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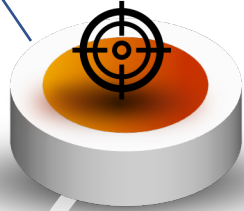


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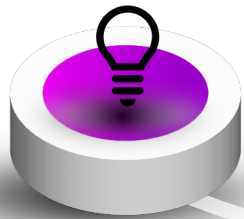


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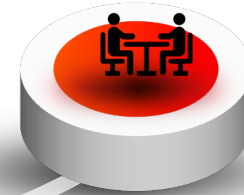


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**Cyclone-struck:** People walk past fallen trees in Nyauktaw in Myanmar's Rakhine. Cyclone Mocha made landfall in Myanmar and southeastern Bangladesh on Sunday, uprooting trees, scattering flimsy dwellings in Rohingya displacement camps and bringing a storm surge into low-lying areas. At least 700 people have been injured so far. AP

**Turkey faces election run-off**  
Reuters  
ANKARA

Erdoğan led comfortably on Monday after the first round of Turkey's presidential election, with his rival facing an uphill struggle to prevent the President extending his rule into a third decade in a run-off vote on May 28. Mr. Erdoğan's People's Alliance, comprising his Islamist-rooted AK Party and its nationalist partners, appeared set to win a majority in the new Parliament with 321 of the 600 seats, boosting his chances in the presidential run-off. "The winner has undoubtedly been our country," Mr. Erdoğan said. **REUTERS/ERDOGAN** » PAGE 13

**Centre against any ethnic division, says Manipur CM**

**The Hindu Bureau**  
GUWAHATI  
The Centre has ruled out dividing Manipur on ethnic lines, Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh said on Monday. "We met Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi yesterday [Sunday] to brief him on the situation in Manipur. He said the State's territorial integrity will not be compromised," he told presspersons in Imphal. Mr. Singh said stern action would be taken under a suspension of operations agreement against extremist groups for possessing weapons illegally. Manipur has some 30 extremist outfits belonging to Kuki-Chin-Zomi group of which 25 are party to the agreement. **CONTINUED ON** » PAGE 10  
**TRIBAL MLAs MEET SHAH** » PAGE 11

## Shivakumar skips Delhi visit; suspense continues

**Siddaramaiah claims majority support of MLAs: Congress observers provide feedback from the MLAs-elect to party president Mallikarjun Kharge as the action over CM selection shifts to Delhi**

**Sandeep Phukan**  
**Nagesh Prabhu**  
NEW DELHI/BENGALURU  
The suspense over who will be the next Chief Minister of Karnataka continued on Monday even as the team of Congress observers provided feedback from the MLAs-elect to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi.



The top leadership of the party had called both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar for further discussions in Delhi. AP

Congress general secretary in charge for Karnataka Sandeep Phukan and general secretary (organising) K.C. Venugopal were present in the closed-door meeting at Mr. Kharge's residence where the views of the MLAs-elect were discussed. Another meeting will take place on Tuesday when Mr. Kharge consults his

party colleagues, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. Emerging from the meeting, Mr. Phukan said the observers consulted 128 MLAs, including a Congress associate member and two independent members. Though the feedback from MLAs was meant to be a confidential exercise, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told a private TV channel that a majority of the MLAs voted for him. The statement did not go down well with the other chief ministerial contender and Karnataka Pradesh

Congress Committee (KPCC) president, D.K. Shivakumar, who asserted that he had "delivered Karnataka to the Congress single-handed". He also showed his displeasure by skipping his Delhi visit, citing ill health. However, the Karnataka Congress chief's brother and Lok Sabha member, D.K. Suresh, had a late-night meeting with Mr. Kharge, sources said. The Karnataka Congress chief could be offered deputy chief, ministership and a couple of portfolios of his choice. Mr. Shivakumar is expected in Delhi on Tuesday for a meeting with Mr. Kharge and Mr. Siddaramaiah. **CONTINUED ON** » PAGE 10

**IN BRIEF**



**Pilot's ultimatum to Gehlot gov: act on graft cases**

**JAIPUR**  
Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Monday gave an ultimatum to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to act in the alleged corruption cases of the previous BJP regime by the end of the month. » PAGE 11

**Govt. heat on official handling CM house case**

**NEW DELHI**  
The Delhi government has ordered that Vigilance official V.K. Rajwade, handling the CM residence matter, be removed from all assignments. » PAGE 2

## SEBI denies probing Adani since 2016; Cong. says Minister misled Lok Sabha

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in the Supreme Court on Monday, denied as "factually baseless" the allegation that it had been investigating the Adani Group since 2016, triggering a row of words between the Congress and the Finance Ministry. The SEBI's affidavit, filed on Sunday, distanced the Adani Group from any "investigations" from 2016. The affidavit was in response to submissions made by advocate Prashant Bhushan before a three-judge Bench, led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, in a hearing in the Hindenburg-Adani case on

Which is worse — misleading Parliament, or being fast asleep as lakhs of investors are duped by alleged money-laundering?  
**JAIRAM RAMESH**  
"Saves" looks

Friday. However, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh took to Twitter to compare the market regulator's claim in its affidavit that "the allegation that SEBI is investigating Adani since 2016 is factually baseless" with a statement made by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary in the Lok Sabha on July 19, 2021.

"The Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary, had told the Lok Sabha on July 19, 2021 that SEBI had been investigating the Adani Group. Now SEBI tells the Supreme Court that they have not been investigating any of the serious allegations against Adani! Which is worse — misleading Parliament, or being fast asleep as lakhs of investors are duped by alleged money-laundering and round-tripping using offshore shell companies. Or even worse, was there a restraining hand from above?" Mr. Ramesh tweeted.

The debate in court on a request by SEBI for a six-month extension to complete its inquiry into

Hindenburg Research's report accusing the Adani Group of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud schemes over the course of decades".

The court had even urged the SEBI to show "some alacrity" in its investigation. The court has adjourned the Adani-Hindenburg case to July 10.

**Unexpected turn**  
The May 12 hearing took an unexpected turn when Mr. Bhushan, for the petitioners, submitted orally that the SEBI had been investigating Adani since 2016. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta vehemently denied Mr. Bhushan's submission. **CONTINUED ON** » PAGE 10

## If law is drafted well, judiciary won't get opportunity to overstep it: Shah

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said if a law was drafted well, the judiciary would not get an opportunity to overstep it. Mr. Shah made the remarks at the inauguration of a training programme on legislative drafting organised by PRIDE and ICPS for officers of Parliament and State legislatures. He said laws should be drafted in as simple and clear words as possible because difficult words always created controversy. "Making a law that cannot be disputed for the next 25 years and the court does not need to intervene is a



medal for drafting a good law," Mr. Shah said. The Home Minister said Article 370 of the Constitution that provided special status to the former State of Jammu and Kashmir was a temporary provision and whoever drafted the law was sharp enough to insert the phrase "temporary" in the Minister said.

...The written debates of the time when Article 370 was inserted are not available. Whoever drafted the law was sharp enough to add temporary provision against it. **CHIRI SAHA**  
Union Home Minister

He said the spirit of "our languages" was important and as most laws were drafted in English, many a time the intent of the legislator was not reflected in the English version. He added that grey areas left scope for encroachment and the legislator should be drafted in a manner that reflected the political will of the Cabinet or Parliament. Words should be expanded to sentences. "Most laws are drafted in English but to reflect the spirit of our languages is very important. Many times the intent of the legislator doesn't match with the English translation of the law," he said.

## Mamata offers to back Congress in other States if it 'sacrifices' its Bengal plans

**Shiv Sahav Singh**  
KOLKATA

Two days after the Congress registered a massive victory in the Karnataka Assembly election, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said her party was willing to support the Congress in other States, if it offered to "sacrifice" its aspirations in Bengal and support the Trinamool Congress. "Wherever the Congress is strong in their respective 200 seats that we have calculated, let them fight, we will support them. But they have to support other political parties as well. If I support you in Karnataka, but you fight against me in the spirit of our languages should be the policy. If you want to achieve something good, then you have to sacrifice in certain areas," Ms. Banerjee said at a press conference here.



Mamata Banerjee

Elaborating on the "1:1 formula" for Lok Sabha election, she said that in places where the regional parties were strong and in a politically dominant position, the Congress should make a "sacrifice".

Reacting to it, Congress State president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said: "The Congress is quite capable of defeating the Trinamool in Bengal. We have done this in the past and we will do it again in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll." **CONTINUED ON** » PAGE 10

IN BRIEF

Government doctors told to prescribe only generic drugs

Prescribe only generic medicines and keep away medical representatives from healthcare facilities, the Health Ministry has directed Union government doctors, citing multiple lapses. The Ministry has said that though all doctors in Union government healthcare facilities have been instructed to prescribe generic medicines only, branded medicines are being prescribed. It added that visits of medical representatives to hospitals should be completely curtailed and any information about a new launch may be communicated by a way of email only.

BJP MP booked on charges of abetment to suicide

BJP MP Rajesh Chaudasama, representing Junagadh in Gujarat, and his father have been booked by the police on charges of abetment to suicide of a doctor, who allegedly died by suicide in February 2023, is said to have named the duo. Police found a one-line note blaming the MP and his father, who had borrowed more than ₹1.5 crore from the doctor and had not returned the sum. The police registered an FIR on the basis of a complaint filed by the doctor's son. No arrest has been made in the case.

Those who require assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts may contact Sarjivini, Society for Mental Health at 011-4076 9002 (10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., Monday-Saturday).

ED issues fresh summons to NCP MLA Jayant Patil

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday issued fresh summons to the Maharashtra State president of the National Congress Party 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 and a seven-term member of the Legislative Assembly, was issued summons on May 10 and asked to appear before the central agency on May 12. He however sought 10 days time, citing personal and official engagements. His statement is likely to be recorded at the Mumbai office of the ED.

ICMR to provide research training to Ayush scholars

The National Institute of Epidemiology, a premier institute of the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), will train Ayush researchers in the fundamentals of basic research, under the Union government's integrative healthcare initiative. The initiative requires ICMR to lead research building capacity among Ayush researchers by offering basic training, sharing access to advanced instrumentation systems, and creating a joint database. "ICMR will now lead the research capacity building programme for Ayush researchers while extending online basic research course for all researchers, faculty, and post-graduate scholars of Ayush," said a Health Ministry official. ICMR is the apex body in India for the promotion of biomedical research.

Railways gets on track to overhaul signage system

Directions to be available at key decision-making points; pictograms for wheelchair assistance, ramps, tourist information, mobile-charging points and escalators have been standardised

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways is planning to overhaul the signage system at railway stations for better travelling comfort of passengers, on the basis of fresh design principles.

Up to 1,275 stations have been selected under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. They are those located in major cities and places of tourist and pilgrimage importance.

Work is in progress at 1,187 stations. "Tendering and planning is in progress for 1,187 Stations", a senior Railway official said.

Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "It was felt to issue standard guidelines on signage at stations that will be consistent and adequate."

Indian Railways will adopt modern, standard signages which are divyng-friendly (disabled-friendly)."



Plain speaking: The Railways wants to use clear fonts, pictograms and simple design across its signage. FILE PHOTO

The Railways now prioritises simple language in clear font, easy-to-read colours and intuitive pictograms. "It is made keeping in mind the requirements of all passengers, including the elderly, women, children, differently-abled etc. The colours of signages, type and size of fonts have been standardised," the official said.

New tertiary boards displayed at station names with tricolour background have been introduced. Emphasis has been laid on providing intuitive

signage at key decision-making points," the official added.

The concept of grouping of signage has been introduced to help commuters find their way easily. Grouping would provide the hierarchy of how information is shared starting with essential journey information, including train travel and platform; directional information like transport interchange and navigating the station; amenities and facilities like toilets and water; commercial information like restaurants and retail; and lastly exit information.

Pictograms for water taps, wheelchair assistance, ramps, tourist information, mobile-charging points, escalators etc. have been standardised.

Three railway stations—Rani Kamalapati, Gandhinagar Capital and Sir M. Videswaraya Terminal have already been commissioned along these lines, the official said.

ED freezes assets worth ₹457 crore of businessman

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has unearthed ₹457 crore during searches on the residential and business premises of businessman Santiago Martin and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The investigating agency took steps to freeze the assets by treating them as proceeds of crime.

Acting on the Central Bureau of Investigation's final report on the charges against Mr. Martin and others relating to the sale of lotteries of the Government of Sikkim in Kerala, the ED launched a money laundering investigation against the accused.

Searches were carried out on May 11 and 12 in Coimbatore and Chennai after a case was registered against Mr. Martin and others under the PMLA.

included the registered office of Future Gaming Solutions India Private Limited, Coimbatore, the master Distributor of Sikkim Lotteries, the residential premises of Mr. Martin at Coimbatore and the residential premises and business premises of his family members in Chennai.

The ED said in a press release that it found that Mr. Martin and his associate companies and entities had made unlawful gains with a corresponding loss to the Government of Sikkim to the extent of ₹940 crore on account of inflating the price-winning tickets claim for the period from 01.04.2009 to 31.08.2010.

Several investments of the group concerns were made in the form of shares issued under the PMLA to freeze movable properties of the group.

The premises covered included fixed deposits and mutual funds, and immovable property documents worth ₹299.36 crore were seized.

Ace wrestlers propose to take agitation against WFI chief to the global arena

Sanskriti Tewari NEW DELHI

Agitating wrestlers on Monday evening gathered in large numbers and marched in protest from Jantar Mantar to Connaught Place stating that they are planning to stage their protest "global" and have approached other Olympic players and sports persons for support in demanding the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Singh.

Since April 23, India's ace wrestlers—Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat—have been protesting at Jantar Mantar over sexual harassment allegations against Mr. Singh.

Ms. Phogat said, "We shall approach Olympians and other sports medalists, who we will make it global, and there are women athletes willing to tarnish the protest and we are being stalked." The wrestlers said that



Former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik interacting with Vinesh Phogat (left) and Sakshi Malik on Monday. FILE PHOTO

their only demand is an arrest.

"This isn't a wrestlers' or female wrestlers' fight, it's a fight for every woman and every sportsperson, today, we call for your support," Sakshi Malik said.

Bhinn Army chief Chandrakant Madhwarao, who met the wrestlers on Monday, said, "It's been a long time and there has been no breakthrough. In a country where the women are let down, the men should sit inside their homes and watch, we have to come

One-stop centres for zero waste to be launched in cities

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

In a step towards curbing down waste generation in urban India, the government will launch one-stop centres where citizens can deposit old clothes, shoes, books, toys and plastic that can be reused or recycled.

These special "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" centres are to be launched nationwide on May 20. Individuals, institutions and commercial enterprises can deposit the items at these hubs.

The items will then be given to different stakeholders to be refurbished for reuse or would be made into new products contributing to a circular economy.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation said in a statement on Monday.

These "RRR" centres would be set up as part of a nationwide campaign "Meri LIFE, Mera Swachh Shehar" ("My Life, My Clean City") under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0) to strengthen citizens' re-



Used clothes can be deposited at the one-stop centres for reusing.

solve to reduce, reuse and recycle, the Ministry said.

The objective of the campaign is to take collective action for the protection and conservation of the environment by adopting sustainable daily habits.

"The SBM forms the backbone of 'Waste to Wealth' and has empowered many craftsmen, recyclers, self-help Groups, entrepreneurs, startups, etc. to recycle waste into a host of products," a senior official in the Urban Affairs Ministry said.

The campaign will culminate on World Environment Day on June 5.

Defence Ministry's IDEX reaches milestone

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Innovations for Defence Excellence (IDEX), the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), has reached a milestone with the signing of the 25th contract, the first one under the Mission DefSpace, and the 100th SPIRIT (Navv) contract, on Monday.

The first IDEX contract of Mission DefSpace was exchanged between Additional Secretary (Defence Production), CEO Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) T. Natarajan and CEO InspiCity Arindrajit Chowdhury, one of the winners of the "micropopulation system for cubesats" challenge, a Ministry statement said.

"InspiCity is developing a gas-based (compact micro-propulsion system) system, whose technology can be integrated with other satellites, including the cubesat swarm being developed under Mission DefSpace," the statement said.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a 13866 logo. Clues include: 11. Wordplay half's boundary (6), 12. Talked about depressed dawdler (8), 13. He is a Cockeye — perhaps mangles 'n' in "haricane" (10), 14. Periodically adged, ... and finally gone (4), 15. Describe a nation's aid (6), 16. Criticize judge as well as peccator, pompous official (10), 20. One challenging journey, originally inspired by October revolution (8), 22. Chatterbox-like boy suppressed by razzle (8), 24. Sharp and stylish, this long worm by husband (10), 26. It, say, extra large! (4), 27. Country takes a long time for customs (9), 28. Drove away, releasing pressure, for a hundred — did well! (8), Down: 1. Weapon placed under an id that is easily read (2,1,6), 3. Stopped, no boys collected (5), 4. Wild animals snore freely after drinking a gallon (7), 5. Left winged frequently eschewed for charnel (3), 6. Backing public transport, Bliton out in to add some words (7), 7. University ending ended with apprehensions of troublemaker on the loose (8), 8. 123456789 second lecture (5), 9. Hairback dashed conviction (7), 10. Continuing with short underwear? No good (9), 11. Superior Libcoat designed to go through sticky case (L,3,5), 12. Quietly desires things (7), 13. Like a gem covered in orange lichens (7), 14. Start to bury a person's remains (5), 15. Investing a bit of money in market makes sense (5), 16. No friend, and S'1 too! (3).

