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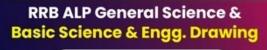


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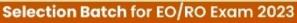


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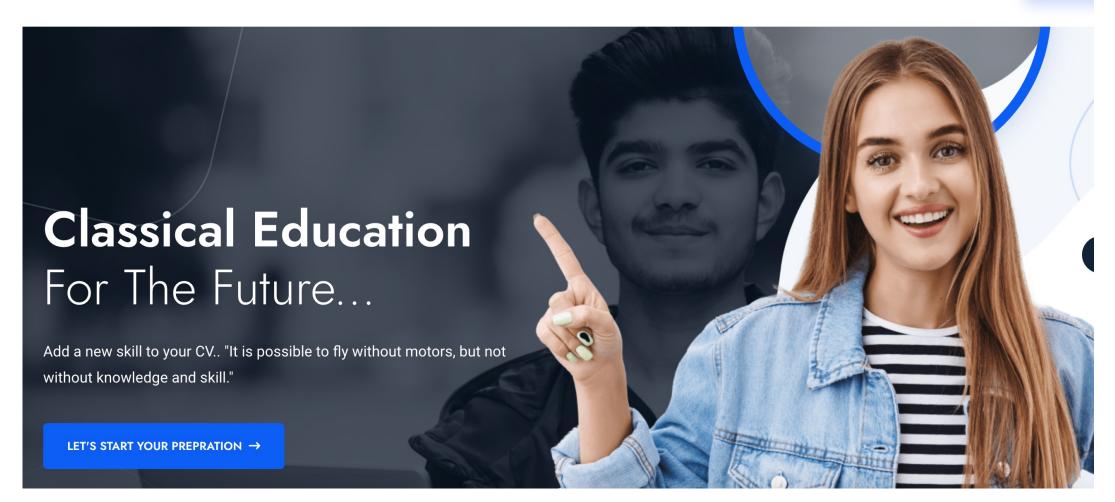
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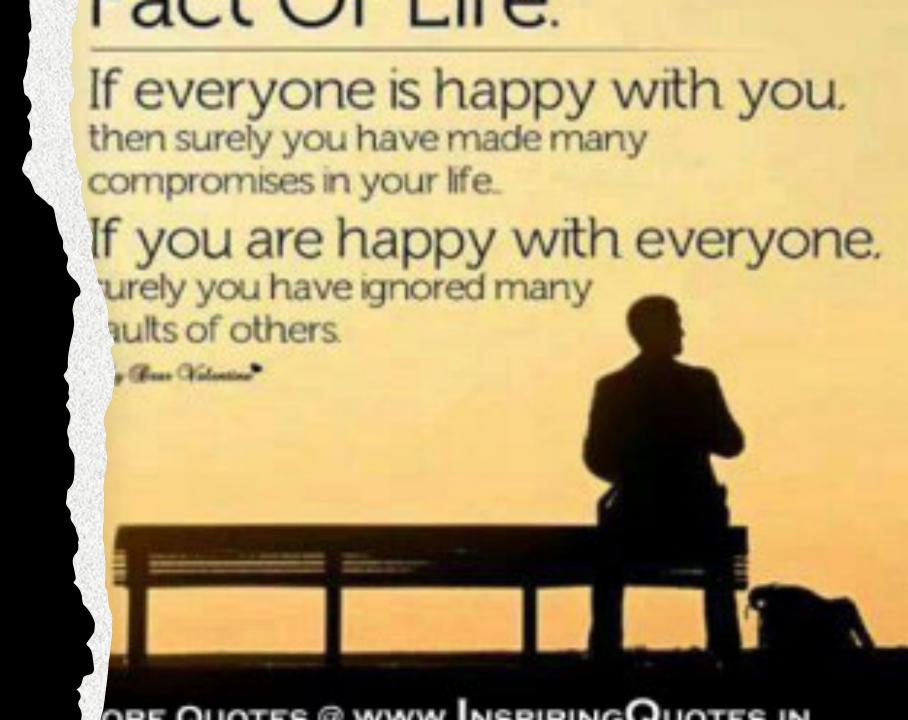














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up the police vehicle was device (IED) used to blow took place. up the police vehicle was planted a day or two before the incident.

Inspector-General of Police (Bastar Range) Sun-Pages 8

#### Central govt. de-recognises 2 postal unions

The Centre has de-recog-nised the All India Postal Employees Union (AIPEU) and the National Federa-tion of Postal Employees (NFPE) for making contri-butions to the farmers' protests and the Centre of Indian Trade Unions, and for buying books from the CPI(M) office in Delhi.

The Ministry of Communications took the decision nications took the decision based on the Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1993, and considering complaints by the Bharaticomplaints by the Bharati-ya Postal Employees Asso-ciation, affiliated to the Bharatlya Mazdoor Sangh. P.K. Muraleedharan, the NFPE's assistant general secretary, told The Hindu

## Ties depend on peace on border: Rajnath to China

Violation of existing agreements has eroded the entire basis of bilateral relations, says Defence Minister during China's first high-level military visit since the Ladakh stand-off began in 2020

he violation of ex-isting agreements has eroded the en-tire basis of bilateral rela-tions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told his Chi-Raynath Sungh tood his Chi-ness counterpart General Li Shangfu on Thursday, adding that the develop-ment of India-China ties is premised on the preva-lence of peace and tran-

rence of peace and tran-quality at the borders. This is the first high-le-wel military visit from Chi-na since the start of the La-dakh stand-off in April 2020. secretary, told The Hindu that the more will be chal-hemed organized the history of the long of funding a party were levelled against the he NFPE and the AIPEU.

restoring peace along the border areas would "ena-ble progress" in recently strained relations. "The two Ministers had frank discussions about the developments in the



Consensus bid: Defence Minister Rainath Singh with his Chinese counterpart General Li Shangfu and officials in New Delhi. REUTERS

stand-off. Those talks re-mained inconclusive, with both sides agreeing that border areas as well as bi-lateral relations," a De-fence Ministry statement said. "He reiterated that violation of existing agree-ments has eroded the en-

tire basis of bilateral relations."
All issues on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) need

to be resolved in accor-dance with existing bilateral agreements and comm

al agreements and commit-ments, Mr. Singh said. Defence sources said Mr. Singh categorically said military cooperation bet-ween the two countries can progress "only" if peace and tranquillity is established on the border. "He said, after disengage-ment, there should be movement towards de-es-

novement towards de-es-calation, and expressed hope for a positive res-ponse," a source stated. The Chinese Minister and State Councillor is in New Delhi to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Or-ganisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting scheduled for Friday.



#### Guarantees by Cong. 'freebie culture': Modi

#### RENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attacked the "guarantees" given by the Congress ahead of the Karnataka Assembly election as "revoli culture" that will "submerge the State in debt." » Page 4

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# Comic books to mark 100th *Mann Ki Baat*

#### **Sreeparna Chakrabarty**

**NEW DELHI** 

Amar Chitra Katha comic books featuring people and themes mentioned in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *Mann Ki Baat* series, projection mapping shows in iconic heritage sites like Red Fort and Konark Sun Temple and an exhibition by well-known artists would mark the completion of 100 episodes of the Prime Minister's radio programme.

