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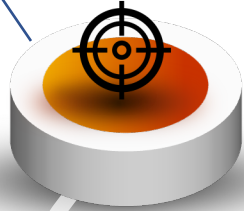


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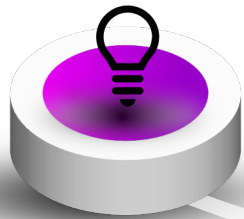


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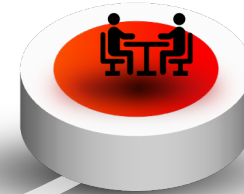


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IN BRIEF



**Not joining any front: Patnaik after meeting PM**

**BRUHANESWAR**  
Amid speculation of strengthening Opposition unity, Odisha CM and BJP chief Naveen Patnaik met PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday and said he did not have plans of joining any front now. » PAGE 12

3rd low-intensity blast in Amritsar; five arrested

**CHANDIGARH**  
A low-intensity blast occurred near the Golden Temple on Wednesday midnight, the third within a week. The Punjab BJP said five persons have been arrested in connection with the cases. » PAGE 12

Morning wings



Early flock: A flight of pigeons marks daybreak at Elliott's Beach in Besant Nagar, Chennai. ANJULA SASIDHARAN

Day after Vandana Das killing, Kerala moves to protect doctors and hospitals from violence

**The Hindu Bureau**  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/KOCHI  
A day after the brutal murder of house surgeon Vandana Das by a patient who was under de-addiction treatment at a hospital in Kollam district, the Kerala government on Thursday resolved to bring an ordinance to include more stringent provisions in the law to protect doctors and hospitals from violence.  
The decision was taken at a high-level emergency meeting called by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the evening, as doctors across the State continued their strike for the second day. It was also decided that police outposts will be set up at all main hospitals. A Division Bench of the



Pause of the day: The deserted outpatient wing at Palakkad district hospital on Thursday following a strike by doctors. N.K. SURESH

Kerala High Court also held a special sitting and directed the police to evolve effective protocols for presenting persons in custody at hospitals or before medical professionals.  
The amendments to the Kerala Healthcare Service Persons and Healthcare Service Institutions (Pre-

vention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act, 2012 will give it more teeth with stringent punitive measures for perpetrators of violence against health workers and hospitals.  
The ordinance will be brought up at the next meeting of the State Cabinet, said a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office on Thursday.  
The Division Bench told State police chief Anil Kanth and Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) M.R. Ajith Kumar, who were present virtually, that it was the obligation of the police to ensure that hospitals and the personnel who work in these facilities are adequately protected "on a day-to-day basis for the 24-hour time frame".  
**Stopgap measure**  
The High Court also directed that for the time being, every protocol applicable for the production of accused persons or those in the custody of the police before a magistrate shall be made applicable in the

T.N. Cabinet reshuffle: Thennarasu gets Finance; IT and Digital Services for PTR

**The Hindu Bureau**  
CHENNAI  
In a significant reshuffle of portfolios, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday allotted Finance and Human Resources Management and allocated them to senior Cabinet member Thangazh Thennarasu. Mr. Rajan was given Information Technology and Digital Services.  
The Industries portfolio, hitherto held by Mr. Thennarasu, will be handled by T.R.B. Rajaa, who was inducted into the Cabinet earlier in the day. Governor R.N. Ravi administered the oath of office and



Palaniswami Thangazh Rajan

to a few portfolios.  
It was apparent that Mr. Stalin had taken into confidence the Ministers whose portfolios were reallocated, as within minutes of the reshuffle, Mr. Rajan posted a lengthy tweet about his achievements as the Finance Minister and plans for the IT Department.  
**Nationwide appeal**  
Mr. Rajan was one of the prominent faces of the Tamil Nadu Cabinet with a nationwide appeal. Credited with measures to set the financial health of the State back on track during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Rajan was known to speak his

mind. In the last few years, he emerged as a strong critic of right-wing politics.  
The Minister's fortunes took a beating in the wake of the release of two short audio clips attributed to him by BJP State president K. Annamalai. In the audio clips, the person was heard alleging that Mr. Stalin's son Udaiyanandi and son-in-law V. Sabareesan had amassed huge wealth and the DMK did not have a proper structure.  
Mr. Rajan had said the tapes were fabricated and it is believed to have explained this to Mr. Stalin.  
**'MOST FULFILLING YEARS'**  
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427 conversion-related cases and 833 arrests in Uttar Pradesh since 2021

**The Hindu Bureau**  
LUCKNOW  
The Yogi Adityanath government has released 427 conversion cases and 833 arrests since the Uttar Pradesh Provision of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act came into effect from November 27, 2020.  
It said 427 conversion-related cases were registered and 833 arrests made between January 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022. The release of the figures comes about the backdrop of the government backing the controversial film The Kerala Story, which is centred around conversions.  
In 185 cases, victims have confessed before the court that they were forced

to a few portfolios. Simultaneously, 65 cases of conversion of minors have been registered so far, stated a government press release.  
**Most cases in Bareilly**  
The Bareilly zone reported a maximum of 86 cases of conversion while 59 cases were registered in Gorakhpur, 53 in Lucknow, 47 in Meerut, 46 in Prayagraj and 39 in Varanasi; 137 arrests were made in Bareilly, 124 in Lucknow, 101 in Varanasi, 81 in Gorakhpur, 65 in Meerut, 37 in the Agra zone and 21 in Kanpur.  
The State government has declared the Kerala Story "tax-free" and the entire Cabinet is scheduled to have a screening of the movie on Friday.

Pilot embarks on yatra, party distances itself

**The Hindu Bureau**  
JAIPUR  
Rajasthan Congress leader Sachin Pilot stepped up pressure on the party leadership in an election year by embarking on a five-day 'Jan Sangharsh Yatra' from Ajmer on Thursday.  
The State unit distanced itself from the "personal march" and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot made a veiled jibe at him by extolling the virtues of party loyalty at an event in Jaipur.  
Retreating his demand for strong action in cases of corruption and "paper leaks", Mr. Pilot, accompanied by thousands of party workers, marched from Jaipur to Jaipur in scorching heat.  
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# Delhi govt. has control over officers, says Supreme Court

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**

NEW DELHI

In a blow to the Centre, the Supreme Court on Thursday gave the Delhi government power to make laws and wield control over bureaucrats deputed to its departments while declaring that civil service officers are “politically neutral professionals” who serve the people and not parties.

“A constitutionally entrenched and democratically elected government needs to have control over its administration. The administration comprises several public officers, who are posted in the services of a particular government, irrespective of whether or not that government was involved in their recruitment,” Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud debunked the Centre’s argument that it retained “administrative control” over officers deputed to Delhi.



Delhi Cabinet Ministers greet Arvind Kejriwal as he arrives at the Secretariat after the SC ruling on regulation of services row. PTI

A Constitution Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India, however, reiterated that the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD) would not have the power to legislate on public order, police and land.

“The legislative and executive power of NCTD over Entry 41 shall not extend over to services related to public order, police, and land. However, legislative and executive power over

services such as Indian Administrative Services or Joint Cadre services, which are relevant for the implementation of policies and vision of NCTD in terms of the day-to-day administration of the region, shall lie with NCTD,” the Court laid down the law.

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# L-G does not have sweeping executive powers, says SC

Delhi is unique, follows an 'asymmetric federal model' of governance; Centre should remain within its boundaries, says Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**

NEW DELHI

**T**he Supreme Court on Thursday clarified that the Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) does not have sweeping executive powers over the national capital, and the Centre should be mindful of the unique “asymmetric federal model” of governance adopted for Delhi.

A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud held that the L-G can exercise executive power on behalf of the Centre only in the three areas of public order, police and land in Delhi as mentioned in Article 239AA(3)(a).



If the L-G differed with the Council of Ministers of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), he should act in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Transaction of Business Rules.

However, in case Parliament enacts a law granting executive power on any

subject which is within the domain of NCTD, the executive power of the L-G can be modified to the specific extent provided in that law. This means that any change in the L-G's ambit of power should be supported by a parliamentary legislation which is subject to judicial review by the court.

The court referred to Section 49 of the GNCTD Act which mandates the L-G and the Delhi Council of Ministers to “comply with particular directions issued by the President on specific occasions”.

The court noted the *sui generis* or special status given to Delhi, and said “cooperative federalism”

was the key to meaningful governance of the capital.

## **‘Unique relationship’**

The NCTD cannot be subsumed as a unit of the Union. “In the spirit of cooperative federalism, the Union of India must exercise its powers within the boundaries created by the Constitution. NCTD, having a *sui generis* federal model, must be allowed to function in the domain charted for it by the Constitution. The Union and NCTD share a unique federal relationship. It does not mean that NCTD is subsumed in the unit of the Union merely because it is not a ‘State’,” the court highlighted.

Who now  
controls  
important  
Delhi govt  
departments:

**CENTRE**

- Home Secretary
- Delhi Development Authority (DDA) vice-chairperson
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) chairperson
- Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)

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- Services
- Education
- Health
- Law
- General Administration Department
- Vigilance
- Public Works Department
- Urban Development
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- **2017 Judgement:**

- The Delhi High Court had, in its judgment 2017 held that for administration purposes of the National Capital Territory (NCT), the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers in every matter.
- On appeal, the SC in 2017, referred the matter to decide the interpretation of [Article 239AA of the Constitution](#).