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and a difficulty rating of five stars. Includes a solution key for the puzzle.

FAITH: Role of cow in sanskaras. Text discussing the association of cows and bulls with sanskaras, the use of cow dung and urine in rituals, and the benefits of cow products for health and agriculture.



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## What is SBM-U 2.0?

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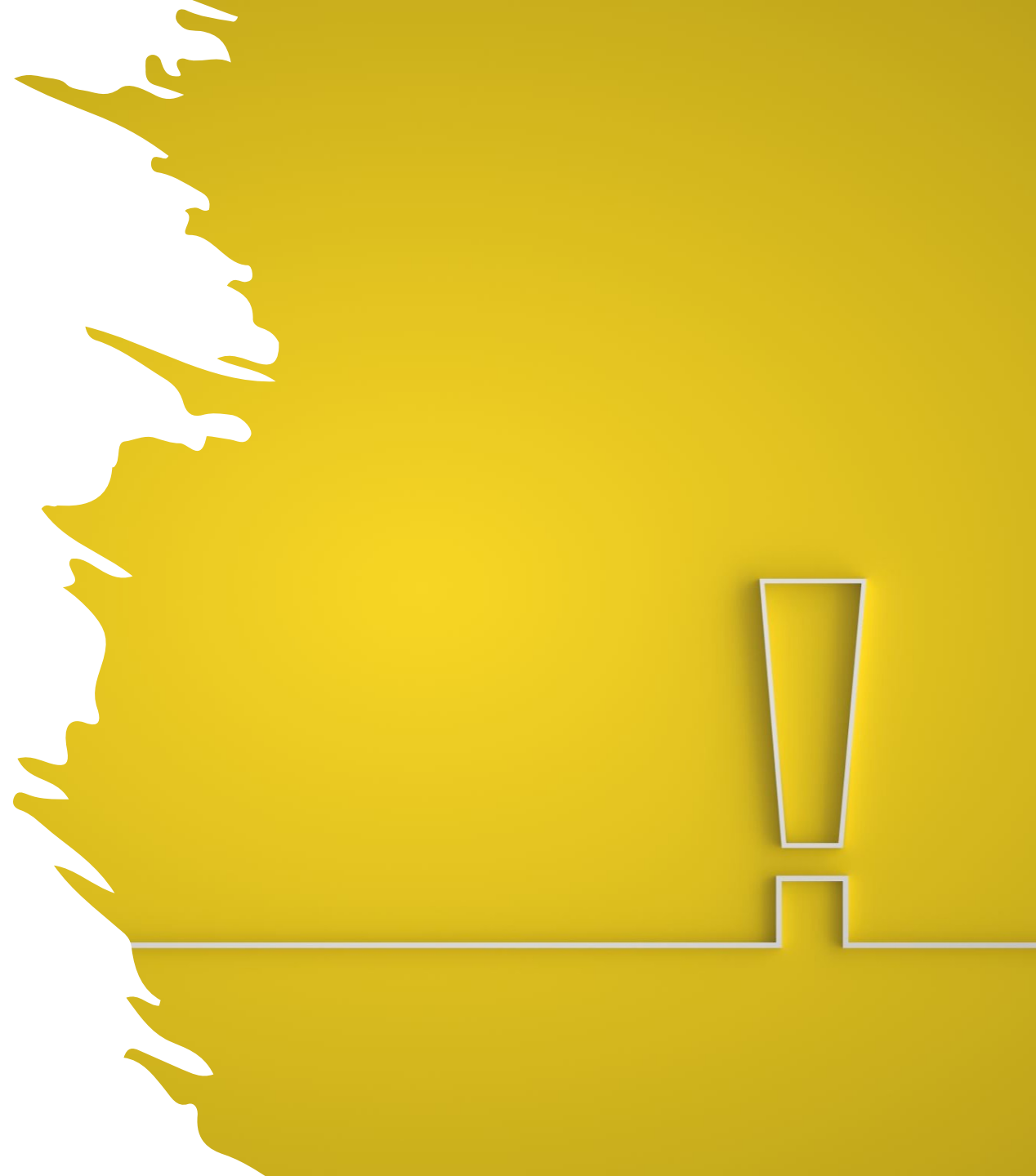
- SBM-U 2.0, announced in [Budget 2021-22](#), is the continuation of SBM-U first phase.
- एसबीएम-यू 2.0 क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- बजट 2021-22 में घोषित एसबीएम-यू 2.0, एसबीएम-यू के पहले चरण की अनुमति है।

- It was **launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021** to achieve the **vision of 'Garbage Free Cities'** over the next five years.
  - The government is also trying to tap safe containment, transportation, disposal of faecal sludge, and septage from toilets.
- इसे अगले पांच वर्षों में 'कचरा मुक्त शहरों' के दृष्टिकोण को प्राप्त करने के लिए 1 अक्टूबर 2021 को लॉन्च किया गया था।
- सरकार शौचालयों से सुरक्षित रोकथाम, परिवहन, मल कीचड़ के निपटान और सेप्टेज का दोहन करने की भी कोशिश कर रही है।

- It will be implemented over five years from 2021 to 2026 with an outlay of Rs.1.41 lakh crore.
  - SBM-U first phase was launched on 2nd October 2014 aiming at making urban India **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste. It lasted till October 2019.
- इसे 1.41 लाख करोड़ रुपये के परिव्यय के साथ 2021 से 2026 तक पांच वर्षों में लागू किया जाएगा।
- एसबीएम-यू का पहला चरण 2 अक्टूबर 2014 को शुरू किया गया था, जिसका उद्देश्य शहरी भारत को खुले में शौच से मुक्त (ओडीएफ) बनाना और नगरपालिका के ठोस कचरे का 100% वैज्ञानिक प्रबंधन हासिल करना था। यह अक्टूबर 2019 तक चला।

- **Aim:**
  - It focuses on source segregation of garbage, reduction in **single-use plastic** and air pollution, by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and **bioremediation** of all **legacy dump sites**.
  - Under this mission, all wastewater will be treated properly before it is discharged into water bodies, and the government is trying to make maximum reuse a priority.

- **उद्देश्य:**
- यह कचरे के स्रोत पृथक्करण, एकल उपयोग वाले प्लास्टिक और वायु प्रदूषण में कमी, निर्माण और विध्वंस गतिविधियों से निकलने वाले कचरे को प्रभावी ढंग से प्रबंधित करके और सभी पुराने डंप साइटों के बायोरेमिडिएशन पर ध्यान केंद्रित करता है।
- इस मिशन के तहत, सभी अपशिष्ट जल को जलाशयों में छोड़ने से पहले ठीक से उपचारित किया जाएगा, और सरकार अधिकतम पुनः उपयोग को प्राथमिकता देने की कोशिश कर रही है।



IN BRIEF

Government doctors told to prescribe only generic drugs

Prescribe only generic medicines and keep away medical representatives from healthcare facilities, the Health Ministry has directed Union government doctors, citing multiple lapses. The Ministry has said that though all doctors in Union government healthcare facilities have been instructed to prescribe generic medicines only, branded medicines are being prescribed. It added that visits of medical representatives to hospitals should be completely curtailed and any information about a new launch may be communicated by way of email only.

BJP MP booked on charges of abetment to suicide

BJP MP Rajesh Choudasamy, representing Jamnagin in Gujarat, and his father have been booked on charges of abetment to suicide. A doctor, who allegedly died by suicide in February 2023, is said to have named the duo. Police found a one-line note blaming the MP and his father, who had borrowed more than 4.5 crore from the doctor and had not returned the sum. The police registered an FIR on the basis of a complaint filed by the doctor's son. No arrest has been made in the case.

Those who require assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts, may contact Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health at 011-4076 9002 (10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., Monday-Saturday).

ED issues fresh summons to NCP MLA Jayant Patil

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday issued fresh summons to the Maharashtra State president of the National Congress Party 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 and a seven-term member of the Legislative Assembly, was issued summons on May 10 and asked to appear before the central agency on May 12. He, however, sought 10 days time, citing personal and official engagements. His statement is likely to be recorded at the Mumbai office of the ED.

ICMR to provide research training to Ayush scholars

The National Institute of Epidemiology, a premier institute of the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), will train Ayush researchers in the fundamentals of basic research, under the Union government's integrative healthcare initiative. The initiative requires ICMR to lead research building capacity among Ayush researchers by offering basic training, sharing access to advanced instrumentation systems, and creating a joint database. "ICMR will now lead the research capacity building programme for Ayush researchers while extending online basic research course for all researchers, faculties, and post-graduate scholars of Ayush," said a Health Ministry official. ICMR is the apex body in India for the promotion of biomedical research.

Railways gets on track to overhaul signage system

Directions to be available at key decision-making points; pictograms for wheelchair assistance, ramps, tourist information, mobile-charging points and escalators have been standardised

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways is planning to overhaul the signage system at railway stations for better travelling comfort of passengers, on the basis of fresh design principles.

Up to 1,275 stations have been selected under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. They are those located in major cities and places of tourist and pilgrimage importance. "Work is in progress at 88 stations. Tendering and planning is in progress for 1,187 Stations," a senior Railway official said.

Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "It was felt to issue standard guidelines on signage at stations to be consistent and adequate. The Indian Railways will adopt modern, standard signage which are disability-friendly (disabled-friendly)."



Plain signage: The Railways wants to use clear fonts, pictograms and simple design across its signage. FILE PHOTO

The Railways now prioritises simple language, clear fonts, easy-to-read colours and intuitive pictograms. "It is made keeping in mind the requirements of all passengers, including the elderly, women, children, divyangjan etc. The colours of signage, type and size of fonts have been standardised," the official said.

The current system of signage is inconsistent and inadequate, it was felt. An internal presentation of

the Ministry of Railways had pointed out that there is lack of uniformity in some cases. In others, signage overlaps with advertisements and not in the visual scheme of commuters. Some signage are not aesthetically designed and at other places, "New tertiary boards displaying station names with tricolour backgrounds have been introduced. Emphasis has been laid on providing intuitive

signage at key decision-making points," the official added.

The concept of grouping of signage has been introduced to help commuters find their way easily. Grouping would provide the hierarchy of how information is shared starting with essential journey information, including train travel and platform; directional information like transport interchange and navigating the station; amenities and facilities like toilets and water; commercial facilities like restaurants and retail; and lastly, exit information.

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Three railway stations—Rani Kamalapati, Gandhi Capital, and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal have already been commissioned along these lines, the official said.

ED freezes assets worth ₹457 crore of businessman

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has unearched properties estimated at ₹457 crore during searches on the residential and business premises of businessman Santiago Martin and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The investigating agency took steps to freeze the assets by treating them as proceeds of crime.

Acting on the Central Bureau of Investigation's final report on the charges against Mr. Martin and others relating to the sale of lotteries of the Government of Kerala, the ED launched a money laundering investigation against the accused.

Searches were carried out on May 11 and 12 in Coimbatore and Chennai after a case was registered against Mr. Martin and others under the PMLA.

included the registered office of Future Gaming Solutions India Private Limited, Coimbatore, the master distributor of Sikkim Lottery, the residential premises of Mr. Martin at Coimbatore and the residential premises and business premises of his family members in Chennai.

The ED said in a press release that it found that Mr. Martin and his associate companies and entities had made unlawful gains with a corresponding loss to the Government of Sikkim to the extent of ₹290 crore on account of inflating the price of winning tickets claim for the period from 01.04.2009 to 31.08.2010.

Several investments of the group concerns were identified and orders were issued under the PMLA to freeze movable properties worth ₹157.7 crore, which included fixed deposits and mutual funds, and immovable property documents worth ₹299.16 crore were seized.

Ace wrestlers propose to take agitation against WFI chief to the global arena

Samridhi Tewari NEW DELHI

Agitating wrestlers on Monday evening gathered in large numbers and marched in protest from Jantar Mantar to Connaught Place stating that they are planning on taking their protest 'global' and have approached other Olympic players and sportspersons for support in demanding the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Since April 23, India's ace wrestlers — Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat — have been protesting at Jantar Mantar over sexual harassment allegations against Mr. Singh. "We will make it global, there are some people trying to tarnish the protest and we are being stalked," the wrestlers said that



Former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik interacting with Vinesh Phogat (left) and Sakshi Malik on Monday. SOVI KUMAR/PUNJABBIAN

their only demand is an arrest.

"It isn't a wrestlers' or female wrestlers' fight, it's a fight for every woman and every sportsperson, today, we call for your support," Sakshi Malik said. "Bhim Army chief Chandrasekhar Azad, who met the wrestlers on Monday, said, "It's been a long time and there has been no breakthrough. In a country where the women are let down, the men shouldn't sit inside their homes and watch, we have to come

One-stop centres for zero waste to be launched in cities

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

In a step towards cutting down waste generation in urban India, the government will launch one-stop centres where citizens can deposit old clothes, shoes, books, toys and plastic that can be reused or recycled.

These special "Reduce, Recycle and Reuse" centres are to be launched nationwide on May 20. Individuals, institutions and commercial enterprises can deposit the items at these hubs.

The items will then be given to different stakeholders to be refurbished for reuse or would be made into new products contributing to a circular economy, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation said in a statement on Monday.

These 'RRR' centres would be set up as part of a nationwide campaign "Make Life, My Clean City" under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0) to strengthen citizens' re-



Used clothes can be deposited at the one-stop centres for repurposing.

solve to reduce, reuse and recycle, the Ministry said. The objective of the campaign is to take collective action for the protection and conservation of the environment by adopting sustainable daily habits. "The 3Rs form the backbone of 'Waste to Wealth' and has empowered many craftsmen, recyclers, self-help Groups, entrepreneurs, startups, etc. to recycle waste into a host of products," a senior official in the Urban Affairs Ministry said.

The campaign will culminate on World Environment Day on June 5.

Defence Ministry's IDEX reaches milestone

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Innovations for Defence Excellence (IDEX), the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), has reached a milestone with the signing of the 250th contract, the first one under the Mission DefSpace, and the 100th SPRINT (Naval contract on Monday).

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"InspecCity is developing a gas-based compact micropropulsion system. This technology can be integrated with other satellites, including the cubesat swarm being developed under Mission DefSpace," the statement said.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a 13866 score. Clues include: 11 Wordplay hall's boundary (6), 12 Talked about depressed dander (8), 13 He is a Cowboy — perhaps mangles 'H' in 'harricane' (10), 14 Periodically edged... and finally gone (6), 17 Describe a nation's pulse (4), 18 Critic's judge; well peculiar, pompous official (10), 20 One challenging journey, originally inspired by October 'novels' (8), 22 Chatterbox-like boy suppressed by muzzle (6), 24 Sharp and stylish, this lungi worn by husband (10), 26 Is, say, extra large! (4), 27 Country takes a long time for customs (8), 28 Drive away, releasing pressure, for a hundred... did well! (8) Down: 2 Weapon placed under an lid that is easily read (2,4,6), 3 Stopped, no loss collected (8), 4 Wild animals snore freely after drinking a gallon (7), 5 Left singers' frequency unchanged for shaman (8), 6 Backing public transport, Biden cut in to add some words (7), 7 Unwisely nesting ended with apprehension of troublemaker on the loose (9), 8 Track down second lecture (5), 9 Halfback dashed conversion (7), 14 Continuing with short underwear? No good (9), 16 Superior U-Boat designed to go through tricky cave (1,3,5), 18 Quietly desues flaps (7), 19 Like a gem covered in orange lichens (7), 21 Start to bury a person's remains (5), 23 Investing a bit of money in market makes sense (5), 25 No friend, and 57 I too (3).

Sudoku puzzle grid with difficulty rating of 4 stars. The grid is partially filled with numbers. Below the grid are two sections: 'Solution to previous puzzle' and 'Solution to yesterday's Sudoku'.

FAITH section with the title 'Role of cow in samskaras'. The text discusses the association of cows and bulls with samskaras, the use of Panchagavya in purification purposes, and the benefits of cow milk and curd. It mentions the Satras that Panchagavya should be used as an organic pesticide and that it is a mixture of cow's urine, cow dung, milk, ghee and curd. It also mentions the benefits of cow milk and its by-products in getting rid of miasma and getting rid of pitta and vata.

