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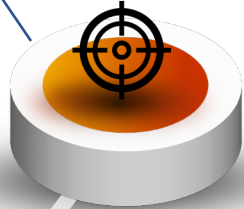


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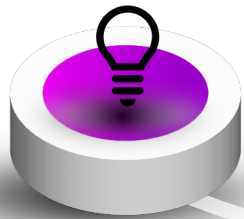
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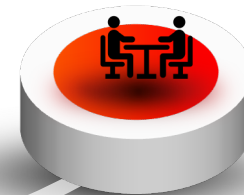
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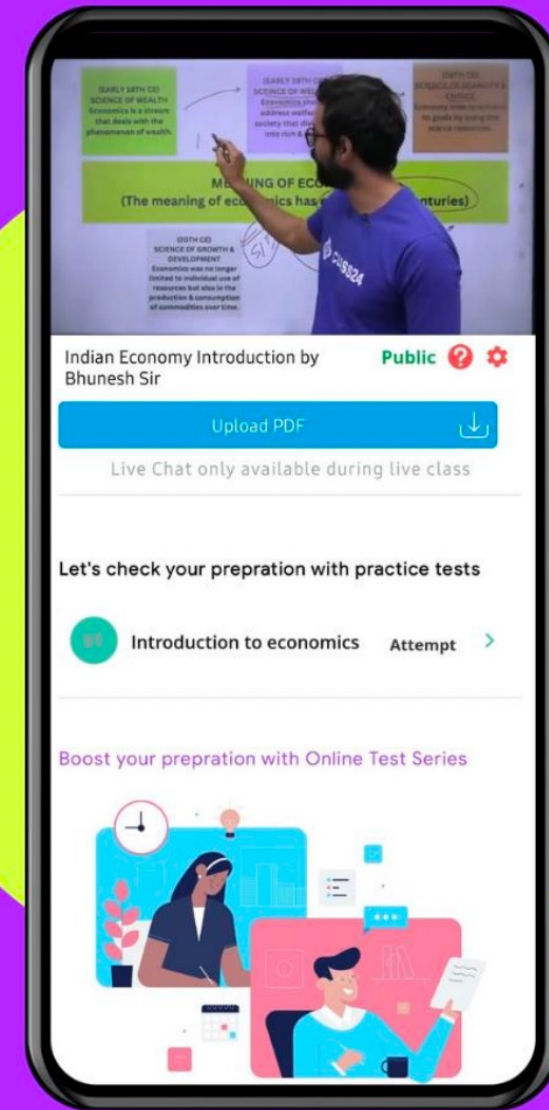
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### Wrestlers defer plan to immerse medals

Mehul Malhani  
NEW DELHI

Gathered on the banks of the Ganga at Haridwar to immerse their medals as an act of protest just two days after their eviction from Jantar Mantar, India's top wrestlers were stopped by the intervention of farmer leader Nareish Tikait on Tuesday evening.

Taking the medals away, he bought five days of time from the grapplers who are seeking the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on charges of sexual harassment. The wrestlers earlier announced their plan to immerse medals, adding that they would then begin an indefinite hunger strike at India Gate.

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## Amit Shah appeals for 15-day peace in Manipur

Home Minister meets Kuki civil society groups in Churachandpur district; Centre likely to appoint a judicial commission headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to probe violence in the State

Vijalra Singh  
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NEW DELHI/CHURACHANDPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday appealed for a 15-day peace in Manipur during a meeting with Kuki civil society groups in Churachandpur district, a member of the Kuki group said.

The Centre is likely to announce a judicial inquiry commission headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to probe the violence in Manipur, Muan Tombing, general secretary of the indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (TLF) told *The Hindu*.