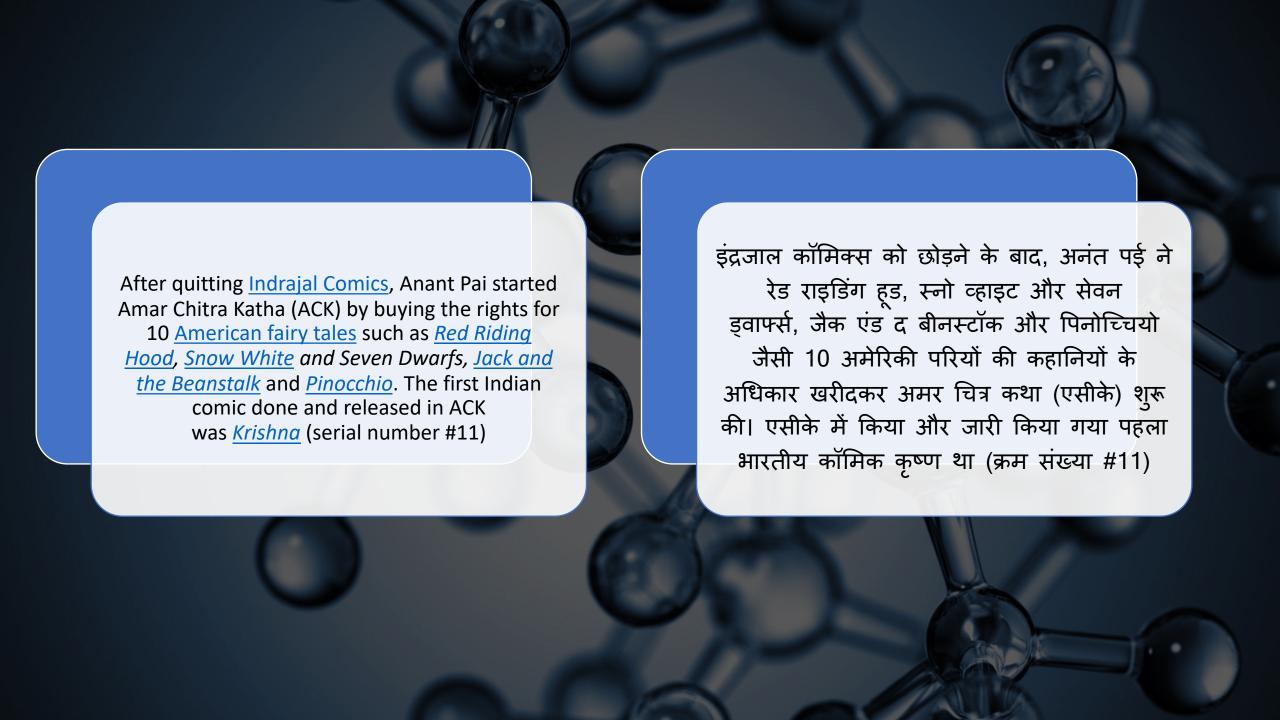
Through the monthly radio programme, Mr. Modi interacts with citizens on themes and issues of social importance. The 100th episode of *Mann Ki Baat* will be broadcast on April 30. The first of the series of the 12 Amar Chitra Katha comic books would be released on April 30 and the rest over the next year. For the series, the comics will use people mentioned by the Prime Minister in his programme, those who have made a difference to society in everyday life.

"Free copies of the comic books would be distributed in all CBSE and Central Board schools. The publishers, however, are free to sell the books in open market," Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan said.



**Amar Chitra Katha (ACK Comics)** is an Indian publisher of comics and graphic novels. Most of its comics are based on religious legends and epics, historical figures and biographies, folktale s and cultural stories. The company was founded in 1967 by Anant Pai and is headquartered in Mumbai.

अमर चित्र कथा (एसीके कॉमिक्स) कॉमिक्स और ग्राफिक उपन्यासों का एक भारतीय प्रकाशक है। इसकी अधिकांश कॉमिक्स धार्मिक किंवदंतियों और महाकाव्यों, ऐतिहासिक शख्सियतों और जीवनियों, लोककथाओं और सांस्कृतिक कहानियों पर आधारित हैं। कंपनी की स्थापना 1967 में अनंत पई द्वारा की गई थी और इसका मुख्यालय मुंबई में है।



### **Anant Pai**



Born 17 September 1929

Karkala, Madras Presidency,

British India (Currently in

Karkala, Karnataka)

**Died** 24 February 2011 (aged 81)

Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Nationality Indian

Other names Uncle Pai

Walt Disney of India<sup>[1]</sup>

Alma mater Institute of Chemical

Technology (Formerly UDCT)

**Known for** Founding Amar Chitra Katha

Spouse Lalita Pai (1961–2015)

























 The first Mann Ki Baat programme was broadcast on the occasion of <u>Mayadashami</u> on 3 October 2014 followed by the second broadcast on 2 November 2014.

• पहला मन की बात कार्यक्रम 3 अक्टूबर 2014 को विजयादशमी के अवसर पर प्रसारित किया गया और इसके बाद दूसरा प्रसारण 2 नवंबर 2014 को किया गया।





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- The Chief Minister of Karnataka B.S. Yediyurappa has recently launched an Integrated Air ambulance service.
   Being the first air ambulance from South India, it has German Isolation Pod to transport critical COVID-19 patients.
- It is developed by ICATT in coordination with an aviation technology firm.
- The service is expected to serve medical emergencies in spite of heavy road traffic.
- कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्री बी.एस. येदियुरप्पा ने हाल ही में एक एकीकृत एयर एम्बुलेंस सेवा शुरू की है। दक्षिण भारत की पहली एयर एंबुलेंस होने के नाते, इसमें गंभीर कोविड-19 रोगियों को ले जाने के लिए जर्मन आइसोलेशन पॉड है।
- इसे ICATT द्वारा एविएशन टेक्नोलॉजी फर्म के साथ मिलकर विकसित किया गया है।
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- इन मरीजों को दूसरे शहरों में ट्रांसफर करने की जरूरत है।
- लेकिन इन रोगियों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे अपनी स्थिति को और बिगड़ने से बचाने के लिए रोड एंबुलेंस से यात्रा न करें।
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इसका वेटिंग टाइम कम होता है।



#### Priyanshu and Rahul bring gold and silver in 1500m

Priyanshu won the boys 1500m gold (3:57.37s) while fellow-Indian Rahul took the silver (3:59.43) in the fifth Asian youth athletics championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on Thursday, India also won two bronze medals, through Arat (girls Skm walk, 24:29.14s) and Mubassina Mohammed (long Jump, 5:96m).

#### Nepomniachtchi and Ding play out a draw in 13th game

The 13th game of the World chess championship between Ian Nepoemniachtchi and Ding Liren ended in a draw. With just one game remaining, the score is 6.5-6.5. Whoever wins that game on Saturday will be crowned champion.

#### IWL: Odisha shoots six past hapless CRPF FC

Odisha FC registered a resounding 6-0 win over CRPF FC in its opening match of the Indian Women's League in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

The results: Odisha FC 6 (Danzmei Grace, Cynthia



#### BCCI bumps up Richa and Jemimah's contracts

Wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh (in pic) and Jemimah Rodrigues have been elevated to B category in BCCI's central contracts for 2022-23.