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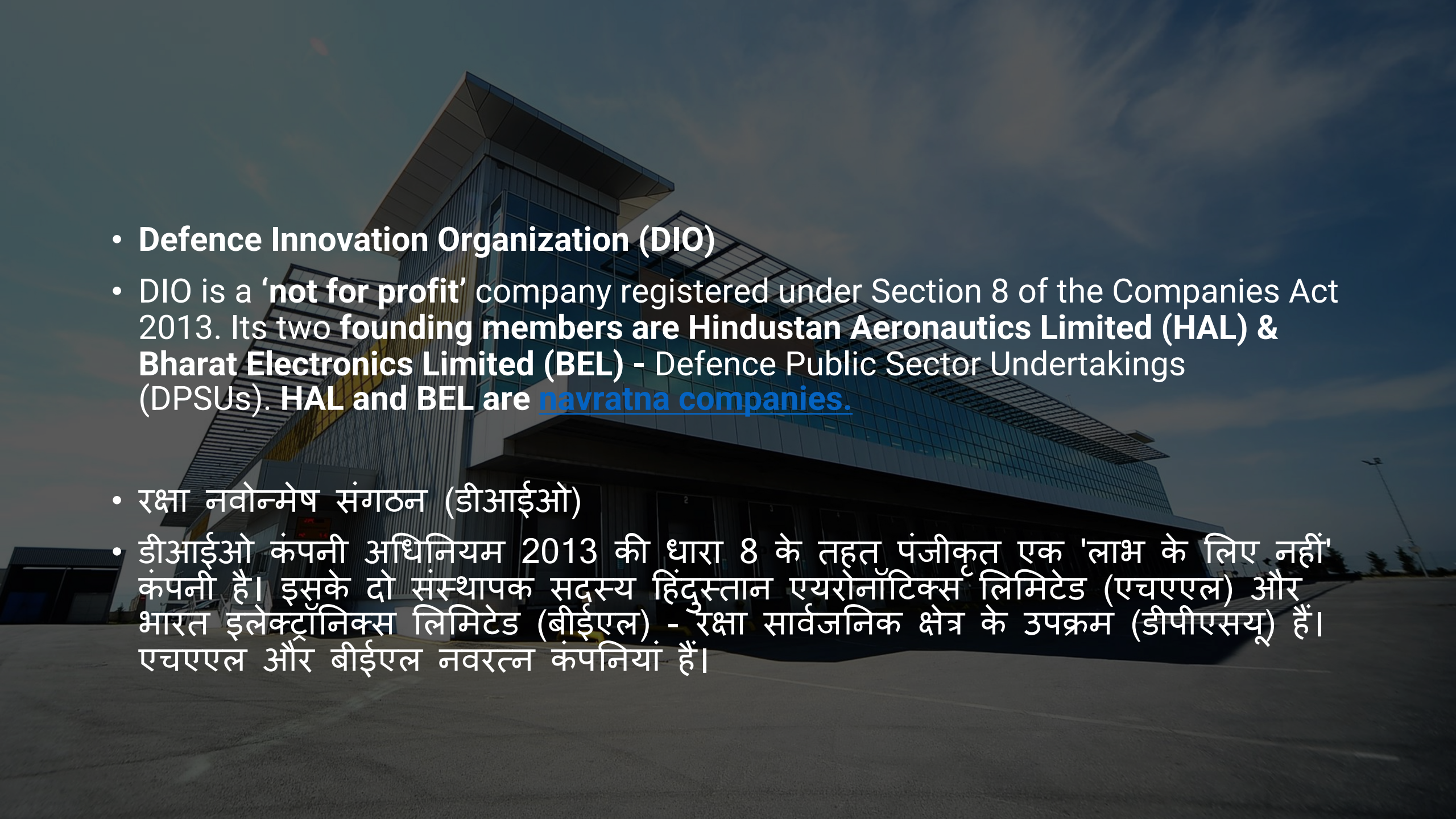
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- iDEX is an initiative taken by the government to contribute towards **modernization of the Defence Industry**.
- It was launched by the Government in April 2018.
- iDEX aims to promote **innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace** by engaging Industries (which includes **MSMEs**, start-ups, individual innovators, R&D institutes & academia).
- iDEX रक्षा उद्योग के आधुनिकीकरण की दिशा में योगदान करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा की गई एक पहल है।
- इसे अप्रैल 2018 में सरकार द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया था।
- iDEX का उद्देश्य उद्योगों (जिसमें MSME, स्टार्ट-अप, व्यक्तिगत नवप्रवर्तक, R&D संस्थान और शिक्षाविद शामिल हैं) को शामिल करके रक्षा और एयरोस्पेस में नवाचार और प्रौद्योगिकी विकास को बढ़ावा देना है।





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- iDEX will provide the engaging industries with funding and other support to carry out Research & Development.
  - iDEX will be funded and managed by **Defence Innovation Organization (DIO)**, and will function as the **executive arm of DIO**.
  - iDEX आकर्षक उद्योगों को अनुसंधान और विकास करने के लिए धन और अन्य सहायता प्रदान करेगा।
  - iDEX को रक्षा नवाचार संगठन (DIO) द्वारा वित्त पोषित और प्रबंधित किया जाएगा, और DIO की कार्यकारी शाखा के रूप में कार्य करेगा।

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- **Defence Innovation Organization (DIO)**
  - DIO is a 'not for profit' company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013. Its two founding members are **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) & Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** - Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). HAL and BEL are [navratna companies](#).
  - रक्षा नवोन्मेष संगठन (डीआईओ)
  - डीआईओ कंपनी अधिनियम 2013 की धारा 8 के तहत पंजीकृत एक 'लाभ के लिए नहीं' कंपनी है। इसके दो संस्थापक सदस्य हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (एचएएल) और भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल) - रक्षा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम (डीपीएसयू) हैं। एचएएल और बीईएल नवरत्न कंपनियां हैं।

MOSCOW

Russia scrambles jet as France, Germany conduct NATO patrols



Russia's Defence Ministry scrambled a fighter jet on Monday after it said it detected French and German patrol aircraft flying towards Russian airspace, a statement said.

BEIRUT

Back in the Arab League after 12 years, Syria seeks investments



Syria on Monday called on Arab countries to invest in the war-torn nation, now again a member of the Arab League. This inclusion is seen as another step toward bringing Syrian President Bashar Assad (right, in the photo), back into the fold.

RAMALLAH

Israeli Army kills man in occupied West Bank; Palestinian Ministry



Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian man on Monday in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, with the Army saying it returned fire after being shot. The Israeli Army said it was conducting an operation in Nablus to prepare to demolish the house of a man suspected of an armed attack in February.

BEIJING

China sentences 78-year-old U.S. citizen to life on spying charges



China sentenced a 78-year-old United States citizen to life in prison on Monday on spying charges, in a case that could exacerbate the deterioration in relations between Beijing and Washington over recent years.

Thailand's voters reject military-backed parties

Despite their success, MFP and Pheu Thai still face many hurdles to secure power; rumours are swirling that MFP could be dissolved by court order — the same fate that befell its predecessor

Agence France-Presse BANGKOK

Thailand's progressive Move Forward (MFP) Party claimed victory in the country's election on Monday after a stunning result that decimated military-backed parties, which have ruled the kingdom for nearly a decade.

A massive surge for Move Forward (MFP) in Sunday's ballot left it on course to be the biggest party, followed by its rival Opposition and the Pheu Thai movement of billionaire ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

Thailand voters turned out in record numbers to deliver a brutal verdict on former coup leader Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha, who has been blamed for economic stagnation and a crackdown on rights.

MFP leader Pita Limjaroenrat said he would seek to build a six-party coalition including Pheu Thai, which said it was ready to join, though negotiations of the details have not yet begun.

"I am Pita Limjaroenrat,



Victory dancer Pita Limjaroenrat interacting with media at the party headquarters in Bangkok on Monday.

the next Prime Minister of Thailand," he told reporters at the MFP headquarters in Bangkok.

"We are ready to form the government," he added, vowing to be a "Prime Minister for all".

Mr. Pita said he had called Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Pheu Thai's lead Prime Minister candidate, to congratulate her on her campaign and invite her to join the coalition.

"The sentiment has changed, it was right, it was the right timing, people have been through enough," he said.

"Today is a new day, and hopefully it is full of

sunshine and hope."

Between them, MFP and Pheu Thai are expected to take 292 out of 500 seats in the Lower House, with the two main Army-aligned parties mustering just 76 seats in total.

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Resurgent Erdogan paints vote as a victory, rival remains hopeful

Agence France-Presse ISTANBUL

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'We can't control the sky,' Zelensky says as he asks for fighter jets on U.K. visit

Sriram Lakshman LONDON

Following visits to Berlin and Paris on Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky arrived in London on Monday for talks with U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Mr. Zelensky attempts to adequately equip itself for a spring offensive against Russia.

Standing next to Mr. Sunak at the U.K. Prime Minister's official country residence, Chequers, Mr. Zelensky said, "Today we spoke about the jets — a very important topic for us, because we can't control the sky, we want to create this joint coalition."

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The U.K. last week had confirmed that it had given Kyiv long range (Storm Shadow) cruise missiles as the first country to do so, according to Downing Street.

Mr. Sunak told reporters that he and Mr. Zelensky had discussed U.K. support to give Kyiv F-16 jets, the statement said.

Protesters ask Chief Justice to step down for releasing Imran Khan

Associated Press ISLAMABAD

Thousands of Pakistani government supporters congregated on the country's Supreme Court on Monday, demanding a challenge to the nation's judiciary.

The radical Islamist political party Jamaat-e-Islami is leading the protest call. Also as part of the alliance, the Pakistan People's Party led by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari — the son of assassinated Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto — is joining the protest.

The protest is a sign of escalating tensions between the judiciary and the government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who replaced Mr. Khan after his ouster.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Unknown, Sex: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was found dead at Jhangol Gaon, Jamuna Khano, near Thacker A/c, 7, Ashraf, Delhi in the jurisdiction of P.S. Aijpur, Delhi on 07.05.2023.

By Order Sh. Vinod Kumar Metropolitan Magistrate, Central District, Room No. 150, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/5167/ON/2023 Ph: 011-27202265, 7065036325

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Imran Haami, S/O: Iqbal Ahmed, R/O: H.No. C-145, Gali No. 02, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, also at C-175, Gali No. 02, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case E-FIR No. 54888/2019, U.S. 37(4)(3)(3) IPC, P.S. 1, P. Estate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Imran Haami cannot be found and when he has been shown to try satisfaction that the said accused Imran Haami has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Imran Haami accused of E-FIR No. 54888/2019, U.S. 37(4)(3)(3) IPC, P.S. 1, P. Estate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.07.2023.

By Order Sh. Vinod Kumar Metropolitan Magistrate, Central District, Room No. 150, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/5112/CD/2023 (Court Matter)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, Sex: Unknown, R/O: Unknown, Age: About 40 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Sallow, Build: Medium, Face: Round, Injury Mark: Cut the Right Hand on forehead, Right side Eye Defective (Closed), Wearing: Navy Blue color Lower, Sky Blue Living Shirt and Brown Chaps, Hair: Black and dead at Hat rate No. 02, TRO Railway Station, Delhi on 12.05.2023 at 14.50 hours.

By Order P.S. Neeraj Narasimhan Railway Station, Delhi, Ph: 011-26289242, 8789315131

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Ram Kumar, Director of M/s Knight Riders Auto Services Private limited, at SF-26, Sector 17, Gurgaon, Haryana, India, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 517242716, U.S. 138 N Act, registered at P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Ram Kumar cannot be found and when he has been shown to try satisfaction that the said accused Ram Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ram Kumar, in case CC No. 517242716, U.S. 138 N Act, P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.07.2023.

By Order Sakshi Jainwani Metropolitan Magistrate-02, DP/4780/N/2023 Room no. 2, Ground Floor, Anand Building, Court Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a female namely Radha W/O Devender Kumar, R/O H.No. 84, Pal Mohalla, Chota Chowk, Mandawali, Delhi, Age: 21 years, Height: 4'5", Complexion: Fair, Build: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow, Blue & White colour Saree and Red colour Blouse & Red and White colour Saree in her feet has been missing from her house since 25.04.2023 at 5.00 PM. This regards a case vide DD No. 46A dated 04.05.2023 registered at P.S. Mandawali, Delhi.

Since efforts have been made by local police to trace out the said female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this female please inform undersigned.

E-mail: ctg@delhi.gov.in P.S. Mandawali, Delhi Ph: 011-26289239 Ph: 011-22720809, 22720808, DP/4696/ED/2023

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one male person was found in Unconscious Condition at P.S. Mayapuri, Mechanical Market, Delhi. He was admitted in DDU Hospital vide MLC No. 05/2023 dated 05.05.2023. During the treatment declared dead by doctor. In this regard a DD No. 14A dated 10.05.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification at DDU Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hrs.

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**BEIRUT**

## Back in the Arab League after 12 years, Syria seeks investments



AP

▲ Syria on Monday called on Arab countries to invest in the war-torn nation, now again a member of the Arab League. This inclusion is seen as another step toward bringing Syrian President Bashar Assad (right, in the photo), back into the fold. The appeal from Syria came during an economic conference in Saudi Arabia. AP



<b>Administrative center</b>	Cairo, Egypt <sup>a</sup>
<b>Official languages</b>	Arabic
<b>Demonym(s)</b>	Arabs
<b>Type</b>	Regional organization
<b>Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Algeria</li><li> Bahrain</li><li> Comoros</li><li> Djibouti</li><li> Egypt</li><li> Iraq</li><li> Jordan</li><li> Kuwait</li><li> Lebanon</li><li> Libya</li><li> Mauritania</li><li> Morocco</li><li> Oman</li><li> Palestine</li><li> Qatar</li><li> Saudi Arabia</li><li> Somalia</li><li> Sudan</li><li> Syria</li><li> Tunisia</li><li> United Arab Emirates</li><li> Yemen</li></ul>

<b>Establishment</b>	
• <a href="#">Alexandria Protocol</a>	22 March 1945
• <a href="#">Joint Defence and Economic Co-operation Treaty</a>	18 June 1950
• <a href="#">Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA)</a>	February 1997
<b>Area</b>	
• Total area	13,132,327 km <sup>2</sup> (5,070,420 sq mi) <a href="#">(2nd)</a>
<b>Population</b>	
• 2022 estimate	462,940,089 <sup>[1]</sup> <a href="#">(3rd)</a>
• Density	27.17/km <sup>2</sup> (70.4/sq mi)
<b>GDP</b> (nominal)	
• Total	2022 estimate \$3.4 trillion <sup>[2]</sup> <a href="#">(5th)</a>
• Per capita	\$6,600

- **Suspension:**

- Syria was **suspended from the Arab League in 2011** after it violently cracked down on anti-government protests.
- The Arab League accused Syria of not **complying with a peace plan that called for a withdrawal of military forces**, the release of political prisoners, and the start of a dialogue with opposition groups.

निलंबन:

2011 में सरकार विरोधी प्रदर्शनों पर हिंसक कार्रवाई करने के बाद सीरिया को अरब लीग से निलंबित कर दिया गया था।

अरब लीग ने सीरिया पर शांति योजना का पालन नहीं करने का आरोप लगाया जिसमें सैन्य बलों की वापसी, राजनीतिक कैदियों की रिहाई और विपक्षी समूहों के साथ बातचीत शुरू करने का आह्वान किया गया था।

- Despite attempts at peace negotiations and ceasefire agreements, the violence continued, leading to Syria's suspension.
- This had economic and diplomatic consequences for Syria.
- शांति वार्ता और युद्धविराम समझौते के प्रयासों के बावजूद, हिंसा जारी रही, जिसके कारण सीरिया को निलंबित कर दिया गया।
- सीरिया के लिए इसके आर्थिक और कूटनीतिक परिणाम हुए।



- A committee involving Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq will be established to help **Syria achieve these goals.**
  - But the decision does not mean a resumption of relationships between Arab states and Syria as it is up to each country to decide this individually.
- It calls for a resolution of the crisis **resulting from Syria's civil war**, including the flight of refugees to neighboring countries and drug smuggling across the region.
- सीरिया को इन लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में मदद करने के लिए मिस्र, सऊदी अरब, लेबनान, जॉर्डन और इराक को शामिल करते हुए एक समिति की स्थापना की जाएगी।
- लेकिन निर्णय का मतलब अरब देशों और सीरिया के बीच संबंधों की बहाली नहीं है क्योंकि यह प्रत्येक देश पर निर्भर है कि वह इसे व्यक्तिगत रूप से तय करे।
- यह सीरिया के गृह युद्ध से उत्पन्न संकट के समाधान का आह्वान करता है, जिसमें शरणार्थियों को पड़ोसी देशों में जाना और पूरे क्षेत्र में नशीली दवाओं की तस्करी शामिल है।

- What is the Arab League?
- About:
  - Arab League, also called League of Arab States (LAS), is an intergovernmental pan-Arab organisation of all Arab states in the [Middle East](#) and North Africa.
  - It was formed in Cairo, Egypt on 22nd March 1945, following the adoption of the Alexandria Protocol in 1944.

