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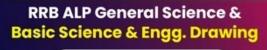


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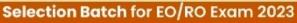


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Two men get 20 vears in jail in gang rape case Judge also imposes a fine of ₹15,000 each



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Curbs eased in riot-hit Manipur

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be Gehlot's leader'

The Hindu Bureau

Manipur showed signs of limping back to normaley on Tuesday as authorities in four districts of Manipur relaxed curfew for a few hours even as security personnel continued strict vigil in the sensitive areas pension of Internet services is likely to continue till May 13.

May 13.
Several States, including Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jhark-hand and Meghalaya, took measures to evacuate their students stranded in the north-eastern State. While a Rajya Sabha MP from Mizoram urged Prime Ministe Narendra Modi to send a joint parliamentary team to Manipur, the Congress, cit-ing the SC's comments, said the Centre and the BJPruled State government cannot escape responsibili-ty for the violence.

REPORTS ON × PAGE 12

Imran Khan arrested, protests erupt in Pak.

The former Prime Minister was arrested when he appeared in court to seek bail in multiple corruption cases and taken to Rawalpindi: his wife and other PTI leaders are facing inquiry too

ormer Prime Minis-ter and Pakistan Tehreeke-e-Insafa (PTI) chairman Imran Khan was arrested on Tuesday from the Islama-bad High Court where he appeared seeking ball in multiple cocking ball in triggering demonstrations across the country that saw his supporters vandalising buildings. The Rangers personnel

were acting on arrest war-rants issued by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case.
PTI leaders condemned

PTI leaders condemned the arrest and asked party workers and supporters to step out and "protest peacefully". Mr. Khan's la-wyer Ali Gohar alleged that



Khan as he arrives to appear in a court in Islamabad. AP

former Prime Minister during the arrest. "Imran Khan was hit on

"Imran Khan was hat on the head and his injured leg," he said.

However, the govern-ment denied all such allegations.

"Imran Khan has been arrested by the NAB, which

phoned to a real estate ty-coon in return for personal material favours," Ahsan Ighal, Pederal Minister for and Special Initiatives, told The Hindu.

Dated May I and signed by NAB chairman Lt. Gen. Nazir Ahmed, Mr. Khan's arrest warrantes said be was corrupt practices under

corrupt practices under Section 9(a) of the National Accountability Ordinance,

The High Court, late in the evening, declared Mr. Khan's arrest "legal". Ear-lier, it had reserved its verdict on the legality issue. Mr. Khan, his wife, Bushra Bibi, and other PTI leaders are facing an NAB

24 killed as bus falls off a bridge in M.P.

At least 24 people were killed and 40 injured when a bus fell off a bridge and crashed into a dry river bed in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone on Tuesday. The incident took place

The incident took place at 8.40 a.m. when the bus, carrying over 50 passengers and headed to Indore from Khargone's Shrikhandi village, hit the protective railing and fell on the bed of the Borad river near Dongargaon village.

The matter was report-ed to the police, and the in-jured were taken to the dis-trict hospital in Khargone, where many of the survi-vors are still under treatment.

treatment.
Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel said that prima
facie it was a lapse by the
driver as well as the local
transport authorities as 67
passengers were travelling
in a 35-seater bus and the
bus was speeding.

IN BRIEF



Shraddha case: charges framed against Aftab

NEW DELHI
A court here on Tuesday
framed charges against Aftab
Poonawalla, accused of killing
his live-in partner Shraddha
Walkar, setting the stage for
the trial to begin next
month, so Page 2.

HC rejects Bihar govt's plea on caste survey case

caste enumeration and economic survey in the State for hearing by the court before July 3. In Page 12

OPPORTUNITIES 29 PAGE 2

+ Valley white



Out cold: Lahaul-Spiti covered in a thick layer of fresh snow on Tuesday. Over 500 vehicles stranded between Atal Tunnel Rohtang and Dhundi in Himachal Pradesh have been moved to safer places, the

Patnaik meets Nitish, says no discussion on any alliance

is an independent body.

The arrest is not on govern

The arrest is not on government orders. Imran Khan always professed that those accused of corruption charges must clear them in courts. Al-Qadir case is a serious corruption asse in which Imran Khan allowed £190 million recovery of the state to be si-

The Hindu Bureau

Odisha Chief Minister Na-

Odisha Chief Minister Na-ween Patnaik has remained non-committal to Joining the Opposition front ahead of "No discussion was held about alliance today," he said after meeting his Bihar who has been elliciting sup-port leaders of non-Bp leaders to come together a committee of the committee of the "I am delighted that Nis-ially is in Bhubaneswur. We are old friends and col-leagues; Mr. Patnaik said.

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Delhi L-G seeks report on Kejriwal house renovation; NGT forms panel

The Hindu Bureau

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

bella Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal suffered twin set-bucks on Tuesday in the on-poing controversy over the renovation of his 6, Flag-cial residence. Lines offi-cial residence. While officials at L-G Mouse said VA. Kaxona had yestellor Congress leader Ajay serior Congress leader Ajay serior Congress leader Ajay serior Congress leader Ajay hadeen about the actual amount being \$171 crore to the Chief Secretary and the Chief Secretary and the Changes therein within seven days, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) seven days, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) certain the "factual posi-certain the "factual posi-certain the "factual positormed a committee to as-certain the "factual posi-tion" on alleged violation of environmental norms dur-

g construction.
The renovation has been



tal for the past two weeks, with the Bharatiya Janata court's order, it said Mr. Ma-Party (BJP) targeting the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief stating that ₹45 crore was spent and staging a sit-in earlier this month near the CM's residence. On Tuesday, Delhi BJP presi-dent Virendra Sachdeva said the facts of the case submitted before the NGT

court's order, it said Mr. Ma-kert's complaint shows that the BJP and Congress are both working together a pupper of BJP in Delhi. What does Congress have to say about the ₹2,000-crore liquor scam in Chhat-tisgarh?" the party retorted.

were "shocking".

Though AAP did not applicant's plea that per-

missions for tree cutting for the renovation were taken by "manipulation" and "cir-cumvention", asked the committee to submit a re-and listed the matter for May 31.

"It's shocking to note that the DUAC [Delhi Urban Art Genmission] had on the PWD [Public Works De-tartment] application re-partment] application repartment] application re-garding CM bungalow's ad-ditional alterations while MCD [Municipal Corpora-tion of Delhi] too never gave any sanction," Mr. Sachdeva said.

On April 27, the L-G had On April 27, the L-G had taken cognisance of media reports on the alleged "gross irregularities" in connection with the renovation and directed the Chief Secretary to submit a factual report within 15

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EC makes seizures worth over ₹375 crore in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

A day before Karnataka goes to the polls, the Elec-tion Commission of India on Tuesday said seizures of on Triesday said seizures of liquor, drugs and freebies worth €375.61 crore have been made in Karnataka since the Model Code of Conduct was enforced. This was 4.5 times more then the lord Accessible. than the last Assembly polls in 2018. Total seizure worth ₹83.93 crore was made in 2018.

In a statement, the EC said: "Strict vigil, extensive monitoring, coordination with neighbouring States and inter-agency coordina-tion has led to checking ents in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on

Tuesday said sub judice cases should not be "politi-

cised" after a petitioner al-leged on Tuesday that Home Minister Amit Shah

Home Minister Amit Shah has made public state-ments about the scrapping of the 4% quota for Mus-lims in Karnataka ahead of the templay election

when the matter is sub jud

K.M. Joseph, B.V. Nagarath

na and Ahsanuddin Ama-nullah asked.

?" a Bench of Justices

Karnataka all set for polling today

It is a crucial election for all three key parties — the BJP, the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular); while the BJP is fighting to retain power and the JD(S) wants to retain its identity in State politics, the Congress is hoping to make a comeback

Sharath S. Srivatsa

fter a fortnight of high-decibel poll campaigns, Karna-taka is set to vote on Wednesday to elect a new go-vernment. A crucial election for all three key election for all three key parties, the BjP is fighting to retain power beating an ti-incumbency and a histo-ry of no ruling party get-ting re-elected for nearly four decades, while a resurgent Congress has mounted a challenge. The Janata Dal(S) is fighting to retain its identity in State

Since the Ianata Party retained power in 1985 elections, no other govern-ment has been able to re-

yant Dave, for petitioner Ghulam Rasool, said the

statements are being made

by none other than the Home Minister.

"They are proudly say-ing that they have with-

As many as 5.31 crore electors, including 2.64 crore women and 4,927 third genders, will exercise their franchise to elect re-presentatives to the 16th Legislative Assembly of Karnataka. A total of 2,615 candidates are in the fray across 224 constituencies and the results will be an-nounced on May 13. All the three parties are also be-sieged by rebels remaining in the fray.

The election outcome in Karnataka, A total of 2.615

the only BJP-ruled State in the South is also being keenly watched nationally as it is expected to set the tone for the 2024 general elections besides elections to a host of State Assem blies, including Rajasthan Madhya Pradesh and

drawn [the quota]..." Mr.

Dave said. Solicitor General Tushar

Mehta objected vehement

ly to the submission, say-ing the court had not been "told about the context,

Mr. Shah had said there was no provision for reser-vation on the basis of reli-gion in the Constitution, and the 4% quota was un-constitutional. This had led the ruling BJP government in the State to scrap the

reservation. The Solicitor General

said a person was fully jus-

tified to say he was princi-pally against religion-based

ontent or anything". Mr. Shah had said there



Officials on election duty waiting to carry EVMs and WPAT machines to respective centres, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

to be on the back foot in the run-up to the election with a perceived anti-in-cumbency, corruption charges, and an "anti-Lincharges, and an "ann-lin-gayat" tag after the exit of Lingayat leaders Jagadish Shettar and Laxman Sava-

reservation. Mr. Mehta said he was not for bringing politics into the court. "We just want discipline

to be maintained...when a

to be maintained...when a matter is pending before the court..." Justice Naga-rakhna remarked.

The Bench said there was a marked difference between a counsel arguing in court and a person mak-ing a statement of a case sub Justice in a public

space. The State brought up

The State brought up the right to free speech, but the court said a reser-vation issue pending in court ought not to be politicised.

di, is hoping to harness the blitzkrieg campaign un-leashed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hom Minister Amit Shah among the many Central leaders

The Hindu Bureau

The Congress moved the

tions under the model

gress said. Silence period

code of conduct, the Con

refers to the 48 hours be-fore the end of polling.

mises is hoping to make a comeback with Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi leading the campaign. It has gone aggres-sive on "40% commission" corruption charges agains On the other hand, Jana-ta Dal (S), which was the

ta Dal (S), which was the first off the block in poll campaigns, has pitch-forked Pancharatna schemes, and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswa-my remained their star campaigner, visiting over 110 constituencies while 110 constituencies while former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda - despite his advanced age and illness lent support. The party is

Mr. Modi posted a video

appeal on Twitter on Tues-day morning in which he said Karnataka could help

said Karmataka could help him achieve his mission to make India a developed nation by voting for BJP. Interestingly, Congress president Mallikarjum Kharge also issued a video appeal on Twitter, on Tuesday morning. In a vessel, along their his be-

deo, he said that as the son of Karnataka, he was ask-ing the voters to "bless his

party by choosing Con-gress' symbol of the hand".

the electoral rolls *'Sub judice* cases shouldn't be politicised' | PM's video appeal violates code: Cong.

> Greater vigilance now
> "Earlier we did not have
> any problems getting gowernment documents such
> as Aadhaar, caste and income certificates. Obtaining voter ID was possible
> with citizenship certificate
> of one of the parents,
> community leader Prosen
> Eaptractoid de leafur. sisting on citizenship certif-

Inmates in Bangla, Burmese camps in Karnataka unhappy as they can't vote

Sharath S. Srivatsa Kumar Buradikatti RENGALUBUKALABU

It has been three years since Hindu migrants from Bangladesh and Burma ce-lebrated the passage of the Citizenship Amendment mains disappointed now, as the stage is set for Karnav election on May 10 but a number of possible first ime voters remain outside

the electoral rolls.
Community leaders estimate that about 3,000
youngsters, who became
franchise in the last three
franchise in the last three
years, have failed to get into the electoral rolls from
the four Bangia and one
nur taluk in Raichar disrict, some 450 km from
Bengalaru due to existing
laws.

however, claimed that pro-blems intensified after GAA, as officials started inicates of both parents, and the rules for providing citi-



is yet to be formed.

Cut-off dates crucial

Cut-off dates crucial Admitting to the problem, Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer of Raichur Chandrashekar Nayak pointed out specific cut-off dates to determine the immigrants arrival in the country and docu-ments recuired for citizenments required for citizen

ship.
"They have arrived in different periods. Those who are born after 1992 have to show documents of any one of their parents since it is understood that their parents arrived in since it is understood that their parents arrived in 1971. But those who are born after 2002 will have to produce documents of both the parents to esta-blish the citizenship of the

He said that disputes and grievances cropped up during four to five hearings conducted before the fina

INBRIDE

Governor Bose working like Macbeth, says Bengal Minister

West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose is working without any consultation with the State government on the appointment of Vice-Chancellors of the State-run universities. Vice-Chancellors of the State-run universities, Education Minister Bratya Basu said on Tuesday. Speaking to the reporters on the sidelines of the birth anniversary celebrations of Rabindranath Tagore at the Rabindra Bharati University here, Mr. Basu said the Governor was acting like Macbeth and Julius Caesar, only driven by high

Sharad Pawar flays Raut, Chavan for anti-NCP remarks

While maintaining that there were no misunderstandings within the MVA, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday slammed his allies, Shiv Sena (Uddhara Blaushebs Thackers) leaders and the state of the state o While maintaining that there were no

Tourist boat services suspended in 2 Kerala districts | Telangana to

Tourist boat services in Ma-lappuram and Kochikode purview of Port Officer, Beypore, have been sus-pended in the wake of the which 22 people were killed on Sunday. Port offi-services should be stopped until further orders. Nazar P. Taraur, the own-sank in the Poorappugha at sank in the Poorappugha as

sank in the Poorappuzha at Tanur, was remanded in judicial custody for two weeks on Tuesday. He was arrested from Kozhikod

on Monday.