- **2017 का फैसला:**

- दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय ने 2017 के अपने फैसले में कहा था कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र (एनसीटी) के प्रशासनिक उद्देश्यों के लिए, लेफ्टिनेंट गवर्नर (एल-जी) हर मामले में मंत्रिपरिषद की सहायता और सलाह से बाध्य नहीं हैं।
- अपील पर, SC ने 2017 में, संविधान के अनुच्छेद 239AA की व्याख्या तय करने के लिए मामले को संदर्भित किया।

- **2018 Judgement:**

- **A five-judge Constitution bench had unanimously held that the L-G of Delhi is bound by the aid and advice of the elected government, and both needed to work harmoniously with each other.**


- **2019 Judgement:** A two-judge Bench of the SC delivered a split verdict on the question of powers of the Government of NCT of Delhi and Union government over services and referred the matter to a three-judge Bench

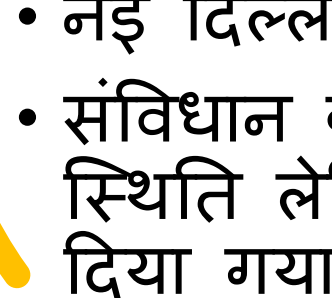
- 2018 निर्णय:

- पांच-न्यायाधीशों की संविधान पीठ ने सर्वसम्मति से माना था कि दिल्ली के एलजी निर्वाचित सरकार की सहायता और सलाह से बंधे हैं, और दोनों को एक-दूसरे के साथ मिलकर काम करने की जरूरत है।

- 2019 का फैसला: सुप्रीम कोर्ट की दो-न्यायाधीशों की खंडपीठ ने सेवाओं पर दिल्ली सरकार और केंद्र सरकार की शक्तियों के सवाल पर खंडित फैसला सुनाया और मामले को तीन-न्यायाधीशों की पीठ को भेज दिया



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- What is the Governance Model of New Delhi?
  - The **status of Delhi being a Union Territory under Schedule 1 of the Constitution** but christened the 'National Capital Territory' under Article 239AA.

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- नई दिल्ली का शासन मॉडल क्या है?
  - संविधान की अनुसूची 1 के तहत केंद्र शासित प्रदेश होने के नाते दिल्ली की स्थिति लेकिन अनुच्छेद 239AA के तहत 'राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र' का नाम दिया गया।


- The **69<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution of India** inserted Article 239AA, which declared the Union Territory of Delhi to be administered by a L-G who works on aid and advice of the elected legislative assembly.
  - However, the 'aid and advice' clause pertains only to matters on which the elected Assembly has powers under the **State and Concurrent Lists** with the exception of public order, police, and land.
- भारत के संविधान के 69वें संशोधन में अनुच्छेद 239एए शामिल किया गया, जिसने दिल्ली के केंद्र शासित प्रदेश को एलजी द्वारा प्रशासित घोषित किया जो निर्वाचित विधान सभा की सहायता और सलाह पर काम करता है।
- हालांकि, 'सहायता और सलाह' खंड केवल उन मामलों से संबंधित है जिन पर निर्वाचित विधानसभा के पास सार्वजनिक व्यवस्था, पुलिस और भूमि के अपवाद के साथ राज्य और समवर्ती सूची के तहत शक्तियां हैं।



- Further, the **Article 239AA** also notes that **L-G has to either act on the aid and advice** of the Council of Ministers, or he is bound to implement the decision taken by the President on a reference being made by him.
  - Also, **Article 239AA, empowers the L-G to refer a difference of opinion on 'any matter'** with the Council of Ministers to the President.
  - Thus, this dual control between L-G and the elected government leads to a power tussle.
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- इसके अलावा, अनुच्छेद 239ए यह भी नोट करता है कि उपराज्यपाल को या तो मंत्रिपरिषद की सहायता और सलाह पर कार्य करना होगा, या वह राष्ट्रपति द्वारा उनके द्वारा किए जा रहे संदर्भ पर लिए गए निर्णय को लागू करने के लिए बाध्य है।
  - इसके अलावा, अनुच्छेद 239AA, एलजी को मंत्रिपरिषद के साथ 'किसी भी मामले' पर मतभेद को राष्ट्रपति को संदर्भित करने का अधिकार देता है।
  - इस प्रकार, एलजी और निर्वाचित सरकार के बीच यह दोहरा नियंत्रण एक शक्ति संघर्ष की ओर ले जाता है।

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- UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Q. Whether the Supreme Court Judgment (July 2018) can settle the political tussle between the Lt. Governor and elected government of Delhi? Examine. (2018)**





A Cham Lama performance on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Jayanti at Tupchiling Gompa in Lahaul in Himachal Pradesh. Monks in elaborate masks, headgear and colourful costumes dance slowly to the music played, also by monks, using traditional instruments such as drums and cymbals. It is believed that the Cham dance is performed to exorcise evil spirits and demons. ANI



**IN BRIEF**



**SIT covering up caste bias, say deceased IIT student's kin**

Months after the Mumbai Police arrested a classmate of IIT Bombay student Darshan Basolkar for allegedly abetting his suicide, Mr. Solanki's family members on Thursday held a press conference in Mumbai saying they had lost confidence in the investigation. The family, led by the 88-year-old's father, Ramneshbhai Solanki, alleged that the Special Investigation Team probe was sidelining instances of caste discrimination faced by Mr. Solanki and was instead pinning the blame on one other student in a separate matter. The family's statement said that they had written to the Chief Minister, Home Minister, Police Commissioner and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) about their concerns.

**Technology is a tool to empower people, says PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hailed the 1998 nuclear tests in Pokhran as one of the most glorious days in India's history, and asserted that improvement in technology in the country is not about showing its dominance but a need to speed up development. Addressing an event on National Technology Day, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Pokhran tests, Mr. Modi said his government has used technology as a source of empowerment and to ensure social justice. Mr. Modi laid the foundation stone for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory - India (LIGO-India) and dedicated to the nation a facility to produce permanent magnets from rare earth minerals.

**WhatsApp promises action amid spurt in spam calls**

WhatsApp has taken notice of reports of spam calls and missed calls from unknown numbers, many of them from foreign STD codes, and is ramping up its detection of such calls, the company said in a statement on Thursday. "We have quickly ramped up our Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML) systems to bring down such incidents (international spam calls) significantly," a WhatsApp spokesperson said. "Our new enforcement will reduce the current calling rate by at least 50% and we expect to be able to control the current incidence effectively."

**ED summons NCP leader Jayant Patil in fraud case**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday summoned the Maharashtra State president of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) Jayant Patil in connection with the Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) money-laundering case. Mr. Patil, a Cabinet Minister in the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi, has been asked to appear before the Central agency on Friday. His statement may be recorded at the Mumbai office of the probe agency. IL&FS had filed for bankruptcy in 2018. On Wednesday, the ED had searched premises of two former auditor firms in Mumbai - BSR and Associates and Deloitte Haskins and Sells.

**Drugs and demographics in Manipur**

A State government source attributes the current wave of tensions between the majority Meitei community and the Kukis to the actions taken by the administration since 2017-18 against poppy cultivation in the hill districts; BJP legislator says no forum in the hills endorses opium trade

**Vijaya Singh**  
NEW DELHI

On May 8, when Imphal was reeling under curfew in the aftermath of the May 3 violence, the Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) specialised unit of the State police raided a property in the Manipuland area of the city. It seized 77 gunny bags, suspected to contain poppy seeds, and 220 kyat, Myanmar's currency.

The NAB said in a May 9 statement that it suspected that the house owner belonged to an international drug cartel. Meitei civil society groups claim that the May 3 violence - which had claimed at least 65 lives - was actually retaliation by some tribal groups over a series of actions taken by the N. Biren Singh government, including the "war on drugs" and clearing of reserve forest areas in the hills, removing allegedly illegal occupants. The Manipuland raid by the NAB shows that the government was doubling down on narcotics even in the middle of a civil war.

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**SC reserves judgment on same-sex marriage case**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved for judgment a series of petitions seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriages in India. A Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the government had objected to the idea of a judicial declaration giving legal status to same-sex relationships, saying that would result in confusion, especially in personal laws, and encroach on the legislative domain.

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Buildings and houses were set on fire or demolished by mobs during the violence in Churachandpur in Manipur recently. AFP

in settlements in the hills is commensurate with a decrease in population, as the 2021 census is yet to be conducted. Those who live in Churachandpur - a hill district with a majority population of Kukis - were not aware of the main hotspots for last week's violence - had 282 villages in 1969, which almost doubled to 544 in 2021. Paolendra Hoopik, the Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Saisit in Churachandpur district, countered this narrative of demographic change. He explained that, according to Kuki traditions, whenever a clan grows they are given permission to make another village in the same area. This explains the increase in the number of villages in Kuki areas, he said.

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**Aspirants knock at Pradhan's doors for reopening JEE application window**

**A.M. Hugesah**  
NEW DELHI



Competitive test: This year, about 2.3 lakh candidates qualified for the JEE (Advanced) after attempting the JEE (Main). FILE PHOTO

As the IIT-Guwahati, the organising institute of the Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced), has decided not to extend the date of registration for the test, a number of aspirants and several student organisations have approached the Education Ministry and the National Testing Agency. The Students Federation of India (SFI) wrote to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan seeking his intervention, a delegation of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), a pro-government student union, met the NTA officials with a request to extend the last date for registration, which was May 7.

SFI general secretary Miyukh Biswas told The Hindu that the NTA was "right to cohabit in a normal, peaceable environment in our country without facing any form of discrimination, societal or otherwise".

in Kuki areas is also due to the increase of 0.5% in the State's Scheduled Tribe population between the 2001 and 2011 censuses. The 2021 census is yet to be conducted, so the current population is not known.

The People's Alliance for Peace and Progress Manipur (PAPPM), an influential ethnic-based civil society group, said in a statement on May 8 that the Myanmar-origin Kuki immigrants occupying sensitive high positions in the government offices

maintain uninterrupted entry of illegal Kuki migrants into Manipur. Both these are a threat to national security of India. At a press conference in Delhi on May 9, the group insisted that the violence that erupted on May 3 was more than 64% of the population of the State and more than 40 of the State's 60 MLAs. The hills make up 90% of the State's area, but send only 20 members to the Assembly.

According to the website of the Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region (DoNER), there was an increase of 0.5% in the State's Scheduled Tribe population between the 2001 and 2011 censuses. The 2021 census is yet to be conducted, so the current population is not known.