The list: Category A: Harmanpreet Kaur, Smrti Mandha and Doopti Sharma; B: Renaka Thaker, Jernimah Redrigues, Shafali Verna, Richa Ghoch, Rejeshwari Gayakwad; C: Neghra Singh, Devika Vaidya, S. Meghana, Arjoli Sarvani, Pooja Vastrakar, Sseh Rana, Radha Yadaw, Harden Deol and

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#### Bitter war of words between wrestlers, IOA officials

IOA chief P.T. Usha and joint secretary Kalyan Choubey claim protests tarnish country's image;

#### Uthra Ganesar

he battle between wrestlers and selections of the battle between specificals with the battle between the battle bat

cused, Brij Bhushan Sha-ran Singh.
The IOA in its executive committee meeting named.
Wushu Association presi-dent Bluspender Singh Baj-wa and shooting coach Su-ma Shirur, along with a supersonal state of the IOA in the Address Committee. But president PT Libra and But president P.T. Usha and oint secretary Kalyan Choubey's comments that the wrestlers were tarnish ing the country's image has

"The IOA has an athlete's commission in place and instead of hitting the streets, these wrestlers should've come to us. The athletes should be disciplined. If their problems are real, they should've are real, they should've come to us earlier. If they were not satisfied, then they could've gone anywh-ere," Usha said, inviting strong words from Bajrang

Pumia.
"I feel sad since she is herself a woman and this is a case of sexual harass-ment. We were quiet for three months but instead of taking any action, we are being called liars. What

BADMINTON

H.S. Prannoy battled his

way into the quarterfinals, but it was curtains for com-patriot K. Srikanth in the

men singles of the Asia Badminton Champion-ships here on Thursday.

Prannoy, seeded eighth, prevailed over Indonesian Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo

6-21, 21-5, 18-21, in an hour

and two minutes in a round-of-16 match.

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Press Trust of India

Prannoy in quarters,

Srikanth bows out

will athletes do if they don't get justice? Some time back, Usha had com-plained that people were destroying her academy and crited for help. If she as an MP and IOA president can go through that, we are ordinary athletes with no political power. Can she not understand what can

happen to us," Bajrang Pu-

Indisciplined?
Asked about being called indisciplined, Bajrang retorted, "You gave us assurances and we left last federation held champion ships in his backyard. Suspended people were conducting medal ceremonies.
"You started saying

duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopi Chand pulled out of the tournament due to injury.

In mixed doubles, Rohan Kapoor and N. Sikki Reddy entered the quarterfinals after the fourth seeded Ko-rean pair of Seo Seung Jae and Chae Yu Jung handed the Indians a walkover.

The results:
Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Chico Aura
Dwi Wardoyo 16-21, 21-5, 18-21;
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14-21, 22-30, 9-21.
Mixed doubles: Rohan Kapcor & N. Sikki Raddy w/o Seo Soung Jae and Chae Yu Jung: B. Surneeth Reddy & Ashwini Pennappa lost to Chang Ko-chi & Lee Chih Chen 15-21, 73-21.

City blows Arsenal's challenge out of the water with a 4-1 romp

Rohan, Sikki advance

through sources that noth-ing was found. I am saying 12-13 women gave state-ments to the Oversight Committee, Radhika Sreeman (member of the com main (member of the com-mittee) has commented that only one woman spoke of sexual harass-ment but is that not enough? Is it only about

numbers?" AIFF president Choubey claimed that such actions tarnished the image of the country. "These protests country. "These protests are not good for the image of the country. We are the fifth largest economy in the country. We are the fifth largest economy in the country with the country of t

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"Does the image of the country grow when ath-letes are harassed," retorted Vinesh Phogat. "We know this will impact us fo rever. I cannot even tell you how insensitive and disrespectful the beha-viour of committee members was. I personally called her so many times,

got nothing. Now, when we are protesting they are re-leasing selective docu-ments and comments. ments and comments.
Why didn't she meet us or
speak to us even once? The
only hope we have is from
the court," she declared.
The case is up for hearing in the Supreme Court
on Friday.

The Indian who took on Ali,

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Mohanty, who worked with Kaur, told The Hindu.

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"Kaur Singh was the first



#### Bopanna-Ebden pair advances

Sports Bureau

Rohan Bopanna, seeded seventh with Matthew Eb-den, beat Roberto Bautista Agut and Daniel Evans 6-3, 7-6(4) in the doubles first round of the 68,796,536 ATP tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain

Thursday.

In the ITF women's event in Nottingham, Rutuja Bhosale made the quarterfinals. Qualifier Vaishnavi Adkar also made the quarterfinals in the ITF women's event in Monastir,
Tunisia.

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Doubles: Quarterfinals Matthew Romios & Branc alkin (Aus) bt Sai Karteek Reddy

Friday, April 28, 2023

& Shashank Theertha 6-4, 6-4; Ray Ho (Tpe) & Parikshit Soman bt Jake Delaney (Jus) & Naoki Tajima (Jpn) 6-1, 5-7, [10-8]. \$100,000 ITF women.

\$40,000 ITF women, Calvi, France: First round: Naiktha Bains (GBR) bt Ankita Raina 7-6(S), 6-4.

Amandine Hesse (Fra) & Liesley Kerkhove (Ned) 7-6(3), 5-7, [10-6].

\$25,000 ITF women, Nottingham, Britain: Pre-quarterfinals: Rutuja Bhosale bt Danielle Daley (GBR)

\$15,000 ITF women, Monastir:

#### Gurjoat and Ganemat have a bright start

#### Sports Bureau

SHOTGUN WC

Gurjoat Singh Khangura shot two perfect rounds to be among the leaders with 50 in men's skeet in the shotgan World Cup in Cai-ro, Egypt, on Thursday.

In women's skeet, Gane mat Sekhon shot 47, the se cond best score along with 10 others, behind the lead-

### **AITA TENNIS**

Kashish and Sonal stand in each other's way to a double

Third seed Kashish Bhatia Third seed Kashish Bhatia outplayed second seed Sahira Singh 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals of the T lakh AITA women's tennis tournament at the Joygaon Academy, Jhagjiar on Thursday, in the final Thursday, in the final Patil who beat Vanshika Choudhark. Choudhary.

Also. Kashish made the Punyani and will play Sonal and Chandana

The results (semifinals): Sonal Patil bt Vanshika Choudhary 6-2,

Aarjun overcomes Rian, to meet Deepam in final

to meet Deepam in Tina Aarjun Pandit fought his way past his doubles partner and second seed, Rian Sharma, 7-6(4), 6-7(7), 6-1 in the under-18 boys semifinals of the 6-7(7), 6-1 in the under-18 boys semifinals of the Rajesh Patel memorial ATTA Super series junior termis tournament at the Tennis Vidyalaya in the final, Aarjun win Malik who beat Mayank Sharma in straight sets. Aarjun and Rian won the doubles title

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Anantjeet Singh Naruka shot 24 and 25 to be close snot 24 and 25 to be close to the leaders, while Olym-pian and World Cup gold medallist Mairaj Ahmad Khan stumbled to a bad start with a round of 19, and recovered with a round of 24.

m's skeet. Game 10 others, behind the lead-er Jiang Yiting (50). Ma-heshwari Chauhan and Darshna Rathore also did well to shoot 45.

#### Pranavi and Avani qualify for Asian Games golf

Press Trust of India KOLKATA

Pranavi Urs and amateur Avani Prashanth, who tied for the top place in the se-cond round of the trials at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club, will join Aditi Ashok in the Indian women's team for the Asian Games in China in September this

In the men's section, Khalin Joshi completed a wire-to-wire win ahead Olympian S.S.P. Chawrasia and the duo will join Shub-hankar Sharma in the

#### Madushka, Mendis notch up double tons

#### IRELAND IN SL

Agence France-Presse

Nishan Madushka and Ku-sal Mendis both made dou-ble centuries against Ire-land on Thursday as Sri Lanka's top four batsmen all hit hundreds for only the third time in Test

history.