"The Home Minister said peace be given a chance for the next 15 days for a solution to be achieved. He said the



Peace strategy: Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a meeting in Imphal on Tuesday. [AP/PTI](#)

Centre will appoint a judicial commission and separate teams will visit Imphal and Churachandpur during the period. We assured the Minister that we will not attack any group but if attacked, we will defend ourselves," Mr. Tombing said. He said Mr. Shah pro-

posed a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe. He said the Kuki groups pressed for President's Rule and reiterated demand for a separate administration from Manipur. "The Minister asked us to surrender arms, but we told him that these are licensed weapons to defend

### State witnessing ethnic clash, not insurgency; CDS

PUNE

The current turmoil in Manipur is primarily an ethnic clash and has nothing to do with insurgency, said the Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. "It is a law-and-order kind of situation and we are helping the State government," Gen. Chauhan said. [» PAGE 12](#)

ourselves. We told him that till Meitei groups — the Aarambai Tengzoi and Meitei Leepun — surrendered the weapons looted from police armoury, we will not lay down arms," Mr. Tombing said.

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### 10 pilgrims killed as bus falls off bridge in Jammu

The Hindu Bureau  
JAMMU

Ten pilgrims were killed and 57 injured when a bus heading for the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine fell off a bridge in Jammu's Katra area.

Initial reports said the victims were from Bihar. "The bus was on its way to Katra from Amritsar when the incident took place about 15 km from Katra, in Jammu district," Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Chandan Kohli said.

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## Jagan to shift to Vizag before September; YSRCP leader

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is likely to shift from Amaravati to Visakhapatnam, and start functioning from the city well before September. Speaking about the decision to set up three capitals, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, YSRCP general secretary and adviser (Public Affairs), told the media here on Tuesday, "The administrative procedure of shifting from Amaravati to Visakhapatnam may commence much before September. There are certain legal issues that need to be sorted out before shifting to the Executive capital."

## Dayananda is the new Police Commissioner of Bengaluru

The Karnataka government posted B. Dayananda as the Bengaluru Police Commissioner on Tuesday. He was previously heading the State Intelligence Bureau. He replaced C.H. Pratar Reddy who has been transferred and posted as the DGP, Internal Security Division. K.V. Sharanth Chandra, ADGP, CID, has been transferred and posted as ADGP, Intelligence, in place of Dayananda.

## Free bus travel for women in Karnataka after Cabinet meet

The much-awaited free travel for women in ordinary buses — one of the promises of the Congress — will be implemented after the Cabinet meeting on June 1, according to Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy. On Tuesday, he met officials of the four State-run Road Transport Corporation. "A report from the officials regarding the scheme, will be submitted to Chief Minister Siddaramanah on Wednesday. On June 1 a decision will be taken," he said.

## Explosives seized from house in Kasaragod

The Hindu Bureau  
KASARAGOD

A special team of the Excise Department which came looking for drugs and contraband stumbled upon a huge quantity of explosives at a house in Kerala's Kasaragod on Tuesday. A large collection of explosives, including detonators and gelignite sticks, were seized. According to an officer, they were seized from the house of Mohammed Mustafa.

The accused was taken into custody and case has been registered against him, officials said.

The police said an investigation was being conducted to identify the source of the explosives.

## Starting trouble



Lang may ahead! Children on their first day at an Anganwadi in Kerala's Kottayam on Tuesday. Huge celebrations were planned as part of the reopening of child-care centres across the State on Tuesday. VISNUP PRASAD

## Scientist team discovers new exoplanet with mass 13 times that of Jupiter

Hemant C.S.  
BENGALURU

A new Jupiter-size exoplanet with the highest density known till this date and mass 13 times that of Jupiter, has been discovered by an international team of scientists led by Prof. Abhir Chakraborty at the Exoplanet Research Group of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad.

An exoplanet is any planet beyond the solar system and the one discovered by scientists from India, Germany, Switzer-

land and the U.S. is with a density of -34 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Massive giant exoplanets are those having mass greater than four times that of Jupiter.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said that the discovery of this massive exoplanet was made using the indigenous PRL Advanced Radial-velocity Abu-sky Search spectrograph (PRAAS) at the 1.2 m telescope of PRL at its Gurushikhar Observatory in Mt. Abu by measuring the mass of the planet precisely. The newly discovered exoplanet was

## Population-based delimitation unfair to southern States: KTR

BRS leader asks all parties in South India to raise their voice against the 'impending injustice', highlights that they are likely to be punished for following Centre's population control policies

The Hindu Bureau  
HYDERABAD

Working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), K.T. Rama Rao, has asked people and politicians of the southern States cutting across party lines to raise their voice against the "impending injustice" starting at them with the proposed delimitation of constituencies to be taken up in 2026, based on population.