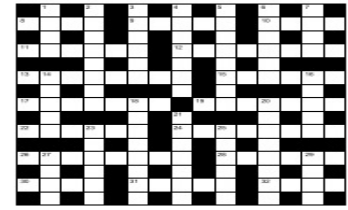
**ICMR, AYUSH Ministry sign agreement on research**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under the Health Ministry and the Ministry of AYUSH signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Thursday to enhance collaboration and cooperation in health research in the field of integrated medicine. This move will help AYUSH departments in the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences evolve into departments of integrated medicine, said a member (Health), NITI Aayog, V.K. Paul.

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the collaboration would be high-impact integrative research. "Joint efforts will be in place to conduct high-quality clinical trials on identified areas of national importance with promising integrative research to generate evidence for wider acceptance," he said.

**THE CROSSWORD** 13863



- To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site. <https://www.thehindu.com/crossword>
- Guard despatched before line is broken (6)
  - With initial general resolution, European Economic Community is joined by European countries (8)
  - Servic lac all over the place to make pieces of lighting equipment (7)
  - Winding answer, in short, is rejected by monarch (7)
  - Endlessly admire and respect bachelor's musical effect (6)
  - Without weapons, goes around hotel site (8)
  - Nice parcel: Jogging around grassy area? (8)
  - Place to view artifacts is almost useless (9)
  - Superior art works sold violently (4)
  - Eastern lake is strange and frightening (5)
  - Reserve grenade to be discarded, after removing rag (6)
- Down**
- Servic tailless insect in front of cross (6)
  - Went along with Spanish company right before commencement of Easter dinner (8)
  - The red jacket by Swiss member state (8)
  - At last, swimming aid is with friend (7)
  - Six go with tone to give a gas (9)
  - File E1 salvager with cloak (8)
  - Assistant in Shanghai deal (6)
  - Dodge Taborine Vader to some extent (3)
  - Ocean swirled around boat (5)
  - Hugged sailor going back with couple at beginning of dance (8)
  - Knowledge about flower having a bit of exotic mineral oil (8)
  - Bird and sailor under white cloth (7)
  - See pal erroneously pass (6)
  - That chap protected a politician with red basket (8)
  - Nikolozes protects animal (4)
  - Utilises American emergency services in the beginning (6)

**SUDOKU**

9			7		4			
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

**FAITH**

**Vedas, a friend in deed**

Vedas have no beginning or end. They are not created by anyone. Hence Vedas are called "Anadi" and "Apourusheyam". It is said that the Vedas are the breathing air of God. From the days of yore, sages have fostered Vedas through their spiritual powers and taught them to people. Vedas are memorised by hearing and reciting and hence called "Shruti". Vedas contain all information and they are the root of all dharmas. Itihasas and Puranas will not reveal that which was not told by Vedas.

Taking bath at the confluence of rivers is considered a spiritual activity. Worshipping God in mountains and caves is believed to be a holy one. It is said that learning Vedas or helping for the cause of the spread of Vedas is coeval to them.

Each and every good activity is backed by a dharma as stipulated by Vedas (Dharma raksharthi rakshita). If we protect those pious and righteous activities, they will not fail to protect us. A person who indulges in wrongful acts is destined to undergo the pangs for the same. One of the remedial measures prescribed to cover over the ill effects is to render Veda parayana or help for the conduct of the same.

A friend in deed - like how a person extends support to his friend in times of distress and in return, Vedas are sure enough to protect us. His Holiness Sri Ranganatha Yathindra Mahadesikan, the 46<sup>th</sup> Jee of Aboloba Murti in an Amritha Brahmanam.

We all should support for the spread of the cause of Vedas which will protect and yield good benefits to all the people in the world.

**Solution to previous puzzle**

8	3	1	4	9	7	2	6	5
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6	4	9	5	8	3	1	7	2
5	8	2	3	6	9	4	1	7
4	9	6	8	7	5	3	2	1
3	1	7	4	2	8	6	5	9
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1	6	4	9	5	8	3	2	7

**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

8	3	1	4	9	7	2	6	5
7	2	5	6	3	1	4	8	9
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# Technology is a tool to empower people, says PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hailed the 1998 nuclear tests in Pokhran as one of the most glorious days in India's history, and asserted that improvement in technology in the country is not about showing its dominance but a tool to speed up development. Addressing an event on National Technology Day, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Pokhran tests, Mr. Modi said his government has used technology as a source of empowerment and to ensure social justice. Mr. Modi laid the foundation stone for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory - India (LIGO-India) and dedicated to the nation a facility to produce permanent magnets from rare earth minerals.



The theme for this year's National Technology Day is - "School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate." Celebrations from this year will span till May 14, 2023.

इस वर्ष के राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी दिवस की थीम है - "स्कूल टू स्टार्टअप्स-इग्नाइटिंग यंग माइंड्स टू इनोवेट।" इस वर्ष से समारोह 14 मई, 2023 तक चलेगा।



- This term was coined by former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to recognise the contributions of Indian scientists.
- On May 11, 1998, India successfully fired the Shakti-I nuclear missile at an Army test range in Rajasthan's Pokhran. In the following days, two more nuclear tests were conducted as part of the same operation, which brought India into the elite club of nuclear power nations.
- यह शब्द पूर्व भारतीय प्रधान मंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी द्वारा भारतीय वैज्ञानिकों के योगदान को पहचानने के लिए गढ़ा गया था।
- 11 मई, 1998 को, भारत ने राजस्थान के पोखरण में एक सेना परीक्षण रेंज में शक्ति-I परमाणु मिसाइल का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया। बाद के दिनों में, उसी ऑपरेशन के हिस्से के रूप में दो और परमाणु परीक्षण किए गए, जिसने भारत को परमाणु शक्ति वाले राष्ट्रों के विशिष्ट क्लब में ला दिया।

- Apart from this, India also tested its first indigenous aircraft 'Hansa-3' on this day from Bengaluru.
- A successful test firing of the Trishul missile was conducted by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation on May 11, 1998, following the testing of Hansa-3.
- इसके अलावा भारत ने इसी दिन बेंगलुरु से अपने पहले स्वदेशी विमान 'हंसा-3' का परीक्षण भी किया था।
- हंसा-3 के परीक्षण के बाद 11 मई 1998 को भारत के रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन द्वारा त्रिशूल मिसाइल का सफल परीक्षण किया गया।

### ISTANBUL Turkish candidate Muharrem Ince drops out of tight presidential race



Third-party candidate Muharrem Ince on Thursday withdrew from Turkey's tight presidential election in a shock move that increased the chances of an Opposition President, Joko Widodo said on Thursday. The 59-year-old announced his decision after being targeted by a smear campaign that included doctored images of him meeting women.

### LABUAN BAJO Indonesia's Widodo says no real progress on Myanmar peace plan



Southeast Asian nations have made "no significant progress" on implementing a peace plan aimed at ending bloodshed in Myanmar, Indonesian President Joko Widodo said on Thursday, as a summit ended. Escalating violence in junta ruled Myanmar dominated the meeting of the ASEAN on the island of Flores.

### BEIJING Australian Trade Minister visits China in a joint effort to repair ties



Australian Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell (left, in the photo) visited China on Thursday as part of a joint effort to repair ties strained by political rifts over the past decade. In a statement issued by his office, Mr. Farrell said he would be "advocating strongly for the full resumption of unimpeded Australian exports to China."

### ADEN Yemen peace push 'serious' but next steps unclear: Saudi envoy



Warring parties in Yemen are "serious" about ending a devastating eight-year-old conflict but it is impossible to predict when direct talks, much less a breakthrough, might happen, Saudi Arabia's envoy Mohammed al-Jaber (right, in the photo) said in his first comment after meeting with Huthi leaders in Sanaa last month.

## Pakistan SC calls Imran Khan's arrest 'illegal'; orders his release

A Bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial asked him to present himself before the Islamabad High Court on Friday. SC verdict comes a day after ISPR, military's media wing, said that May 9 would go down in history as a 'dark chapter'

Muhammed Sarfaraz  
LAHORE

The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday declared that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's arrest from the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday was "illegal" and ordered the former Prime Minister be released.



Islamabad: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf activists celebrating after the Supreme Court sets Imran Khan free, in Peshawar on Thursday.

A three-member Bench headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial gave the verdict and sent Mr. Khan to the Police Lines guest house in Islamabad and asked him to present himself before the IHC on Friday. Mr. Khan was arrested by Rangers personnel on

Tuesday, who were acting on an arrest order issued by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the Al-Qadir Trust corruption case. The IHC had declared

his arrest "illegal". The SC verdict comes a day after a strongly worded statement by the military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations

(ISPR), which said that May 9 would go down in history as a "dark chapter". The ISPR said that soon after Mr. Khan's arrest, there were "organised attacks on Army properties and installations" and anti-Army slogans were raised". The ISPR said a "power-hungry group wrapped in political garb" had done to the country what the country's enemies had failed to do since its inception. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday also condemned the PTI workers for committing "unforgivable crimes".

He added that the future remains uncertain as "Pakistan's political drama shames the Game of Thrones with its constant twists and turns. However, this much can be said that a concerted military operation was dangerous and now with his ego wounded by a maltreatment system, while IHC just turn into a monster."

When asked what does the SC verdict mean in the light of the statement by the ISPR, former Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar told The Hindu that the ISPR's reaction to Mr. Khan came when he directly named a serving military officer (in an attempt on his life). "The very next day he was arrested in court premises by paramilitary group wrapped in political

## 25 dead as militants in Gaza, Israel trade fire

Agence France-Presse  
GAZA CITY/BERLIN

Israel and Gaza militants traded more heavy fire on Thursday, the third day of the worst escalation of violence in months that has killed 25 people in the blockaded Palestinian enclave. Air strikes by the Israeli Army since Tuesday have killed fighters as well as civilians, including several children, said officials in a crowded coastal territory.



Constant barrage: Smoke rising above buildings during an Israeli air strike in Gaza City on Thursday.