The hosts declared their first innings on 704 for three after tea on the fourth day of the second Test, 212 runs ahead. Ire-land was 54 for two in its

second innings. Madushka converted his 339b, 22x4, 1x6) before being dismissed by Andy

McBrine.
Mendis amassed 245
(291b, 18x4, 13x6) and was
one short of Wasim Ak-ram's world record of 12
sixes in a Test innings be-fore he was caught at long-off.
Angelo Mathews. n.o.).

Rare feat That gave the hosts their quadruple-centurions en-try in the history books, after India against Bangla-desh in 2007 and Pakistan against Sri Lanka in 2019. The scores: Ireland 492 & 54/2 in 22 owers vs Sri Lanka 704/3 dect. in 151 overs (Kusal Mendis 245, Nishan Madhushka 265, Dimuth

Reuters Manchester City struck a hammer blow in the Premier League title race as it outclassed leader Arsenal 
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sive league win left them with 73 points to Arsenal's 75, but crucially it has



played two fewer games than the Londoners

The results: Premier League: Chelsea 0 lost to Brentford 2 (Azpilicueta 37-og, Mbeumo 78); Manchester City 4 [De Bruyne 7, 54, Stones 45, Haaland 90+5] bt Arsenal 1 feloding 96; Nottingham Forest 3 (Gross 45-og, Danilo 69, Gibbs-White 90-pen) bt Brighton 1

to Almonia 2 (Suarea 7, 58); Affetico Madrid 3 (De Paul 45-2; Morata 47, Carrasco 77) fit Real Mallocca 1 (Nastasic 20); Rayo Vallecano 2 (Maro Garcia 19, Fran Garcia 53) fit Barcelona (Lewandowski 83); Celta Vigo 1 (Adoo 96) fit Eldne 0.

Patil bt Varshika Choudhary 6-2, 6-2; Kashish Bhatia bt Sahira Singh 6-1, 6-2; Boubles: Sonal Patil & Chandana Potugari bt Madhavi Singh & Shirosn Ahamed 6-4, 6-2; Koshish Bhatia & Samrisi Punyani bt Aditi Rawat & Ishi

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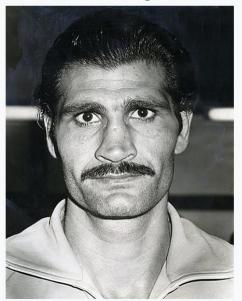
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#### **Kaur Singh**



**Statistics** 

Weight(s) Heavyweight

Nationality \_\_\_ Indian

**Born** 1948/1949

Khanal Khurd, Sangrur, East

Punjab, India

**Died** 27 April 2023 (aged 74)

Kurukshetra, Haryana, India

Stance Orthodox

Medal record [hide]

Men's amateur boxing

Representing \_\_\_ India

**Asian Games** 

G 1982 New Delhi Heavyweight

**Asian Championships** 

G 1980 Heavyweight

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#### Kharge draws BJP fire after his 'poisonous snake' remark against Modi

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ify that his remarks were against the BJP ideology, and it wasn't a personal attack on any individual.

u taste it, you are dead." He later issued a clarification, ying he meant that the BJP was ke a snake. "I did not call him Modi) that. I have said earlier nat I do not make personal at-acks. What I said was that the BJP) ideology was poisonous. If ou support the ideology and vant to taste it, death is certain," CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

#### HC orders NIA probe into violence during Ram Navami in Bengal

THE CALCUTTA High Court Thursday ordered a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into violence during Ram

been facing Opposition heat over its handling of the Ram Navami vio-lence. It also comes as an indictment of the state



#### Kaliaganj on edge after 30-yr-old is shot dead, family says police did it

SWEETY KUMARI

A MAN was shot dead, allegedly by police, in Kaliaganj in West Bengal's North Dinajpur early Thursday morning, sparking a fresh war of words between the BJP and the ruling TMC. The victim, Mrityunjay

Barman (30), was a resident of Chandgaon, a village under the Radhikapur gram pannchayat in Kaliaganj. According to his fam-ily, he was shot dead outside his home between 2 am and 2.30 home between 2 am and 2.30 am, allegedly by a policeman who was part of a search team. His killing comesa day after a police station in Kaliaganj was set on fire by a mob, prompting a CONTINUED ON PAGE 15

Boost to BJP attack on TMC

#### RAJNATH, GENERAL LI HOLD 'FRANK' TALKS Violation of pacts eroded

basis of ties: India to China

LAC 'disengagement will be followed with de-escalation'

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

IN Astroegly-worded public ar-ticulation of the state of Sino-Indian bilateral ties, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told General Li Shangfu, the visiting Chinese State Councillor and Minister of National Defence, Thursday that Beijing's "violation of existing segregates has of existing agreements ha

year military standoff along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, Singh said "all issues at the LAC need to be resolved in accordance with existing bilatral agreements and commit

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Fit to width

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu in New Delhi on Thursday. AN

The sharply-worded public

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#### Man arrested in UP had many IDs, cheated by faking PMO access: FIR

ASAD REHMAN & JIGNASA SINHA LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

SANJAY RAI 'Sherpuria', the al-leged comman arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) on Wednesday, claimed to (SIF) on Wednesslay, claimed to live at "I, Beside Race Course, Safdarjung Rd", used photos of the Prime Minister and Union Ministers to flaunt his connec-tions, and collected Rs 6 crore from a prominent Delhi industri-



Sanjay Rai 'Sherpuria'

ing to an FIR filed by the police.
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#### Parkash Singh Badal WRESTLERS PROTEST AGAINST WFI CHIEF

Vinesh asks why top cricketers, others silent: 'Are you all so afraid?'

'They backed Black Lives Matter... may be worried about effect on brand deals'

Championship medalist Vinesh Phogat said she was "pained" to see that "they don't have the courage" to stand up to those in courage to stand up to those in power. Vinesh, along with Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, is at the fore-

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Speaking at The Indian
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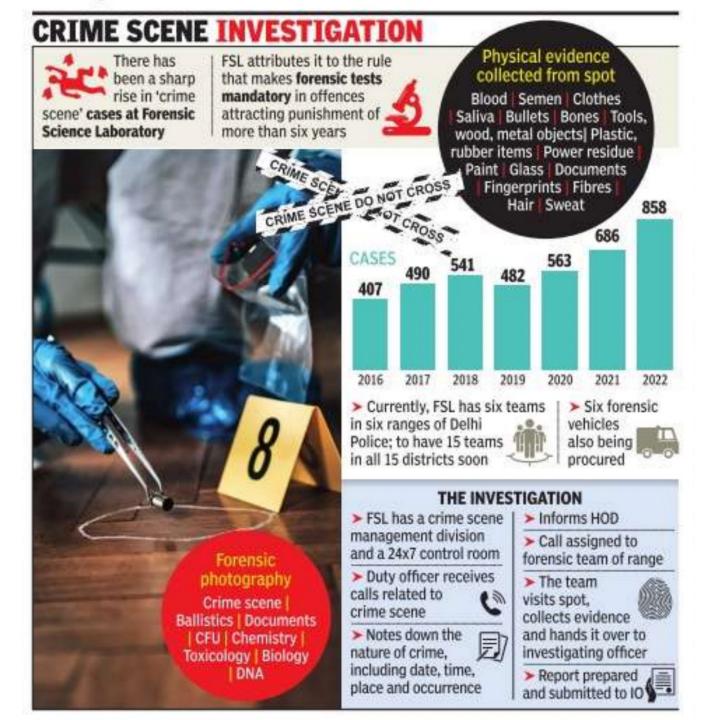
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# Unravelling Mysteries: A Sharp Rise In Forensic Probes After Rule Tweak