It is unfortunate that the southern States which followed the Centre's policies to control the population growth are going to be punished for the same in the delimitation of constituencies. Believing the Centre's words that con-



With only 18% population, the southern States have been contributing 35% to the country's GDP and the proposed delimitation based on population is a gross injustice to them

K.T. RAMA RAO  
Bharat Rashtra Samithi

trolling population growth would help the country overcome several problems, the southern States had followed the population control policies and succeeded in the goal, the southern IT Minister said.

However, the southern States are now facing the threat of injustice starting for following the Centre's

words and controlling the population. At the same time, the States which did not care about the Centre's words for population control, particularly the northern States, are poised to benefit in the delimitation exercise on the grounds of higher population growth, he pointed out.

Kerala, Tamil Nadu,

## Kerala gears up for southwest monsoon

The Hindu Bureau  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala has decided to create a reserve of equipment needed for emergency rescue operations at the local body level for better disaster response in the first week of June, July and August.

The amount required for the reserve will be allocated from the State Disaster Response Fund.

preparedness here on Tuesday. As the State expects above-normal rainfall during the southwest monsoon this year, Mr. Vijayan has directed all the district administrations to hold a review of the monsoon preparedness in the first week of June, July and August.

He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the 60th State conference of the Kerala NGO Union here on Tuesday.

## Unite against Sangh Parivar, says Pinarayi

The Hindu Bureau  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Accusing the Union government and the Sangh Parivar of pushing the country towards becoming a theocratic state, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday called on secular-minded people to step up interventions to counter such attempts.

He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the 60th State conference of the Kerala NGO Union here on Tuesday.

"During the freedom struggle, there was one group which wanted the British rule to continue, to play no part in the struggle and belittled the struggle. After we won freedom, they wanted to turn this into a nation where religion had primacy," Mr. Vijayan said.

"Theocratic state" "However, they were an institution that deliberately undermined as a part of this attempt towards creating a theocratic state. Minorities

turning the wheel of government of our country. Those who are supposed to protect secularism are trying to destroy it and turn this into a theocratic state. This was evident even in the inauguration of the new Parliament, which was turned into a ceremony of a particular religion," he said.

Mr. Vijayan said that constitutional values are being deliberately undermined as a part of this attempt towards creating a theocratic state. Minorities

are being attacked in various States and those responsible are getting the protection and support of the Union government. Even in the rare cases in which they are punished, the convicts are being freed from jail using the government's authority as part of implementing the Sangh Parivar's agenda.

Such attempts are being made to send a clear message that secularism does not have a place in the country. This has to be resisted, he said.

## Uddhav Thackeray camp says Shinde faction MLAs, MPs unhappy with BJP

Shommojit Banerjee  
PUNE

After the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) claimed that 22 legislators and nine Lok Sabha members of the rival Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena were reportedly unhappy with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis responded by alleging that there was "massive unrest" within Mr. Thackeray's camp.

"The unrest within Thackeray's outfit is due to three-four people. It will be out in the public soon. Why should it be? Everybody will come to

An edit in the *Saamant* claimed that 22 MLAs and nine MPs of Shinde's faction could quit

know about it," said Mr. Fadnis on Tuesday.

While the BJP leader refused to elaborate on who was allegedly creating 'unrest' within the Thackeray camp, it is believed his line was directed at the circle close to Mr. Thackeray, particularly Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, who is executive editor of his party's mouthpiece, *Saamant*.

An edit in the *Saamant* claimed that 22 MLAs and nine MPs of Chief Minister

Eknath Shinde's faction could quit as they were reportedly feeling stifled by the "step-motherly treatment" of their ally, the BJP. The edit further claimed that senior Shinde camp leaders like MP Gajanan Shinde had reportedly expressed displeasure over the BJP's attitude to the Shinde camp leaders.