Cairo mediated in efforts toward a truce between Israel and the Islamic Jihad militant group, while France, Germany, Jordan and Egypt called for an end to the violence. "The bloodletting must end now," said German Foreign Minister Olaf Scholz. Baerbock after hosting her

three counterparts for talks in Berlin. Militants in the Gaza Strip have fired more than 500 rockets at Israel, causing no casualties so far, the Israeli military said. Of these, 368 rockets made it over the border and 154 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defence system, while 110 fell inside Gaza, it said.

Shops in Gaza were shuttered and the streets largely abandoned as Israeli military aircraft circled over the territory where several buildings lay in ruins. Violence has also flared in the occupied West Bank, where the Israeli Army has staged repeated raids which have often flared to street clashes.

## Uzbekistan, once a backer of anti-Taliban forces, now bets on engagement

Shahin Iqbal  
TASHKENT

In the late 1990s, when the Taliban were in power in Kabul, Uzbekistan, along with Tajikistan, Russia, India and others, supported the anti-Taliban United Front (Northern Alliance) that had controlled parts of northern Afghanistan. Now, when the Taliban are back in Kabul, after a gap of 20 years, Tashkent is experimenting a different policy — cautious engagement.

### Last month, Taliban Foreign Minister Muttuqai travelled to Samarkand and asked for continuing economic cooperation

Last month, Uzbekistan hosted a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan's neighbouring countries in Samarkand, in which the Taliban Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttuqai, also participated. Mr. Muttuqai, who held bilateral talks with Uzbek Foreign Minister Bahytov Saidov, said Kabul was ready for the Trans-Afghanistan Railway project, which will connect Uzbekistan to Pakistan through Afghanistan and will significantly contribute to regional economic integration.

for "constructive contact with Kabul".

"There's a new reality in Afghanistan. The global community has demanded that the government in Afghanistan should be inclusive; rights of minorities and women should be protected and the country should not be a staging ground for terrorism. We have the same demands," Manish Prabhat, India's Ambassador in Uzbekistan, told a media delegation from India at the embassy in Tashkent. "But at the same time, Uzbekistan is sending humanitarian aid to Afghanistan, like India is also sending. It's our shared view that terror should not spill over into Central Asia. Any instability in Afghanistan will affect us."

In December, Mr. Mirziyoyev's government submitted an initiative to the UN Security Council, calling for the formation of a high-level international negotiating group to coordinate with the Taliban for the step-by-step implementation of the demands of the international community, which includes lifting the ban on girls' education and women's participation in the workforce.

"In my mind, we should listen to what they want. At least we will be able to see what they are thinking about Central Asia, about the future of our neighbours. Because we are too close. If you go to Termez, you can see Afghanistan, just across Amu Darya (the river that divides Uzbekistan and Afghanistan). You cannot ignore them. They have taken political power. Why should we keep silent? We have to work with them," said Barnur Allonov, director, New Media Education Center, a Tashkent-based NGO.

When in the past Uzbekistan supported Afghan Uzbek militias, the Taliban hosted the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), a jihadist, Uzbek group that wanted to overthrow Karimov's regime and create an Islamic State under Sharia. Today, Tashkent seeks assurances from the Taliban that they would not allow jihadist groups such as the IMU to launch terror attacks.

"We have to work with the Taliban on the security question. They have promised that they would not allow any terrorist group to operate inside Afghanistan. We should make sure that they stick to the promise," said Mr. Allonov, who was the Press Secretary of former President Karimov. He called

## U.K. gives cruise missiles to Kyiv; Ukraine delays counter-attack

Associated Press  
KYIV

The British government announced on Thursday it was giving long-range cruise missiles to Ukraine to help drive out Russia's occupying forces, just as Kyiv delayed a possible counter-offensive more than 14 months after the Kremlin's full-scale invasion as it awaits

the delivery of more Western weapons. U.K. Defence Secretary Ben Wallace told lawmakers in the House of Commons that Britain is donating Storm Shadow missiles, a conventional, air-launched, deep-strike weapon with a range of more than 250 kilometres. That means it can hit targets deep behind the front

line, including in Russia-occupied Crimea. U.K. media reported that Ukraine has pledged to use the missiles to attack Russia itself. The announcement came shortly after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said his country's military needs more time to prepare a counter-offensive against Russian occupying forces.

## Mpox no longer a global health emergency: WHO

Agence France-Presse  
GENEVA

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that mpox no longer constitutes a global health emergency on Thursday, almost exactly a year after the disease formerly known as monkeypox started spreading globally. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the de-

claration was prompted by sharply falling case numbers worldwide, but emphasised that the disease remains a threat, particularly in areas of Africa where it has long been endemic.

This comes a week after the UN agency also declared that COVID-19 is no longer a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), its highest level of alarm.

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**Call Notice**  
The RFP No. 3486 of 01.03.2023. Convergence No. 4495 of 18.03.2023 and 2nd Convergence No. 0723 of 07.03.2023 of Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha for engagement of a media consulting agency for IEC strategy and creative production in different News Papers and Website of Odisha. OAFMS is hereby cancelled due to Administrative reasons.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**Selection of a Media Consulting Agency for IEC Strategy and Creative Production**

Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department, Odisha intends to engage a media consulting agency for IEC strategy and creative production for the operation/execution of the IEC activities taken up by the two Directorates, i.e. Directorate of Fisheries and Director of Aquaculture under the P&AD Deptt. Director of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack of Department of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development, Odisha invites tender proposal from the eligible bidders for the office in Odisha for "media consulting agency for IEC strategy and creative production" under the administrative control of Director of Fisheries, Odisha, Cuttack.

Sl.No.	Critical Events	Time Line
1	Date of Issue of RFP	11.05.2023
2	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	26.05.2023 upto 5:30 PM
3	Opening of Technical Bid	26.05.2023 at 3:30 PM
4	Technical Presentation	05.06.2023 at 1:30 PM
5	Opening of Financial Bid	05.06.2023 at 3:30 PM

The RFP contains all the details in a sealed envelope duly mentioning on the top of it "Selection of a Media Consulting Agency for IEC Strategy and Creative Production" must reach the undersigned through Speed Post/ Registered post can be dropped in the tender box placed at Directorate of Fisheries, Odisha, Mangalagiri, Cuttack, Odisha on or before 11.05.2023 upto 5:30 PM. The proposals received thereafter indicated last date and time shall not be considered and will be outrightly rejected. Bidders/interested parties/consultants if required shall only be available in person as indicated above. Further, the authority reserves the right to reject any proposals without assigning any reason therefor.

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# Mpox no longer a global health emergency: WHO

**Agence France-Presse**

GENEVA

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that mpox no longer constitutes a global health emergency on Thursday, almost exactly a year after the disease formerly known as monkeypox started spreading globally.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the de-

cision was prompted by sharply falling case numbers worldwide, but emphasised that the disease remains a threat, particularly in areas of Africa where it has long been endemic.

This comes a week after the UN agency also declared that COVID-19 is no longer a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), its highest level of alarm.

- It is a viral **zoonotic disease** (transmission from animals to humans) and is identified as a pox-like disease among monkeys hence it is named Monkeypox. It is endemic to Nigeria.
- It is caused by monkeypox virus, a member of the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae.
- The natural host of the virus remains undefined. But the disease has been reported in many animals.
- यह एक वायरल जूनोटिक रोग है (जानवरों से मनुष्यों में संचरण) और बंदरों के बीच चेचक जैसी बीमारी के रूप में पहचाना जाता है इसलिए इसे मंकीपॉक्स नाम दिया गया है। यह नाइजीरिया के लिए स्थानिक है।
- यह मंकीपॉक्स वायरस के कारण होता है, जो पॉक्सविरिडे परिवार में ऑर्थोपॉक्सवायरस जीनस का एक सदस्य है।
- वायरस का प्राकृतिक मेजबान अपरिभाषित रहता है। लेकिन कई जानवरों में इस बीमारी की सूचना मिली है।

- Animals known to be sources of Monkeypox virus include **monkeys and apes, a variety of rodents** (including rats, mice, squirrels and prairie dogs) **and rabbits**.

मंकीपॉक्स वायरस के स्रोत माने जाने वाले जानवरों में बंदर और वानर, विभिन्न प्रकार के कृतक (चूहों, चूहों, गिलहरी और प्रेरी कुत्तों सहित) और खरगोश शामिल हैं।



- It was first reported in 1958, in monkeys in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and in humans in 1970, also in the DRC.
- In 2017, Nigeria experienced the largest documented outbreak, 40 years after the last confirmed case.
- Subsequently, the disease has been reported in many West and Central African countries.
- यह पहली बार 1958 में कांगो लोकतांत्रिक गणराज्य (DRC) में बंदरों में और 1970 में मनुष्यों में, DRC में भी रिपोर्ट किया गया था।
- आखिरी पुष्ट मामले के 40 साल बाद 2017 में, नाइजीरिया ने सबसे बड़े प्रलेखित प्रकोप का अनुभव किया।
- इसके बाद, कई पश्चिम और मध्य अफ्रीकी देशों में इस बीमारी की सूचना मिली है।

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- **Symptoms:**

- Infected people break out in a **rash that looks a lot like chicken pox**. But the fever, malaise, and headache from Monkeypox **are usually more severe than in chicken pox infection**.
- In the early stage of the disease, Monkeypox **can be distinguished from smallpox because the lymph gland gets enlarged**.

- लक्षण:

- संक्रमित लोगों में दाने निकलते हैं जो चिकन पॉक्स की तरह दिखते हैं। लेकिन मंकीपॉक्स से होने वाला बुखार, अस्वस्थता और सिरदर्द आमतौर पर चेचक के संक्रमण से अधिक गंभीर होते हैं।
- रोग के प्रारंभिक चरण में, मंकीपॉक्स को चेचक से अलग किया जा सकता है क्योंकि लसीका ग्रंथि बढ़ जाती है।

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- **Vulnerability:**

- It spreads rapidly and **can cause one out of ten deaths** if infected.

