDGS)**, a byproduct of maize ethanol, is used as poultry feed, balancing food security.
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International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) has officially come into force as a treaty-based intergovernmental organization with its headquarters in India.

The alliance has received ratifications from India, Nicaragua, Eswatini, Somalia, and Liberia.

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JAGUAR



SNOW LEOPARD



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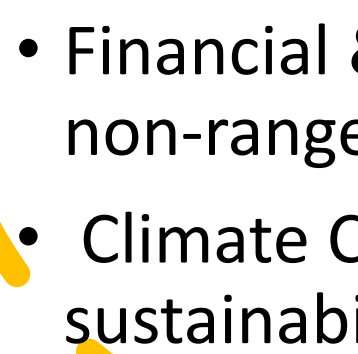


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About International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA):

Launched: April 9, 2023, by Prime Minister of India during Project Tiger's 50th anniversary.

Headquarters: India (National Tiger Conservation Authority, MoEFCC).

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- Aim & Objectives:
 - Global Conservation of seven big cats – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.
 - Prevent Illegal Wildlife Trade by strengthening anti-poaching laws and enforcement.
 - Financial & Technical Support for conservation efforts in range and non-range countries.
 - Climate Change Mitigation by integrating conservation with sustainability initiatives.
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- **Species Covered:**

- **Seven Big Cats:** Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma.
- **India hosts five of these: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, and Cheetah** (excluding **Jaguar and Puma**).

Functions & Operations:



- **Collaborative Platform** to share best conservation practices globally.
- **Research & Monitoring** through data sharing and ecological studies.
- **Funding & Resource Mobilization** for conservation projects and habitat protection.
- **Policy Advocacy** to align conservation strategies with the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.


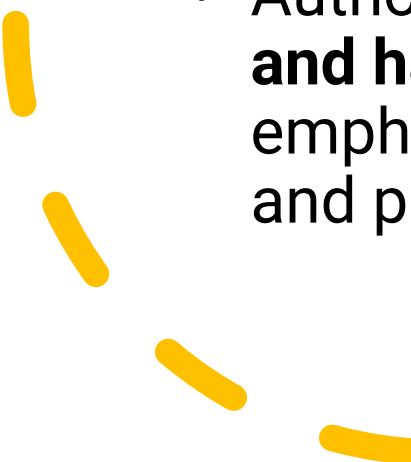
Funding & Governance:


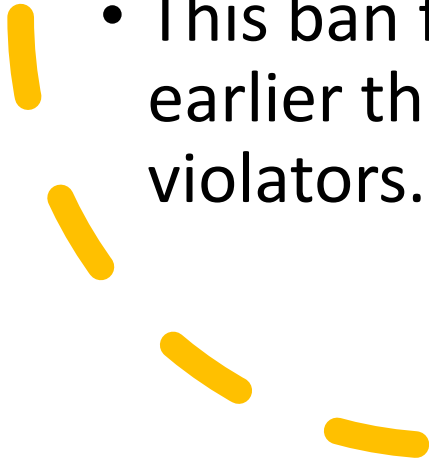
- **Budget Allocation: ₹150 crore** (2023-28) by the Union Cabinet.
- **Inspired by International Solar Alliance (ISA)** with a **Director-General** appointed by MoEFCC.