People protested outside the court at Tirur
when Nazar was produced
there. The anger among
the local people was evident, especially as Nazar
had continued the boat service without taking any



ned Khan consoling the families of the boat tragedy victims.

precautions despite com-plaints and protests. Na-zar's closeness with those in power, especially with Minister for Sports V. Ab-durahiman, who repre-sents Tanur in the Assemb-ly, was alleged to have been a reason for his continua-

tion of the boat service even after complaints. Governor Arif Mo-hammed Khan visited the families of the victims at their house at Parappanan-gadi on Monday night. He also visited the injured sur-vivors at MIMS Hospital,

Kottakkal, on Tuesday NOTARSIAI, on Tuesday.

Mr. Khan said that the
judicial commission investigating the tragedy would
give some hope for a betterfuture. However, people
should maintain vigil to
avoid recurrence of such
tragedies.

State Human Rights Commission Judicial mem-ber K. Baijunath will visit the site of the tragedy at Ta-nur on Wednesday. The commission has filed a case and sought a report from the District Collector,

from the District Collector, District Police Chief and Chief Port Surveyor, Ala-puzha, within 10 days. The National Forum for People's Rights staged a protest at Tanur on Mon-day night, demanding ac-tion against those who in tervened for the resumption of the boat ser-vice after it was stopped following complaints from the people.

the people. The Welfare Party of In-The Welfare Party of In-dia said the State govern-ment was responsible for the boat tragedy. "The Mi-nister for Tourism P.A. Mo-hammed Riyas should re-sign owning moral responsibility for the trage-dy," said the WPI district

robotics with new centre

The Hindu Bureau

The Telangana gove on Tuesday announced th launch of a Robotics Fram launch of a Robotics Frame-work, under which an eco-system would be created for innovation, entrepreneur-ship, and research and de-velopment. It will set up the Telangana Robotics Innova-tion Corporation will be tion Centre, which will be the nodal agency to ensure that this goal materialises. Developed by Telanga-na's Department of Infor-

Where the goal is to keep youth away from drugs

M.P. Praveen

For the next five days, foot-ball will provide the high for 320 children from unla as Venda Cup, a tourna-ment organised by Benga-luru-based NGO got under way in Kochi on

The annual competition the Foundation's Project Venda ('Say no to drugs') aimed at insulating vulner-able youngsters from the drug menace by keeping them engaged. Football remains the most popular al-ternative employed by the Foundation for the



The latest edition of the tournament features 32 teams of 10 members each, aged under 18 years. For the first time, there will be equal number of teams for boys and girls, drawn from the districts of Ernakulam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, and Kamure. The latest edition of the "They are among the six districts in Kerala featured among the 272 districts identified across the country as prone to drug menace under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction. We plan to expand Project Venda to the other two districts in "They are among the six

lam, and Kannur.

the list - Idukki and Kozhithe list – Idukki and Kozin-kode – in the near future," said C.C. Joseph, director, Fourthwave Foundation. The foundation has

been training managers of all the 32 teams for the past six months, and they in turn trained the selected players. The competition will be held on the international slum soccer model of four-a-side. Fair play remains an important con ponent, and a player will be selected for the fair play be selected for the fair play award after each game, and a fair play team will al-so be adjudged alongside winners and runners-up. Project Venda was launched targeting vulner-able sections along the coastal areas of Ernakulam six wars are hased on a

football, arts, theatre, and music," said Mr. Joseph. Project Venda claims to have influenced the lives of three lakh children so far and has been recognised by the United Nations Of-fice on Drugs and Crime as one of the best practices in working with children and six years ago, based on a model developed in Ice-

land in the 1990s to figh

land in the 1990s to fight drug menace among youth by actively engaging them in sports and activities of interest to them.
"Our focus is two-pronged and is mutually complementing. Our goal is to bring all government in the next three wars unin the next three years un der our student empower-ment programme by en-couraging them to engage in alternative pursuits like football, arts, theatre, and

illness-detecting mask with sensor

BITS-Pilani Hyderabad develops

That a face mask can pro-tect against COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases is well established. Now, it can also be used as a non-invasive device to check one's health as has been by researchers at the Miro-Electro-Mechanical Systems, Microfluids and Nanoelectronics Lab on the BITS-Pilani Hyderabad

the BITS-Pilani Hyderabad campus. The team, including re-search scholar P. Ramya Priya, professor Sanket Goel and associate profes-sor Satish Kumar Dubey designed and developed a

ble, flexible Laser induced Graphene (LIG) a 3-D car-bon nanomaterial, for real-time attachments with sur-sical marks.

Researchers used the sensor attached to a gas sensor attached to a gas mask to analyse the breath pattern of the subject sear-ed on a chair by validating the Change in resistance chalation. The rate of breathing generally varies based on age unless the person is diseased. Fitness of a person can be deser-Kirigami-based stretcha-

mined by Breath Index or simply, by measuring and BR, said Mr. Goel.

terial for monitoring vital irritation while ensuring physiological signs such as breath rate (BR) or respirastable working. tory rate (RR), body tem

Applications in various scenarios have been car perature, pulse rate, and blood oxygen saturation. ried out demonstrating po-tential in healthcare, disease diagnosis, e-skin, and so on with the detection

one second.

The project was carried out under the aegis of Department of Science & Technology- Biomedical Device and Technology Deaccepted for publication in

BITS-Pilani Hyderabad develops illness-detecting mask with sensor

V. Geetanath

HYDERABAD

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ble, flexible Laser induced Graphene (LIG) a 3-D carbon nanomaterial, for realtime attachments with surgical masks.

LIG is a widely used material for monitoring vital physiological signs such as breath rate (BR) or respiratory rate (RR), body temperature, pulse rate, and blood oxygen saturation.

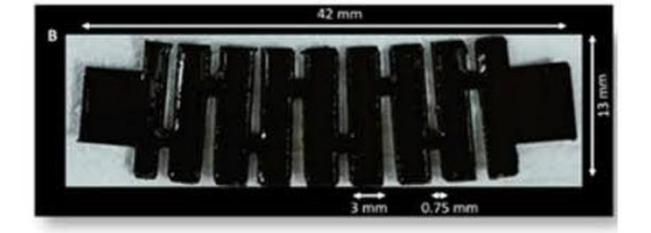
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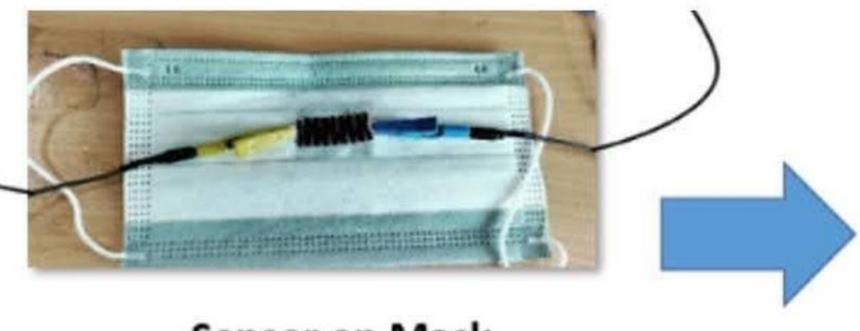
mined by Breath Index or simply, by measuring RR and BR, said Mr. Goel.

The sensor can be placed over the mouth and nose without causing any irritation while ensuring stable working.

Applications in various scenarios have been carried out demonstrating potential in healthcare, disease diagnosis, e-skin, and so on with the detection capacity being less than one second.

The project was carried out under the aegis of Department of Science & Technology- Biomedical Device and Technology Development and has been accepted for publication in 'IEEE Sensors Journal'.





Sensor on Mask



From Page One

Imran Khan arrested, protests erupt in Pak.

The case is that of an alleged settlement between the PTI government, which was ousted from pow-er in April last year through a no-confidence vote, and property tycoon Malik Riaz, causing a loss of £990 million to the national exchequer.

In a press conference on Tuesday Federal Inte-In a press conference on Tuesday, Federal Inte-rior Minister Rana Sanaullah said a laundered amount of £190 million that belonged to a "pro-perty tycoon" [Malik Ralay] was caught in the U.K. by Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and sent to the government. According to the law, "this amount rightfully belonged to the people of Pakis-tan", said Mr. Sanaullah. Mr. Khan and others are accused of getting a property registered in the trust's name as a quid-pro-quo by Mr. Riaz's real estate company Bahria Town. Mr. Sanaullah al-leged that the Al-Qadir Trust was established to

Mr. Khan was taken to Rawalpindi for question ing at the offices of the National Accountability Bureau, according to police and government offi-cials. Visuals from several cities in Pakistan on so cial media showed PTI protesters coming out in support of Mr. Khan. Some visuals showed PTI supporters inside the Corps Commander House in Lahore, vandalising the premises. PTI leader Asad Umar said on ABT News that violence is not part of the largest political party has been lilegally arrest-ed. Protest is our democratic right but Khan has never supported violence. Senior journalist and anchorperson Moham-mad Malick said things can never return to busi-gardless of who commands the GRQ. Mr. Malick added that with the Supreme Court also soon getcial media showed PTI protesters coming out in

added that with the Supreme Court also soon get-ting a rather 'unfriendly' chief justice, "things may be far tougher than many imagine them to be". Senior journalist Saleem Safi said that initially,

there was confusion on both sides whether Mr Khan and the military establishment would have a schan and the multary establishment would have a face-off. "Now, it is a real test for both sides after what happened on Tuesday. The biggest challed his party's second tier leadership is mostly pro-establishment and a lot of them are not ready for a confrontation with the establishment," he said.

24 killed as bus falls off a bridge in M.P.

The Minister also suspended a local transport offi-cial. It is learnt that the driver and cleaner of the bus are among the deceased.

Investigators said that the overloading angle

was also being looked into. The bus belong tvate travel company.

The State government announced immediate

ance of \$4 lakb each to the families

The State government autoconsection and the state of the deceased, 250,000 each to the seriously injured and 225,000 each to those who received minimed and 225,000 each to those who received minimed and 225,000 each to those who received minimed and 250,000 each to the state of the state of

covery to all the injured. Under the supervision of the State government, the local administration is providing all possible help on the spot," Mr. Modi was quoted as saving in a tweet by the PMO.

Curfew relaxed for four hours in riot-hit Manipur

Army and Central paramilitary forces continue strict vigil in sensitive and vulnerable areas of the State: Mizoram MP unges PM Modi to send a 'loint parliamentary team' for an independent probe

Abhinay Lakshman

s violence-lit Mani-pur largely re-mained incident-free on Tuesday, a Rajya Sabha member from Mizoram wrote to Prime Minis-ter Narendra Modi that a 'joint parliamentary team' which includes Christian onstituted and sent to the affected areas to carry out independent am investigation.

Meanwhile, two civil so ciety groups of Manipuri people, representing the State's Meitel community. State's Meifel community, on Tuesday held a press conference in New Delhi, saying that the narrative around the violence that broke out in Manipur needed to be corrected from one that solely blamed Meifel people.

The authorities in four districts – Churachandpur, Imphal West, Jiribarn,

tials and medicines, as per-sonnel of the Army and Central puramilitary forces sensitive and vulnerable areas. Sixty-five people were killed and around 35,000 were displaced. es, suspended on May 3, would continue till May 13, officials said.

At stake: People waiting at a shelter in a military camp, after being K. Vanlalvena, a Rajva munity of Imphal." He said Sabha member from the Mizo National Front (MNF), said that on May 3,

(MNP), said that on May 3, the first day of the vio-lence, angry mobs went on a rampage in Imphal area and houses, shops, vehi-cles belonging to the non-set on fire.

"In addition to these, it needs to be pointed out that not less than 42 churches were set on fire and amongst these, six

churches belonging to the local Meitei Christian com-munity were also not sparsed, 'the letter stated. that the seemingly random act of violence perpetrated on that fateful day was not a spontaneous burst of our-rage by one community "a calculated and pre-med-tiated move on the part of itated move on the part of itated move on the part of the perpetrators to specifically target the Christian community, including the local Meitei Christian Com-

manity of imphal: He said there was a strong possibil-ity of the recurrence of such violence and arton broke out across parts of Manipur after a "Tribal So-lidarity March" on May 3 called by the All Tribal Stu-dents' Union of Manipur to oppose the demand for in-munity in the Scheduled Tribe category.

Both State, Centre responsible for riots in Manipur: Congress

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masters at the Centre can-not escape their responsi-bility," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh tweeted.

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Addressing a press con ference, Abhishek Singhvi senior advocate in the St preme Court and Congres spokesperson, said the vic lence escalated after a sin lence escalated after a sin-gle-judge Bench of the Ma-nipur High Court directed the State government to consider the inclusion of the ST list expeditionally, preferably within a period of four weeks. Sixty-five people have been killed in violent clash-es between tribal people to the community forty. Metric community.

Court awards 20-year jail term to two for gang rape during Muzaffarnagar riots

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laxed curfew for four hours

on Tuesday to ename people to procure essen-tials and medicines, as per-

Ishita Mishra NEW DELHI

A trial court in Muzaffarnagar on Tuesday convicted two men, Maheshvir and Sikander, for the gang rape of a Muslim wor the communal riots that shook the western Uttar Pradesh town in September 2013.