- **Treatment and Vaccine:**

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- यह तेजी से फैलता है और संक्रमित होने पर दस में से एक मौत का कारण बन सकता है।
- उपचार और टीका:



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- There is **no specific treatment or vaccine available** for Monkeypox infection. In the past, the **anti-smallpox vaccine was shown to be 85% effective** in preventing Monkeypox.
    - But the world was declared free of **smallpox in 1980** so the vaccine isn't widely available anymore.
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Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal after the SC verdict, Thursday.



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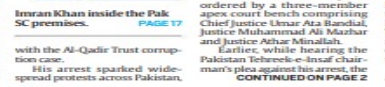
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Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and party leader Sanjay Kaut in Mumbai.

Imran arrest illegal, says Pakistan SC, orders his immediate release

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, MAY 11 PAKISTAN'S SUPREME Court on Thursday declared former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest 'illegal' and ordered his immediate release after he was produced before the top court on its orders...



Imran Khan inside the Pak SC premises.

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ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, MAY 11 IN HIS second reshuffle since taking over as Chief Minister in 2021, M K Stalin on Thursday stripped the crucial Finance portfolio from high-profile minister Palanisami Thangai Rajan, who had won as many admirers for his handling of the department as for his articulation of the same...



Rajan being moved to the Information Technology and Digital Services portfolio. Thangai Rajan's school was a performing minister, was moved from Industries to Finance.

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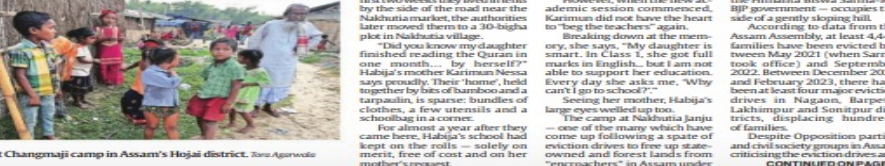
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A screenshot of The Indian Express report on May 4.

Homeless after eviction drives, Assam children drop out of school

TORA AGARWALA HOJAI (ASSAM), MAY 11 AT 12, Habija Khatun is sure of what she wants to be when she grows up. Not a doctor, like her friend Nazrina. Nor a teacher, like her other friend Sana. "None of that," says Habija. A "dorang mamai", she says — Assamese for a successful person, someone who can stand on her own feet. It is a simple ask. But as the days pass at the Nakhutia Janju shelter camp in Assam's Hojai district, her "honor" since the winter of 2021, increases with the possibility seems remote. "I would have been in Class 6 now," Habija says. Like Habija, there are other children at the Nakhutia Janju settlement camp — around 300 of them — many of who now find themselves out of school...



At Changmaji camp in Assam's Hojai district.



# ONDC discounts to continue for rest of the year: CEO Koshy

## Says it is needed to jumpstart business

FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, May 11

**THE OPEN NETWORK** for Digital Commerce (ONDC) will continue to offer discounts for the rest of the year as it seeks to jumpstart business on the protocol by assisting the network participants and wooing buyers, T Koshy, CEO, ONDC told FE on Thursday.

Over the past fortnight or so, customers have been enjoying chunky discounts on ONDC from restaurants like McDonald's, Taco Bell, Behrouz Biryani, Pizza Hut and Café Coffee Day. The price difference between food items on ONDC and those on platforms like Swiggy or Zomato has been as high as 30-60%.

"ONDC is a completely new idea and we would like to support the network participants for some time. We would probably be looking to spend around ₹2-3 crore in a month once we have the budget approvals in place. We will cap the discount at ₹50 per transaction," Koshy said adding that as

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of now, the discounts are capped at 2,000 transactions per day.

The discount scheme is not based on any formula and would be reviewed every

## RAINING DEALS

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month; they would be applicable for all categories of goods available on the network. Currently, 98% of the transactions are taking place in the food and grocery space.

Transactions on the ONDC protocol have been on the rise since the scheme was introduced in mid-March.

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- **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, is a private [non-profit Section 8 company](#) established by the [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade](#) (DPIIT) of [Government of India](#) to develop open [e-commerce](#).

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It was incorporated on 31 December 2021 with initial investment from [Quality Council of India](#) and Protean eGov Technologies Limited (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited)

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A close-up photograph of a complex mechanical assembly, likely a watch movement. The image shows a series of interlocking gears and components, with a prominent gear in the foreground. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the metallic surfaces and creating deep shadows. The text "Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism" is overlaid in white, underlined font, centered on the image.

# Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism



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The [European Union \(EU\)](#) has announced that its **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)** will be introduced in its transitional phase from October 2023, which will levy a carbon tax on imports of products made from the **processes which are not Environmentally sustainable or non-Green.**

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CBAM will translate into a 20-35 % tax on select imports into the EU starting 1st January 2026.

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यूरोपीय संघ (ईयू) ने घोषणा की है कि उसका कार्बन बॉर्डर एडजस्टमेंट मैकेनिज्म (सीबीएएम) अक्टूबर 2023 से अपने संक्रमणकालीन चरण में पेश किया जाएगा, जो उन प्रक्रियाओं से बने उत्पादों के आयात पर कार्बन टैक्स लगाएगा जो पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से टिकाऊ या गैर- हरा।

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सीबीएएम 1 जनवरी 2026 से यूरोपीय संघ में चुनिंदा आयातों पर 20-35% कर में तब्दील हो जाएगा।

# What is CBAM?

## About:

- CBAM is part of the **“Fit for 55 in 2030 package”**, which is the EU’s plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions **by at least 55% by 2030** compared to 1990 levels in line with the **European Climate Law**.
- The CBAM is a policy tool aimed at reducing [Carbon Emissions](#) by ensuring that imported goods are subject to the same carbon costs as products produced within the EU.
- सीबीएएम "2030 पैकेज में 55 के लिए फ़िट" का हिस्सा है, जो यूरोपीय जलवायु कानून के अनुरूप 1990 के स्तर की तुलना में 2030 तक ग्रीनहाउस गैस उत्सर्जन को कम से कम 55% तक कम करने की यूरोपीय संघ की योजना है।
- सीबीएएम एक नीति उपकरण है जिसका उद्देश्य यह सुनिश्चित करके कार्बन उत्सर्जन को कम करना है कि आयातित सामान यूरोपीय संघ के भीतर उत्पादित उत्पादों के समान कार्बन लागत के अधीन हैं।

- **Implementation:**

- The CBAM will be implemented by **requiring importers to declare the quantity of goods imported into the EU** and their embedded Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions on an annual basis.
  - To offset these emissions, importers **will need to surrender a corresponding number of CBAM certificates**, the price of which will be based on the weekly average auction price of **EU Emission Trading System (ETS) allowances** in **€/tonne of CO2 emitted**.
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- CBAM को आयातकों को वार्षिक आधार पर युरोपीय संघ में आयातित माल की मात्रा और उनके सन्निहित ग्रीनहाउस गैस (GHG) उत्सर्जन की घोषणा करने की आवश्यकता के द्वारा लागू किया जाएगा।
  - इन उत्सर्जनों की भरपाई करने के लिए, आयातकों को सीबीएएम प्रमाणपत्रों की एक समान संख्या को सरेडर करने की आवश्यकता होगी, जिसकी कीमत ईय उत्सर्जन ट्रेडिंग सिस्टम (ईटीएस) भत्तों के साप्ताहिक औसत नीलामी मूल्य पर आधारित होगी जो €/टन उत्सर्जित सीओ2 में होगी।

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- **Significance:**

- It can encourage **non-EU countries to adopt more stringent environmental regulations**, which would reduce global carbon emissions.
- It can prevent carbon leakage by discouraging companies from relocating to countries with weaker environmental regulations.
- The revenue generated from CBAM will be **used to support EU climate policies, which** can be learned by other countries to support [Green Energy](#).
- यह गैर-यूरोपीय संघ के देशों को अधिक कड़े पर्यावरणीय नियमों को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित कर सकता है, जिससे वैश्विक कार्बन उत्सर्जन कम होगा।
- यह कंपनियों को कमजोर पर्यावरण नियमों वाले देशों में स्थानांतरित करने से हतोत्साहित करके कार्बन रिसाव को रोक सकता है।
- CBAM से उत्पन्न राजस्व का उपयोग यूरोपीय संघ की जलवायु नीतियों का समर्थन करने के लिए किया जाएगा, जिसे अन्य देश हरित ऊर्जा का समर्थन करने के लिए सीख सकते हैं।



- **Impact India's Export:**

- It will have an adverse impact on India's exports of metals such as **Iron, Steel and aluminum products to the EU**, because these will face extra scrutiny under the mechanism.

- ~~India's major exports to the EU, such as iron ore and steel, face a significant threat due to the carbon levies ranging from 19.8% to 52.7%.~~

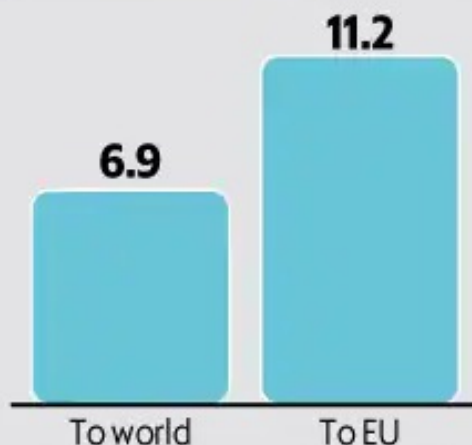
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, the EU will start collecting the carbon tax on each consignment of steel, aluminum, cement, fertilizer, hydrogen and electricity.