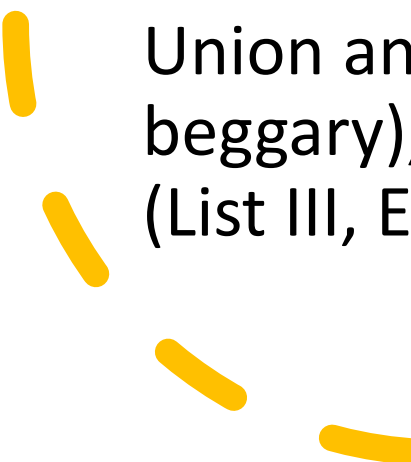


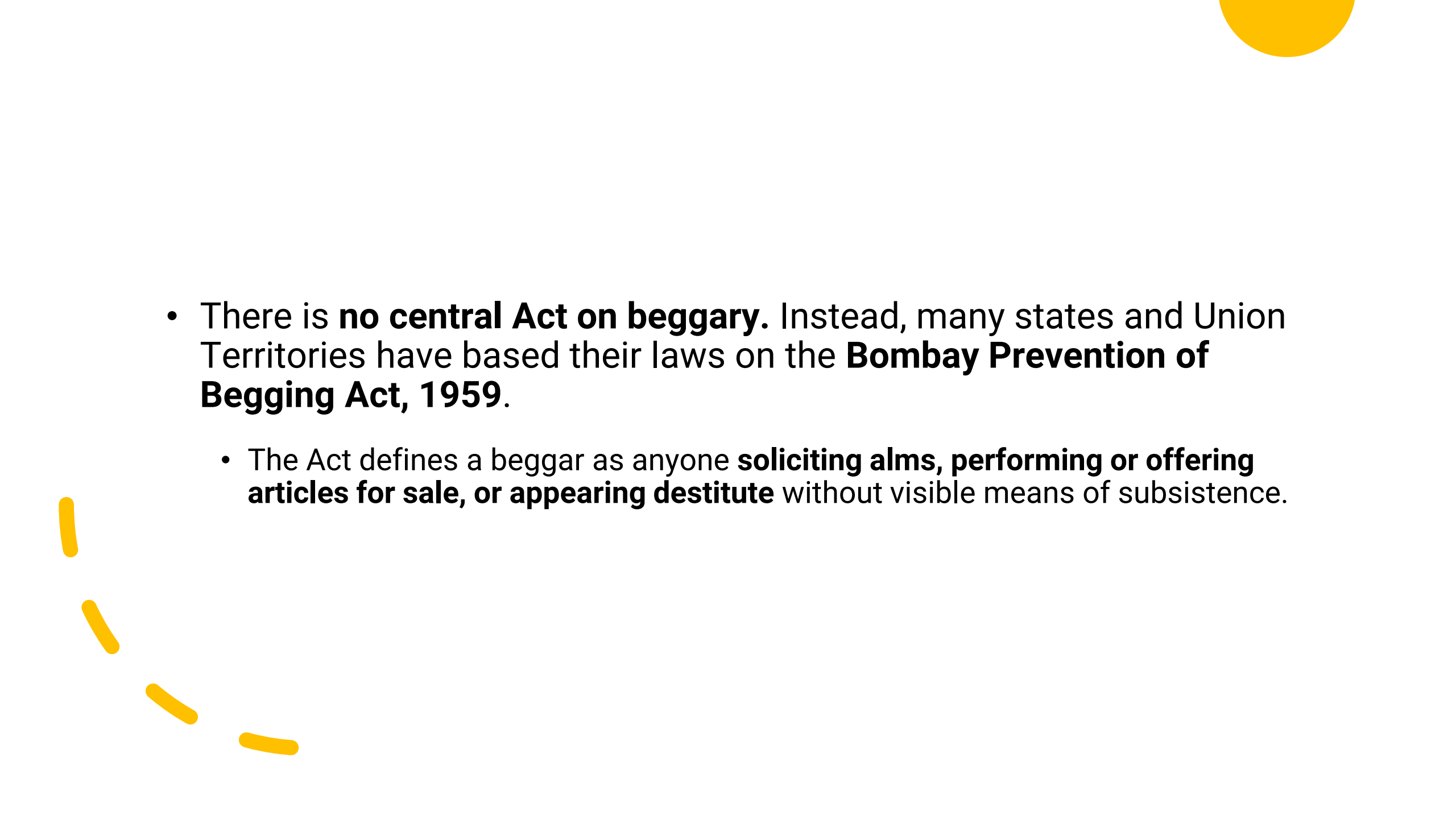
Ban on Begging


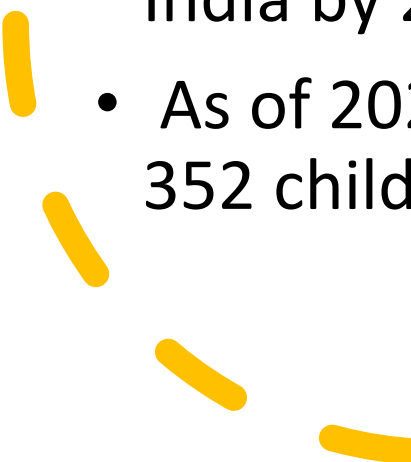
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- Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh has issued a complete ban on begging across all public places, following Indore's example, as part of efforts to tackle the issue and provide alternative solutions for displaced beggars.
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- Why Did Bhopal Implement a Ban on Begging?
 - **Reasons for Ban on Begging:** The ban was triggered by reports of **begging at traffic signals**, religious sites, and tourist spots, causing **traffic disruptions** and **accidents**.
 - Authorities also revealed that **many beggars come from other states and have criminal records** or are involved in illicit activities, emphasizing the need for immediate action to ensure public safety and prevent further hazards.
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- Legal Action: Bhopal, under Section 163 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sahita (BNSS) (empowers magistrates to issue urgent orders in nuisance cases), has banned begging district-wide.
 - Additionally, BNSS Section 223 punishes people who disobey orders that have been officially given by public servants.
 - This ban follows the actions of Indore, which imposed a similar ban earlier this year, including filing first information reports (FIRs) against violators.
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- What is the Legal Framework Regarding Begging?
 - Colonial Law:
 - The Criminal Tribes Act of 1871 criminalised nomadic tribes, associating them with vagrancy and begging.
 - Current Legal Framework: The Constitution of India allows both the Union and state governments to enact laws on vagrancy (includes beggary), nomadic, and migratory tribes under the Concurrent List (List III, Entry 15)