- अरब लीग क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- अरब लीग, जिसे लीग ऑफ़ अरब स्टेट्स (LAS) भी कहा जाता है, मध्य पूर्व और उत्तरी अफ्रीका के सभी अरब राज्यों का एक अंतर-सरकारी पैन-अरब संगठन है।
- 1944 में अलेक्जेंड्रिया प्रोटोकॉल को अपनाने के बाद 22 मार्च 1945 को काहिरा, मिस्र में इसका गठन किया गया था।



- **Members: Currently, there are 22 Arab countries**



- What is the Significance of the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) for India?
- **Middle East:**
  - India has enjoyed **centuries of good relations with countries like Iran, while smaller gas-rich nation Qatar** is one of India's closest allies in the region.
  - India shares good **relations with most of the countries in the Gulf.**
  - The two most important reasons for the relationship are **Oil and gas, and trade.**
  - Two additional reasons are the **huge number of Indians who work in the Gulf countries,** and the **Remittance they send back home.**

- भारत के लिए मध्य पूर्व/उत्तरी अफ्रीका (MENA) का क्या महत्व है?
- मध्य पूर्व:
- भारत ने ईरान जैसे देशों के साथ सदियों से अच्छे संबंधों का आनंद लिया है, जबकि छोटा गैस समृद्ध देश कतर इस क्षेत्र में भारत के सबसे करीबी सहयोगियों में से एक है।
- भारत खाड़ी के अधिकांश देशों के साथ अच्छे संबंध साझा करता है।
- रिश्ते के दो सबसे महत्वपूर्ण कारण तेल और गैस और व्यापार हैं।
- दो अतिरिक्त कारण हैं खाड़ी देशों में काम करने वाले भारतीयों की भारी संख्या, और वे रेमिटेंस जो वे घर वापस भेजते हैं।

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**North Africa:**North African nations like **Morocco and Algeria** are important as they serve as gateways to other parts of Africa, which is relevant for India, given its desire to **penetrate Francophone Africa (French Speaking African Nations)**.

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North Africa is significant for India because of its potential as a source of clean energy. The region has **abundant solar and wind resources**, which can be harnessed to generate electricity.

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उत्तरी अफ्रीका: मोरक्को और अल्जीरिया जैसे उत्तरी अफ्रीकी देश महत्वपूर्ण हैं क्योंकि वे अफ्रीका के अन्य हिस्सों के लिए प्रवेश द्वार के रूप में काम करते हैं, जो भारत के लिए प्रासंगिक है, इसकी फ्रैंकोफोन अफ्रीका (फ्रेंच भाषी अफ्रीकी राष्ट्र) में प्रवेश करने की इच्छा को देखते हुए।

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स्वच्छ ऊर्जा के स्रोत के रूप में अपनी क्षमता के कारण उत्तरी अफ्रीका भारत के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। इस क्षेत्र में प्रचुर मात्रा में सौर और पवन संसाधन हैं, जिनका उपयोग बिजली उत्पन्न करने के लिए किया जा सकता है।



**BUSINESS AS USUAL**

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Nips the new chief but it's out to best it



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**In negative territory, WPI at 34-month low; to remain subdued**

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 15

**INFLATION RATE** based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) fell to a near three-year low of (-) 0.92 per cent in April, slipping into negative territory for the first time in 33 months, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday. A high base effect along with moderating global commodity prices reflected easing of food, fuel and other input costs.

WPI had last recorded deflation in July 2020 at (-) 0.25 per cent and the previous low was seen 34 months ago in June 2020 at (-) 1.81 per cent. Wholesale inflation rate was 1.34 per cent in March 2022 and 15.38 per cent in April 2022. The all-commodity index has remained unchanged at 150.9 since February.

Experts said WPI inflation rate is likely to stay benign going ahead due to a high base effect and the easing of global commodity prices which will help inflation of manufacturing products stay lower.

"We may expect to continue to see benign WPI inflation numbers due to the high base effect. Also the easing of global commodity prices will keep inflation of manufactured products lower. Food inflation will need to be watched as the prices of..."  
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**WPI** Will keep retail inflation low

A HIGH base effect and easing global commodity prices have helped WPI to slip into a deflationary zone after almost three years. The wholesale inflation trend is expected to stay subdued, which is likely to then also reflect in retail inflation with a lag.

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**HEENA KHANDELWAL**  
MUMBAI, MAY 15

**FROM BEING** bullied in school to walking the ramp, from therapy sessions to portfolio models, from Saurav to being the 25-year-old trans model and actor, life so far has been a journey of discovering and now re-creating herself to be the world's first trans model. She is now nearly there when she was to be a boy's friend in Delhi. For Saurav, the one who left trapped in her body and called her 'saurav', those were difficult days as she was bullied and called names by fellow students. It

**AFTER BIG WIN, CONG DILEMMA OVER KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER'S POST  
CM decision likely today: Siddaramaiah is ahead, but Shivakumar digs heels in**

Shivakumar: My strength is 135... I believe a single man with courage makes a majority



**MANOJ CG & JOHNSONTA**  
NEW DELHI, BENGALURU, MAY 15

**ADW** after the party's 135 MLAs passed a one-line resolution authorising AKC president Mallikarjun Kharge to choose the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader, the suspense continued on Monday, as both state party president D.K. Shivakumar and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stood their ground amid intense lobbying for the post of Chief Minister.

While Siddaramaiah has emerged as the frontrunner, with majority of the newly elected MLAs leaning to have named him as their choice, Shivakumar played hardball, putting off his visit to Delhi where the action has shifted. Shivakumar's brother and Lok Sabha MP, D.K. Suresh, met Kharge on Monday, while Siddaramaiah was in Bengaluru. While a final decision is expected to be announced on Tuesday, the Congress leadership is yet to convince Shivakumar to accept the post. Shivakumar, who cited a strenuous health condition during his Delhi trip on Monday, is expected to reach the capital on Tuesday.

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**Meanwhile in Rajasthan, Pilot puts up show of strength  
2 ministers, 13 other MLAs beside him, Pilot gives Gehlot till end of month to act on graft issues, warns of fresh stir**



Congress leader Sachin Pilot at a rally marking the end of his 5-day Jan Sangharsh Yatra, in Jaipur on Monday. *Sudha Naidu*

**As UP plans to table 1980 riot report, open wounds from an Eidgh clash in Moradabad**

**DEEP TILAN TIWARY**  
MORADABAD, MAY 15

**FOR HIM** Hussain, 48, has not celebrated Eid since he was five years old. It was on an Eid, 43 years ago, that the herbal medicine shop owner from Galibahad area of Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh lost four of his family members.

According to Hussain, on August 13, 1980, hours after a gathering of namazis at the city Eidgh was allegedly disrupted

**Siddaramaiah has edge, pan-state base, Shivakumar counters with strong push**

**JOHNSONTA**  
BENGALURU, MAY 15

**IN 2020**, a few months after the BJP came to power in Karnataka, having toppled the Congress-JDS regime, then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa came under pressure from a Lingayat sect to induct specific leaders into the Cabinet, on the ground that a Lingayat sub-sect had supported the BJP.

The demand was made by Yechanarasanda Swami of the Harihar Mutt, during a convention of the Lingayat community. Yediyurappa reportedly walked out, saying that "the seer can advise the CM, but should not be threatening him".

On Sunday, with the Congress caught in the horns of a dilemma over choosing its next head of government in the state between further pressure from a Lingayat sect and Karnataka PCCh chief D.K. Shivakumar, the same Lingayat sect endorsed Shivakumar by the head pontiff of the main sect of the Vokkaliga community, to which he belongs.

Another seer who was part of the entourage too backed Shivakumar as "an apt candidate" to be CM.

This week in line with Shivakumar's efforts, since the results, to bolster his case by getting the support of religious figures, apart from consecutive visits to temples. Besides, the Lingayat Harihar Mutt seers, Shivakumar has been endorsed by the head pontiff of the main sect of the Vokkaliga community, to which he belongs.

"He is one of the tallest leaders, very dynamic, and very professional. In him all the best for his upcoming endeavours."

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**VERDICT 2023  
KARNATAKA**

**BJP government.** He said 20-25 lakh youths appear for government examinations in Rajasthan every year, and are affected by paper leaks. During his event on Monday, Pilot was surrounded by two ministers among his 15 loyalist MLAs, 13 former ministers and MLAs, five Chairpersons of Blocks, seven state Congress officials, 10 district Congress presidents, and 17 Lok Sabha MLA candidates. He said: "I sat on protest (in Jaipur) in a Gandhinagar area on Monday."

**EXPRESS NETWORK**

**WOMAN KILLED FOR CONSUMING LIQUOR IN GURDWARA**

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**THE CITY**

**OFFICER PROBING CM HOUSE RENOVATION DIVESTED OF ALL CASES**  
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By police firing, leading to several deaths, police allegedly broke open the door to his ancestral home, pulled out his grandfather, and in the process, one of his servants and bundled them in a police vehicle. They were never seen again. While locals say they were shocked by what happened, a 70-year-old mother Sajida Begum still waits for her son's band. "His body was never handed over to me. Police kept telling me he was in jail. They found his body in a well."

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**MAHARAJA CHANDRYANI**  
RAJENDRA GADHA, also targeted Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

Concluding his five-day Ajmer-Jaipur-Jan Sangharsh Yatra on Monday with a rally in the capital city's outskirts, Pilot demanded that the corruption-ridden Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) be dissolved, reconstituted and backed by a new law. He also sought compensation for 1 lakh and a high-level inquiry into corruption cases under the earlier Vasundhara Raj-led

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & MOHAMED THAYER**  
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, MAY 15

**AN INDEPENDENT** witness in the 2021 Cordelia cruise ship "drug bust" case allegedly demanded Rs 25 crore from Shaib Rishi Khan's family by threatening to falsely implicate the actor's son Aryan Khan in the case, a probe by a special enquiry team (SET) of the Narcotics Control Bureau has revealed. The team also found that the deal was finalised at Rs 18 crore after negotiations, with Rs 50 lakh being taken as token amount.

It is on the basis of this investigation that the CBI has filed an FIR against members of the NCB team, including its former zone director Sameer Wankhede. The SET probe also revealed that the independent witness who allegedly asked for the Rs 25 crore, Kiran P. Gosavi, was made to seem like an NCB official.

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Wrestlers Salishi Malik and Vinesh Phogat with Bham Army leader Chandra Shekhar Azad, in New Delhi on Monday

**NIHAL KOSHI**  
NEW DELHI, MAY 15

**AT LEAST** three wrestlers who deposited the original Oversight Committee probing their allegations of sexual harassment against Wrestling Federation of India chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, have raised concerns over the panel's proceedings.

In interviews to the *Indian Express* on the condition that they not be named, all the three wrestlers said they were asked to provide "video or audio proof" of their harassment.

One said that she was told by a member of the committee that Singh was "like a father figure" and that she had "misconstrued his behaviour" done in all innocence as "inappropriate hatching." Another said that staff members of the WFI and a coach, all closer to Singh, crowded the waiting area of the Sports

**CORDELIA 'DRUG BUST'**

**Witness portrayed as NCB official, demanded Rs 25 cr from Aryan Khan, settled for Rs 18 cr: CBI**



Witness Kiran Gosavi (left); Sameer Wankhede, who led the Cordelia raid

Authority of India building, the venue of the hearings, and this was "intimidating."

A request from the victims to have only the women members of the Oversight Committee present in the room when they made their statements was turned down, a second wrestler said.

As the *Indian Express* had reported on May 7, two of the wrestlers, in their complaints to the Delhi Police, had alleged multiple incidents of sexual harassment. They said the Singh had on the pretext of checking their breathing pattern, "massaged the breast and stomach," and, during a training session, "lifted her jersey."

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**TO ODEAN KHAN, FROM A POLICEMAN**  
BY ABHINAV KUMAR  
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**THE IDEAS** plan, and that the team led by Wankhede allegedly dropped the names of 17 persons as suspects during the Cordelia raid.

On Monday, a CBI spokesperson said: "We registered an FIR on May 11 against Sameer Wankhede, after then Zone Director Kiran P. Gosavi, who was made to seem like an NCB official, and that the team led by Wankhede allegedly dropped the names of 17 persons as suspects during the Cordelia raid."

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**Before Arpit became Arpita in coffee ad, Saurav became trans model Siya**

didn't help that those days, there were few conversations around queer experiences.

"My father passed away when I was six, so grew up with my mother and two sisters. Everybody thought I was conservative. The first two days were really nice. I received a lot of appreciation. But my mother also kept saying nasty things. I try to not let them affect me though sometimes they do."

But Siya had been through worse, and came out stronger for it. Being in an all-boys' school meant she attracted a lot of unflattering attention. "I would hold my pee for several hours to avoid

being bullied inside the washroom. And then, when I was 15, I tried to commit suicide," she says.

It was when her mother, a lab assistant at a school in Debraudh, learned of her daughter's suicidal thoughts, that she decided to send her to a boarding school. "When I told her (about my feelings), she said maybe she doesn't understand me totally. I would educate her better. That was the beginning point in my life," she says.

The next day, her mother had the principal to ensure Siya wasn't bullied anymore.

When it was time to join college, Siya prepared to face her-

self — she grew her hair and started dressing "in a more feminine way," it recalled for BCom in a college in Debraudh. There, a friend of a Delhi-based NGO that supported trans people, had boarded a bus and came to Delhi. Siya, who had been in a boarding school, overheard, so I spent the night outside Mata Chaman Devi Hospital in Janakpuri, a police station area, and started harassing me, as I was not a prostitute. He checked my bag for condoms. I found out that he was from Debraudh to convince him. I can never forget that night," says Siya, who started making frequent trips to Delhi for hormone

therapy and psychiatry help. By 19, Siya relocated to Delhi and took up odd jobs, including that of a beautician, to keep going before finding her footing in the hospitality industry.

"My family has been very supportive. My sisters are my best friends," she says.

By 2018, she had saved up enough money for a sex reassignment surgery and her first trans-folio shoot.

Towards the end of 2020, Siya moved to Mumbai. "I sent my portfolio to agencies and soon landed gigs in advertisements for e-commerce sites and catalogue shoots. I also did an audition for

(reality TV show) *MTV Supermodel of the Year* and got selected. They were looking for people with strong stories to tell in their second season," she says, adding, "The fashion industry doesn't care who you are, as long as you are confident, my sisters are of a look. I did bikini shoots too."

After the *MTV* show, Siya got selected for a part in the television series *Romeo Ki Wala* where she played a trans male-up show.

As she soaks in the attention from the *Starbucks*, Siya says, "I don't want any sympathy. The plan is to hone my craft and entertain people and create more visibility for the trans community."

Siya, 25, has also featured in the Netflix show *Romeo Ki Wala*



● 2,000-KM LONG ENERGY CORRIDOR

# \$5-billion undersea UAE-Gujarat gas pipeline proposed

Proposal sent to petroleum ministry

MANISH GUPTA  
New Delhi, May 15

**SOUTH ASIA GAS** Enterprise (SAGE), an international consortium of companies in deepwater pipeline projects, has sought the support of ministry of petroleum and others to develop an undersea gas pipeline from Gulf to India.

“We have carried out both technical and financial feasibility of the project, and have received positive response from various stakeholders. We now need the diplomatic and political support to take it forward as this requires long term government level agreement,” SAGE director Subodh Kumar Jain said.



## 20-YEAR LONG-TERM CONTRACT

■ The undersea transnational gas pipeline project Middle East-India Deepwater Pipeline was initially conceived between Iran and India (Porbandar) about a decade ago

■ The route being looked at is via Oman and UAE through Arabian Sea. It will allow to import gas from Oman, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkmenistan and Qatar

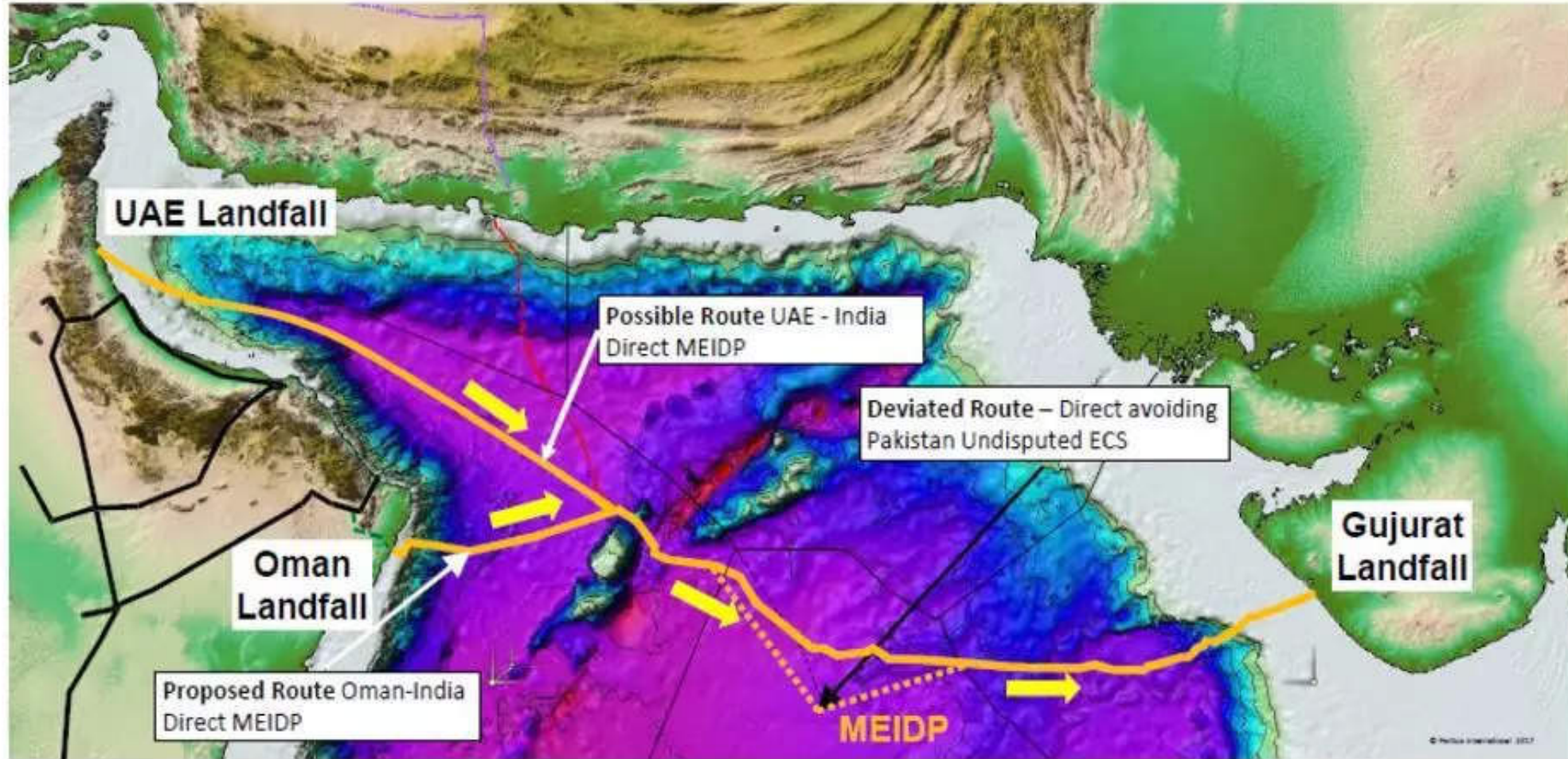
ment to government level,” Jain said.

reserves.