- इसका भारत से युरोपीय संघ को लौह, इस्पात और एल्युमीनियम उत्पादों जैसे धातुओं के निर्यात पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा, क्योंकि तंत्र के तहत इन्हें अतिरिक्त जांच का सामना करना पड़ेगा।
- युरोपीय संघ को भारत के प्रमुख निर्यात, जैसे कि लौह अयस्क और इस्पात, 19.8% से लेकर 52.7% तक कार्बन लेवी के कारण एक महत्वपूर्ण खतरे का सामना करते हैं।
- 1 जनवरी 2026 से, युरोपीय संघ स्टील, एल्युमीनियम, सीमेंट, उर्वरक, हाइड्रोजन और बिजली की प्रत्येक खेप पर कार्बन कर एकत्र करना शुरू कर देगा।

# RISING TENSION

The proposed tax has raised concerns among Indian metal producers, who fear it will create a new trade barrier for exports to Europe.

## Share (%) of CBAM products in India's exports



India's total exports of CBAM products to EU:

**\$8.22 bn**

## Impact on sectors covered under CBAM

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### ↑ HIGH

Iron ore, concentrates	16	19.9
Steel products	163	20
Iron and steel	473	31.4
Aluminium and products	85	27.7

### ↓ LOW

Cement	14	6.1
Fertilizer	24	0.7
Hydrogen	1	0
Electrical energy	1	0

Number of tariff lines affected

EU's share (%) in India's exports of CBAM products

CBAM: Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

**What Measures can India Take to Mitigate the Impact of CBAM?**

**Decarbonization Principle:**

**Negotiation with EU for Tax Reduction:**

**Transfer of Clean Technologies:**

**Incentivizing Greener Production**



Eight Years of Jan  
Suraksha Schemes



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- Recently, the three social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes – [Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana \(PMSBY\)](#), [Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana \(PMJJBY\)](#) and [Atal Pension Yojana \(APY\)](#) – completed 8 years of providing social security net.
  - **PMJJBY and PMSBY** were launched to ensure that the people from the **unorganised section** of the country are **financially secure** while **APY was introduced to cover the exigencies in old age.**
  - हाल ही में, तीन सामाजिक सुरक्षा (जन सुरक्षा) योजनाओं - प्रधानमंत्री सुरक्षा बीमा योजना (पीएमएसबीवाई), प्रधानमंत्री जीवन ज्योति बीमा योजना (पीएमजेजेबीवाई) और अटल पेंशन योजना (एपीवाई) - को सामाजिक सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के 8 साल पूरे हुए।
  - पीएमजेजेबीवाई और पीएमएसबीवाई को यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए शुरू किया गया था कि देश के असंगठित वर्ग के लोग आर्थिक रूप से सुरक्षित हैं, जबकि एपीवाई को वृद्धावस्था में अत्यावश्यकताओं को कवर करने के लिए पेश किया गया था।

- What is Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)?
- **About:**
  - It is a **one-year accidental insurance scheme** renewable from year to year offering coverage for death or disability due to accident.
- **Administered By:**
  - It is administered by **Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs)** or any other general insurance company in partnership with banks / Post offices.

• प्रधानमंत्री सुरक्षा बीमा योजना (पीएमएसबीवाई) क्या है?

• के बारे में:

• यह दुर्घटना के कारण मृत्यु या विकलांगता के लिए कवरेज की पेशकश करते हुए साल-दर-साल नवीकरणीय एक वर्ष की दुर्घटना बीमा योजना है।

• द्वारा प्रशासित:

• यह सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की सामान्य बीमा कंपनियों (PSGICs) या किसी अन्य सामान्य बीमा कंपनी द्वारा बैंकों/डाकघरों की साझेदारी में प्रशासित किया जाता है।

- **Eligibility:**

- Individuals in the **age group of 18-70 years** having a savings bank or a post office account are entitled to enroll.

- **Benefits:**

- Accidental death cum disability cover of **Rs. 2 lakhs (Rs. 1 lakh in case of partial disability)** for death or disability due to an accident against a **premium of Rs.20/- per annum.**

- पात्रता:

- बचत बैंक या डाकघर खाता रखने वाले 18-70 वर्ष के आयु वर्ग के व्यक्ति नामांकन के हकदार हैं।

- फ़ायदे:

- रुपये का दुर्घटना मृत्यु सह विकलांगता कवर। 2 लाख रुपये (आंशिक विकलांगता के मामले में 1 लाख रुपये) प्रति वर्ष 20 रुपये के प्रीमियम के बदले दुर्घटना के कारण मृत्यु या विकलांगता के लिए।



- **Achievements:**

- As of April 2023, the cumulative enrolments under the scheme have been more than 34.18 crore and an amount of Rs. 2,302.26 crore has been paid for 1,15,951 claims.

- उपलब्धियां:

- अप्रैल 2023 तक, योजना के तहत संचयी नामांकन 34.18 करोड़ से अधिक और रुपये की राशि रही है। 1,15,951 दावों के लिए 2,302.26 करोड़ रुपये का भुगतान किया गया है।

- What is Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)?
- **About:**
  - It is a **one-year life insurance scheme** renewable from year to year offering coverage for death due to any reason.
- **Administered By:**
  - It is administered by **LIC** or any other life insurance company in partnership with banks / Post office.

- प्रधानमंत्री जीवन ज्योति बीमा योजना (पीएमजेजेबीवाई) क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- यह एक वर्ष की जीवन बीमा योजना है जिसका वर्ष-दर-वर्ष नवीकरण किया जा सकता है जो किसी भी कारण से मृत्यु के लिए कवरेज प्रदान करती है।
- द्वारा प्रशासित:
- यह एलआईसी या किसी अन्य जीवन बीमा कंपनी द्वारा बैंकों/डाकघर की साझेदारी में प्रशासित किया जाता है।

- **Eligibility:**

- Individuals in the **age group of 18-50 years** having a savings bank or a post office account are entitled to enroll under the scheme.

- **Benefits:**

- Life cover of **Rs. 2 Lakhs in case of death due to any reason** against a premium of Rs. 436/- per annum.

- पात्रता:

- बचत बैंक या डाकघर खाता रखने वाले 18-50 वर्ष के आयु वर्ग के व्यक्ति योजना के तहत नामांकन के हकदार हैं।

- फ़ायदे:

- रुपये का जीवन कवर। किसी भी कारण से मृत्यु के मामले में 2 लाख रुपये के प्रीमियम के बदले। 436/- प्रति वर्ष।



- **Achievements:**

- As of April 2023, the cumulative enrolments under the scheme have been more than 16.19 crore and an amount of Rs. 13,290.40 crore has been paid for 6,64,520 claims.

- उपलब्धियां:

- अप्रैल 2023 तक, योजना के तहत संचयी नामांकन 16.19 करोड़ से अधिक और रुपये की राशि रही है। 6,64,520 दावों के लिए 13,290.40 करोड़ रुपये का भुगतान किया गया है।

- What is Atal Pension Yojana (APY)?
- **About:**
  - It was launched **to create a universal social security system for all Indians**, especially the poor, the under-privileged and the workers in the unorganised sector.
  - It is an initiative of the Government to **provide financial security** and cover future exigencies for the **people in the unorganized sector**.
- **Administered By:**
  - **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** through the National Pension System (NPS).

- अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- इसे सभी भारतीयों, विशेष रूप से गरीबों, वंचितों और असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों के लिए एक सार्वभौमिक सामाजिक सुरक्षा प्रणाली बनाने के लिए शुरू किया गया था।
- यह वित्तीय सुरक्षा प्रदान करने और असंगठित क्षेत्र के लोगों के लिए भविष्य की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार की एक पहल है।
- द्वारा प्रशासित:
- राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (एनपीएस) के माध्यम से पेंशन फंड नियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (पीएफआरडीए)।

### Eligibility:

- **All bank account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years** (the contributions differ, based on the pension amount chosen).

### Benefits:

- Subscribers would receive the **guaranteed minimum monthly pension** of Rs. 1000 or Rs. 2000 or Rs. 3000 or Rs. 4000 or Rs. 5000 **at the age of 60 years**, based on the contributions made by them after joining the scheme.
- पात्रता:
- 18 से 40 वर्ष के आयु वर्ग के सभी बैंक खाताधारक (चयनित पेंशन राशि के आधार पर योगदान भिन्न होता है)।
- फ़ायदे:
- सदस्यों को गारंटीशुदा न्यूनतम मासिक पेंशन रु. 1000 या रु. 2000 या रु. 3000 या रु. 4000 या रु. योजना में शामिल होने के बाद उनके द्वारा किए गए योगदान के आधार पर 60 वर्ष की आयु में 5000।



- **Payment Frequency:**
  - Subscribers can make contributions to APY on a monthly/ quarterly / half-yearly basis.
- **Withdrawal from the Scheme:**
  - ~~Subscribers can voluntarily exit from APY subject to certain conditions, on deduction of Government co-contribution and return/interest thereon.~~
- **Achievements:**
  - As of April **2023**, **more than 5 crore individuals** have subscribed to APY.

- भुगतान आवृत्ति:
- अभिदाता मासिक/तिमाही/छमाही आधार पर APY में योगदान कर सकते हैं।
- योजना से निकासी:
- सदस्य सरकारी सह-योगदान और उस पर वापसी/ब्याज की कटौती पर कुछ शर्तों के अधीन स्वैच्छिक रूप से एपीवाई से बाहर निकल सकते हैं।
- उपलब्धियां:
- अप्रैल 2023 तक, 5 करोड़ से अधिक व्यक्तियों ने APY की सदस्यता ली है।



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What are the Other Social Security Schemes launched by Govt of India?