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- There is **no central Act on beggary**. Instead, many states and Union Territories have based their laws on the **Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959**.
 - The Act defines a beggar as anyone **soliciting alms, performing or offering articles for sale, or appearing destitute** without visible means of subsistence.

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- SMILE:
 - Launched in 2022, Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, aims to rehabilitate beggars by providing medical care, education, and skills training, working toward a "beggar-free" India by 2026.
 - As of 2024, 970 individuals have rehabilitated under SMILE, including 352 children.
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Top 10 MCQ

- What major step did the Trump administration take before PM Modi's U.S. visit?
- प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की अमेरिका यात्रा से पहले ट्रंप प्रशासन ने कौन सा बड़ा कदम उठाया?
- A. Signed a new trade agreement with India / भारत के साथ एक नया व्यापार समझौता किया
- B. Announced visa-free entry for Indian tourists / भारतीय पर्यटकों के लिए वीजा-मुक्त प्रवेश की घोषणा की
- C. Deported 200 illegal Indian immigrants / 200 अवैध भारतीय प्रवासियों को निर्वासित किया
- D. Launched a U.S.-India joint space mission / अमेरिका-भारत संयुक्त अंतरिक्ष मिशन शुरू किया

- What was the Indian government's response to the deportation of Indian immigrants by the U.S.?
- अमेरिका द्वारा भारतीय प्रवासियों को निर्वासित करने पर भारत सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या थी?
- A. It refused to accept the deported individuals / उसने निर्वासित व्यक्तियों को स्वीकार करने से इनकार कर दिया
- B. It verified their nationality before repatriation / उसने पुनर्वास से पहले उनकी राष्ट्रियता की पुष्टि की
- C. It imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods / उसने अमेरिकी वस्तुओं पर जवाबी शुल्क लगाया
- D. It called for an emergency UN meeting / उसने संयुक्त राष्ट्र की आपातकालीन बैठक बुलाई