All Offences Attracting Punishment Of Over 6 Years Must Be Put To Scientific Test



# Shah launches first liquid Nano DAP to cut fertiliser import bill

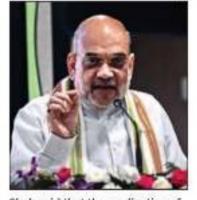
## 'Will Help Restore Fertility Of Land, Reduce Threat To Farmers' Health'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah on Wednesday launched the world's first liquid Nano DAP—a novel nano fertiliser containing nitrogen and phosphorus—whose use will not only reduce India's fertiliser import dependence but also take the country towards sustainable farming and increase the farmers' income by bringing down input cost.

Nano DAP is the second such variant of fertiliser. Nano Urea was the first one in this series, launched in February, 2021. One bottle of 500 ml of Nano DAP can replace a 50 kg bag of traditional DAP (diammonium phosphate). The manufacturing units of Nano DAP have been established in Kalol, Gujarat and Paradeep, Odisha by IFFCO which has patents of both the Nano variant of liquid fertilisers.

Launching the Nano DAP



Shah said that the application of nano variants will help reduce usage of granular urea by about 14% and that of DAP initially by 6% and later by 20%

fertiliser for commercial sale at Rs 600 per 500ml bottle, less than half of the current price of conventional DAP, Shah said use of liquid DAP, through spraying on the plant, will help increase both the quality and quantity of production. It will also help in conserving the soil as farmers by using liquid DAP and liquid urea can increase the number of earthworms in their land and thus move towards natural farming without reducing production and income, he added.

"This will contribute a lot in restoring the fertility of land and will reduce the threat to the health of crores of Indians caused by the chemical fertilisers," said the minister while exhorting the farmers to maximise the use of liquid Nano DAP and urea.

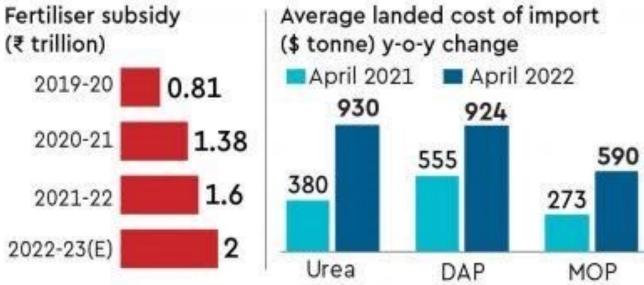
The fertiliser import bill was Rs 2.2 lakh crore in 2022-23. It is estimated that the production of 18 crore bottles of nano DAP till 2025-26 will replace 90 lakh tonnes of conventional DAP In 2021-22, India imported 91.3 lakh tonnes of urea, 54.6 lakh tonnes of MoP (muriate of potash) and 11.7 lakh tonnes of NPK fertilisers.

Shah noted that the application of nano variants will help reduce usage of granular urea by about 14% and that of DAP initially by 6% and later by 20%.

Speaking about his government's efforts to strengthen the cooperative sector, Shah said the government has decided to create two lakh new viable multi-dimensional primary agricultural credit societies (PACS), covering each of the uncovered panchayats across the country, in the next five years through convergence of various existing schemes of departments of fisheries and dairying.

He also said the model byelaws of PACS have been sent to the states and 17 of them have already adopted these model bye-laws. He said that under the multi-dimensional PACS, a single PACS would be created by combining four PACS providing multi-usage services, fisheries, providing financial loans to farmers and dairy. This will rejuvenate the PACS and also help improve their income, the minister added.





Source: Fertilizer ministry budget estimate



# 50 किलो 'डी ए पी ' बोरी के बराबर सिर्फ आधा लिटर नैनो 'डी ए पी '



# Ist woman Rafale pilot in IAF team for multi-nation drill being held in France

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The first Indian woman fighter pilot to fly the new Rafale jets, Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh, is now soaring high in the skies over France as part of the IAF detachment taking part in the ongoing multination Orion exercise there.

This is the first time that India has sent its Rafale fighters. In all, the IAF has sent four Rafale fighters, two C-17 Globemaster-III strategic airlifters, two IL-78 mid-air refuellers and 165 personnel, including 17 pilots, to take part in the Orion exercise.

Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh follows her senior Squadron Leader Avani Chaturvedi who became the first IAF woman pilot to fly a Sukhoi-30MKI fighter in an overseas exercise when she took part in the bilateral 'Veer Guardian' exercise with Japan at the Hyakuri airbase in January, as

was reported by TOI earlier.

The Orion exercise is one of the largest-ever wargames hosted by France, and also involves land and sea drills with thousands of Nato troops at a time when tensions continue to run high in Europe due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

There are now 17 women fighter pilots in the IAF. Squadron Leader Chaturvedi and her course-mate Bhawana Kanthnow fly the Russian-origin Sukhois at the Jodhpur airbase. Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh, in turn, is the first woman to fly the French-origin Rafale omni-role jets as part of the 17 'Golden Arrows' Squadron in Ambala.

Flight Lieutenant Singh earlier flew MiG-21 Bisons before she converted to the 4.5-generation Rafales. After studying in the Banaras Hindu University, she was among the second batch of women fighter pilots who were commissioned in 2017.



• In a recent meeting held in New Delhi, India and the four European countries that form the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) have expressed their willingness to resume their negotiations for a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) that has been stalled since 2018.

• The TEPA aims to boost bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two regions by reducing tariffs and non-tariff barriers, enhancing market access, and promoting investment flows.

• हाल ही में नई दिल्ली में आयोजित एक बैठक में, भारत और यूरोपीय मुक्त व्यापार संघ (ईएफटीए) बनाने वाले चार यूरोपीय देशों ने व्यापार और आर्थिक भागीदारी समझौते (टीईपीए) के लिए अपनी बातचीत फिर से शुरू करने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है जो 2018 से रुका हुआ है।

• टीईपीए का उद्देश्य दोनों क्षेत्रों के बीच टैरिफ और गैर-टैरिफ बाधाओं को कम करके, बाजार पहुंच को बढ़ाकर और निवेश प्रवाह को बढ़ावा देकर द्विपक्षीय व्यापार और आर्थिक सहयोग को बढ़ावा देना है।

## What is EFTA?

- It is an intergovernmental organization established in 1960 by the Stockholm Convention.
- Objective: Promotes free trade and economic integration between its members within Europe and globally.
- EFTA currently has 4 member countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

- यह स्टॉकहोम कन्वेंशन द्वारा 1960 में स्थापित एक अंतर सरकारी संगठन है।
- उद्देश्य: यूरोप के भीतर और विश्व स्तर पर इसके सदस्यों के बीच मुक्त व्यापार और आर्थिक एकीकरण को बढ़ावा देता है।
- EFTA में वर्तमान में 4 सदस्य देश हैं: आइसलैंड, लिकटेंस्टीन, नॉर्वे और स्विट्जरलैंड।

- The EFTA countries have developed one of the largest networks of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). These FTAs span over 60 countries and territories, including the European Union (EU).
- In contrast to the EU, EFTA is not a customs union. This means that the individual EFTA States are free to set their own customs tariffs and arrange other foreign trade measures vis-à-vis the non-EFTA States.