“Meeting needs of power



# MEIDP | PROPOSED ROUTE – UAE/OMAN TO INDIA (VIA ARABIAN SEA)



UAE-India Route Length 1600km, Max WD 3500m  
Oman-India Route Length 1200km, Max WD 3500m  
Deviation adds 50km, Max WD 3500m

# SAGE Pipeline Infrastructure

**WILL TRANSPORT 8 TCF** (trillion cubic feet) of natural gas over the next 20 years from the gulf region to Indian coast in Gujarat using deep-sea route

**THE PIPELINE**, passing through the Arabian Sea will be approximately 1,300 km long and will reach depths of 3,400 meters under the sea

**IT WILL ORIGINATE** in Oman at the Middle East Compression Station (MECS) and end in India at the Gujarat Pipeline Receiving Terminal (GPRT)

## THE TIMELINE

Project Goal:  
First gas in 2017



Kumar Jain said.

The proposed 2,000-km-long energy corridor connecting Middle East and India, a \$5 billion project, can lead to an annual saving of about ₹7,000 crore in comparison with similar quantity of liquefied natural gas (LNG) import.

The undersea transnational gas pipeline project Middle East-India Deepwater Pipeline (MEIDP) was initially conceived between Iran and India (Porbandar) about a decade ago but failed to take off due to western sanctions.

“There have been new large gas discoveries in Oman, UAE and Saudi Arabia recently and the Middle East plans to spend over \$120 billion to increase gas output by 14 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) by 2030. This is the right time to strike long term deals at govern-

Jain said.

SAGE, promoted by Delhi-based Siddho Mal Group along with a UK-based deepwater technology company, gave a presentation to Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) in March this year to its gas master planning division.

The hydrocarbon projects developer has made similar presentations to other gas suppliers in the Middle East, and also made representations to ministries of petroleum, power, fertiliser, and also various industry chambers.

The route being looked at is via Oman and UAE through Arabian Sea to avoid geo-politically sensitive regions. It will allow options to import gas from Oman, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkmenistan and Qatar, a region with 2,500 trillion cubic feet (tcf) gas

“Meeting needs of power and fertiliser industry for affordably priced gas, while moving to a low carbon economy, and increasing gas share to 15% in energy basket will create a demand of 700 mmscmd gas annually at right prices.

“Gas pipelines are more competitive than LNG up to a distance of 2,500-3,000 km due to high cost of gas liquefaction, transportation and regasification. It can save \$5 to \$6 per mmBtu. Besides, LNG prices can be volatile,” he added.

The proposed pipeline promises to deliver 31 mmscmd gas to India under a 20 year long term supply contract. And, the buyers can purchase gas from Middle East by paying SAGE a pipeline tariff of \$2-2.25 per mmBtu range.

# आइसीसी ने 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' नियम को खत्म किया

दुबई, 15 मई (भाषा)।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (आइसीसी) ने मैदानी अंपायरों द्वारा दिए जाने वाले विवादास्पद 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' नियम को खत्म करने का फैसला किया है जिसकी विशेषज्ञ अक्सर आलोचना किया करते थे क्योंकि फैसला तीसरे अंपायर के पास जाने पर यह टीवी अंपायर के लिए भ्रम की स्थिति पैदा करता था। 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' का उपयोग जमीन से कुछ इंच ऊपर लिए गए कैच की वैधता को निर्धारित करने के लिए किया जाता रहा है क्योंकि इस तरह के कैच का सही अनुमान खुली आंखों से नहीं लगाया जा सकता।

अभी तक मैदानी अंपायर अपने अनुमान

## क्रिकेट

के आधार पर 'आउट' या 'नाट आउट' का संकेत देते थे जिसे 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' कहा जाता है। अधिकतर मामलों में टीवी फुटेज से कैच का सही अनुमान लगाना मुश्किल हो जाता था और ऐसे में तीसरा अंपायर 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' के आधार पर अपना फैसला देता है। सौरव गांगुली की अध्यक्षता वाली पुरुष क्रिकेट समिति और महिला क्रिकेट समिति की सिफारिशों को मंजूरी मिलने के बाद आइसीसी ने खेल की परिस्थितियों में बदलाव की घोषणा की। आइसीसी ने कहा, 'सबसे बड़ा बदलाव 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' को खत्म करना है। अब

फैसला टीवी अंपायर के पास भेजे जाने पर मैदानी अंपायरों को 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' देने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी। मैदानी अंपायर कोई भी फैसला करने से पहले टीवी अंपायर के साथ परामर्श करेंगे।'

पूर्व भारतीय कप्तान गांगुली ने कहा, 'पिछले दो वर्षों में क्रिकेट समिति की बैठकों में 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' को लेकर चर्चा होती रही है। समिति ने लंबी चर्चा की और इस नतीजे पर पहुंची कि 'साफ्ट सिग्नल' अनावश्यक है और कई बार भ्रम की स्थिति पैदा करता है क्योंकि हो सकता है कि रीप्ले में कैच का सही अनुमान न लग सके।' दूसरी बड़ी घोषणा जोखिम वाली परिस्थितियों में हेलमेट पहनना अनिवार्य करना है।



[Phase Out Methane Emissions By 2030](#)



- Recently, Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the President-Designate of **COP28** has called upon the oil and gas industry to **phase out methane emissions by 2030**, as Methane have emerged as a critical concern in the fight against **climate change**. And align with comprehensive **net-zero emission plans by or before 2050**.

- हाल ही में, COP28 के नामित अध्यक्ष सल्तान अहमद अल जाबेर ने तेल और गैस उद्योग से 2030 तक मीथेन उत्सर्जन को समाप्त करने का आह्वान किया है, क्योंकि मीथेन जलवायु परिवर्तन के खिलाफ लड़ाई में एक महत्वपूर्ण चिंता के रूप में उभरा है। और 2050 तक या उससे पहले व्यापक शून्य-शून्य उत्सर्जन योजनाओं के साथ संरेखित करें।



The significance of inclusivity and the active involvement of **developing nations in climate action** and the **energy transition**, as well as the **adoption of technologies for climate mitigation**, was strongly emphasized.

समावेशिता के महत्व और जलवायु कार्रवाई और ऊर्जा संक्रमण में विकासशील देशों की सक्रिय भागीदारी के साथ-साथ जलवायु शमन के लिए प्रौद्योगिकियों को अपनाने पर जोर दिया गया।

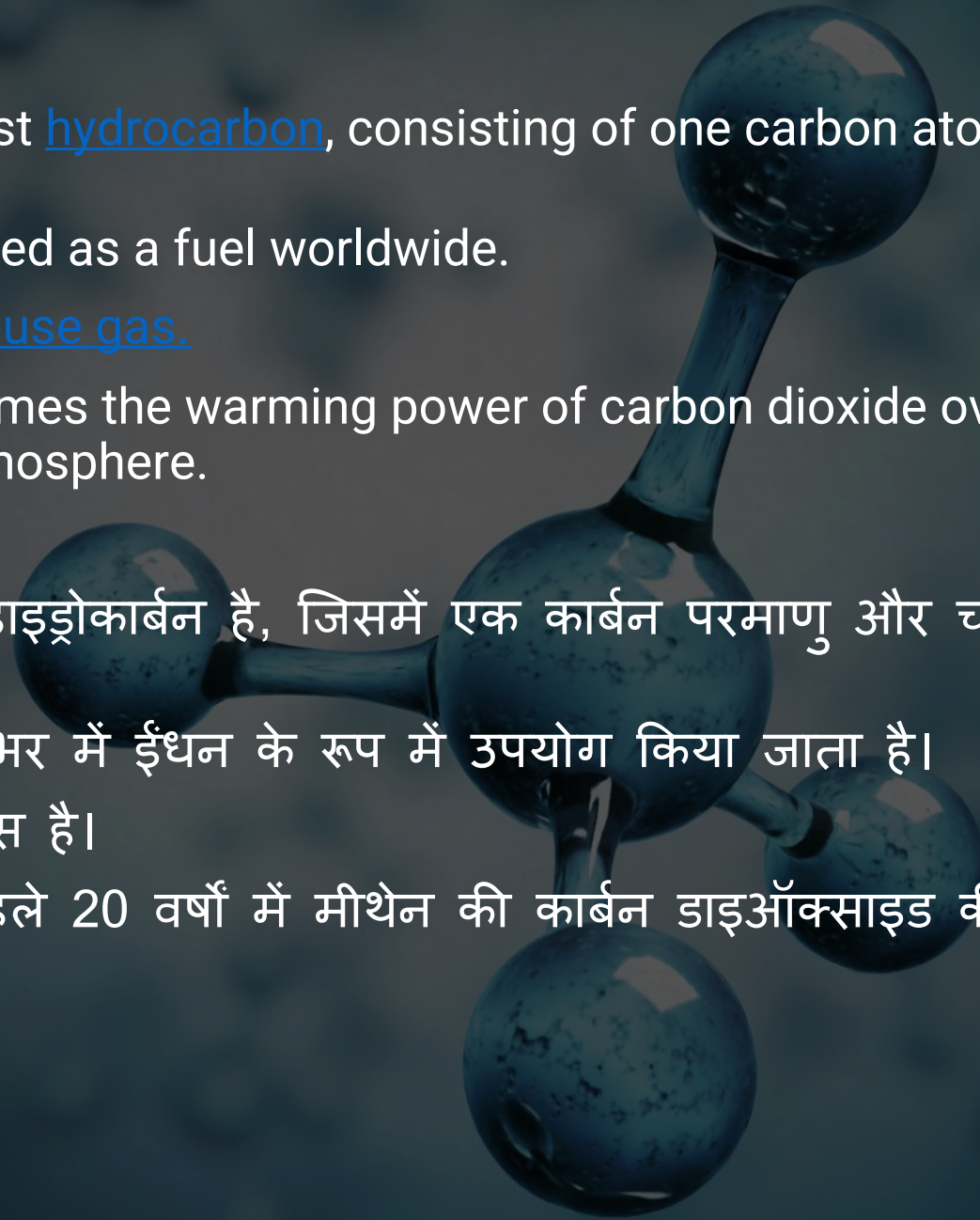


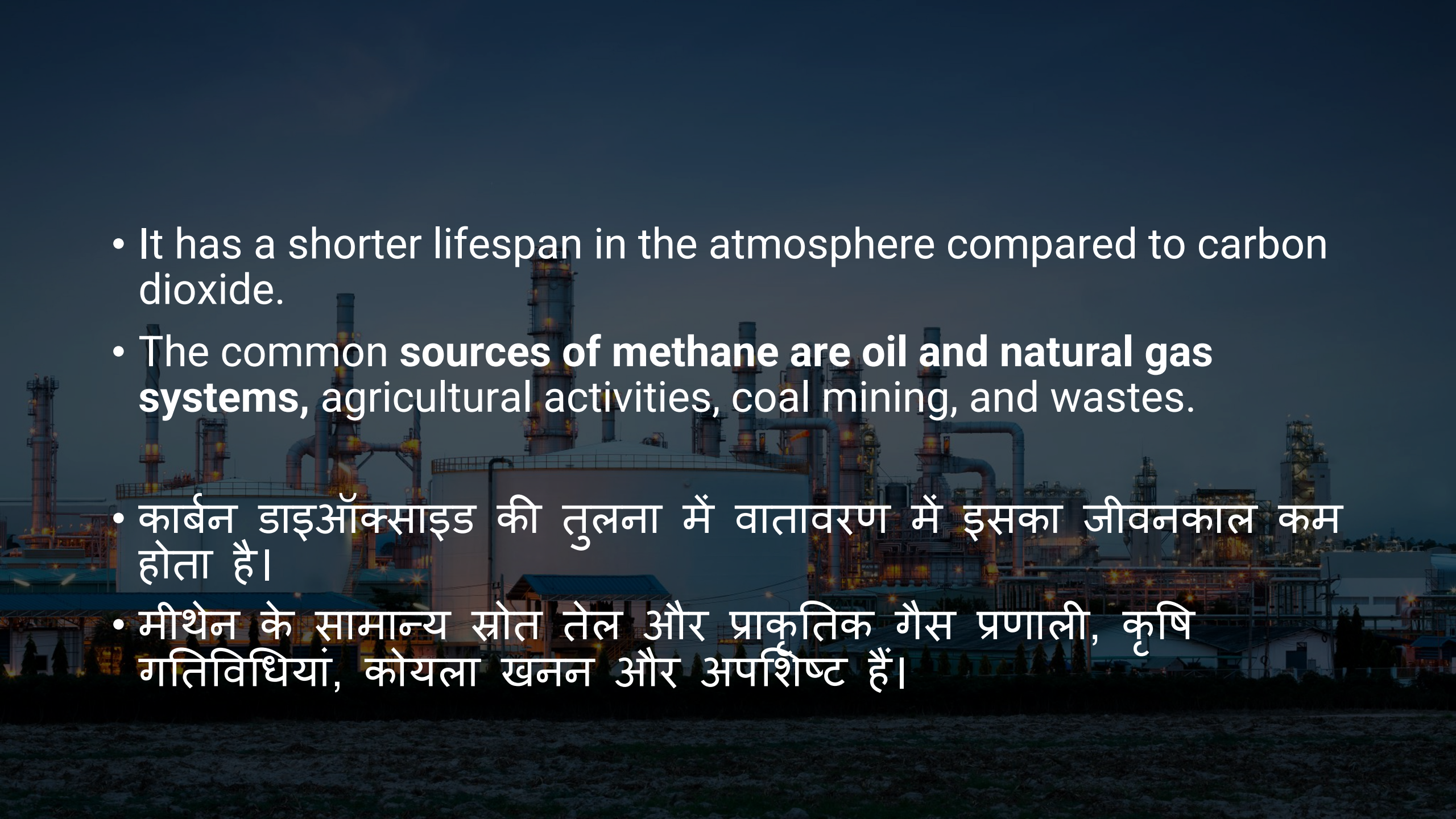
COP28, or the 28<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change conference is scheduled to be held between November 30 and December 12 in the UAE.