In the first conviction for gang rape during the riors that left over 60 people dead and hundreds homeless, the accused homeless of figorous imprisonment and \$10,000 in fine under Section 367D of the Indian Penal Code.

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and two years of impris ment under Section 506 of the IPC. The third accused Kuldeep died during the court proceedings.

Setting an example
The woman, who was one
among the seven who had
alleged that they were
raped during the Muzaffarnagar riots, could not hold
her tears when she held
the copy of the order in her
hands.

hands.
"Though the judgment has come after a wait of 10 years, I am happy that jus-tice has prevailed and I hope that my case serves as an example and a source

of strength to other wo-men victims who were till now afraid to seek justice,"

he rape survivor said. The matter pertains to September 8, 2013 when the woman, who was living in Muzaffarnagar district which was affected by communal riots, was fleeing from her home along with her three-year-old ail-

with her three year-old all-ing son. As he hid in sugar came As he hid in sugar came the sugar came and the sugar deep, Sikander and Ma-heshvir, raped her by tak-ing her child at knifepoint. The sugar came and the sugar tended the woman to kill her and her husband if she reported the matter. This conviction under 376(20)0 of the IPC which recogni-ses rape during communal violence as a specific of-fence," said Senior Advo-

Arab trains to carry Indian goods to Israeli port: Cohen

Arab train networks in fu-ture would be carrying Indian goods to the Israeli port of Haifa, said Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen in New Delhi on Tuesday.

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The UAE became the first Arab Gulf state to sign an agreement for normalisation with Israel in 2020

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the two sides are preparing for a possible visit from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to India.

HC rejects early hearing of caste-based survey case

The Hindu Bureau

Tuesday rejected the peti-tions filed by the Bihar go-vernment challenging the caste enumeration and economic survey in the State for hearing by the court before July 3.

A Division Bench led by Chief Justice KV Chandra decided to hear the case

decided to hear the case on that date only. On May 4, the High Court issued an interim stay order on the ongoing caste-based survey. Follow-ing the stay, the State go-wernment filed a netition vernment filed a petition seeking early hearing of the case. While passing the order,

the Division Bench direct ed the State not to share and use the data collected during this period. The State can approach the SC

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There will be no change

against screening of The Kerala Storv The Hindu Bureau

SC to hear appeal

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list on May 15 an appeal filed against the Kerala High

against the Kerala High Court's refusal to stay the screening of the film The Kerala Story. Appearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate Kapil Sibal made a mentioning for the early listing of the appeal, snying the issues required the urgant attention of the top court. Meanwhile, the makers

Meanwhile, the makers of the film have ap-proached the Supreme Court against the West Bengal government for banning its screening. The State had stopped the screening to avoid inci-dents of "hatred and violence".

The plea also chal-lenged the Tamil Nadu go-vernment's move to place the State on high alert ahead of the release of the



cate Vrinda Grover.

movie. The film makers said the State's action had led to theatres withdraw-ing the film.

Refusing to stay the release of the movie on May 5, the Kerala High Court had em-

Kerala High Court had em-phasised on "artistic free-dom" and the need to strike a balance.

The High Court had watched the trailer and found nothing offensive against a particular com-munity. It had said the mo-site made it clear that it was mainty, it had said the mo-vie made it clear that it was only "inspired by true events" and the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) had already cleared it for public viewing.

The Kerala Story tax-free in U.P., CM to watch it with entire Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau The Uttar Pradesh govern

ent on Tuesday declared the recently released film The Kerala Story tax-free in the State. Chief Minister

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nim tax-free.

The ruling BiP leaders praised the movie with Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya saying the movie shows the truth which every citizen of India should watch.

3 CPI(Maoist) cadres shot dead in Odisha

The Hindu Bureau BHUBANESWAR

Three CPI(Maoist) cadres were killed during an exchange of fire with security forces in Odisha's Kalahan

forces in Odisha's Kalahan-di district on Tuesday. Acting on intelligence input, security forces launched a combing opera-tion in the Taprang Re-serve Forest in the Madan-pur Rampur police station limits of Kalahandi district

garh division of the CPI (Maoist), had first launched fire at security forces, the police said. Security forces in Od

isha were on high alert for lowing the death of 10 Dis and a civilian driver in a improvised explosive dev-ice (IED) blast triggered by tewada district in Chhattis Kalahandi borders Chhar-tisgarh. After the incident, security forces have been apprehensive that some ul-tras could escape into Odisha.



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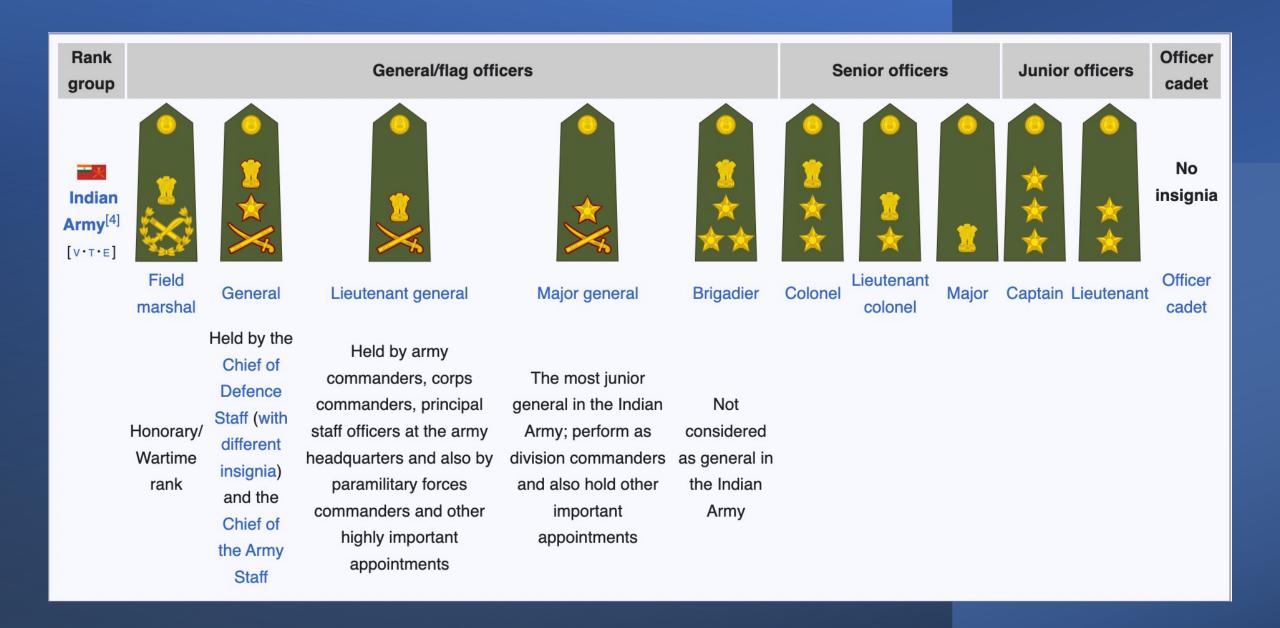
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Other ranks



Common uniforms at higher ranks of the Army: why, and what will change?

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 9

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that will identify them as belonging to a particular Regiment or Corps. All officers of these higher ranks will dress alike in the same pattern of uniform.

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POLICY

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ficers wear dark green berets; armoured corps officers wear black berets; Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Air Defence, EME, ASC, AOC. AMC. and some minor corps officers wear dark blue berets; Parachute Regiment officers wear maroon berets: and Army Aviation Corps officers wear grey berets.

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Former Chiefs of the Army Staff General Manoi **Mukund Naravane** (left) and General Bipin Rawat, in different hats. **ANI Archive**

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The buttons on the uniform also vary in accordance with the regimental tradition. The rifle regiments wear black buttons while officers of the Brigade of The Guards wear golden buttons. The belt has varied buckles as per regimental traditions, and each carries its own crest.

So what is the reason for making the change?

Regimental service in the Army ends at the rank of Colonel for most officers who rise further. Thus, all uniform affiliations with that particular Regiment or Corps must also end at that rank, so that any regimental parochialism that may exist is not promoted to the higher ranks.

Since appointments at higher ranks can often mean commanding troops of mixed regimental lineage, it is only appropriate that the senior officers commanding these troops should present themselves in a neutral uniform rather than a regimental one.

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Murmu presents eight Kirti Chakras, 29 Shaurya Chakras

President Droupadi Murmu gave away eight Kirti Chakras, India's second-highest peacetime gilantry award, to Army and paramilitary gilantry award, to Army and paramilitary Tuesday, Sudip Sarkar, constable/AD, Border Security Force, Rohit Kumar, seppeant constable, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and one sub-inspector and two head constables of sub-inspector and two head constables of Chhattiggarh have been conferred the Kirti said. Chakra posthumously, the Defence Minister said. Three personned, including Major Shubhang, Dogra Regiment, 62nd Battallon, from the Army's Rashtriya Rifes were given the honour. The President also presented 29 Shaurya Chakras, including five, posthumously. **m

Govt. to start country-wide screening for thalassemia

The Union government will soon launch a national mission to tackle thalassemia, a genetically transmitted blood disorder, beginning with a country-wide screening exercise wherever required. At a public programme in the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) in New Delhi to mark World Thalassemia Day, NFTI Aayog chief Vinod K. Paul said the model being used to screen people in tribal belts for sickle-cell disease would be put to use for thalassemia screening as well. Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, who was present at the event, announced his government's commitment to work towards thalassemia prevention over the next 25 years.

Hope BJP won't pressure us to take back OPS: AIADMK

AlADMK organisation secretary and former Fisheries Minister D. Jayakumar on Tuesday expressed the hope that the BIP would not pressure his party to accommodate the T.T.V pressure his party to accommodate the T.T.V O. Panneerselevam and V.K. Sasikala in the alliance. Interacting with Journalists, Mr. Jayakumar replied in the negative when asked whether the BIP would try to have the three groups included indirectly in the coalition. He groups included indirectly in the colariton. He retlerated that there was no place for Mr. Panneerselvam, Mr. Sasikala and Mr. Dhinakaran in the party. Mr. Jayakamar said there was no other option for Mr. Panneerselvam than meeting Mr. Dhinakaran.

Don't promote e-cigarettes,

The Information & Broadcasting Ministry on Tuesday warned the print media, TV channels, OTT (over-the-top) platforms and digital media against directly or indirectly promoting electronic cigarettes. "It has been brought to the notice by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that in a recently organised Business Summit in New Delhi by a prominent media house, the forum was apparently used to promote electronic cigarettes," said the order. It was in violation of Section 4 of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution Storage and Advertisement) Act, 2019, it said.

No end to humiliations of frisking for NEET aspirants

Several reports of candidates being forced to change their clothes before exam hall come out; National Testing Agency, which conducts the test, remains tight-lipped on students' complaints

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

ver 48 hours after reports of "humi-liating frisking" at National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) exam centres surfaced, with comparative training with some aspirants taking to Twitter to report the in-cidents, officials at the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the exams, remain tight-lipped. NTA officials did not respond to queries by The Hindu.

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Third cheetah dies in Kuno: number of adults down to 17

Jacob Koshy NEW DELHI

A third cheetah, a female called Daksha, died at the Kuno National Park in Mad-hya Pradesh on Tuesday af-ter it was injured during

ter it was injured claring mating.
Dalssha's death brings the total number of adult cheetahs in the park to 17. Sasha died in February and Udsy in April. Since September 2022, aminaals – leight from Na Jahles and I from South Affabia and I from South

Africa – have been translo-cated from Africa to restore cheetahs in the Indian wilderness. One of the ani-mals has produced a litter of four cubs, all reportedly

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023

practically impossible," the Environment Ministry said in a statement. The cheetah's death comes a day after an exp-ert compilities constituted ert committee, constituted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, coor-dinator of Project Cheetah, recommended that five more cheetahs be released more cheetahs be released from the acclimatisation camps into "free-roaming conditions" before the on-set of the monsoon in June. The decision to release

The decision to release two males into Daksha's enclosure followed a re-commendation by this committee, said a press statement by J.S. Chauhan, Chief Conservator of For-ests, Madhya Pradesh. The NTCA's Cheetah Action Plan says that an adult mould be a matter of con-"would be a matter of con-cern for management to cern for management to

celebration overshadowed composed 'national songs' by protests at Santiniketan

In the Rabindranath Ta-gore-founded Visva-Bhara-ti, protests overshadowed celebrations on the poet's group of people continued their sit-in against the un-iversity's move to take away a piece of land from the Santinketan house of Nobel laureate Amartya

Sen.
The university had initially planned a number of
events for the poet's birthday, but closer to the date
it not only pruned the
number of events but also
announced the closure of
Rabladra Bhavana for the
day "due to unavoidable

circumstances*. On April 19, the universi-On April 19, the universi-ty had issued an order ask-ing Professor Sen to va-cate, within 15 days, as many as 13 decimals of land from his Santiniketan

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cancelling major pro-grammes of Rabindra Jayanti and closing the Rabindra Bhavana museum for tourists.," said Sudipta Bhattacharyya, president of Visva-Bharati University

Tagore's birth anniversary | Shah's remark that Tagore of 2 countries kicks up row

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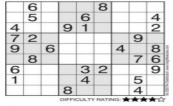


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Day of remembrance: Amit Shah pays tribute to Rabindranath Tagore at 'Jorasanko Thakurbari' in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

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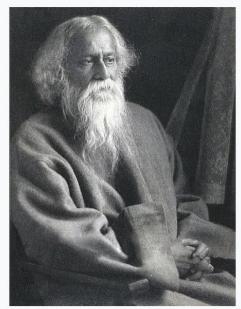
was the national anthem "Jana Gana Mana" of India and "Aamar Sonar Bangla" of Bangladesh that were written by Gurudev.