- ईएफटीए देशों ने मुक्त व्यापार समझौतों (एफटीए) के सबसे बड़े नेटवर्क में से एक विकसित किया है। ये एफटीए यूरोपीय संघ (ईयू) सहित 60 से अधिक देशों और क्षेत्रों में फैले हुए हैं।
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#### **Governance Structure**

- EFTA's highest governing body is the EFTA Council. It generally meets 8 times a year at the ambassadorial level and twice a year at the ministerial level.
- The headquarters of the EFTA Secretariat is located in Geneva. It assists the EFTA Council in the management of relations between the 4 EFTA States and deals with the negotiation and operation of EFTA's FTAs.
- EFTA का सर्वोच्च शासी निकाय
   EFTA परिषद है। यह आम तौर पर वर्ष में
   8 बार राजदूत स्तर पर और वर्ष में दो बार मंत्री स्तर पर मिलते हैं।
- EFTA सिचवालय का मुख्यालय जिनेवा में स्थित है। यह 4 EFTA राज्यों के बीच संबंधों के प्रबंधन में EFTA परिषद की सहायता करता है और EFTA के FTA की बातचीत और संचालन से संबंधित है।

#### **Daily Current Affairs**

# Mahila Samman Saving Certificate Account

- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minority Affairs opened a Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) account.
- केंद्रीय महिला एवं बाल विकास और अल्पसंख्यक मामलों के मंत्री ने महिला सम्मान बचत प्रमाणपत्र (एमएसएससी) खाता खोला।

#### Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme

- It is a new small savings scheme launched specifically for female investors and was announced in Budget 2023 to promote investment among women.
- Accounts opened under this scheme will be **single-holder accounts** that can be opened at the Post Office or any registered bank.
- Who can open a Mahila Samman Savings

  account: Any woman can open a Mahila

  Samman account that can be opened for herself or on behalf of a little girl.

- यह विशेष रूप से महिला निवेशकों के लिए शुरू की गई एक नई लघु बचत योजना है और महिलाओं के बीच निवेश को बढ़ावा देने के लिए बजट 2023 में इसकी घोषणा की गई थी।
- इस योजना के तहत खोले गए खाते एकल-धारक खाते होंगे जिन्हें डाकघर या किसी पंजीकृत बैंक में खोला जा सकता है।
- महिला सम्मान बचत खाता कौन खोल सकता है: कोई भी महिला महिला सम्मान खाता खोल सकती है जो अपने लिए या किसी छोटी बच्ची की ओर से खोला जा सकता है।

- A time gap of three months shall be maintained between the existing account and the opening of other account.
- Limit on minimum and maximum investment: The minimum investment amount is Rs 1000, and the maximum investment authorised under the plan is Rs 2 lakh.
- Interest rate: 7.5% annually
- Payment on maturity: After two years from the date opening eligible balance will be paid to the depositor.
- Withdrawal from account: The account holder may withdraw up to 40% of the balance after the first year from the date of account opening but before the account matures.

- मौजूदा खाते और दूसरा खाता खोलने के बीच तीन महीने का समय अंतराल बनाए रखा जाएगा।
- न्यूनतम और अधिकतम निवेश की सीमा: न्यूनतम निवेश राशि 1000 रुपये है, और योजना के तहत अधिकृत अधिकतम निवेश 2 लाख रुपये है।
- ब्याज दर: 7.5% सालाना
- परिपक्वता पर भुगतान: प्रारंभिक तिथि से दो वर्ष के बाद जमाकर्ता को पात्र शेष राशि का भुगतान किया जाएगा।
- खाते से निकासी: खाता खोलने की तारीख से पहले वर्ष के बाद खाता धारक शेष राशि का 40% तक निकाल सकता है, लेकिन खाता परिपक्व होने से पहले।

- Premature closure of account: The account shall not be closed before maturity except in the following cases, namely:
  - On the death of the account holder
  - On extreme compassionate ground
  - (i) Life threatening decease of account holder (ii) death of the guardian on production of relevant documents.
- When an account is closed prematurely, interest on the principal amount is payable at the rate applicable to the Scheme for which the account was held.

- खाते का समय से पहले बंद होना: निम्नलिखित मामलों को छोड़कर खाते को परिपक्वता से पहले बंद नहीं किया जाएगा, अर्थात्:
- खाताधारक की मृत्यु होने पर
- अति करुणामय धरातल पर
- (i) खाताधारक की जान को जोखिम में डालने वाली मृत्यु (ii) संबंधित दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करने पर अभिभावक की मृत्यु।
- जब खाता समय से पहले बंद कर दिया जाता है,
   मूल राशि पर ब्याज उस योजना के लिए लागू
   दर पर देय होता है जिसके लिए खाता
   आयोजित किया गया था।

#### **Daily Current Affairs**

# Saurashtra-Tamil Sangam Sangam

- Overwhelmed by the 'success' of the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam, the Union government is set to hold the Saurashtra-Tamil Sangam in Gujarat which will be followed by the Kedarnath-Tamil Sangamam.
- काशी-तिमल संगमम की 'सफलता' से अभिभूत, केंद्र सरकार गुजरात में सौराष्ट्र-तिमल संगम आयोजित करने के लिए तैयार है, जिसके बाद केदारनाथ-तिमल संगमम होगा।

#### About Saurashtra-Tamil Sangam (STS)

- The Saurashtra Tamil Sangam aims to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the over 1,000-year-old emigration and contribution of **Saurashtrian Tamils**.
- सौराष्ट्र तिमल संगम का उद्देश्य सौराष्ट्रियन तिमलों के 1,000 साल से अधिक पुराने उत्प्रवास और योगदान को फिर से खोजना, पुन: पुष्टि करना और जश्न मनाना है।

- It is a program that highlights the oneness of India's culture by narrating untold histories of how a community emigrated to Tamil Nadu and their contributions to the country.
- यह एक ऐसा कार्यक्रम है जो भारत की संस्कृति की एकता को उजागर करता है, जिसमें अनकहा इतिहास बताया गया है कि कैसे एक समुदाय ने तिमलनाडु में प्रवास किया और देश में उनके योगदान को बताया।

- The Saurashtra Tamil Sangam will be held at Somnath, Dwarka and other places in Gujarat to connect Tamil Nadu and Saurashtra.
- It will celebrate the civilisational links between people from the southern part of the country and the People from the Saurastra and Kedarnath in the north.
- It is a unique attempt where States shared their culture, civilisation and heritage with each other, and the country united in soft power.
- The STS is the second such programme under the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' initiative.