COP28, या 28वां संयुक्त राष्ट्र जलवायु परिवर्तन सम्मेलन 30 नवंबर से 12 दिसंबर के बीच संयुक्त अरब अमीरात में आयोजित होने वाला है।

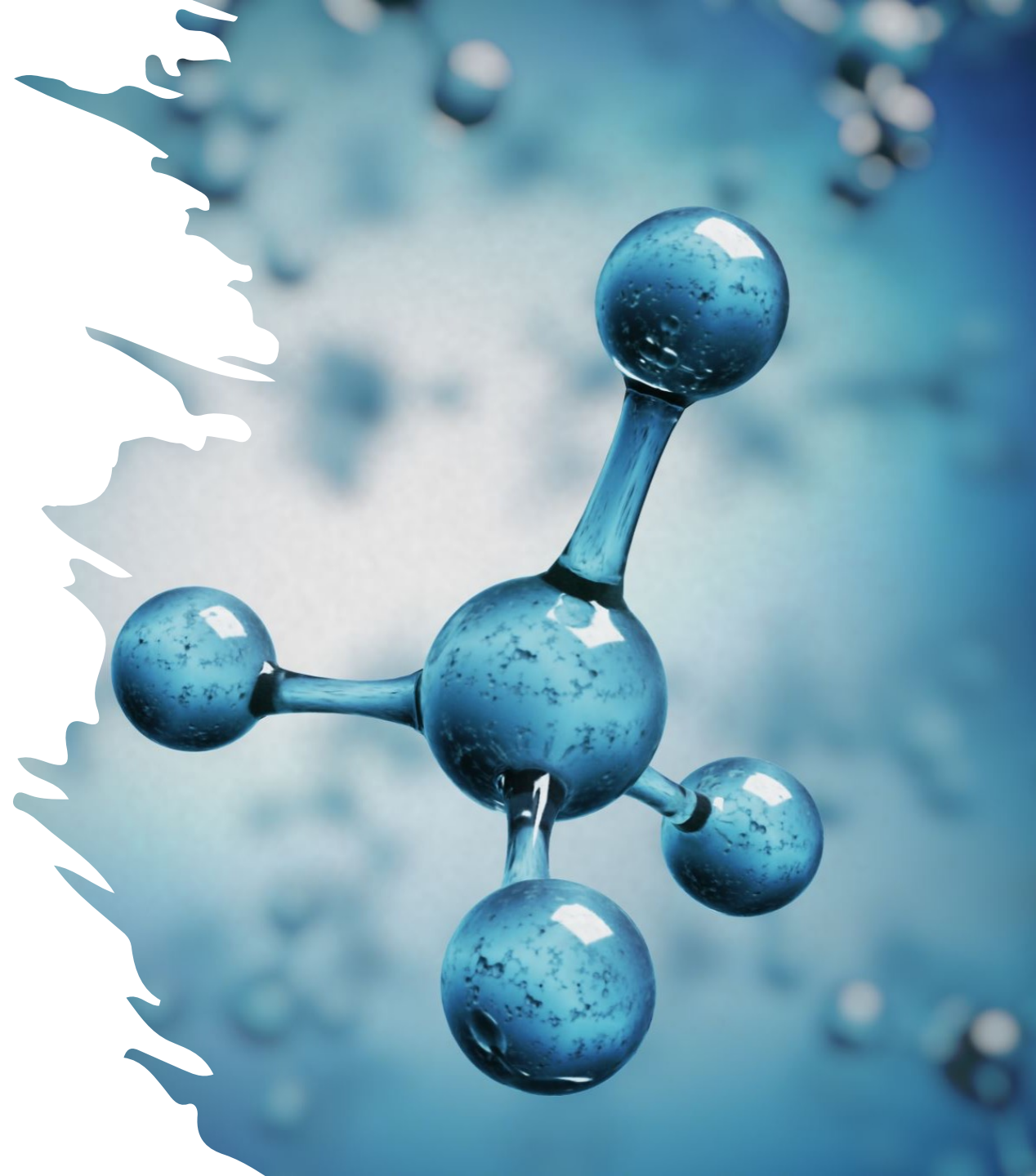
- About: Methane is the simplest [hydrocarbon](#), consisting of one carbon atom and four hydrogen atoms (CH<sub>4</sub>).
  - It is flammable and is used as a fuel worldwide.
- Methane is powerful [greenhouse gas](#).
- Methane has more than 80 times the warming power of carbon dioxide over the first 20 years of its lifetime in the atmosphere.

- के बारे में: मीथेन सबसे सरल हाइड्रोकार्बन है, जिसमें एक कार्बन परमाणु और चार हाइड्रोजन परमाणु (CH<sub>4</sub>) होते हैं।
- यह ज्वलनशील है और दुनिया भर में ईंधन के रूप में उपयोग किया जाता है।
- मीथेन शक्तिशाली ग्रीनहाउस गैस है।
- वायुमंडल में अपने जीवन के पहले 20 वर्षों में मीथेन की कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड की वार्मिंग शक्ति 80<sup>0</sup> गुना से अधिक है।



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- A photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, at night. The scene is illuminated by numerous lights, creating a complex network of pipes, towers, and structures against a dark sky. The lights are primarily yellow and white, highlighting the intricate details of the industrial complex.
- It has a shorter lifespan in the atmosphere compared to carbon dioxide.
  - The common **sources of methane are oil and natural gas systems**, agricultural activities, coal mining, and wastes.
  - कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड की तुलना में वातावरण में इसका जीवनकाल कम होता है।
  - मीथेन के सामान्य स्रोत तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस प्रणाली, कृषि गतिविधियां, कोयला खनन और अपशिष्ट हैं।

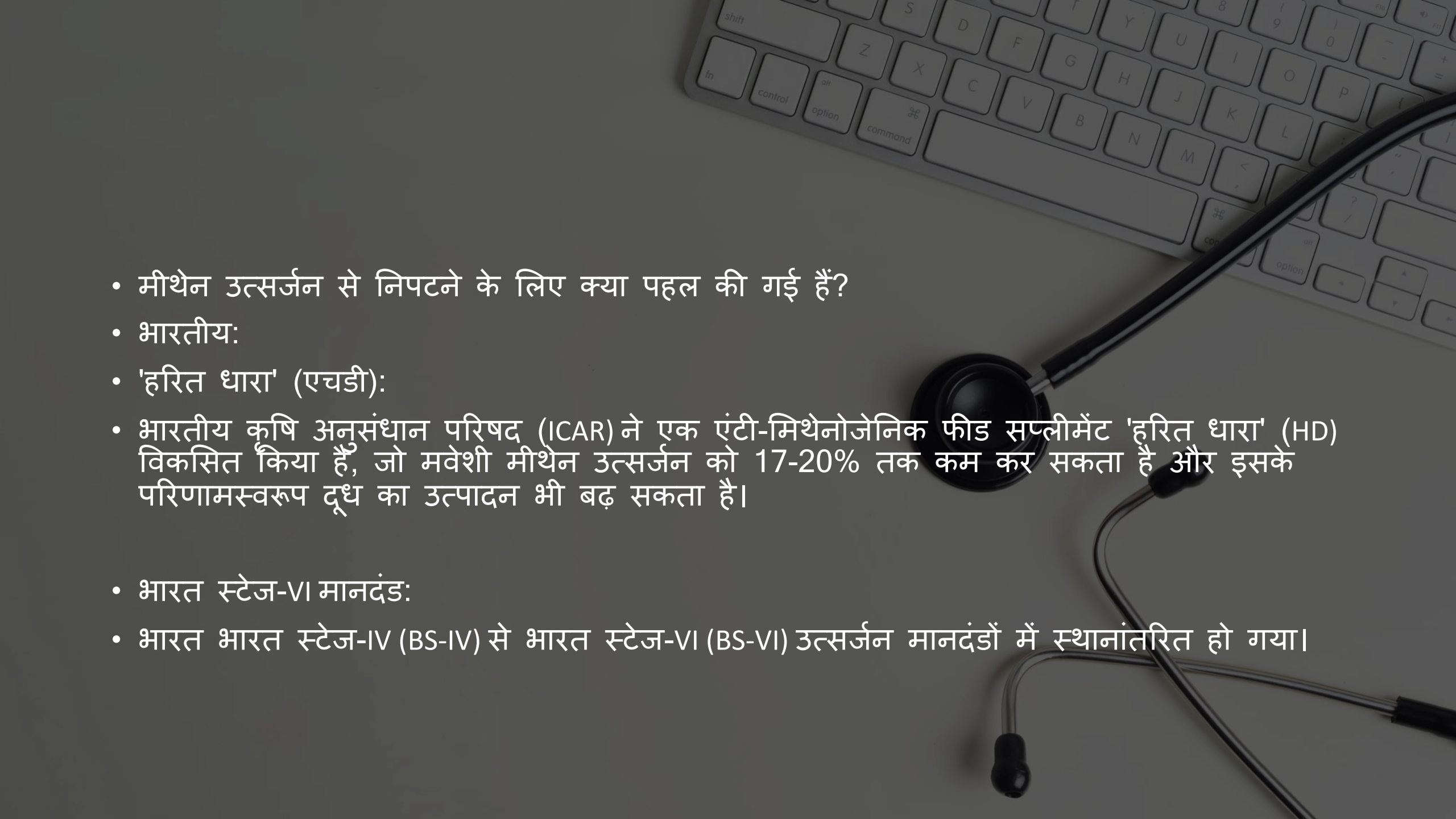
- The [International Energy Agency \(IEA\)](#) reports that fossil fuel operations generate over one-third of all methane emissions from human activity.
- It is nearly 80-85 times more potent than carbon dioxide in terms of its global warming capacity.
- अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ऊर्जा एजेंसी (IEA) की रिपोर्ट है कि जीवाश्म ईंधन संचालन मानव गतिविधि से सभी मीथेन उत्सर्जन का एक तिहाई से अधिक उत्पन्न करता है।
- यह अपनी ग्लोबल वार्मिंग क्षमता के मामले में कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड की तुलना में लगभग 80-85 गुना अधिक शक्तिशाली है।



## What are the Initiatives to Tackle Methane Emissions?

### Indian:

- **‘Harit Dhara’ (HD):**
  - Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed an anti-methanogenic feed supplement **‘Harit Dhara’ (HD)**, which can cut down cattle methane emissions by 17-20% and can also result in higher milk production.
- **Bharat Stage-VI Norms:**
  - India shifted from **Bharat Stage-IV (BS-IV) to Bharat Stage-VI (BS-VI)** emission norms.

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- A black stethoscope is positioned diagonally across the frame, resting on a silver laptop keyboard. The stethoscope's chest piece is in the center, and its earpieces extend towards the bottom right. The keyboard keys are visible in the background, including 'fn', 'control', 'option', 'command', and various alphanumeric keys.
- मीथेन उत्सर्जन से निपटने के लिए क्या पहल की गई हैं?
  - भारतीय:
  - 'हरित धारा' (एचडी):
  - भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (ICAR) ने एक एंटी-मिथेनोजेनिक फीड सप्लीमेंट 'हरित धारा' (HD) विकसित किया है, जो मवेशी मीथेन उत्सर्जन को 17-20% तक कम कर सकता है और इसके परिणामस्वरूप दूध का उत्पादन भी बढ़ सकता है।
  - भारत स्टेज-VI मानदंड:
  - भारत भारत स्टेज-IV (BS-IV) से भारत स्टेज-VI (BS-VI) उत्सर्जन मानदंडों में स्थानांतरित हो गया।

- **Global: Methane Alert and Response System (MARS):**

- MARS will integrate data from a large number of existing and future satellites that have the ability to detect methane emission events anywhere in the world, send out notifications to the relevant stakeholders to act on it.

- ग्लोबल: मीथेन अलर्ट एंड रिस्पांस सिस्टम (MARS):
- MARS बड़ी संख्या में मौजूदा और भविष्य के उपग्रहों से डेटा को एकीकृत करेगा, जो दुनिया में कहीं भी मीथेन उत्सर्जन की घटनाओं का पता लगाने की क्षमता रखता है, इस पर कार्रवाई करने के लिए संबंधित हितधारकों को सूचनाएं भेजता है।



- **Global Methane Pledge:**
  - At the **Glasgow climate conference (UNFCCC COP 26)** in 2021, **nearly 100 countries had come together in a voluntary pledge**, referred to as the Global Methane Pledge, to cut methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030 from the 2020 levels.

- वैश्विक मीथेन प्रतिज्ञा:
- 2021 में ग्लासगो जलवायु सम्मेलन (यएनएफसीसीसी सीओपी 26) में, करीब 100 देश 2020 के स्तरों से 2030 तक मीथेन उत्सर्जन को कम से कम 30% तक कम करने के लिए वैश्विक मीथेन प्रतिज्ञा के रूप में संदर्भित एक स्वैच्छिक प्रतिज्ञा में एक साथ आए थे।





Default Bail

- The [Supreme Court \(SC\)](#) has instructed lower courts to consider [Default Bail](#) pleas in criminal cases when the charge sheet is **not filed within 60 or 90 days, allowing them** to grant default bail independently **without relying on its own** judgment of **Ritu Chhabaria versus Union of India (26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023)**.
- सुप्रीम कोर्ट (SC) ने निचली अदालतों को निर्देश दिया है कि वे अपराधिक मामलों में डिफॉल्ट जमानत याचिका पर विचार करें, जब चार्जशीट 60 या 90 दिनों के भीतर दायर नहीं की जाती है, जिससे उन्हें रितु छाबरिया बनाम संघ के अपने फैसले पर भरोसा किए बिना स्वतंत्र रूप से डिफॉल्ट जमानत देने की अनुमति मिलती है। भारत (26 अप्रैल, 2023)।

The observations were made by the SC while hearing an **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** appeal, seeking the recall of the **Ritu Chhabaria judgment**.

रितु छाबड़िया के फैसले को वापस लेने की मांग करने वाली प्रवर्तन निदेशालय (ईडी) की अपील पर सुनवाई करते हुए सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने ये टिप्पणियां कीं।

The Ritu Chhabaria judgment held that “**the right of default bail under Section 167(2) of the [Criminal Procedure Code \(CrPC\)](#)** is not merely a statutory right, but a **[fundamental right](#)** that flows from **[Article 21 of the Constitution](#)**” to protect accused persons from the “unfettered and arbitrary power of the State”.

रितु छाबड़िया के फैसले में कहा गया था कि "आपराधिक प्रक्रिया संहिता (सीआरपीसी) की धारा 167(2) के तहत डिफॉल्ट जमानत का अधिकार केवल एक वैधानिक अधिकार नहीं है, बल्कि एक मौलिक अधिकार है जो संविधान के अनुच्छेद 21 से निकलता है" आरोपी व्यक्तियों की रक्षा के लिए "राज्य की अबाध और मनमानी शक्ति" से।

- What is Default Bail?
- **About:**
  - This is a right to bail that **accrues when the police fail to complete investigation within a specified period** in respect of a person in judicial custody.
    - It is also known as Statutory Bail.
  - This is enshrined in Section **167(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC)**.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- डिफॉल्ट जमानत क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- यह जमानत का अधिकार है जो तब बनता है जब पुलिस न्यायिक हिरासत में किसी व्यक्ति के संबंध में एक निर्दिष्ट अवधि के भीतर जांच पूरी करने में विफल रहती है।
- इसे वैधानिक जमानत के रूप में भी जाना जाता है।
- यह दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता (सीआरपीसी) की धारा 167(2) में निहित है।

- **Section 167(2) of the CrPC:** If the **police are unable to complete an investigation within a specified period**, a person in judicial custody has the right to seek bail.
- When the police cannot finish the investigation within 24 hours, they present the suspect before a magistrate who decides whether the suspect should be held in police custody or judicial custody.
- सीआरपीसी की धारा 167(2): यदि पुलिस एक निर्दिष्ट अवधि के भीतर जांच पूरी करने में असमर्थ है, तो न्यायिक हिरासत में व्यक्ति को जमानत मांगने का अधिकार है।
- जब पुलिस 24 घंटे के भीतर जांच पूरी नहीं कर पाती है, तो वे संदिग्ध को एक मजिस्ट्रेट के सामने पेश करती हैं, जो यह तय करता है कि संदिग्ध को पुलिस हिरासत में रखा जाना चाहिए या न्यायिक हिरासत में।



- According to Section 167(2) of the CrPC, the **magistrate can order the accused person to be detained in police custody for up to 15 days.**
  - If more time is needed, the magistrate can authorize the accused person's detention in judicial custody, which means jail. However, the **accused cannot be held for more than:**
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- सीआरपीसी की धारा 167(2) के अनुसार, मजिस्ट्रेट आरोपी व्यक्ति को 15 दिनों तक पुलिस हिरासत में रखने का आदेश दे सकता है।
  - अधिक समय की आवश्यकता होने पर मजिस्ट्रेट आरोपी व्यक्ति को न्यायिक हिरासत में रखने का अधिकार दे सकता है, जिसका अर्थ है जेल। हालांकि, अभियुक्त को इससे अधिक के लिए हिरासत में नहीं रखा जा सकता है:

**Ninety days** if the investigating authority is looking into a crime that is punishable by death, life imprisonment, or imprisonment for at least ten years.

**Sixty days** if the investigating authority is handling any other offense.

नब्बे दिन यदि जांच अधिकारी एक ऐसे अपराध की जांच कर रहा है जो मौत, आजीवन कारावास, या कम से कम दस साल के कारावास से दंडनीय है।

साठ दिन अगर जांच अधिकारी किसी अन्य अपराध को संभाल रहा है।

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- **Special Cases:**

- Some special laws like the [Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act](#), the time period for investigation may be different, **such as 180 days**.
- In the [Unlawful Activities \(Prevention\) Act 1967](#), the default limit is 90 days only, which can be extended to another 90 days.