Earlier in the day, the Home Minister visited Jorasanko Thakurbari in Kolkata, the ancestral house of Rabindranath Tagore and offered floral tributes.

Mr. Shah also laid the foundation stone of Maitri Dwar, the second cargo gate of the Land Port Authority of India at Petrapole, and said it would enhance India's trade relations with Bangladesh.

Rabindranath Tagore

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Tagore, c. 1925

Born Rabindranath Thakur

7 May 1861

Calcutta, Bengal Presidency,

British India

(present-day Kolkata, West

Bengal, India)

Died 7 August 1941 (aged 80)

Calcutta, Bengal Presidency,

British India

(present-day Kolkata, West

Bengal, India)

Pen name Bhanusimha

Occupation Poet · novelist · dramatist ·

essayist · story-writer · composer · painter ·

philosopher · social reformer ·

educationist · linguist ·

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Language Bengali

Period Bengali Renaissance

Literary movement

works

Contextual Modernism

Notable Gitanjali · Ghare-Baire ·

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· Jana Gana Mana · Rabindra Sangeet · Amar Shonar Bangla

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Notable Nobel Prize in Literature

awards 1913

Spouse Mrinalini Devi

(m. 1883; d. 1902)

Children 5, including Rathindranath

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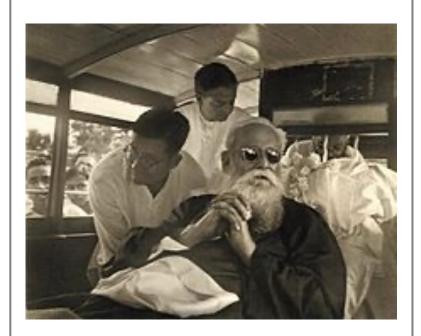
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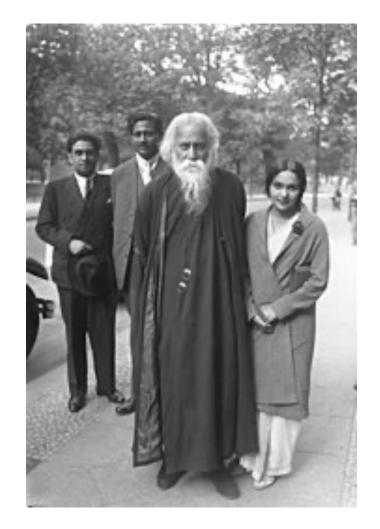
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- According to the Bengali calendar, the Tagore Jayanti falls on the 25th day of the Boishakh month.
- He was also referred to as 'Gurudev', 'Kabiguru', and 'Biswakabi'.
- He is regarded as the outstanding creative artist of modern India and hailed by W.B Yeats, Rabindranath Tagore was a Bengali poet, novelist, and painter, who was highly influential in introducing Indian culture to the west.
- बंगाली कैलेंडर के अनुसार, टैगोर जयंती बोशाख महीने के 25वें दिन पड़ती है।
- उन्हें 'गुरुदेव', 'कबीगुरुं' और 'विश्वकाबी' के रूप में भी जाना जाता था।
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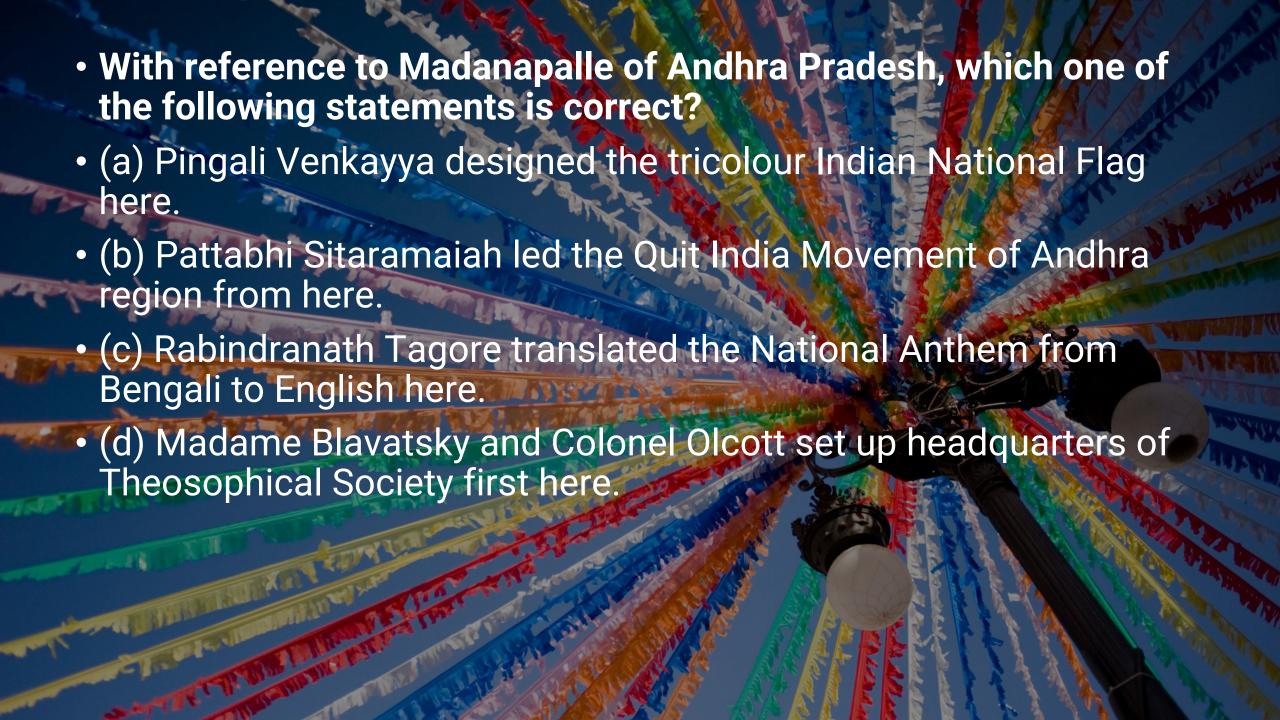
- He had always stressed that **unity in diversity** is the only possible way for India's national integration.
- He had spoken at the World Parliament for Religions in the years 1929 and 1937.
- उन्होंने हमेशा इस बात पर जोर दिया था कि विविधता में एकता भारत के राष्ट्रीय एकीकरण का एकमात्र संभव तरीका है।
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- He is responsible for modernising Bengali prose and poetry. His notable works include Gitanjali, Ghare-Baire, Gora, Manasi, Balaka, Sonar Tori, He is also remembered for his song 'Ekla Chalo Re'.
 - He published his first poems aged 16 under the pen-name 'Bhanusimha'.
- He not only gave the national anthems for two countries, India and Bangladesh, but also inspired a Ceylonese student of his, to pen and compose the national anthem of Sri Lanka.
- वह बंगाली गद्य और कविता के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए जिम्मेदार है। उनकी उल्लेखनीय कृतियों में गीताजिल, घरे-बैरे, गोरा, मानसी, बलाका, सोनार तोरी शामिल हैं, उन्हें उनके गीत 'एकला चलो रे' के लिए भी याद किया जाता है।
- उन्होंने अपनी पहली कविताएँ 16 वर्ष की आयु में उपनाम 'भानुसिम्हा' के तहत प्रकाशित कीं।
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- In **1913** he was awarded the **Nobel Prize** in **Literature** for his work on Gitanjali.
 - He was the first non-European to receive the Nobel Prize.
- In 1915 he was awarded **knighthood by** the British King George V. In 1919, following the <u>Jallianwalla Bagh massacre</u>, he renounced his Knighthood.
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Quotes by him:

- "You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the sea."
- "Don't limit the child to your own learning, for he was born in another time."
- "If I can't make it through one door, I'll go through another door- or I'll make a door. Something terrific will come no matter how dark the present."
- "Facts are many, but the truth is one".



Business

INBRIDE



HC upholds tribunal ruling favouring RIL in gas sale case

The Delhi High Court has upheld the ruling of an arbitration panel favouring RIL and its foreign partners in a dispute over gas migration from fields operated by state-owned ONGC, a court order shows. The oil ministry had approached the Delhi HC after an international arbitration panel rejected its \$1.55 billion fine on Reliance and its partners for selling gas that migrated from ONGC's fields in the east coast Krishna-Godavari basin to their block in the same area. REUTEN

Nexus Select Trust REIT IPO subscribed 28% on day one

The initial public offering (IPO) of Nexus Select real estate assets, was subscribed 28% on the first day of subscription on Tuesday. The ₹3,200 crore share sale received bids for 5,00.49,000 units share sale received bids for 5,00,49,000 units against 17,00,00,100 units on offer. The Real Estate Investment Trust is sponsored by Blackstone, Non institutional investors got subscribed 42% and qualified institutional buyers received 17% subscription, as per an update.

Cognizant to train 25,000 staff in Google Cloud AI

Cognizant will train some 25,000 professionals Cognizant will train some 25,000 protessionais on Google Cloud AI technologies at Cognizant Google Cloud AI University expected to be opened soon. The university would offer a variety of courses, including introductory courses on AI fundamentals and advanced courses on Al fundamentals and advanced courses on Google Cloud's solutions Cognizant and Google Cloud announced the expansion of their partnership to accelerate the adoption of AI by businesses across the world.

Fitch cuts India GDP growth forecast for this fiscal to 6%

Rating firm trims outlook from 6.2% projected earlier citing headwinds from elevated inflation, interest rates and subdued global demand; sees India as one of the fastest-growing sovereigns

Headwinds ahead

itch Ratings has lo-wered its 2023-24 GDP growth fore-cast for India to 6%, from 6.2%, citing headwinds from elevated inflation and interest rates along with subdued global demand, with the expansion seen quickening to 6.7% in 2024-25, as against the 6.9% pro-

The rating firm also reaf-firmed India's long-term fault rating at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook. A 'BBB' is■ Growth to ease from 7% seen for



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Adani to buy back \$130 mn bonds to boost investor trust

Press Trust of India

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Tuesday said it will prepay \$130 million of debt as it looks to boost investor confidence post be-ing targeted by a U.S. short

from the 7% expected for FY23, as pent-up domestic demand fades along with faltering global demand. "We forecast headline inflation to decline, but remain near the upper end of the Reserve Bank of India's 2%-6% target band averaging 5.8% in FY24 from 6.7% last year. Core

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

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US Dellar	40.04	-0.84
Sold	61,300	1.15
Snent oil	75.42	-1.46

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Economic Zone, the ports company of the Adani Group, had last month floated a tender to buy back as much as \$130 million of its July 2024 bonds and similar amounts in each of the next four as it looked to regain investor confidence by showing that its liquidity position is confinetable.

Go First lenders said to favour airline's plea

Go First's lenders are reportedly in favour of the in-solvency petition filed by the firm, as they consider its potential for survival as being better than that of Jet Airways.

While India will be one of the fastest-growing rated sovereigns, bolstered by "resilient investment proo-pects", Fitch said this

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arways. Sources said the promoters assured Go First would continue to operate if an interim moratorium is giregulator's website.

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Airways was grounded, on-ly 8% of the total dues owed to the travel agents was recovered," said Jyoti Mayal, President of TAAL

Different view

rent view. "Go First is financially better. We are in favour of the NCLT admitting insolvency petition.
This way, the assets, espe-cially the aircraft, will be preserved " sources said

The airline's total liabili-ties to all creditors stood at

'Go First insolvency filing to stretch supply'

Wadia Group airline Go First's insolvency filing will further tighten supply in the domestic sector, ac-cording to ICICI Securities. Stating the engine issue had resulted in the ground-ing of 50% of the airline's fleet, the brokerage said Go

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IBM, NASA model to gauge climate change

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itoring forests for carbon-offset programmes, and developing predictive mo-dels to help enterprises create strategies to miti-gate and adapt to climate

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Rise in premium cost worries life plan clients'

The rise in premium amount for life insurance is the biggest concern for consumers, and affordabil-ity has become a more

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The Hindu Bureau

Shanthi Gears Ltd.'s (SGL) standalone net profit for the quarter ended March

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marginally to ₹57 crore
from ₹56 crore, the gear
and gear products manufacturer said in a state-

Shanthi Gears | NCLT halts IBREL's merger with NAM Estates, Embassy One

The Hindu Bureau

The National Company Law Tribunal's Chandigarh Bench on Tuesday with-held sanction for the merger of NAM Estates Pvt. Ltd. (NAM Estates) and Embas-

(NAM Estates) and Embas-sy One Commercial Pro-perty Developments Pvt. Ltd. (Embassy One) with Indiaballs Real Estate Ltd. The merger had won ap-proval in April 2022 from the NCLT's Bengahru Bench, which bestes and Embassy One Seates and Embassy One Montes and Conderns based on the In-

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The Hindu Bureau

Dairy major Hatsun Agro Product Ltd.'s (HAPL) stan-dalone net profit for the quarter ended March con-tracted 16% from the year-

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IBM, NASA model to gauge climate change

The Hindu Bureau

BENGALURU

IBM in collaboration with NASA unveiled a new geospatial foundation model designed to convert satellite data into high-resolution maps of floods, fires, and other landscape changes to reveal the planet's past and hint at its future.