- सौराष्ट्र तमिल संगम तमिलनाडु और सौराष्ट्र को जोड़ने के लिए सोमनाथ, द्वारका और गुजरात के अन्य स्थानों पर आयोजित किया जाएगा।
- यह देश के दक्षिणी हिस्से के लोगों और उत्तर में सौराष्ट्र और केदारनाथ के लोगों के बीच सभ्यतागत संबंधों का जश्न मनाएगा।
- यह एक अनूठा प्रयास है जहां राज्यों ने अपनी संस्कृति, सभ्यता और विरासत को एक दूसरे के साथ साझा किया और देश सॉफ्ट पावर में एकजुट हुआ।
- एसटीएस 'एक भारत, श्रेष्ठ भारत' पहल के तहत इस तरह का दूसरा कार्यक्रम है।

- The firstone was the 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam', a month-long event held last year to "rediscover" links between Varanasi and Tamil Nadu.
- पहला था 'काशी तमिल संगमम', जो पिछले साल वाराणसी और तमिलनाडु के बीच "फिर से खोज" करने के लिए एक महीने तक चलने वाला आयोजन था।

#### Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

- The initiative 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' was announced in 2015.
- The program aims to actively enhance interaction between people of diverse cultures living in different States and UTs in India, with the objective of promoting greater mutual understanding among them.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Education

- 2015 में 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' पहल की घोषणा की गई थी।
- कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य भारत में विभिन्न राज्यों और केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों में रहने वाले विविध संस्कृतियों के लोगों के बीच आपसी समझ को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से सक्रिय रूप से बातचीत को बढ़ाना है।
- नोडल मंत्रालय: शिक्षा मंत्रालय





- A petition has been filed in the Orissa High Court challenging the minimum eligibility criteria of matriculation adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for issuing licences to photographers to operate inside Sun Temple at Konark.
- उड़ीसा उच्च न्यायालय में एक याचिका दायर की गई है जिसमें भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण (एएसआई) द्वारा कोणार्क में सूर्य मंदिर के अंदर काम करने के लिए फोटोग्राफरों को लाइसेंस जारी करने के लिए अपनाई गई मैट्रिक की न्यूनतम पात्रता मानदंड को चुनौती दी गई है।

#### Konark Sun Temple

- It is located on the coastline of Odisha in Puri district.
- It was <u>built by King Narasimha</u>
   <u>Deva I</u> of the Eastern Ganga
   Dynasty <u>in 1244.</u>
- It was given the status of
   a World Heritage Site in 1984
   by UNESCO.

 यह पुरी जिले में ओडिशा के तट पर स्थित है।

 इसे 1244 में पूर्वी गंगा राजवंश के राजा नरिसम्हा देव प्रथम द्वारा बनवाया गया था।

• इसे 1984 में यूनेस्को द्वारा विश्व विरासत स्थल का दर्जा दिया गया था।

#### **Features**

- Also called the <u>Surya Devalaya</u>, the temple is <u>dedicated to the Hindu god Surya</u>.
- It is a classic example of the Odisha style of Architecture or Kalinga Architecture.
- The temple complex has the appearance of a 100-foot high solar chariot, with 24 wheels and pulled by six horses, all carved from stone.

- इसे सूर्य देवालय भी कहा जाता है, यह मंदिर हिंदू देवता सूर्य को समर्पित है।
- यह वास्तुकला की ओडिशा शैली या कलिंग वास्तुकला का एक उत्कृष्ट उदाहरण है।
- मंदिर पिरसर में 24 पिहयों वाले 100 फुट ऊंचे सौर रथ का आभास होता है और इसे छह घोड़ों द्वारा खींचा जाता है, जो सभी पत्थर से तराशे गए हैं।

- It is <u>oriented towards the east</u> so that the <u>first rays of the sunrise strike the main entrance.</u>
- The wheels of the temple are sundials, which can be used to calculate time accurately to a minute.
- Around the **base of the temple, there are images** of animals, foliage, warriors
  on horses and other interesting structures.
- On the walls and roof of the temple, beautiful sensual figures are carve

- यह पूर्व दिशा की ओर उन्मुख है ताकि सूर्योदय की पहली किरणें मुख्य प्रवेश द्वार से टकराएं।
- मंदिर के पहिए धूपघड़ी हैं, जिनका उपयोग एक मिनट तक समय की सटीक गणना करने के लिए किया जा सकता है।
- मंदिर के आधार के आसपास, जानवरों, पत्तों, घोड़ों पर योद्धाओं और अन्य रोचक संरचनाओं की छवियां हैं।
- मंदिर की दीवारों और छत पर सुंदर कामुक आकृतियां उकेरी गई हैं

- The temple, <u>built from Khondalite</u>
   <u>rocks</u>, is also <u>known as 'BLACK</u>
   <u>PAGODA'</u> due to its dark colour.
- The temple remains a site of contemporary worship for Hindus, during the annual Chandrabhaga
   Festival, around the month of February.
- खोंडालाइट चट्टानों से बने इस मंदिर को इसके गहरे रंग के कारण 'ब्लैक पैगोडा' के नाम से भी जाना जाता है।

• मंदिर फरवरी के महीने के आसपास, वार्षिक चंद्रभागा महोत्सव के दौरान, हिंदुओं के लिए समकालीन पूजा स्थल बना हुआ है।



- Sanchi, a world heritage site located in Madhya
   Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.
- सांची, मध्य प्रदेश में स्थित एक विश्व विरासत स्थल, भारत का पहला सौर शहर बनने के लिए तैयार है।



#### Sanchi

- It is located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh.
- It lies in an upland plateau region just west of the Betwa River.
- Sanchi is a religious place with historical and Archaeological significance.
- It has India's best-preserved group of Buddhist monuments, collectively designated a <u>UNESCO</u> World Heritage site in 1989.

- यह मध्य प्रदेश के रायसेन जिले में स्थित है।
- यह बेतवा नदी के ठीक पश्चिम में एक ऊंचे पठारी क्षेत्र में स्थित है।
- सांची ऐतिहासिक और पुरातात्विक महत्व वाला एक धार्मिक स्थल है।
- इसमें बौद्ध स्मारकों का भारत का सबसे अच्छा संरक्षित समूह है, जिसे सामूहिक रूप से 1989 में यूनेस्को की विश्व धरोहर स्थल नामित किया गया था।

#### Key Facts about Sanchi Stupa

- It was <u>built by</u> the Mauryan emperor <u>Ashoka in the third century</u> <u>BC.</u>
- It <u>enshrines</u> <u>religious</u> <u>relics</u> or remains <u>of the Buddha and his most</u> revered disciples.
- It is enclosed by a massive stone railing pierced by four gateways, which are adorned with elaborate carvings (known as Sanchi sculpture).

- इसे मौर्य सम्राट अशोक द्वारा तीसरी शताब्दी ईसा पूर्व में बनवाया गया था।
- इसमें बुद्ध और उनके सबसे श्रद्धेय शिष्यों के धार्मिक अवशेष या अवशेष हैं।
- यह चार प्रवेश द्वारों द्वारा छेदी गई एक विशाल पत्थर की रेलिंग से घिरा हुआ है, जो विस्तृत नक्काशियों (सांची मूर्तिकला के रूप में जाना जाता है) से सुशोभित हैं।

- The stupa itself **consists of a base bearing a hemispherical dome** (anda),

  symbolizing the dome of heaven

  enclosing the earth.
- It is <u>surmounted by a squared rail</u> <u>unit (harmika)</u> representing the world mountain, from which rises a mast (yashti), symbolizing the cosmic axis.
- The <u>mast bears umbrellas</u>
  (chatras) that represent the various heavens (devaloka).