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[Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana \(PM-SYM\) \(Old Age Protection\)](#)

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[National Pension Scheme for Traders and The Self-employed Persons \(NPS\)](#)

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[National Health Mission and Janani Suraksha Yojana](#)

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[Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana](#)

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[Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana \(PMVVY\)](#)

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[National Social Assistance Programme \(NSAP\) scheme](#)

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[PM KISAN](#)



# Sugarcane Production in India



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- Recently, Madras High court in its judgment observed that **Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)** of Sugarcane is not the fair market price and that Marginal farmers can survive only if the State governments paid them the much higher **State Advised Price (SAP)**.
  - हाल ही में, मद्रास उच्च न्यायालय ने अपने फैसले में कहा कि गन्ने का उचित और पारिश्रमिक मूल्य (FRP) उचित बाजार मूल्य नहीं है और यह कि सीमांत किसान केवल तभी जीवित रह सकते हैं जब राज्य सरकारें उन्हें बहुत अधिक राज्य परामर्शित मूल्य (SAP) का भुगतान करती हैं।

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- How are the Prices of Sugarcane Determined?
  - The Prices of Sugarcane are Determined by the **Central Government and the State Governments.**
  - **Central Government:** Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)
    - The Central Government announces FRP which are determined on the recommendation of the [Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices \(CACP\)](#) and announced by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).
      - CCEA is chaired by the Prime Minister of India.
    - The FRP is based on the [Rangarajan Committee](#) report on reorganising the [sugarcane industry](#).

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- गन्ने के दाम कैसे तय होते हैं?
  - गन्ने की कीमतें केंद्र सरकार और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा निर्धारित की जाती हैं।
  - केंद्र सरकार: उचित और लाभकारी मूल्य (FRP)
  - केंद्र सरकार एफआरपी की घोषणा करती है जो कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग (सीएसीपी) की सिफारिश पर निर्धारित की जाती है और आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट समिति (सीसीईए) द्वारा घोषित की जाती है।
  - सीसीईए की अध्यक्षता भारत के प्रधानमंत्री करते हैं।
  - एफआरपी गन्ना उद्योग के पुनर्गठन पर रंगराजन समिति की रिपोर्ट पर आधारित है।

- **State Government: State Advised Prices (SAP)**
  - The SAP is announced by the Governments of key sugarcane producing states.
  - SAP is generally higher than FRP.
    - The price is calculated by the experts, who calculate the **entire economics of the crop by taking input cost** and then suggest to the government, which may agree or not.
- राज्य सरकार: राज्य द्वारा सुझाई गई कीमतें (एसएपी)
- SAP की घोषणा प्रमुख गन्ना उत्पादक राज्यों की सरकारों द्वारा की जाती है।
- SAP आमतौर पर FRP से अधिक होता है।
- कीमत की गणना विशेषज्ञों द्वारा की जाती है, जो इनपुट लागत लेकर फसल के पूरे अर्थशास्त्र की गणना करते हैं और फिर सरकार को सुझाव देते हैं, जो सहमत हो या न हो।







- What are the Advantages of Increasing Sugar Production?
- Sugar production generates several by-products, such as molasses, bagasse, and press mud, which can be used for the production of **other products such as ethanol, paper, and [Bio-Fertilizers](#)**.
- Sugar mills can divert excess sugarcane to ethanol, which is blended with petrol, which not only serves as a **green fuel but also saves foreign exchange on account of crude oil import**.
- चीनी उत्पादन बढ़ाने के क्या फायदे हैं?
- चीनी उत्पादन कई उप-उत्पाद उत्पन्न करता है, जैसे कि गड़, खोई और प्रेस मड, जिनका उपयोग इथेनाल, कागज और जैव-उर्वरक जैसे अन्य उत्पादों के उत्पादन के लिए किया जा सकता है।
- चीनी मिलें अतिरिक्त गन्ने को इथेनाल में बदल सकती हैं, जिसे पेट्रोल के साथ मिश्रित किया जाता है, जो न केवल हरित ईंधन के रूप में काम करता है बल्कि कच्चे तेल के आयात के कारण विदेशी मुद्रा की बचत भी करता है।

- The government of India has fixed a target of 10% blending of fuel grade ethanol with petrol by 2022 & 20% blending by 2025.
  - India achieved **its target of an average of 10% blending across the country** five months ahead of the targeted timelines of November 2022.
- भारत सरकार ने 2022 तक पेट्रोल के साथ ईंधन ग्रेड इथेनॉल के 10% सम्मिश्रण और 2025 तक 20% सम्मिश्रण का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है।
- भारत ने नवंबर 2022 की लक्षित समय सीमा से पांच महीने पहले देश भर में औसतन 10% सम्मिश्रण का अपना लक्ष्य हासिल कर लिया।

- Cultivating **sugarcane provides farmers with an opportunity to diversify** their agricultural activities and increase their income.
- Sugarcane cultivation can be integrated with other crops such as vegetables, fruits, and spices to promote crop diversification. This can lead to better **soil health, reduced pest and disease pressure, and improved crop yields.**

- गन्ने की खेती किसानों को अपनी कृषि गतिविधियों में विविधता लाने और अपनी आय बढ़ाने का अवसर प्रदान करती है।
- फसल विविधीकरण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए गन्ने की खेती को अन्य फसलों जैसे सब्जियों, फलों और मसालों के साथ एकीकृत किया जा सकता है। इससे मिट्टी का स्वास्थ्य बेहतर हो सकता है, कीट और रोग का दबाव कम हो सकता है, और फसल की पैदावार में सुधार हो सकता है।

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- What are the Challenges Associated with Growing Sugarcane?
  - **Longer Duration to Harvest:**
  - **Higher Investment:**
  - **High Labor Cost**
  - **Unviability Sugar Exports**

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- बढ़ते गन्ने से जुड़ी चुनौतियाँ क्या हैं?
  - फसल की लंबी अवधि:
  - उच्च निवेश:
  - उच्च श्रम लागत
  - अव्यवहार्यता चीनी निर्यात



- What is the Status of India's Sugarcane Sector?
- **About:**
  - Sugar industry is an important agro-based industry that impacts the rural livelihood of about 50 million sugarcane farmers and around 5 lakh workers directly employed in sugar mills.
  - The sugar industry is the second largest agro-based industry in India after cotton.

- भारत के गन्ना क्षेत्र की स्थिति क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- चीनी उद्योग एक महत्वपूर्ण कृषि-आधारित उद्योग है जो लगभग 50 मिलियन गन्ना किसानों की ग्रामीण आजीविका को प्रभावित करता है और लगभग 5 लाख श्रमिक सीधे चीनी मिलों में कार्यरत हैं।
- कपास के बाद चीनी उद्योग भारत में दूसरा सबसे बड़ा कृषि आधारित उद्योग है।



- **Geographical Conditions for the Growth of Sugar:**

- **Temperature:** Between 21-27°C with hot and humid climate.
- **Rainfall:** Around 75-100 cm.
- **Soil Type:** Deep rich loamy soil.
- **Top Sugarcane Producing States:** Maharashtra>Uttar Pradesh > Karnataka

- चीनी के विकास के लिए भौगोलिक परिस्थितियाँ:

- तापमान: गर्म और आर्द्र जलवायु के साथ 21-27 डिग्री सेल्सियस के बीच।
- वर्षा: लगभग 75-100 सेमी।
- मिट्टी का प्रकार: गहरी समृद्ध दोमट मिट्टी।
- शीर्ष गन्ना उत्पादक राज्य: महाराष्ट्र> उत्तर प्रदेश> कर्नाटक



- **Status of Sugarcane Sector:** India is the world's top **Producer, User, and Second-largest Exporter** of sugar.
- According to the **Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA)**, the sugar production of India rose by 3.69% to 12.07 million tonnes during the October-December quarter of 2022.
  - In the same period last year, it stood at 11.64 million tonnes.

गन्ना क्षेत्र की स्थिति: भारत दुनिया का शीर्ष उत्पादक, उपयोगकर्ता और चीनी का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा निर्यातक है।

- इंडियन शगर मिल्स एसोसिएशन (ISMA) के अनुसार, 2022 की अक्टूबर-दिसंबर तिमाही के दौरान भारत का चीनी उत्पादन 3.69% बढ़कर 12.07 मिलियन टन हो गया।
- पिछले साल इसी अवधि में यह 11.64 मिलियन टन था।



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a gold medal. The medal is circular with a decorative border and a central emblem. A red ribbon is attached to the top of the medal. The background is a soft, light blue gradient.

# Gallantry Awards

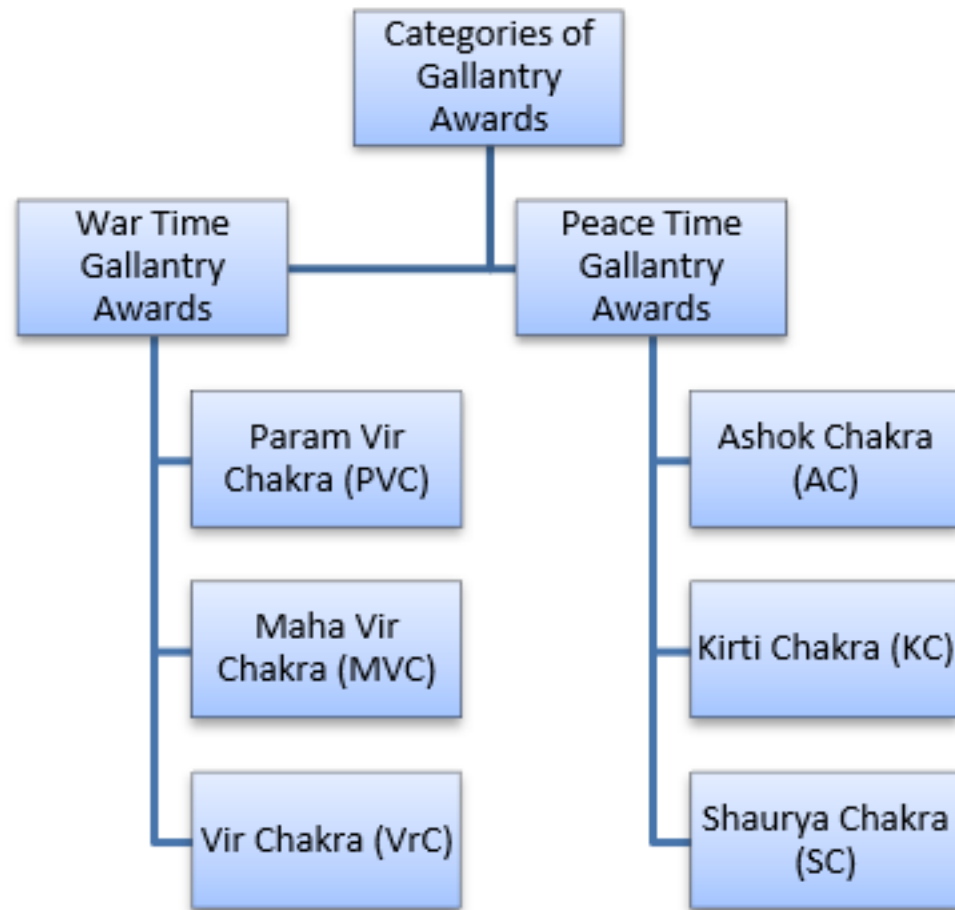


आठ कर्मियों को कीर्ति चक्र से सम्मानित किया गया, और 29 कर्मियों को शौर्य चक्र प्राप्त हुआ।

Recently, President of India presented gallantry awards to 37 personnel of the armed forces, paramilitary, and police forces for their bravery and valour in the line of duty.