- विशेष स्थितियां:

- कुछ विशेष कानून जैसे नारकोटिक ड्रग्स एंड साइकोट्रॉपिक सबस्टेंस एक्ट, जांच की समय अवधि अलग हो सकती है, जैसे 180 दिन।
- गैरकानूनी गतिविधियां (रोकथाम) अधिनियम 1967 में, डिफॉल्ट सीमा केवल 90 दिनों की है, जिसे और 90 दिनों तक बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

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- This extension can be granted only on a report by the Public Prosecutor indicating the progress made in the investigation and giving reasons to keep the accused in continued detention.
    - These provisions show that the **extension of time is not automatic but requires a judicial order.**
  - यह विस्तार केवल लोक अभियोजक की एक रिपोर्ट पर दिया जा सकता है जिसमें जांच में हुई प्रगति का संकेत दिया गया हो और आरोपी को निरंतर हिरासत में रखने के कारण बताए गए हों।
  - इन प्रावधानों से पता चलता है कि समय का विस्तार स्वतः नहीं होता है लेकिन इसके लिए न्यायिक आदेश की आवश्यकता होती है।



# Mitochondrial Replacement Therapy



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- The recent news of **a baby born in the UK with three parents' DNA** has sparked curiosity and discussions about the scientific breakthrough behind this remarkable achievement.
  - This revolutionary technique, known as **mitochondrial replacement therapy (MRT) or three-parent IVF**, aims to prevent the **inheritance of mitochondrial diseases**.
  - यूके में तीन माता-पिता के डीएनए के साथ पैदा हुए एक बच्चे की हालिया खबर ने इस उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि के पीछे वैज्ञानिक सफलता के बारे में जिज्ञासा और चर्चा को जन्म दिया है।
  - माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रिप्लेसमेंट थेरेपी (MRT) या थ्री-पैरेंट IVF के रूप में जानी जाने वाली इस क्रांतिकारी तकनीक का उद्देश्य माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोगों की विरासत को रोकना है।



- What is Mitochondria?

- **About:**

- Mitochondria are **membrane-bound organelles** found in the cells of most **eukaryotic organisms**.
  - They are often referred to as the "**powerhouses**" of cells because they generate the **majority of the cell's energy** in the form of **adenosine triphosphate (ATP)**.
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- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया अधिकांश यूकेरियोटिक जीवों की कोशिकाओं में पाए जाने वाले झिल्ली-बद्ध अंग हैं।
- उन्हें अक्सर कोशिकाओं के "पावरहाउस" के रूप में संदर्भित किया जाता है क्योंकि वे एडीनोसिन ट्राइफॉस्फेट (एटीपी) के रूप में कोशिका की अधिकांश ऊर्जा उत्पन्न करते हैं।

- **Functions:**

- Mitochondria carry out **cellular respiration**, a process that converts nutrients into ATP.
- Mitochondria convert energy from **carbohydrates, fats, and proteins into a usable form for the cell.**
- They metabolize **glucose to produce ATP**, which powers various cellular processes.
- Mitochondria participate in **cell signaling pathways**, influencing processes like **cell growth, differentiation, and apoptosis.**

- **कार्य:**

- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया सेलुलर श्वसन करते हैं, एक प्रक्रिया जो पोषक तत्वों को एटीपी में परिवर्तित करती है।
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया कार्बोहाइड्रेट, वसा और प्रोटीन से ऊर्जा को कोशिका के लिए उपयोगी रूप में परिवर्तित करते हैं।
- वे एटीपी का उत्पादन करने के लिए ग्लूकोज का चयापचय करते हैं, जो विभिन्न सेलुलर प्रक्रियाओं को शक्ति प्रदान करता है।
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया सेल सिग्नलिंग पाथवे में भाग लेते हैं, सेल की वृद्धि, विभेदन और एपोप्टोसिस जैसी प्रक्रियाओं को प्रभावित करते हैं।



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- **Inheritance:**

- Mitochondria have their own DNA, known as **mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)**, which encodes a **small number of essential proteins**.
- In most animals, **mtDNA is inherited solely from the mother**.
- Mutations in mtDNA can lead to **mitochondrial disorders** and various health conditions.

- **विरासत:**

- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया का अपना डीएनए होता है, जिसे माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल डीएनए (mtDNA) के रूप में जाना जाता है, जो आवश्यक प्रोटीन की एक छोटी संख्या को एन्कोड करता है।
- अधिकांश जानवरों में, एमटीडीएनए पूरी तरह से मां से विरासत में मिलता है।
- एमटीडीएनए में उत्परिवर्तन माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल विकारों और विभिन्न स्वास्थ्य स्थितियों को जन्म दे सकता है।

## • Mitochondrial Diseases:

- Certain mutations in mitochondria can lead to mitochondrial diseases, **affecting energy production and impacting various organs**, including the brain, nerves, muscles, kidneys, heart, and liver.
- These diseases can result in severe symptoms, such as **organ failure, muscle wastage, and even brain damage**.

## • माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोग:

- माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया में कुछ उत्परिवर्तन से माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोग हो सकते हैं, ऊर्जा उत्पादन को प्रभावित कर सकते हैं और मस्तिष्क, तंत्रिकाओं, मांसपेशियों, गुर्दे, हृदय और यकृत सहित विभिन्न अंगों को प्रभावित कर सकते हैं।
- इन रोगों के परिणामस्वरूप गंभीर लक्षण हो सकते हैं, जैसे अंग विफलता, मांसपेशियों की क्षति, और यहां तक कि मस्तिष्क क्षति भी।

- Unfortunately, there is **no cure for mitochondrial diseases**, but they can be managed to some extent.
  - Few examples of mitochondrial diseases are **Leigh Syndrome, Kearns-Sayre syndrome (KSS), Mitochondrial Myopathy** and **Mitochondrial DNA Depletion Syndrome**.
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- दुर्भाग्य से, माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल बीमारियों का कोई इलाज नहीं है, लेकिन उन्हें कुछ हद तक प्रबंधित किया जा सकता है।
  - माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोगों के कुछ उदाहरण हैं लेह सिंड्रोम, केर्न्स-सायर सिंड्रोम (केएसएस), माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल मायोपैथी और माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल डीएनए डिप्लेशन सिंड्रोम।

- What is Mitochondrial Donation Treatment (MDT)/MRT?
- **About:**
  - To address the issue of mitochondrial diseases, scientists and researchers developed an **advanced In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) technique** called **Mitochondrial Donation Treatment (MDT) or three-parent IVF**.
    - This technique involves a complex process to ensure that the **baby inherits healthy mitochondria** while carrying the **genetic material from both biological parents**.
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल डोनेशन ट्रीटमेंट (MDT)/MRT क्या है?
- के बारे में:
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल बीमारियों के मुद्दे को हल करने के लिए, वैज्ञानिकों और शोधकर्ताओं ने माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल डोनेशन ट्रीटमेंट (एमडीटी) या तीन-जनक आईवीएफ नामक एक उन्नत इन विट्रो फर्टिलाइजेशन (आईवीएफ) तकनीक विकसित की।
- इस तकनीक में यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक जटिल प्रक्रिया शामिल है कि जैविक माता-पिता दोनों से आनुवंशिक सामग्री ले जाने के दौरान बच्चे को स्वस्थ माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया विरासत में मिले।

- **The Scientific Process: Identifying Suitable Candidates:**

- The procedure is specifically **intended for couples** who wish to have their **genetic child** but do not want to use a donor egg.

- वैज्ञानिक प्रक्रिया: उपयुक्त उम्मीदवारों की पहचान करना:
- प्रक्रिया विशेष रूप से उन जोड़ों के लिए अभिप्रेत है जो अपने अनवांशिक बच्चे को प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं लेकिन दाता अंडे का उपयोग नहीं करना चाहते हैं।

- **Selection of Donor and Biological Parents:**

- The **biological mother**, who has a **mitochondrial disease**, provides **her eggs**, which are fertilized by the **biological father's sperm**.
  - Additionally, a **separate female donor with healthy mitochondria** is involved.

- दाता और जैविक माता-पिता का चयन:

- जैविक मां, जिसे माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोग है, वह अपने अंडे प्रदान करती है, जो जैविक पिता के शुक्राणु द्वारा निषेचित होते हैं।
- इसके अतिरिक्त, स्वस्थ माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया वाली एक अलग महिला दाता शामिल है।

- **Mitochondrial Replacement:**

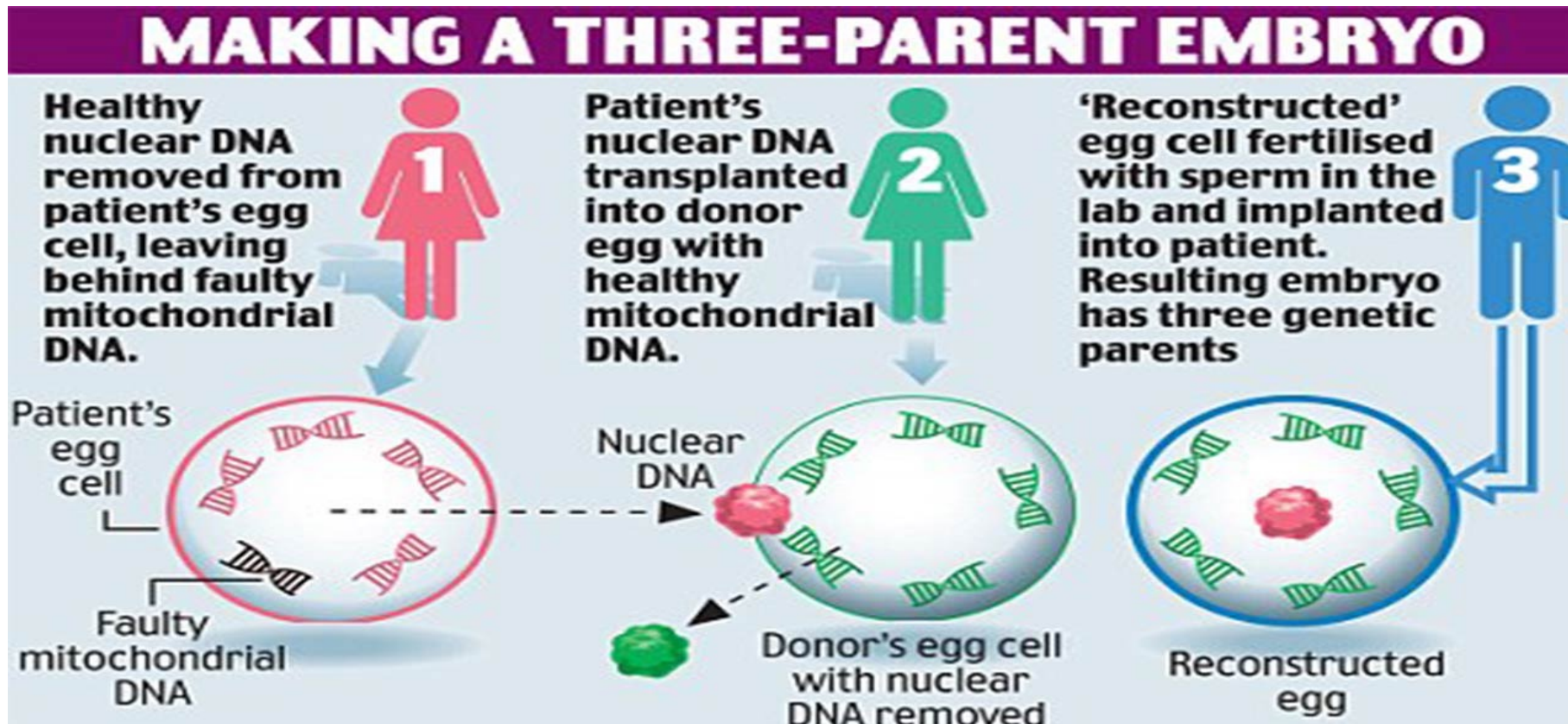
- The **genetic material (DNA) from the donor's egg is extracted and replaced with the genetic material from the biological parents.**
  - This creates an **embryo with the parents' DNA and the donor's mitochondria.**

- माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रिप्लेसमेंट:

- दाता के अंडे से आनुवंशिक सामग्री (डीएनए) निकाली जाती है और जैविक माता-पिता से आनुवंशिक सामग्री के साथ प्रतिस्थापित किया जाता है।
- यह माता-पिता के डीएनए और दाता के माइटोकॉन्ड्रिया के साथ एक भ्रूण बनाता है।

- **Implantation and Pregnancy:**

- The modified embryo is then **implanted in the uterus** and carried to full term, resulting in the birth of a **baby free from the mother's mitochondrial disease**.





## Potential Side Effects:

## Legislation and Approval:


## Mitochondrial Disease Statistics:

- Globally, an estimated 1 in 5,000 people have a genetic mitochondrial disease.
  - Mitochondrial disorders affect approximately **one in 6,500 babies in the UK, and around 12,000 people in the country** live with such conditions.
  - In the United States, an estimated 1,000 to 4,000 babies with mitochondrial disease are born each year.

- संभावित दुष्प्रभाव:
- विधान और अनुमोदन:
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल रोग सांख्यिकी:
- विश्व स्तर पर, अनुमानित 5,000 लोगों में से 1 को आनुवंशिक माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल बीमारी है।
- माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल डिसऑर्डर यूके में 6,500 शिशुओं में लगभग एक को प्रभावित करता है, और देश में लगभग 12,000 लोग ऐसी स्थितियों के साथ रहते हैं।
- संयुक्त राज्य में, हर साल माइटोकॉन्ड्रियल बीमारी वाले अनुमानित 1,000 से 4,000 बच्चे पैदा होते हैं।

The background features a series of overlapping, wavy, horizontal bands of color. The colors transition from a deep purple on the left, through a dark blue in the center, to a vibrant green on the right. The waves are smooth and fluid, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall effect is a modern, abstract graphic design.

# Moroccan Locust Outbreak



The **Moroccan locust outbreak** in Afghanistan's **wheat-producing regions** is posing a significant threat to the **country's food security and economy**.

The outbreak, affecting eight provinces, is expected to destroy **700,000-1.2 million tonnes of wheat**, equivalent to a **quarter of the annual harvest**.

अफगानिस्तान के गेहूं उत्पादक क्षेत्रों में मोरक्को के टिड्डियों का प्रकोप देश की खाद्य सुरक्षा और अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण खतरा बन रहा है।

आठ प्रांतों को प्रभावित करने वाले प्रकोप से 700,000-1.2 मिलियन टन गेहूं नष्ट होने की उम्मीद है, जो वार्षिक फसल के एक चौथाई के बराबर है।

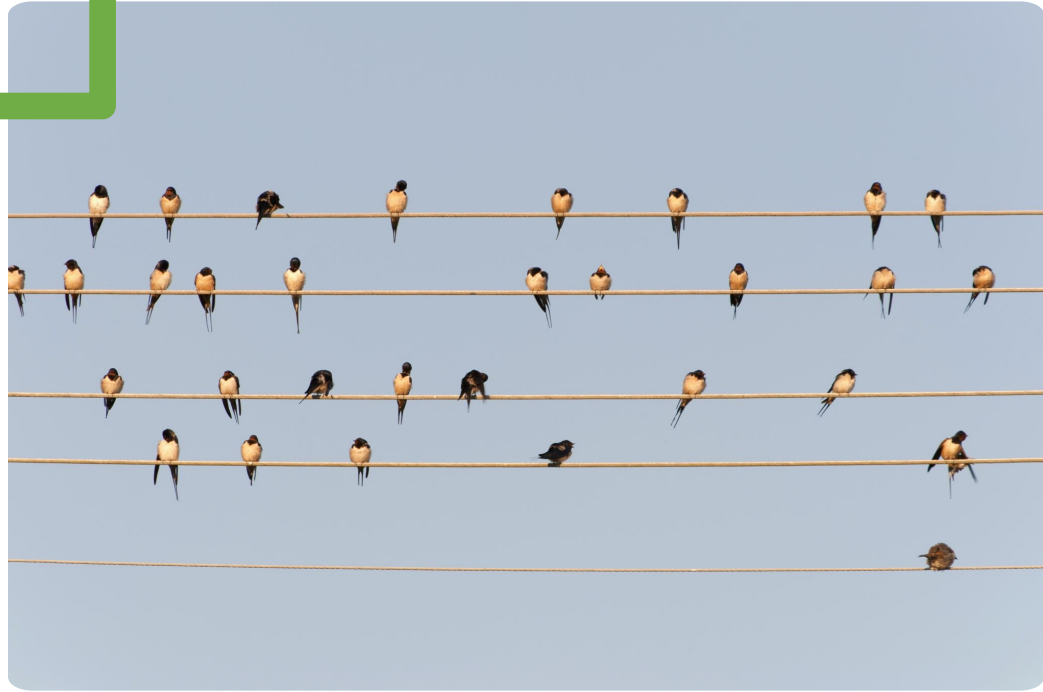


If left untreated, the locust population could multiply by a hundredfold in the next year, exacerbating the food security crisis in Afghanistan and **neighboring countries**.