- स्तूप में एक आधार होता है जिसमें एक अर्धगोलाकार गुंबद (अंडा) होता है, जो पृथ्वी को घेरने वाले स्वर्ग के गुंबद का प्रतीक है।
- इसके ऊपर विश्व पर्वत का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली एक वर्गाकार रेल इकाई (हार्मिका) है, जिसमें से एक मस्तूल (यष्टि) निकलता है, जो ब्रह्मांडीय अक्ष का प्रतीक है।
- मस्तूल पर छतिरयां (छत्र) हैं जो विभिन्न स्वर्गों (देवलोक) का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हैं।

# The Hindu Vocabulary

Trailblazing (adj.): introducing new ideas or methods; innovative or pioneering. (पथप्रदर्शक)



Synonyms: pioneering, progressive,

innovative

**Antonyms**: traditional, conventional

Myriad (बहुत बड़ी संख्या) :a very great or indefinitely great number of persons or things.



Synonyms: countless, innumerable, infinite

Antonyms: limited, measurable, countable

Inundation (noun): a great flow of water or of something that overwhelms (सैलाब)

Synonyms: overflow, deluge, torrent



Antonyms: drought, dribble, drip

Paucity (সभाव): the presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts.



Synonyms: insufficiency, dearth,

scarcity

Antonyms: plethora, abundance, plenty

Vainglorious (adj.) : excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain. (गुमानी)



Synonyms: assured, biggety,

complacent

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

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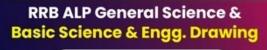


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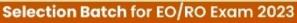


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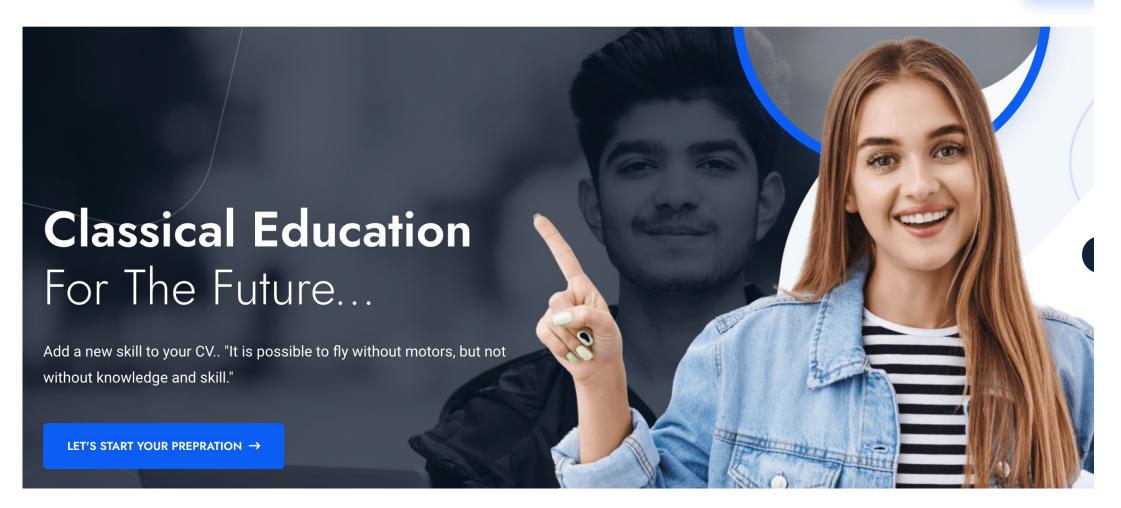
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### 1. With reference to rescue operations carried out by India in other countries, consider the pairs

- 1. Operation Maitri Nepal
- 2. Operation Sankat Mochan South Sudan
- 3. Operation Devi Shakti Afghanistan
- 4. Operation Ganga Sudan

How many of the above pairs is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 3 only
- d) 1, 2 & 3

## 1. भारत द्वारा अन्य देशों में चलाए गए बचाव कार्यों के संदर्भ में जोड़ियों पर विचार कीजिए

- 1. ऑपरेशन मैत्री नेपाल
- 2. ऑपरेशन संकट मोचन दक्षिण सूडान
- 3. ऑपरेशन देवी शक्ति अफगानिस्तान
- 4. ऑपरेशन गंगा सूडान

उपरोक्त युग्मों में से कितने जोड़े सही है/हैं?

- ए) केवल 1
- बी) केवल 2
- ग) केवल 3
- डी) 1, 2 और 3

#### Answer – C

- Operation Maitri (2015): It is the joint relief and rescue operation by the Indian government and the Indian Armed forces in the aftershock of the 2015 Nepal earthquake.
- Operation Sankat Mochan (2016): During the South Sudanese Civil War, the Indian Air Force conducted Operation Sankat Mochan to evacuate Indian citizens and other foreign nationals from South Sudan
- Operation Devi Shakti (2021): An evacuation operation by the IAF was kicked off in 2021 to safely bring back Indian nationals from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
- Operation Ganga (2022): It is an evacuation mission to bring back all the Indian nationals who are currently stranded in Ukraine.

# 2. Operation Kaveri, recently seen in news is associated with which of the following countries?

- a) India and Ukraine
- b) India and Vietnam
- c) India and Sudan
- d) India and Mauritius

## 2. हाल ही में खबरों में रहा ऑपरेशन कावेरी निम्नलिखित में से किस देश से जुड़ा है?

- a) भारत और यूक्रेन
- b) भारत और वियतनाम
- c) भारत और सूडान
- d) भारत और मॉरीशस

#### Answer – C

- Operation Kaveri is a codename for India's evacuation effort to bring back its citizens stranded in Sudan amid intense fighting between the army and a rival paramilitary force there.
- The operation involves the deployment of Indian Navy's INS Sumedha, a stealth offshore patrol vessel, and two Indian Air Force C-130J special operations aircraft on standby in Jeddah.
- There are about 2,800 Indian nationals in Sudan, and there is also a settled Indian community of about 1,200 in the country.

### 3. With reference to the Heatwaves in India, consider the following statements:

- 1. Heatwave is a period of abnormally high temperatures.
- 2. India Meteorological Department (IMD) classifies heat waves according to regions and their temperature ranges.

Which of the statements given above is/are incorrect?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

## 3. भारत में लू के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

- हीटवेव असामान्य रूप से उच्च तापमान की अवधि है।
- 2. भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (IMD) क्षेत्रों और उनकी तापमान सीमाओं के अनुसार गर्म तरंगों का वर्गीकरण करता है।

ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से गलत है/हैं?

- ए) केवल 1
- बी) केवल 2
- c) 1 और 2 दोनों
- d) न तो 1 और न ही 2

#### Answer – C

- Statement 1 is correct: A heatwave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, a common phenomenon in India during the months of May-June and in some rare cases even extends till July.
- Statement 2 is correct: India Meteorological Department (IMD) classifies heat waves according to regions and their temperature ranges. As per IMD, the number of heatwave days in India has increased from 413 over 1981-1990 to 600 over 2011-2020.
- This sharp rise in the number of heatwave days has resulted due to the increasing impact of climate change.

## 4. In which year Sanchi Stupa was declared as a World Heritage Site?

4. साँची स्तूप को किस वर्ष विश्व विरासत स्थल घोषित किया गया ?

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- b) 1997
- c) 1999
- d) 2002

- a) 1989
- b) 1997
- c) 1999
- d) 2002



## 5. In which year was the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat scheme started?

### 5. एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत योजना की शुरुवात किस वर्ष की गयी थी?

a)	201	4

- b) 2015
- c) 2013
- d) 2003

- a) 2014
- b) 2015
- c) 2013
- d) 2003