This geospatial offering is expected to be available for preview in the second half of this year. Potential applications of this platform would include helping estimate climate-related risks to crops, buildings, and other infras-

tructure, valuing and monitoring forests for carbonoffset programmes, and developing predictive models to help enterprises create strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Arvind Krishna, IBM Chairman and CEO said foundation models make deploying AI significantly more scalable, affordable and efficient.

This model would be part of IBM's watsonx.ai, a next generation enterprise studio for AI builders to train, test, tune and deploy both traditional machine learning and new-generation AI capabilities.

INBRIDE

Fit to width



Former World No. 1 Murray claims his first title since 2019

Former World No. 1 Andy Murray won his first title since 2019 on Sunday with victory at the Abs-en-Provence Challenger in Marsellis. The discending the Abs-en-Provence Challenger in Marsellis. The gone without a title since be triumphed in Antwerp in October 2019. Murray, now ranked 52, defeated top seed Tommy Paul, the World No. 17 from the USA 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the final of the clay



Fakhar and Naruemol are ICC players of the month

Pakistan batter Fakhar Zaman, in pic., and Thailand skipper Naruemol Chaiwai were n ICC men's and women's players of the month for April after both produced match-win performances for their countries in ODIs. Fakhar secomes the first Pakistan player to win the monthly accolade since Sidra Ameen in November 2022, Naruemol had consistent high cores in Thailand's historic ODI series victory

Spieth out of Byron Nelson with wrist injury

Jordan Spieth withdrew from the AT&T Byron Nelson to be held in McKinney (USA) on Monday with an injury to his left wrist, raising questions about how fit he will be for the PGA Championship next week. Spieth, a three-time Major champion who grew up in Dallas, is coming off a missed cut at the Wells Fargo coming on a missed cut at the Wells Fargo Championship last week. "Over the weekend, I had severe pain in my left wrist and had doctors confirm an injury that requires rest and limited movement," Spieth said in a statement posted to social media.

Ashmitha bows out in first round

Isabella Aguirre beat Ashmitha Easwaramur 6-0, 6-3 in the first round of the \$15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Vierumaki, Finland.

The results: First round: \$25,000 ITF women, Platja D'Aro, Spain: Nino Ugrelidze & Prisha Vyas (USA) bt Elizabet Hamaliy (Por) & Suhani Patil 6-1, 6-1. \$15,000 ITF women, Werumaki, Finland: Isabella Aguirre (USA) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-0, 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App. 5 & 7.30

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m. Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12:30 a.m. (Thursday).

Inter, armed with LuLa attack. takes on Milan

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press

Inter Milan's LuLa at-tack appears back to its best ahead of the Champions League Champions Leag semifinal showdor against city rival AC

Milan.
The partnership of Romelu Lukaku and Lautaro Martinez earned the LuLa nick-name during the former's first spell at the club, when their goals drove Inter to the Serie

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While Martinez has continued to spear-head the attack since then, Lukaku had struggled with injury and poor form. But, Lukaku has now struck three goals in as many Serie A games. He has also contributed further with three assists in those matches. Martinez has netted five times in his past four games to take his tally to 19 in the league.

Next fixture: Inter Milan vs AC Milan, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday).

messi's exploits fetch him individual and team double at Laureus Awards

World 100m champion Fraser-Pryce is best woman athlete; Alcaraz earns World Breakthrough-of-the-Year award

Agence France-Presse PARIS

A rgentina and Paris Saint-Germain star Lionel Messi on Monday scooped a unique double, landing individual and team Laureus awards for his exploits and those of his World-Cup winning

Messi, 35, finally landed a first World Cup-winner medal in Qatar last December – enough to earn him an individual accolade while the seven-time Bal-lon d'Or winner also accepted the team award at a eremony here.

ceremony here.

The Argentine, who attended the ceremony with wife Antonela Roccuzzo, previously had won the award jointly with British Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton in 2020.

The accolade saw Messi.

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ing an unauthorised pro-motional visit to Saudi motional visit to Saudi Arabin, see off competition motably from chibenate Ky-tal Cap final bactrick was not enough to earn him glory in Qatar. Januaran sprinter Shel-lyan Fraser-Pryce, who last August earned a fifth World 100m crown, picked up the female athlete

award while US Open ten-nis champion Carlos Alca-raz earned the World sation Catherine Debrunnis champion Carlos Alca-raz earned the World Breakthrough-of-the-Year ner picked up the Disabili-ty Award after triumphing in her opening two Going back to football,

Going back to football, Denmark and Manchester United star Christian Erik-sen earned a Comeback Award for returning to the top of the European game after collapsing with carmarathons.

The Sport for Good Award was presented to TeamUp – a programme for the children displaced by war – by Barcelona and Poland star Robert diac arrest during the EuLewandowski. Meanwhile. Chinese

American Olympic ski freestyle champion Eileen Gu clinchd World Action

World Sportswoman of the World Team of the Year:

World Comeback of the Year Christian Eriksen.

World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability: World Action Sportsperson o

Sport for Good: TeamUp (A. programme for children displaced by war by Barcelona)

World Breakthrough of the

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Bhoria and Nishant book last-eight spots

BOXING WORLDS

Sports Bureau

Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) won their respective last-16 bouts in style to reach the quarterfinals of the World poxing championships in

boxing championships in Tashkent on Tuesday.
Bhoria got past Chinese boxer Hamno Zhang S-G, wictory over Palestinian Ni-dal Foqahaa by the refere-stopping the contest in the Three Indians, includ-ing Mohammad Hussa-maddin (574g), have made is to the last-eight. Zhang. Even as the Chinese

Even as the Chinese made an early impact by showcasing his combina-tions, Bhoria held his own by landing some clean

by landing some clean punches from a long range and winning the first round 3-2. Bhoria Bioria Bioria Bioria in the second period and executed his quick and clean counter-st-cacking combinations to keep the relentless Zhang in check.

The Indian's straight punches and well-directed hooks, including his sup-erb left, won him the final round as well as the con-test against the never-say-dis Chinese. Bhoria will take on Kyr-erstants Nurchieft Directors

gyzstan's Nurzhigit Diushe baev in the last-eight. Nishant outpunched Foqahaa in spectacular fash-ion in less than a minute.

Powerful hands

Powerful hands
As both boxers got engaged in a rapid exchange
of blows in order to gain
ground, Nishant's fast and
powerful hands inflicted
two eight counts on Nidal.
A solid blow from Nishant knocked the Palestinian down before the latter

nian down before the latter was served a second count It prompted the referee to end the duel. Nishant will face Cuban

Terry Jeorge Cuellar in the quarterfinals. Sachin Siwach (Junior) Sachin Siwach (Junior) put up a great fight before losing to top-seeded Makh-mud Sabyrkhan of Kazakh-stan 0-5 in a 54kg pre-quar-terifinal clash. Akash Sangwan (67kg) lost0-5 to fifth-seeded Ka-zakh Dulat Bekbanov.

India bests Indonesia. meets Japan for group honours

Sports Bureau

ndia defeated Indonesia 3-0 for its second victory in group-B of the Asia-Oceania Junior Davis Cup un-der-16 tennis in Shymkent. Kazakhstan, on Tuesday.

Kazakhstan, on Tuesday.
Reethin Pranary gave a flying start, blanking Rais Dewantara. Kriish Tyagi ensured victory with a 6-2,
6-2 win over Muhammad
Akkmal. Kriish combined
with Aarjun Pandit to
clinch the doubles 10-8 in
the super tie-break

the super tie-break.
India will play Japan in
the last league match to decide the group topper. Both teams have already made the quarterfinals.

Korea, Hong Kong, Aus-tralia, Thailand, Kazakh-stan and Uzbekistan are the teams in the other groups that have con-firmed last-eight spots.

The results (league): India bt Indonesia 3-0 (Rothin Pramay bt Rais Dewantara 6-0, 6-0, Krish Tyagi bt Muhammad Akmal 6-2, 6-2; Aarjun Pandit & Roish bt Muhammad Akmal 6-2, 3-6, 10-8]. Ahmad Faucan 7-6(2, 3-6, [10-8]).

Everton's goal spree lifts it out of relegation

Associated Press

Chaos reigned in the En-Chaos reigned in the English Premier League's relegation battle on Monday

for the Committee of the Comm

tened teams, who ap-peared to take the view that attack was the best form of defence with time

form of defence with time running out in the fight to avoid the drop. Evertor's goal spree was the most surprising. A 54 victory at Brighton came out of nowhere, end-ing a seven-game winless run at the home of a team



that had an outside shot at

Champions League qualifi-

Wild win

Even wilder was Pulham's 5-3 win over Leicester, which is in danger of going down just seven years after capturing the league title in one of the greatest sport-ing stories of all time. On Sunday, Arsenal re-claimed the top spot in the December League, table, by Even wilder was Fulham's

Premier League table by defeating Newcastle Unit-ed 2-0 at St. James' Park.

Maddison 81-pen); Brighton 1 (Mac Allister 79) lost to Evertor Lyanco 51, Ward-Prowse 90+5-pen).

Arsenal 2 (Odegaard 14, Schar 71-og).

Generally, a bad ball is just a bad ball; no one plays to lose



It is now a fact of life that when a player has a bad day on the field at the IPL, he will be trolled by his team's fans, by neutrals, and anybody with a social media account. The latest to receive the full blast of public opprobrium is Ra-jasthan Royals' Sandeep Sharma who bowled a no-

Sharma who bowded a no-ball and conceded a last-ball six to allow Sunrisers Hyderabad to squeak the state of the state of the No one plays to lose (we won't get into the seamier side of sport here, alth-ough some of the trolls raised it), so the suggestion made in frustration by ma-made in frustration by ma-

interested in winning is pure hogwash. But this is a line of criticism often heard from disappointed

applies: the simplest expla-nation is usually the right one. Sandeep Sharma bowled badly. He bowled a noball and gave away a free Often when I bear a

Often when I hear a player being criticised un-fairly, I cringe, although I have been a professional cades. The difference bet-ween the near-unplayable ball and the one that is hif for six is often so slight that it might not even be visible ters strike off average deliv-ters strike off average delivmade in frustration by ma-ny who assume that profes-sional sportsmen are not

Yet the difference between the average and the good isn't a lot, just a matter of millimetres. The unical beast, but the great ical beast, but the great delivery exists, although not every great delivery is a form the difference of the control of Yet the difference bet-

suggest that often those who make emotional comments fail to realise what a

ments fail to realise what a subtle art cricket is, and how delicate the balance has been and fail-line can be. Everybody has an opinion on cricket, which is popularity. But not eve-ryone is informed well-enough to have an opinion. affects the performer, even if he insists that it doesn't. Some years ago, there

was a programme on television that sought to fix-vision that sought to fix-formance on an individual or group of individuals. Leading explayers acted as gallery, making controver-sial statements often un-backed by evidence. It was then the most popular proer back shoulders knees er back, shoulders, knees, ankles is great. The num-ber of muscles involved in this, and the play of these muscles against one anoth-er to ensure everything flows smoothly are ele-ments that don't figure in casual discussions on the game. gramme among players who prayed daily they wouldn't be the ones to be

Not a natural sport Not a natural sport Cricket is not a natural sport like football or arbiet-ing the sport like football or arbiet-unnatural poses. The fast bowker, for instance, runs up full-face to the batsman wicket he leaps, gets side-wicket he leaps, gets side-ways and has to stop abruptly behind a line while delivering the ball

ing that cricket is a game played sideways. That is unnatural to begin with. drawn and quartered. Batters look at the approaching bowler over their left shoulder (if they are right handed) and have little time to think as the

little firme to think as the ball approaches them at speeds above 140 kmph. The property of the control of decide on and essecute their shot, ensure they are protected from injury track of the field placings, the possibilities and likely intentions of the bowder, the conscious level or the without bending or intentions of the bowler. It might not en straightening his arm.

All these work at just below the conscious level or the better class of trollist.

batter would run out of time. The question is not

The question is not whether critics on social media can do a better job, but whether they are even aware of the hundreds of small decisions which hold up the big decision that is made ball after ball, in-nings after innings, match after match, season after

cricket in our country run more players and fans that countants, artists and wri

Lewandowski.

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Most awards

Roger Federer (5)

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Fakhar and Naruemol are ICC players of the month

Pakistan batter Fakhar Zaman, <u>in pic.</u>, and Thailand skipper Naruemol Chaiwai were named ICC men's and women's players of the month for April after both produced match-winning performances for their countries in ODIs. Fakhar becomes the first Pakistan player to win the monthly accolade since Sidra Ameen in November 2022. Naruemol had consistent high scores in Thailand's historic ODI series victory against Zimbabwe.