हाल ही में, भारत के राष्ट्रपति ने सशस्त्र बलों, अर्धसैनिक बलों और पुलिस बलों के 37 कर्मियों को कर्तव्य के पालन में उनकी बहादुरी और वीरता के लिए वीरता पुरस्कार प्रदान किए।

Eight personnel were conferred with the **Kirti Chakra**, and 29 personnel received the **Shaurya Chakra**.



- **Order of precedence of these awards is the Param Vir Chakra, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, the Vir Chakra, and the Shaurya Chakra.**







The gallantry awards are **announced twice in a year** — first on the occasion of the **Republic Day** and then on the occasion of the **Independence Day**.

वीरता पुरस्कारों की घोषणा वर्ष में दो बार की जाती है - पहले गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर और फिर स्वतंत्रता दिवस के अवसर पर।

A hand is shown holding a large, circular gold medal with a laurel wreath border and a central emblem. The background is a dark, textured blue.

- **Consider the following statements in respect of Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards: (2021)**

1. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards are titles under the Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India.
2. Padma Awards, which were instituted in the year 1954, were suspended only once.
3. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of five in a particular year.

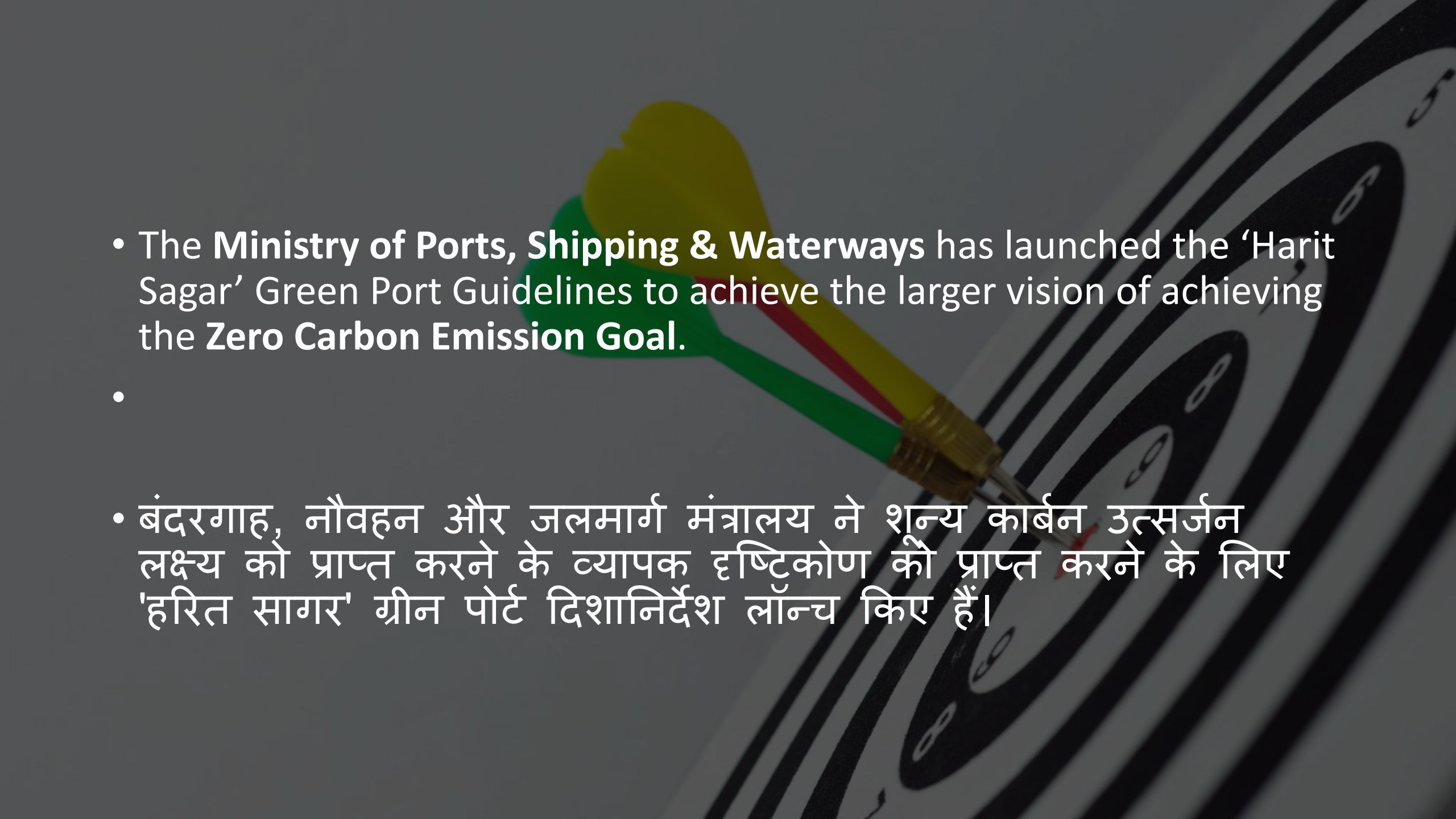
- **Which of the above statements are not correct?**

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

# 'Harit Sagar' Green Port Guidelines

Source: PIB



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- A background image of a target with a dart hitting the bullseye. The target is a circular board with concentric rings and numbers. A dart with a green and yellow shaft and a gold-colored head is embedded in the center bullseye. The background is dark and slightly blurred.
- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** has launched the 'Harit Sagar' Green Port Guidelines to achieve the larger vision of achieving the **Zero Carbon Emission Goal**.

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- बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय ने शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के व्यापक दृष्टिकोण को प्राप्त करने के लिए 'हरित सागर' ग्रीन पोर्ट दिशानिर्देश लॉन्च किए हैं।

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- **Which of the following adopted a law on data protection and privacy for its citizens known as 'General Data Protection Regulation' in April, 2016 and started implementation of it from 25th May, 2018? (2019)**
- (a) Australia
- (b) Canada
- (c) The European Union
- (d) The United States of America

निम्नलिखित में से किसने अप्रैल, 2016 में अपने नागरिकों के लिए डेटा संरक्षण और गोपनीयता पर 'सामान्य डेटा संरक्षण विनियमन' के रूप में जाना जाने वाला एक कानून अपनाया और 25 मई, 2018 से इसे लागू करना शुरू कर दिया? (2019)

(ए) ऑस्ट्रेलिया

(बी) कनाडा

(सी) यूरोपीय संघ

(डी) संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका



- **'Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)' is sometimes seen in the news in the context of negotiations held between India and (2017)**
- (a) European Union
- (b) Gulf Cooperation Council
- (c) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- (d) Shanghai Cooperation Organization

भारत और (2017) के बीच हुई वार्ताओं के संदर्भ में 'व्यापक-आधारित व्यापार और निवेश समझौता (BTIA)' कभी-कभी समाचारों में देखा जाता है।

(ए) यूरोपीय संघ

(बी) खाड़ी सहयोग परिषद

(सी) आर्थिक सहयोग और विकास संगठन (डी) शंघाई सहयोग संगठन

• **Regarding 'Atal Pension Yojana', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2016)**

1. It is a minimum guaranteed pension scheme mainly targeted at unorganized sector workers.
  2. Only one member of a family can join the scheme.
  3. Same amount of pension is guaranteed for the spouse for life after subscriber's death.
- **Select the correct answer using the code given below:**
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 and 3 only
  - (c) 1 and 3 only
  - (d) 1, 2 and 3

'अटल पेंशन योजना' के संबंध में, निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा/से कथन सही है/हैं? (2016)

यह मुख्य रूप से असंगठित क्षेत्र के श्रमिकों पर लक्षित न्यूनतम गारंटीकृत पेंशन योजना है।

योजना में एक परिवार का एक ही सदस्य शामिल हो सकता है।

ग्राहक की मृत्यु के बाद जीवन भर के लिए पेंशन की समान राशि की गारंटी है।

नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए:

(ए) केवल 1

(बी) केवल 2 और 3

(सी) केवल 1 और 3 (

डी) 1, 2 और 3

- **The Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane is approved by the (2015)**
- **(a) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs**
- **(b) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices**
- **(c) Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture**
- **(d) Agricultural Produce Market Committee**

गन्ने का उचित और लाभकारी मूल्य (FRP) द्वारा अनुमोदित (2015)


(ए) आर्थिक मामलों पर कैबिनेट समिति

(बी) कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग

(सी) विपणन और निरीक्षण निदेशालय, कृषि मंत्रालय

(डी) कृषि उपज बाजार समिति



A group of people in a meeting room are clapping. The image is dark and moody, with a focus on the hands and arms of the participants. The background is blurred, showing a person in a white shirt and another person in a grey shirt. The overall atmosphere is one of appreciation and collaboration.

Thank you  
guys, see you  
at 9 am

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