- What tariffs did China impose in response to U.S. trade restrictions?
- अमेरिकी व्यापार प्रतिबंधों के जवाब में चीन ने कौन से शुल्क लगाए?
- A. 5% tariffs on U.S. electronics / अमेरिकी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स पर 5% शुल्क
- B. 15% tariffs on coal, crude oil, and vehicles / कोयला, कच्चे तेल और वाहनों पर 15% शुल्क
- C. 25% tariffs on American agricultural products / अमेरिकी कृषि उत्पादों पर 25% शुल्क
- D. 10% tariffs on pharmaceuticals and IT services / फार्मास्युटिकल्स और आईटी सेवाओं पर 10% शुल्क

- What legal ruling did the Supreme Court of India make regarding indefinite detention of foreigners?
- भारत के सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने विदेशी नागरिकों की अनिश्चित हिरासत के बारे में क्या कानूनी फैसला दिया?
- A. It is allowed under national security laws / यह राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा कानूनों के तहत अनुमत है
- B. It violates human rights and Article 21 of the Constitution / यह मानवाधिकारों और संविधान के अनुच्छेद 21 का उल्लंघन करता है
- C. It is necessary for border security / यह सीमा सुरक्षा के लिए आवश्यक है
- D. It should be extended to all illegal migrants / इसे सभी अवैध प्रवासियों तक बढ़ाया जाना चाहिए
- **Answer/उत्तर:** **B. It violates human rights and Article 21 of the Constitution / यह मानवाधिकारों और

- What target has India set for ethanol blending in petrol by 2025?
- भारत ने 2025 तक पेट्रोल में एथेनॉल मिश्रण का क्या लक्ष्य रखा है?
- A. 10% (E10)
- B. 15% (E15)
- C. 20% (E20)
- D. 25% (E25)

- Which crop has emerged as a key raw material for ethanol production in India?
- भारत में एथेनॉल उत्पादन के लिए कौन सी फसल प्रमुख कच्चे माल के रूप में उभरी है?
- A. Sugarcane / गन्ना
- B. Maize / मक्का
- C. Rice / चावल
- D. Wheat / गेहूं

- What is the primary objective of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?
- अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बिग कैट एलायंस (IBCA) का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?
- A. Promote wildlife tourism / वन्यजीव पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना
- B. Strengthen conservation of seven big cat species globally / सात बड़ी बिल्ली प्रजातियों के संरक्षण को वैश्विक स्तर पर मजबूत करना
- C. Increase hunting restrictions worldwide / वैश्विक स्तर पर शिकार प्रतिबंध बढ़ाना
- D. Create a genetic modification program for endangered species / संकटग्रस्त प्रजातियों के लिए एक आनुवंशिक संशोधन कार्यक्रम बनाना

- Which Indian city recently banned begging across all public places?
- हाल ही में किस भारतीय शहर ने सभी सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया?
- A. Mumbai / मुंबई
- B. Bhopal / भोपाल
- C. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- D. Kolkata / कोलकाता

- Under which legal provision did Bhopal enforce the ban on begging?
- भोपाल ने भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध लगाने के लिए किस कानूनी प्रावधान का उपयोग किया?
- A. Section 144 of CrPC / दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता की धारा 144
- B. Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sahita (BNSS) / भारतीय नागरिक सुरक्षा संहिता (BNSS) की धारा 163
- C. Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 / बॉम्बे प्रिवेंशन ऑफ बेगिंग एक्ट, 1959
- D. Indian Penal Code (IPC) Section 268 / भारतीय दंड संहिता (IPC) की धारा 268

- What is the purpose of the SMILE scheme launched in 2022?
- 2022 में शुरू की गई SMILE योजना का उद्देश्य क्या है?
- A. Provide free meals to homeless people / बेघर लोगों को मुफ्त भोजन प्रदान करना
- B. Rehabilitate beggars by providing medical care, education, and skill training / भिखारियों का पुनर्वास करना, जिसमें चिकित्सा देखभाल, शिक्षा और कौशल प्रशिक्षण शामिल है
- C. Promote digital literacy among street vendors / स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स के बीच डिजिटल साक्षरता को बढ़ावा देना
- D. Support orphaned children financially / अनाथ बच्चों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना