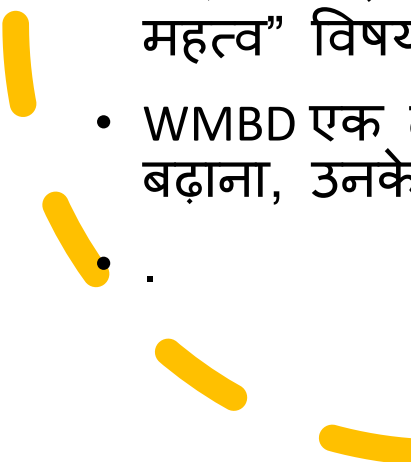
The Moroccan locusts are known as the **most economically damaging plant pests** worldwide.

अगर अनुपचारित छोड़ दिया जाए, तो टिड्डियों की आबादी अगले साल सौ गुना बढ़ सकती है, जिससे अफगानिस्तान और पड़ोसी देशों में खाद्य सुरक्षा संकट बढ़ सकता है।

मोरक्कन टिड्डियों को दुनिया भर में सबसे अधिक आर्थिक रूप से हानिकारक पौधों के कीटों के रूप में जाना जाता है।



World Migratory Bird Day

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- [World Migratory Bird Day \(WMBD\)](#) was observed on **May 13, 2023**, with the theme “**Water and its importance for Migratory Bird**”.
  - **WMBD is a bi-annual global campaign** aimed at raising awareness about **migratory birds, promoting their conservation**, and emphasizing the importance of preserving their habitats
  - विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस (WMBD) 13 मई, 2023 को “जल और प्रवासी पक्षी के लिए इसका महत्व” विषय के साथ मनाया गया।
  - WMBD एक द्वि-वार्षिक वैश्विक अभियान है जिसका उद्देश्य प्रवासी पक्षियों के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाना, उनके संरक्षण को बढ़ावा देना और उनके आवासों के संरक्षण के महत्व पर जोर देना है
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- Celebrated on the **second Saturday in May and October each year**, the campaign is organized through a collaborative partnership between **two United Nations treaties**, the **[Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals \(CMS\)](#)** and the **African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA)**, along with the non-profit organization **Environment for the Americas (EFTA)**.

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- प्रत्येक वर्ष मई और अक्टूबर में दूसरे शनिवार को मनाया जाता है, अभियान दो संयुक्त राष्ट्र संधियों, जंगली जानवरों की प्रवासी प्रजातियों के संरक्षण पर सम्मेलन (CMS) और अफ्रीकी-यूरेशियन प्रवासी वाटरबर्ड समझौते (AEWA) के बीच एक सहयोगी साझेदारी के माध्यम से आयोजित किया जाता है ), अमेरिका के लिए गैर-लाभकारी संगठन एनवायरनमेंट (EFTA) के साथ।





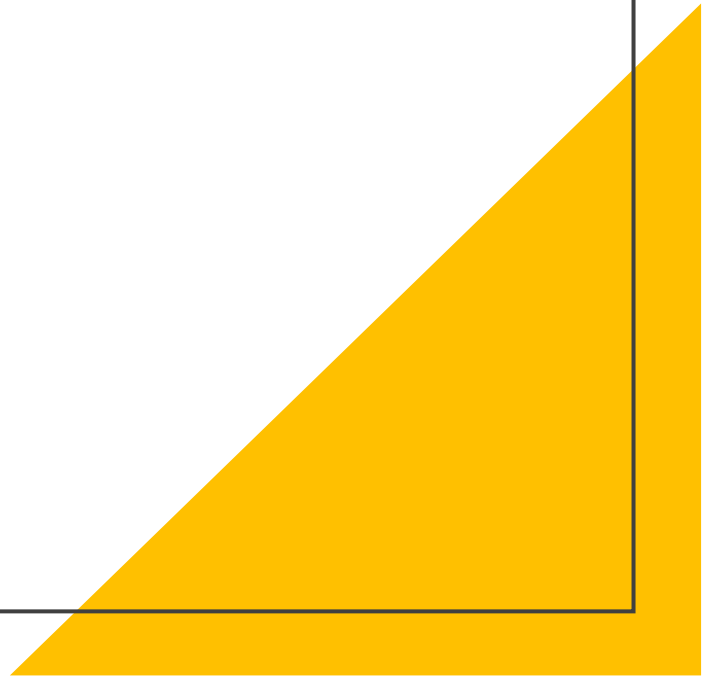
# SAMUDRA SHAKTI - 23

- The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise, **Samudra Shakti-23**, commenced as **INS Kavaratti**, an indigenously designed and built ASW Corvette, arrived in Batam, Indonesia.
- The Other Exercise between India and Indonesia is **Garuda Shakti**, a joint military exercise.
- And **India-Indonesia CORPAT** is a coordinated patrol between the navies of India and Indonesia, aimed at enhancing maritime security and cooperation in the Andaman Sea and the Straits of Malacca.

- भारत-इंडोनेशिया द्विपक्षीय अभ्यास, समुद्र शक्ति-23 का चौथा संस्करण, आईएनएस कवारत्ती के रूप में शुरू हुआ, जो स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन और निर्मित एएसडब्ल्यू कार्वेट है, जो बाटम, इंडोनेशिया पहुंचा।
- भारत और इंडोनेशिया के बीच अन्य अभ्यास गरुड़ शक्ति है, जो एक संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास है। और भारत-इंडोनेशिया CORPAT भारत और इंडोनेशिया की नौसेनाओं के बीच एक समन्वित गश्त है, जिसका उद्देश्य अंडमान सागर और मलक्का जलडमरूमध्य में समुद्री सुरक्षा और सहयोग को बढ़ाना है।

Global Report on Internal Displacement 2023  
(GRID-2023)

Source: DTE, Internal displacement.org



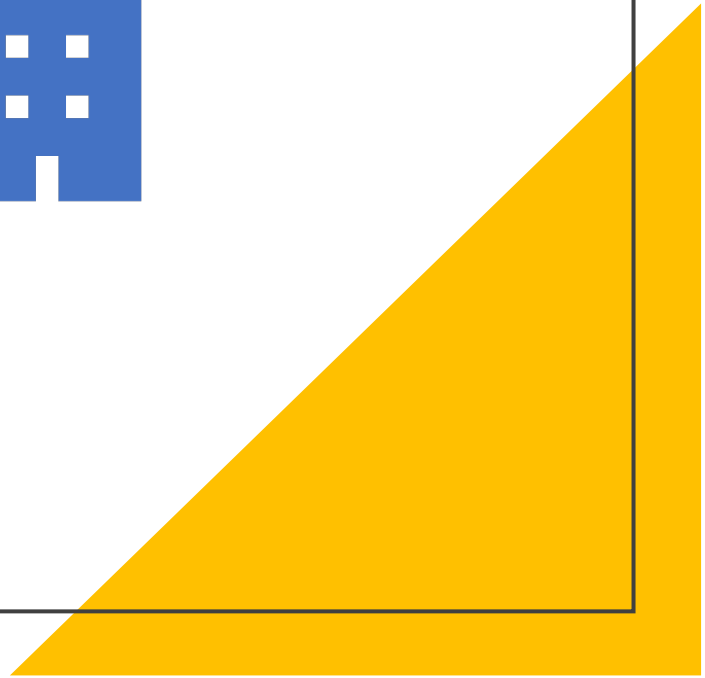
- The **Global Report on Internal Displacement 2023 (GRID-2023)** stated that in 2022, **over 32 million people** were displaced by disasters, **98%** of which were triggered by weather-related events such as floods and storms.

<b>Total Number of IDPs</b>	Over <b>71million IDPs</b> across 110 countries and territories at the end of 2022, a <b>20% increase in a year</b>
<b>Total IDPs in India</b>	Over 6 lakh were from conflict and violence while <b>32 thousand</b> were due to disasters

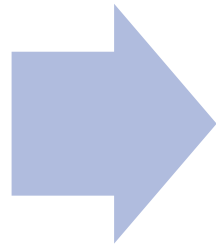
<b>Pakistan and India</b>	Pakistan had <b>the highest number of disaster displacements</b> in 2022, followed by China and Afghanistan, while <b>India ranked fourth</b>
<b>La Niña's Influence</b>	The prolonged <b>three-year La Niña phenomenon</b> contributed to the rise in weather-related disasters, especially floods, leading to widespread disasters across the globe

<b>Internal Displacement in India – Policy Framework</b>	India <b>does not have a national policy or legal framework</b> to deal with refugees or IDPs and has <b>not ratified the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol</b> and does not permit <b>UNHCR access</b> to most refugee groups.
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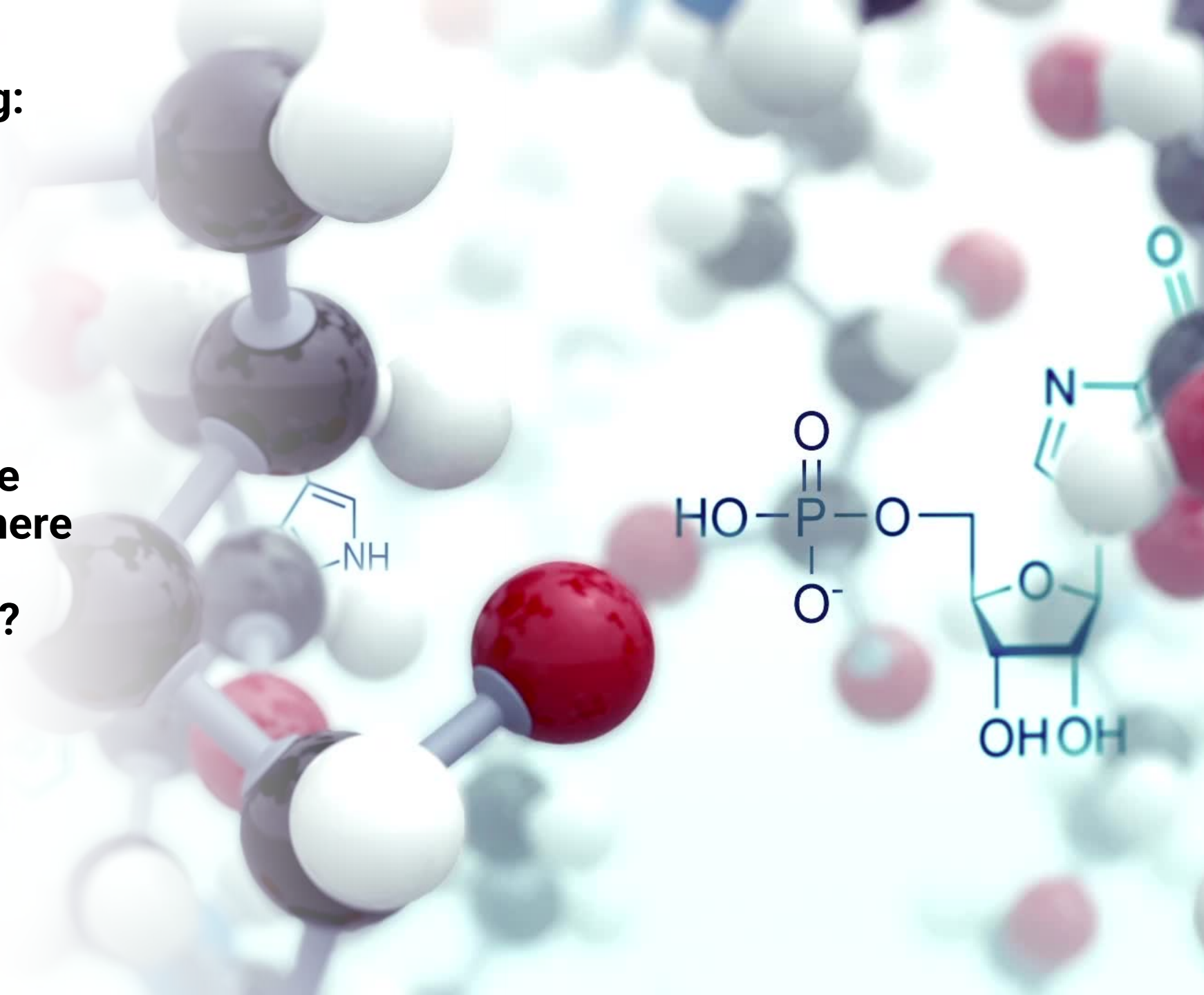
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- **Consider the following:  
(2019)**

1. Carbon monoxide
2. Methane
3. Ozone
4. Sulphur dioxide

- **Which of the above are released into atmosphere due to the burning of crop/biomass residue?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4



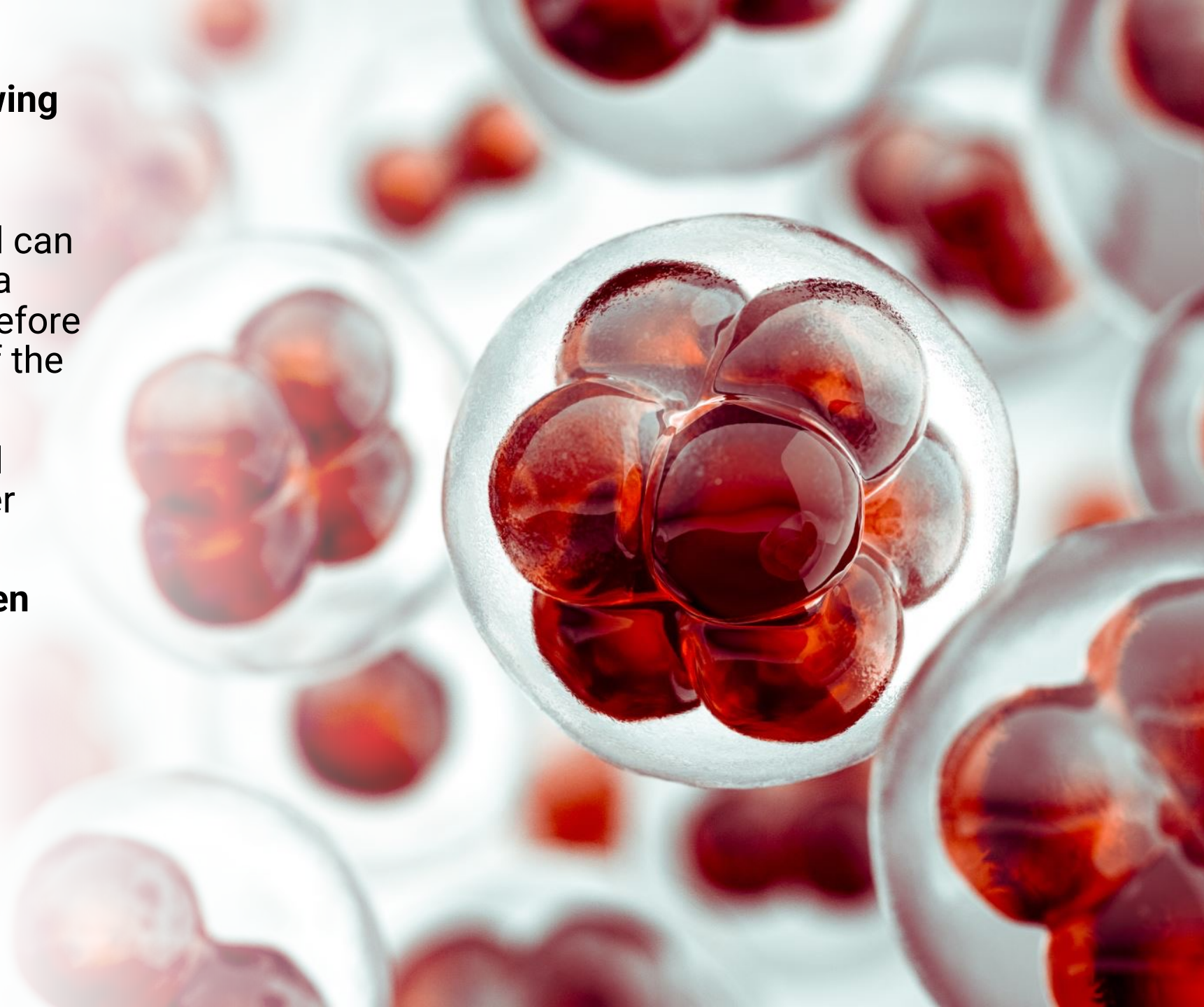
- **Which of the following statements is/are correct about the deposits of 'methane hydrate'? (2019)**
- 1. Global warming might trigger the release of methane gas from these deposits.
- 2. Large deposits of 'methane hydrate' are found in Arctic Tundra and under the sea floor.
- 3. Methane in atmosphere oxidizes to carbon dioxide after a decade or two.
- **Select the correct answer using the code given below.**
- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3



- **The area known as 'Golan Heights' sometimes appears in the news in the context of the events related to (2015)**
- **(a) Central Asia**
- **(b) Middle East**
- **(c) South-East Asia**
- **(d) Central Africa**




- **In the context of hereditary diseases, consider the following statements: (2021)**
- 1. Passing on mitochondrial diseases from parent to child can be prevented by mitochondria replacement therapy either before or after in vitro fertilization of the egg.
- 2. A child inherits mitochondrial diseases entirely from mother and not from father.
- **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2



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- **Which one of the following countries of South-West Asia does not open out to the Mediterranean Sea? (2015)**
  - **(a) Syria**
  - **(b) Jordan**
  - **(c) Lebanon**
  - **(d) Israel**



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