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Pakistan on boil after ex-PM Imran Khan is arrested from Islamabad High Court

After questioning action, summoning senior officials, court upholds arrest

SAJJAD HUSSAIN & M ZULQERNAIN

SLAMABAD, LAHORE, MAY 9

FORMER PRIME Minister Imran Khan was arrested from the Islamabad High Court and bundled into a prison van by paramilitary Rangers on Tuesday, sparking massive protests across Pakistan by his supporters who stormed the Army headquarters Rangers grabbing Khan from the in Rawalpindi and the Corps Commander's residence in

cricketer-turned-politician came a day after the powerful Army accused Khan of levelling base-less allegations against a senior officer of the Inter-Services

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), who travelled from Lahore to Islamabad, was undergoing a biometric process at the court when the beating up lawyers and Khan's ior party leader Shireen Mazari.
TV footage showed the

collar and bundling him into a prison van. The Rangers, who operate under the Interior Ministry The arrest of the 70-year-old are usually commanded b CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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THE HAM-HANDED arrest of



fighter for a dem-ocratic Pakistan. That, in turn,

Boost for his image, but key responds

NIRUPAMA

Imran Khan from the premises of the Islamabad High Court

Tuesday after-noon may only serve to enhance his status among his followers as a

means there are no easy exits

CONSTRUCTION OF RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA



The basic structure of the temple stands on 2.77 acres on a foundation of 'engineered soil' that runs 15 metres deep and has 47 layers. Vishal S

'The time schedule chasing me is Dec 2023. I don't want to fail the nation, I want Lord installed here'

Movement divisive, says Nripendra Mishra, head of trust's construction panel, but SC absorbed 'heat, temperature'

Gehlot's leader seems to be Raje, not Sonia: Pilot

DEEPMUKHERJEE JAIPUR NEW DELHI, MAY 9

TWO DAYS after Rajasthan Chief that his predecessor Vasundhara Raje had helped save his government in 2020 by opposing the RIP's attempts to bribe MI As

rebellion three years ago -launched a no-holds-barred attack against Gehlot, saving it appeared that his leader was Raje

and not Sonia Gandhi. The fresh war of words between Gehlot and Pilot has pushed the Rajasthan Cong into crisis once again, just months before the crucial



Brigadiers and above to have common uniform

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA

IN A move that seeks to establish form from August 1 this year, irrespective of their parent cadre services wear green, black and appointment. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

This ends the long-standing practice of officers domning dif-ferent uniform and accoutrements reflecting various arms, regiments and services in a common identity for the Army's senior leadership, all officers of the rank of Brigadier and a maroon beret, while those from the infantry, armoured corps, combat support arms and

the nation's rise as a big power, of their ability to solve "the issue Avodhya . should become "on more reason for (them) being Nripendra Mishra who heads the construction committee of Mishra underlined that he

was "really, really, really," chas-ing a deadline of December 2023 so that the first phase of the tem-



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India among top 5 countries where babies born too soon: study

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

PUNE, MAY 9

EVERY TWO seconds, a baby is born too soon. Every 40 seconds, one of those babies dies.

Almost half of all pre-term births (babies born before the 37th week of pregnancy) in 2020 happened in five countries — India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China and Ethiopia — according to a new report released by the United Nations (UN) agencies and partners on Tuesday. Together they accounted for 45 per cent of babies born too soon around the world, exposing them to a high mortality risk. This indicates a "silent emergency" for children's survival and health.

An estimated 13.4 million babies were born pre-term in 2020 with nearly one million dying from complications. This is

equivalent to around one in 10 babies as per the report titled 'Born too Soon: Decade of Action on Pre-term Birth", put together by WHO, United Nations Children's Fund and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) – the world's largest alliance for women, children and adolescents.

In 2020, Bangladesh had the highest estimated pre-term birth rate (16.2 per cent), followed by Malawi (14.5 per cent) and Pakistan (14.4 per cent). India and South Africa, at an estimated 13 per cent each, were among the top five countries with high pre-term birth rates. The total pre-term birth numbers for the five countries are alarming indeed as India tops the list with 30.16 lakh births, Pakistan is at 9.14 lakh. Nigeria at 7.74 lakh and China at 7.52 lakh. The report includes updated estimates from WHO and UNICEF.



An estimated 13.4 million babies were born pre-term in 2020, says report by UN agencies. File

What's causing pre-term births in India? Clearly the infrastructure for neonatal care needs to be more expansive and last-mile. Explaining the findings, Dr Surender Singh Bisht, secretary general of the National Neonatology Forum (NNF), said, "In rural areas, there used to be a common complaint of lack of access to health care but initiatives like special newborn care units,

improved labour rooms and efficient deliveries have helped save many pre-term babies. But they are still not as expansive." The government has launched many programmes such as the India Newborn Action Plan and Rashtriya Bal Suraksha Karyakram and has set up many Speciality Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) across the country.

Dr V C Manoj, president-elect

of NNF, said, "Several factors like lifestyle changes, chronic diseases and IVF pregnancies are associated with increased preterm births in urban centres." Dr Bisht concurred. "Reduced fertility levels and assisted pregnancies are also not without the risk of pre-term births."

As for the region-wise breakup of pre-term births in India, a report published on June 28 last year in PloS-Global Public Health showed that West Bengal reported 16 per cent of such births, Tamil Nadu 14 per cent and Gujarat 9 per cent.

Overall, the report finds that pre-term birth rates have not changed in any region in the world in the past decades. The global pre-term birth rate was 9.9 per cent in 2020, compared to 9.8 per cent in 2010. There was also no change in pre-term birth rates in any region, including the highest-burden regions (southern

Asia logging in 13.3 per cent in 2010 and 13.2 per cent in 2020, and sub-Saharan Africa at 10.1 per cent in both 2010 and 2020). In fact, these two regions collectively account for over 65 per cent of pre-term births globally.

At a webinar, Dr Anshu Banerjee, director for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at WHO, said every woman must be able to access quality health services before and during pregnancy to identify and manage risks and avoid a pre-term birth.

According to Dr Sachin Shah, president, Indian Academy of Paediatrics – Intensive Care (Pune chapter), it is important to encourage quality care at special newborn care units and train mothers in practising kangaroo care for low birth weight infants. This essentially means prolonged skin-to-skin contact with the mother and frequent breastfeeding.

India Latest Farm Exports Data

- Provisional data released recently by the Department of Commerce has shown that **both agricultural exports from and imports into India have scaled new highs** in the fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023.
- The data shows that **total farm exports were at USD 53.15 billion** and imports at USD 35.69 billion during 2022-23, surpassing their previous year's records.
- The resultant agricultural trade surplus has marginally dipped from USD17.82 billion to USD 17.46 billion.

- वाणिज्य विभाग द्वारा हाल ही में जारी अनंतिम आंकड़ों से पता चला है कि 31 मार्च,
 2023 को समाप्त होने वाले वित्तीय वर्ष में भारत से कृषि निर्यात और आयात दोनों ने नई
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- आंकड़ों से पता चलता है कि 2022-23 के दौरान कुल कृषि निर्यात 53.15 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर और आयात 35.69 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर था, जो उनके पिछले वर्ष के रिकॉर्ड को पार कर गया।
- परिणामी कृषि व्यापार अधिशेष USD17.82 बिलियन से मामूली रूप से गिरकर 17.46 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया है।

What are the Key Drivers behind this Increase in Exports?

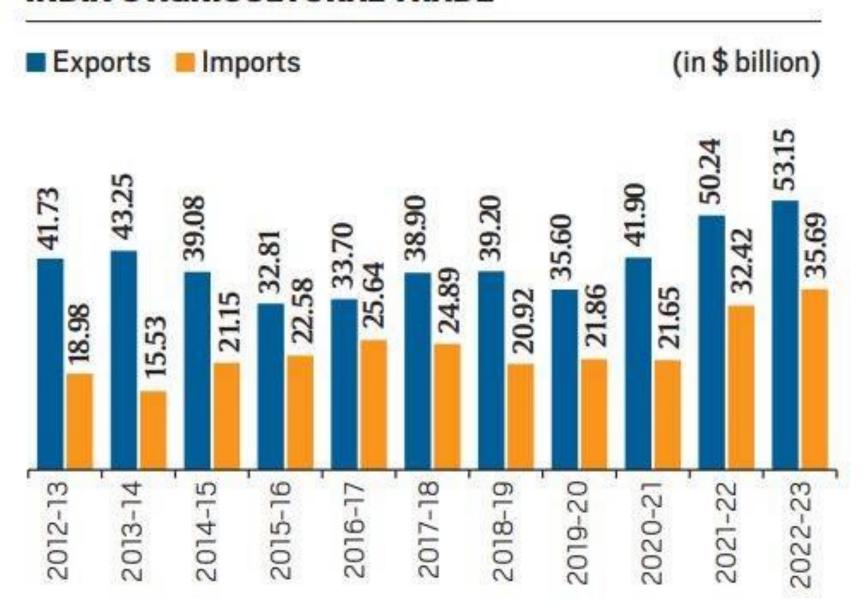
- Between 2013-14 and 2015-16, India's agricultural exports sharply fell from USD 43.25 billion to USD 32.81 billion, primarily due to the crash in global prices, as reflected the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's Food Price Index (FFPI).
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• In recent years, the FFPI has recovered, making India's agricultural commodities more globally price competitive, resulting in a surge in exports during 2020-2023.

हाल के वर्षों में, FFPI ने सुधार किया है, जिससे भारत की कृषि वस्तुएं विश्व स्तर पर अधिक प्रतिस्पर्धी हो गई हैं, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 2020-2023 के दौरान निर्यात में वृद्धि हुई है।



INDIA'S AGRICULTURAL TRADE



What is FAO's Food Price Index?

- The FFPI is a measure of the monthly change in international prices of a basket of food commodities. It measures changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar.
- Base Period: 2014-16.
- FFPI increases when international food prices rise.

- FFPI खाद्य वस्तुओं की एक टोकरी की अंतरराष्ट्रीय कीमतों में मासिक परिवर्तन का एक उपाय है। यह अनाज, तिलहन, डेयरी उत्पाद, मांस और चीनी की एक टोकरी के लिए परिवर्तनों को मापता है।
- आधार अवधि: 2014-16।
- एफएफपीआई तब बढ़ता है जब अंतरराष्ट्रीय खाद्य कीमतें बढ़ती हैं।

What are the Major Exports Contributors?

- In recent times, marine products, rice,
 and sugar have been the driving
 forces behind India's agricultural
 exports.
- Marine Products: Marine product exports have grown steadily from USD5.02 billion in 2013-14 to USD8.08 billion in 2022-23.
- Rice: Rice exports have also gone up during this period, from USD7.79 billion to USD11.14 billion.

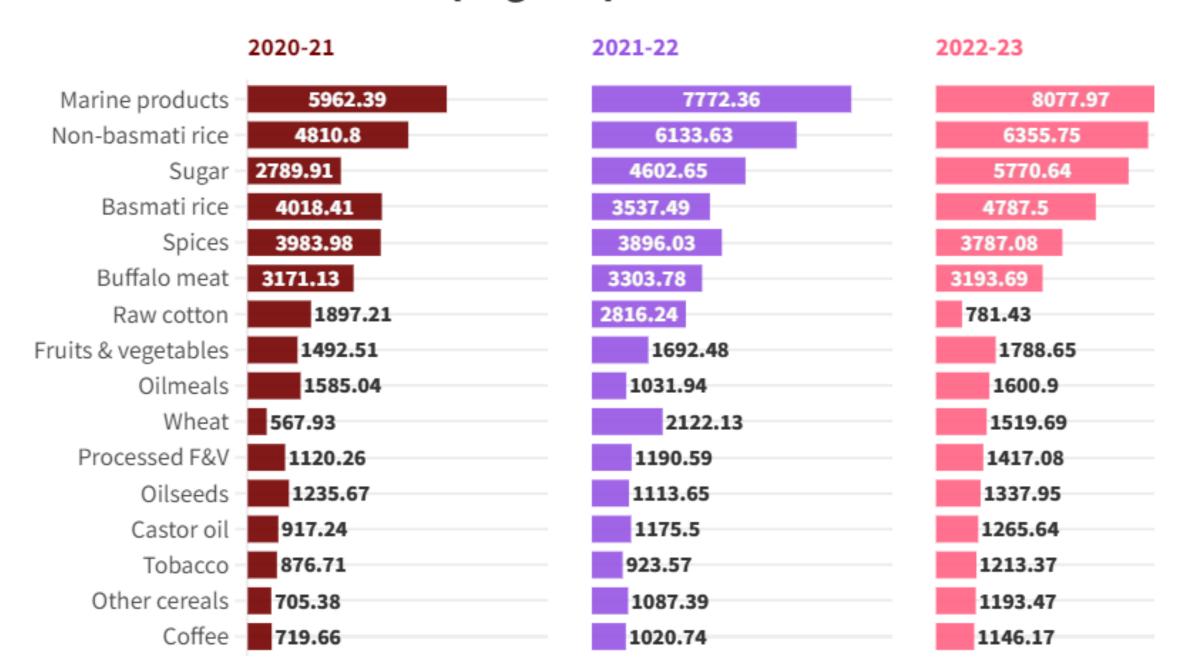
- हाल के दिनों में, समुद्री उत्पाद, चावल और चीनी भारत के कृषि निर्यात के पीछे ड्राइविंग बल रहे हैं।
- समुद्री उत्पाद: समुद्री उत्पाद का निर्यात 2013-14 में USD5.02 बिलियन से बढ़कर 2022-23 में USD8.08 बिलियन हो गया है।
- चावल: इस अवधि के दौरान चावल का निर्यात भी 7.79 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर से बढ़कर 11.14 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया है।

What have been the Major Contributors to the Import basket?