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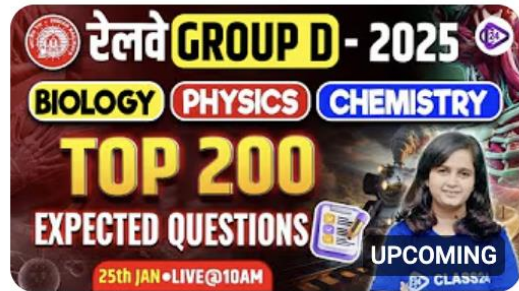


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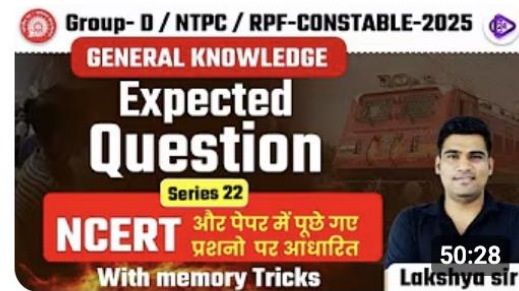


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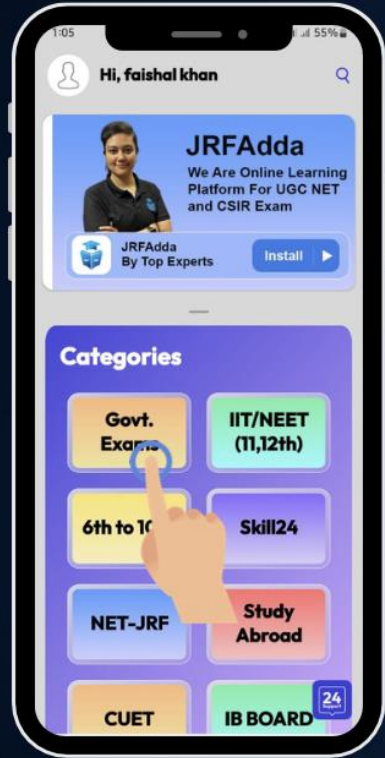
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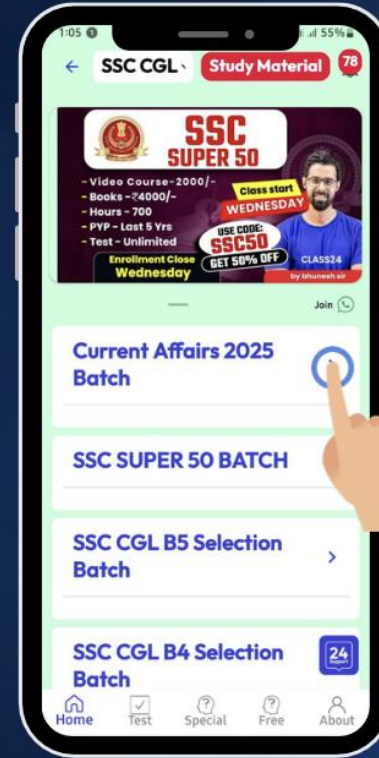
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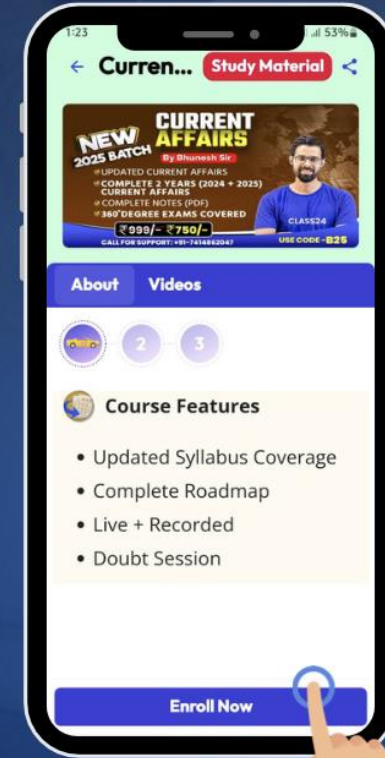
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