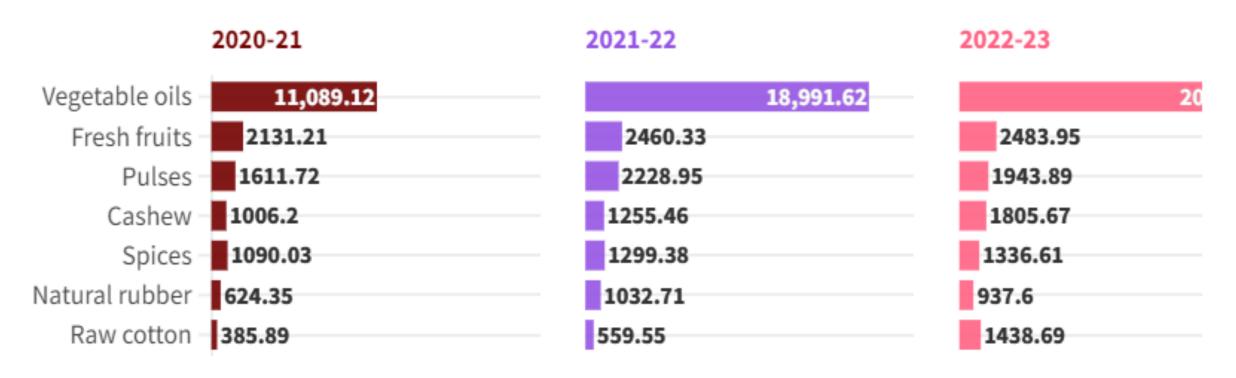
- India's basket of imported farm produce is less dominated by agricultural products compared to its exports.
- Imports meet roughly 60% of India's vegetable oil requirements while the dependence on pulses imports is hardly 10% now.
- Imports of spices, cashew, and cotton commodities where India has traditionally been a net exporter have shown a rising trend.

- भारत के आयातित कृषि उत्पादों की टोकरी में निर्यात की तुलना में कृषि उत्पादों का प्रभुत्व कम है।
- आयात भारत की वनस्पति तेल आवश्यकताओं का लगभग 60% पूरा करता है, जबिक दालों के आयात पर निर्भरता अब मुश्किल से 10% है।
 - मसालों, काजू, और कपास के आयात जिन वस्तुओं का भारत पारंपरिक रूप से एक शुद्ध निर्यातक रहा है — ने बढ़ती प्रवृत्ति दिखाई है।

India's top Agri Export items in \$ million



India's top Agri Import items in \$ million



What are some Measures taken by the Government to Promote Agri Export?

Agriculture Export Policy (2018)	कृषि निर्यात नीति (2018)
'District as Export Hub' Initiative	'निर्यात हब के रूप में जिला' पहल
Transport and Marketing Assistance for Specified Agriculture Products	निर्दिष्ट कृषि उत्पादों के लिए परिवहन और विपणन सहायता
Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)	निर्यात योजना के लिए व्यापार अवसंरचना (टीआईईएस)
Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme	बाजार पहुंच पहल (एमएआई) योजना
The Export Promotion Schemes of APEDA	एपीडा की निर्यात प्रोत्साहन योजनाएँ



• PM recently paid tributes to Maharana Pratap on his Jayanti.

पीएम ने हाल ही में महाराणा
प्रताप को उनकी जयंती पर
श्रद्धांजलि दी।



Greatest Hero of Mewar

MAHARANA PRATAP

Born: 9th May 1540

Died: 19th January 1597

The King who fought to save Mewar



He was the eldest son of Maharana Udai Singh II who was also the founder of the city of Udaipur.

Refused to accept

Akbars suzerainty
6 time, resisting the
rule of a "foreigner".

He fought wearing a in statues with his master. a Spear (bhala) of 8 kg and a sword, 25kg each. Succeeded by his son

Died of Injuries sustained in a hunting accident at age 56.

His loyal horse CHETAK was fatally wounded during the battle of Haldighati, and has been immortalised in statues with his master.

Succeeded by his son Amar Singh, who submitted in 1614 to Emperor Jahāngīr, son of Akbar.

Maharana Pratap

- Pratap Singh popularly known as Maharana Pratap, was a king of Mewar, a region in the present day state of Rajasthan.
- He was the eldest son of Udai Singh II (founder of city of Udaipur).
- Battle of Haldighati: It was fought on 18 June 1576 between the forces Maharana Pratap; and the Mughal emperor Akbar's forces, led by Man Singh I of Amber.

- प्रताप सिंह, जिन्हें महाराणा प्रताप के नाम से जाना जाता है, मेवाड़ के राजा थे, जो वर्तमान राजस्थान राज्य का एक क्षेत्र है।
- वह उदय सिंह द्वितीय (उदयपुर शहर के संस्थापक) के सबसे बड़े पुत्र थे।
- हल्दीघाटी का युद्ध: यह 18 जून 1576 को महाराणा प्रताप की सेनाओं के बीच लड़ा गया था; और आमेर के मान सिंह प्रथम के नेतृत्व में मुगल सम्राट अकबर की सेना।

- The Mughals were the victors but failed to capture Pratap, who escaped.
- Resurgence: Mughal pressure Mewar relaxed after 1579 following rebellions in Bengal and Bihar. Taking advantage of the situation, Pratap recovered Western Mewar including Kumbhalgarh, Udaipur and Gogunda. During this period, he also built a new capital, Chavand, near modern Dungarpur.

मुगल विजेता थे लेकिन प्रताप को पकड़ने में असफल रहे, जो भाग निकले।

पुनरुत्थान: बंगाल और बिहार में विद्रोह के बाद 1579 के बाद मेवाड़ पर मुगल दबाव कम हुआ। स्थिति का लाभ उठाते हुए, प्रताप ने कुम्भलगढ़, उदयपुर और गोगुन्दा सहित पश्चिमी मेवाड़ को फिर से जीत लिया। इस अवधि के दौरान, उन्होंने आधुनिक डूंगरपुर के पास एक नई राजधानी चावंड का भी निर्माण किया।

- Chetak: Chetak is the name given in traditional literature to the horse ridden by Maharana Pratap at the Battle of Haldighati.
- However, some Historians debate it.
 According to tradition, Chetak, although wounded, carried Pratap safely away from the battle, but then died of his wounds.
- The story is recounted in court poems of Mewar from the 17th century onwards.

चेतकः पारंपरिक साहित्य में हल्दीघाटी के युद्ध में महाराणा प्रताप के घोड़े को चेतक नाम दिया गया है। हालाँकि, कुछ इतिहासकार इस पर बहस करते हैं। परंपरा के अनुसार, चेतक, हालांकि घायल हो गया, प्रताप को युद्ध से सुरक्षित रूप से दूर ले गया, लेकिन उसके घावों के कारण उसकी मृत्यु हो गई। यह कहानी 17वीं शताब्दी के बाद की मेवाड़ की दरबारी कविताओं में वर्णित है।

• Pratap Gaurav Kendra: It is a tourist spot at Tiger Hill in Udaipur city, Rajasthan. It aims at providing information about Maharana Pratap and the historical heritage of the area with the help of modern technology.

प्रताप गौरव केंद्र: यह राजस्थान के उदयपुर शहर में टाइगर हिल में एक पर्यटन स्थल है। इसका उद्देश्य आधुनिक तकनीक की मदद से महाराणा प्रताप और क्षेत्र की ऐतिहासिक विरासत के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करना है।

Paralakhemundi Railway Station

- •The <u>Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage</u>
 (INTACH) has opposed the railway ministry's decision to demolish the heritage station at Paralakhemundi, one of the oldest railway stations in Odisha, built in 1899 by the then royals.
- The station is being redeveloped, and a new building is being constructed that overshadows the existing heritage structure.

•इंडियन नेशनल ट्रस्ट फॉर आर्ट एंड कल्चरल हेरिटेज (INTACH) ने उड़ीसा के सबसे पुराने रेलवे स्टेशनों में से एक परालाखेमुंडी में हेरिटेज स्टेशन को ध्वस्त करने के रेल मंत्रालय के फैसले का विरोध किया है, जिसे 1899 में तत्कालीन राजघरानों द्वारा बनाया गया था।

• स्टेशन का पुनर्विकास किया जा रहा है, और एक नई इमारत का निर्माण किया जा रहा है जो मौजूदा विरासत संरचना की देखरेख करती है।



- •INTACH has requested to give the old station a heritage tag and preserve it as it is.
- The INTACH is a non-profit organization based in India, founded in 1984 with the aim of conserving and preserving India's cultural heritage. The organization works towards promoting awareness about India's diverse cultural heritage, protecting and conserving historic buildings, monuments, and sites of archaeological importance, and supporting traditional art forms and crafts.

- INTACH ने अनुरोध किया है कि पुराने स्टेशन को एक हेरिटेज टैग दिया जाए और इसे उसी रूप में संरक्षित रखा जाए।
- INTACH भारत में स्थित एक गैर-लाभकारी संगठन है, जिसकी स्थापना 1984 में भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत के संरक्षण और संरक्षण के उद्देश्य से की गई थी। यह संगठन भारत की विविध सांस्कृतिक विरासत के बारे में जागरूकता को बढ़ावा देने, ऐतिहासिक इमारतों, स्मारकों और पुरातात्विक महत्व के स्थलों की रक्षा और संरक्षण और पारंपरिक कला रूपों और शिल्प का समर्थन करने की दिशा में काम करता है।

Ekta Avam Shradhanjali Abhiyaan

- It was launched to commemorate the sacrifices and contribution of its Karmyogis in nation building as a part of 64th BRO Day Celebrations.
- It is a multi-model expedition; the team comprises of Motorcycles and Motor cars which started from North East and Northern part of the country.
- The motorcycle leg of the expedition commenced on 14 Apr 2023, from Kibithu, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Expedition members from 18 Projects had collected Soil, Water and Saplings from 108 remote border locations and the same were planted at BRO Alma Mater, BRO School and Centre, Pune.

- इसे 64वें बीआरओ दिवस समारोह के एक भाग के रूप में राष्ट्र निर्माण में इसके कर्मयोगियों के बलिदान और योगदान को याद करने के लिए लॉन्च किया गया था।
- यह एक बहु-मॉडल अभियान है; टीम में मोटरसाइकिल और मोटर कार शामिल हैं जो देश के उत्तर पूर्व और उत्तरी भाग से शुरू हुई।
- अभियान का मोटरसाइकिल चरण 14 अप्रैल 2023 को अरुणाचल प्रदेश के किबिथू से शुरू हुआ।
- 18 परियोजनाओं के अभियान सदस्यों ने 108 दूरस्थ सीमा स्थानों से मिट्टी, पानी और पौधे एकत्र किए थे और उन्हें बीआरओ अल्मा मेटर, बीआरओ स्कूल और केंद्र, पुणे में लगाया गया था।

Multimodal Logistics Park in Assam

- Recently, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, visited the construction site of India's first International Multi-Modal Logistics park(MMLP) in Jogighopa, Assam, to review the progress made so far.
- हाल ही में, केंद्रीय बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग और आयुष मंत्री ने अब तक की प्रगति की समीक्षा करने के लिए असम के जोगीघोपा में भारत के पहले अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मल्टी-मोडल लॉजिस्टिक्स पार्क (MMLP) के निर्माण स्थल का दौरा किया।

What is the Scope of this Project?

The park is being developed under the ambitious Bharatmala Pariyojana of the Government.

This park is being made by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).

The park will be connected to road, rail, air, and waterways.

It is being developed in 317-acre land along the **Brahmaputra**.

Project is likely to unlock huge potential for the region along with neighboring countries like **Bhutan and Bangladesh.**

इस परियोजना का दायरा क्या है?

पार्क को सरकार की महत्वाकांक्षी भारतमाला परियोजना के तहत विकसित किया जा रहा है।

यह पार्क राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग और बुनियादी ढांचा विकास निगम लिमिटेड (एनएचआईडीसीएल) द्वारा बनाया जा रहा है।

पार्क सड़क, रेल, वायु और जलमार्ग से जुड़ा होगा।

इसे ब्रह्मपुत्र के साथ 317 एकड़ भूमि में विकसित किया जा रहा है।

इस परियोजना से भूटान और बांग्लादेश जैसे पड़ोसी देशों के साथ-साथ इस क्षेत्र के लिए बड़ी संभावनाएं खुलने की संभावना है।

What is MMLP?

- A MMLP is a transportation hub that combines different modes of transport in one location to enable efficient movement of goods.
- These logistics parks are typically located near major transportation nodes, such as ports, airports, and highways.
- They are designed to handle a large volume of goods, with facilities for warehousing, distribution, and value-added services such as packaging and labeling.

- MMLP एक परिवहन हब है जो माल के कुशल संचलन को सक्षम करने के लिए परिवहन के विभिन्न साधनों को एक स्थान पर जोड़ता है।
- ये लॉजिस्टिक्स पार्क आमतौर पर बंदरगाहों, हवाई अड्डों और राजमार्गों जैसे प्रमुख परिवहन बिंदुओं के पास स्थित होते हैं।
- उन्हें बड़ी मात्रा में सामानों को संभालने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है, जिसमें भंडारण, वितरण और मूल्य वर्धित सेवाओं जैसे पैकेजिंग और लेबलिंग की सुविधाएं हैं।

Benefits

- Improved Supply Chain Efficiency
- Reduced Logistics Costs
- Enhanced Safety and Security
- Environmental Benefits

फ़ायदे

- बेहतर आपूर्ति श्रृंखला दक्षता
- रसद लागत में कमी
- बढ़ी हुई सुरक्षा और सुरक्षा
- पर्यावरणीय लाभ

Gopal Krishna Gokhale

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has recently paid homage to Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary.
- प्रधान मंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने हाल ही में गोपाल कृष्ण गोखले को उनकी जयंती पर श्रद्धांजिल दी है।



Gopal Krishna Gokhale

- Gokhale became a member of the Indian National Congress in 1889. He was the leader of the moderate faction of the Congress party.
- In 1905, he was elected president of the Indian National Congress (Benares Session).
- He played a leading role in bringing about Morley-Minto Reforms, the beginning of constitutional reforms in India.

- गोखले 1889 में भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस के सदस्य बने। वह कांग्रेस पार्टी के उदारवादी गुट के नेता थे।
- 1905 में, उन्हें भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस (बनारस अधिवेशन) का अध्यक्ष चुना गया।
- उन्होंने भारत में संवैधानिक सुधारों की शुरुआत, मॉर्ले-मिंटो रिफॉर्म्स लाने में अग्रणी भूमिका निभाई।

• Member in British India Legislature: In 1899, Gokhale was elected to the Bombay Legislative Council and in 1901 he was elected to the Imperial Council of the Governor-General of India.

• Servants of India Society: It was formed by him in Pune (Maharashtra) in 1905 to further the expansion of education in India.

ब्रिटिश भारत विधानमंडल में सदस्य: 1899 में, गोखले बॉम्बे लेजिस्लेटिव काउंसिल के लिए चुने गए और 1901 में वे भारत के गवर्नर-जनरल की इंपीरियल काउंसिल के लिए चुने गए।

सर्वेंट्स ऑफ़ इंडिया सोसाइटी: भारत में शिक्षा के विस्तार को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए 1905 में पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) में उनके द्वारा इसका गठन किया गया था।

- The Society organised mobile libraries, founded schools, and provided night classes for factory workers.
- Ranade Institute of Economics: In 1908, he founded the 'Ranade Institute of Economics'.
- Mentor to Gandhi: In his autobiography, Gandhi calls Gokhale his mentor and guide. In 1912, Gokhale visited South Africa at Gandhi's invitation.

सोसायटी ने मोबाइल पुस्तकालयों का आयोजन किया, स्कूलों की स्थापना की और कारखाने के श्रमिकों के लिए रात्रि कक्षाएं प्रदान कीं।

रानाडे इंस्टीट्यूट इकोनॉमिक्स: 1908 में, उन्होंने 'रानाडे इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ इकोनॉमिक्स' की स्थापना की। गांधी के गुरु: अपनी आत्मकथा में, गांधी ने गोखले को अपना गुरु और मार्गदर्शक बताया। 1912 में, गोखले ने गांधी के निमंत्रण पर दक्षिण अफ्रीका का दौरा किया।

- He received personal guidance from Gokhale, including a knowledge and understanding of India and the issues confronting common Indians.
- <u>Hitavad:</u> He launched the English weekly newspaper named The Hitavad (The people's paper) in 1911.

उन्होंने गोखले से व्यक्तिगत मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त किया, जिसमें भारत का ज्ञान और समझ और आम भारतीयों के सामने आने वाले मुद्दे शामिल थे।

हितवाद: उन्होंने 1911 में द हितवाद (द पीपल्स पेपर) नाम से अंग्रेजी साप्ताहिक समाचार पत्र लॉन्च किया। **Daily Current Affairs**

What is the Airbus C295?

- The first C295 for India has successfully completed its maiden flight, marking a significant milestone towards its delivery by the second half of 2023.
- भारत के लिए पहले C295 ने अपनी पहली उड़ान सफलतापूर्वक पूरी कर ली है, जो 2023 की दूसरी छमाही तक इसकी डिलीवरी की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है।



Airbus C295

- It is a new-generation tactical airlifter in the light and medium segment.
- It was designed and built by Airbus, a European multinational aerospace corporation.
- It is robust and reliable but also highly versatile in terms of the number of different missions it can perform.
- The C295 conducts multi-role operations worldwide under all weather conditions.

- यह लाइट और मीडियम सेगमेंट में नई पीढ़ी का टैक्टिकल एयरलिफ्टर है।
- इसे यूरोपीय बहुराष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस कॉपीरेशन, एयरबस द्वारा डिज़ाइन और निर्मित किया गया था।
- यह मजबूत और विश्वसनीय है, लेकिन यह प्रदर्शन कर सकने वाले विभिन्न मिशनों की संख्या के मामले में अत्यधिक बहुमुखी भी है।
- C295 सभी मौसम की परिस्थितियों में दुनिया भर में बहु-भूमिका संचालन करता है।



Daily Current Affairs Saint Samarth Ramdas

- Recently a controversy irked after Jaggi Vasudev claimed that the Saint Samarth Ramdas was Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's guru.
- हाल ही में जब जग्गी वासुदेव ने दावा किया कि संत समर्थ रामदास छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के गुरु थे, तब एक विवाद छिड़ गया।



Who was Samarth Ramdas?

- Samarth Ramdas (1608 1681), also known as **Sant Ramdas or Ramdas Swami**, was a Hindu saint, philosopher, poet, writer and spiritual master.
- He was a devotee of Lord Ram and Hanuman, he toured the entire Indian subcontinent for 12 years, during which he came across various spiritual teachers and diverse religious traditions.
- His paean to Lord Hanuman, Maruti Stotra, is still commonly recited by school children as well as wrestlers akhadas across Maharashtra.



Who was Samarth Ramdas?

- समर्थ रामदास (1608 1681), जिन्हें संत रामदास या रामदास स्वामी के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, एक हिंदू संत, दार्शनिक, किव, लेखक और आध्यात्मिक गुरु थे।
- वह भगवान राम और हनुमान के भक्त थे, उन्होंने 12 वर्षों तक पूरे भारतीय उपमहाद्वीप का दौरा किया, जिसके दौरान वे विभिन्न आध्यात्मिक शिक्षकों और विविध धार्मिक परंपराओं से रूबरू हुए।
- भगवान हनुमान, मारुति स्तोत्र के लिए उनकी प्रशंसा, अभी भी आमतौर पर स्कूली बच्चों के साथ-साथ पूरे महाराष्ट्र में पहलवानों के अखाड़ों द्वारा सुनाई जाती है।



Ramdasi sect

He built a temple of Rama and Maruti
(Hanuman) and founded a math or
monastery which exists to the present
day.

• The community of his followers soon expanded, taking on the character of a well marked sect, the Ramdasi sect, with its own sacred texts and forms of worship.

रामदासी संप्रदाय

उन्होंने राम और मारुति (हनुमान) का एक मंदिर बनवाया और एक मठ या मठ की स्थापना की जो आज भी मौजूद है।

उनके अनुयायियों के समुदाय ने जल्द ही विस्तार किया, एक सुप्रसिद्ध संप्रदाय, रामदासी संप्रदाय के चरित्र को लेते हुए, अपने स्वयं के पवित्र ग्रंथों और पूजा के रूपों के साथ। **Daily Current Affairs**

Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary

- A total of 309 wildlife and birds were spotted at the recent Nature Experience Initiative (Animal Census) carried out at Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary.
- कटेपूर्णा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य में हाल ही में किए गए नेचर एक्सपीरियंस इनिशिएटिव (एनिमल सेंसस) में कुल 309 वन्यजीवों और पक्षियों को देखा गया।



Katepurna Wildlife Sanctuary

- Location: It is located in Akola District of Maharashtra.
- This Sanctuary area is the catchment of Katepurna Reservoir, and it forms an aquatic habitat for many floral and faunal species.
- The sanctuary derives its name from the Katepurna River, which flows south to Northward almost through the central part of the sanctuary.

- स्थान: यह महाराष्ट्र के अकोला जिले में स्थित है।
- यह अभयारण्य क्षेत्र कटेपूर्णा जलाशय का जलग्रहण क्षेत्र है, और यह कई वनस्पतियों और जीवों की प्रजातियों के लिए एक जलीय निवास स्थान बनाता है।
- अभयारण्य का नाम कटेपूर्णा नदी से लिया गया है, जो लगभग अभयारण्य के मध्य भाग के माध्यम से दक्षिण से उत्तर की ओर बहती है।

- Landscape: It is undulating and offers an interesting contrast between the plateau and the plains.
- Vegetation: Southern tropical dry deciduous forest.
- Fauna: It is <u>renowned for its four-</u> horned antelope and barking deer.
- Other animals that you can see at the sanctuary include black buck, leopard, wolf, wild boar, hyena, hare, nilgai, jungle cat and monkey.

लैंडस्केप: यह लहरदार है और पठार और मैदानों के बीच एक दिलचस्प अंतर पेश करता है।

वनस्पति: दक्षिणी उष्णकटिबंधीय शुष्क पर्णपाती वन।

जीव: यह अपने चार सींग वाले मृग और भौंकने वाले हिरण के लिए प्रसिद्ध है। अन्य जानवर जिन्हें आप अभयारण्य में देख सकते हैं उनमें काला हिरन, तेंदुआ, भेड़िया, जंगली सूअर, लकड़बग्घा, खरगोश, नीलगाय, जंगली बिल्ली और बंदर शामिल हैं।

The Hindu Vocabulary

Xenophobic(Adjective): विदेशी-भीति या द्वेष से संबंधित: Fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign.



Synonyms: Animosity, Chauvinism

Antonyms: Tolerant

Indecipherable (adj.): not able to be read or understood. (अस्पष्ट)

Synonyms: hard to read, unreadable, indiscernible



Antonyms: decipherable, readable

Latched(Verb): सिटिकनी से बन्द करना:

Fasten (a door or gate) with a latch.

Synonyms: Secure, Tied



Antonyms: Disconnected, Divided

Consonance (noun) : agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions. (समझौता)

Synonyms: agreement, concord, accord

Antonyms: discordance, disproportion, disunity



Veritable (adj.): formal true or real—used to emphasize a description (सच्चा)

Synonyms: authentic, genuine, real



Antonyms: doubtful, dubious, equivocal

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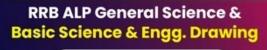


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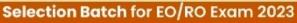


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1. With reference to 'Arab Leaque', consider the following statements

- 1. It is a regional organization of Arab states in the Middle East and parts of Africa
- 2. The Leaque pledges to cooperate on all the issues concerning the member nations except military affairs

Select the correct statement(s)

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

1. 'अरब लीक' के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए

- 1. यह मध्य पूर्व और अफ्रीका के कुछ हिस्सों में अरब राज्यों का एक क्षेत्रीय संगठन है
- लीक सैन्य मामलों को छोड़कर सदस्य देशों से संबंधित सभी मुद्दों पर सहयोग करने का वचन देता है

सही कथन का चयन करें

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

Answer - A

• The Arab League, formally known as the League of Arab States, was established in 1945 with initially just six nations: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. Currently, it has 22 member states, who have pledged to cooperate on economic and military affairs, among other issues.

2. Consider the following statements about 'Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)'

- It is an introductory-level online training program launched by The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 2. The program is aimed at encouraging all high school students to develop interest in space sciences

Select the correct statement(s)

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

2. 'अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी जागरूकता प्रशिक्षण (START)' के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें

- 1. यह भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन (ISRO) द्वारा शुरू किया गया एक प्रारंभिक स्तर का ऑनलाइन प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम है।
- 2. कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य हाई स्कूल के सभी छात्रों को अंतरिक्ष विज्ञान में रुचि विकसित करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है

सही कथन का चयन करें

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

Answer - A

• START program is aimed at post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme will cover various domains of space science, including Astronomy & Astrophysics, Heliophysics & Sun-Earth interaction, Instrumentation, and Aeronomy.

3. What is Bluesky, often seen in news?

- a) A type of malware
- b) An application software
- c) A recently discovered drone
- d) A micro-blogging platform

3. अक्सर खबरों में रहने वाला ब्लूस्काई क्या है?

- a) एक प्रकार का मैलवेयर
- बी) एक एप्लीकेशन सॉफ्टवेयर
- c) हाल ही में खोजा गया ड्रोन
- d) एक माइक्रो-ब्लॉगिंग प्लेटफॉर्म

Answer – D

• Bluesky is a micro-blogging platform and social web built on the AT Protocol (Authenticated Transport Protocol). Bluesky might be classified as a Twitter competitor due to its founding team but is different in terms of its structure, as it is meant to form part of a decentralised ecosystem.

4. Consider the following statements with respect to 'Tungnath Temple'

- 1. It is one of the highest Shiva temples in the world
- 2. It is one of the Panch Kedar temples located in Uttarakhand
- 3. It is one of the few North Indian temples built in Vesara architecture

Choose the correct answer using the code given below

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

4. 'तुंगनाथ मंदिर' के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें

- 1. यह दुनिया के सबसे ऊंचे शिव मंदिरों में से एक है
- 2. यह उत्तराखंड में स्थित पंच केदार मंदिरों में से एक है
- यह वेसरा वास्तुकला में निर्मित कुछ उत्तर भारतीय मंदिरों में से एक है

नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए

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

Answer – C

• It was built in the North Indian style of architecture and has a dozen shrines of other Gods surrounding the temple.

5. With reference to Thalassemia, consider the following statements

- 1. It is part of a group of disorders called hemoglobinopathies.
- 2. It is the only disorder to be recognised as a benchmark disability in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, of 2016.
- 3. World Thalassemia Day is observed in 8th May every year.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

5. थैलेसीमिया के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए

- 1. यह विकारों के एक समूह का हिस्सा है जिसे हीमोग्लोबिनोपैथी कहा जाता है।
- विकलांग व्यक्तियों के अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 में बेंचमार्क विकलांगता के रूप में मान्यता प्राप्त होने वाला यह एकमात्र विकार है।
- 3. विश्व थैलेसीमिया दिवस हर साल 8 मई को मनाया जाता है।

उपरोक्त कथनों में से कौन-सा/से सही है/हैं?

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

Answer – C

- Thalassemia is part of a group of disorders called hemoglobinopathies. Hemoglobinopathies are a group of disorders that are passed down through families (inherited) in which there is abnormal production or structure of haemoglobin molecules. Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Sickle Cell Disorder all come under the umbrella of hemoglobinopathies.
- In India, thalassemia, along with two other blood disorders namely Hemophilia and Sickle Cell Disease was recognised as a benchmark disability in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, of 2016. World Thalassemia Day is a global healthcare event commemorated every year on May 8th to raise awareness about the condition.