As many as 40 legislators and 13 MPs of the then undivided Shiv Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray had joined Mr. Shinde following the latter's revolt in June last year, which brought down Mr. Thackeray's (NPA) Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

## A police officer who fought for gender equality

Mini Murlinathar  
THIRISSUR

Till 2002, khaki sari was the uniform of women in the Kerala Police. But N.A. Vinaya, who joined the force in 1991, refused to wear sari which she found "difficult and embarrassing" while on duty. She wore pants and a tucked-in shirt like her male counterparts, which invited ire from her colleagues.

What sets this discovery apart is that the planet falls into the transition mass range of massive giant planets and low-mass brown dwarfs, masses ranging from 11 to 16 times the mass of Jupiter. Only five other exoplanets are currently known in this mass range so far," the ISRO said.



N.A. Vinaya

stitutional." She was issued a memo for disobeying the order of the higher officer. She replied: "A person has the right to disobey an order which is anti-constitutional."

This was one of the many legal battles Mr. Vinaya has fought for gender equality. The court, however, agreed to Ms. Vi-

naya's argument and she got back the three increments which were cut as disciplinary action. In 2014, the police force itself officially adopted the gender-neutral uniform.

The case file of Ms. Vinaya, now sub-inspector of the Thirissur Rural Women's police station, got put so the station house officer could file a public interest litigation for the cause of women's rights.

Ms. Vinaya, who had been instrumental in many path-breaking changes for gender equality in Kerala, is retiring from service on May 31.

questioned the practice. At last, three of them were allowed to participate. However, the points they earned in the competitions were not counted. Ms. Vinaya laid down on the station floor in protest. The incident led to her suspension and later dismissal. However, she was reinstated following public protest the same year.

Later, women became part of the competitions in the police force.

"Perhaps, the term 'gender neutral' became popular in the State after my case against gender discrimination in government application forms in 1999. The forms used to ask only male names or 'husband, never the mother and wife' she says.

directed all departments to make application forms gender-neutral. But the order was implemented only in 2009.

Breaking male bastions Three suspensions and a dismissal in the 32-year-long service had only strengthened Ms. Vinaya.

In 2016, Ms. Vinaya, along with the other women, participated in Pulkali, breaking into a 200-year-old strictly male bastion. She formed WINGS (Women's Integration and Growth Through Sport) to give older women access to fitness and games.

"Women's achievements are always 'entertainment news' or exceptions for society. I want to make them part of life," she said.

The Hindu Bureau  
CHANDIGARH

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab is all set to expand its Cabinet with two legislators slated to be drafted in as Ministers.

Ahead of the Cabinet expansion and possible reshuffle, State Minister Inder Singh Nijjar resigned from the Council of Ministers. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann forwarded his resignation to Governor Banwarilal Purohit for early acceptance.

Kartarpur MLA Balkar Singh and his Lambi counterpart Gurmeet Singh Khudian would be inducted into the Cabinet.

The government has requested the Governor to accord approval to administer the oath of office and



Bhagwant Mann

secretary to the new Ministers at 11 a.m. on Wednesday

A government statement said that in a communication to the Governor, Mr. Mann had impressed upon him to accept the resignation of Dr. Nijjar, who had resigned on personal grounds.

The portfolios too could be rejigged, sources said. In Punjab, there are 16 Ministers in the State Cabinet, including the CM.

# Scientist team discovers new exoplanet with mass 13 times that of Jupiter

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BENGALURU

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found around the star called TOI4603 or HD 245134. NASA's The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite initially declared TOI4603 as a possible candidate to host a secondary body of unknown nature.

“What sets this discovery apart is that the planet falls into the transition mass range of massive giant planets and low-mass brown dwarfs with masses ranging from 11 to 16 times the mass of Jupiter. Only fewer than five exoplanets are currently known in this mass range so far,” the ISRO said.

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# Exoplanet Types



## Gas Giants

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## Neptune-Like

Similar in size to our own Neptune and Uranus, with hydrogen or helium-dominated atmospheres. "Mini-Neptunes," not found in our solar system, are smaller than Neptune but larger than Earth.



## Terrestrial

Earth-sized or smaller, mostly made of rock and metal. Some could possess oceans or atmospheres and perhaps other signs of habitability.

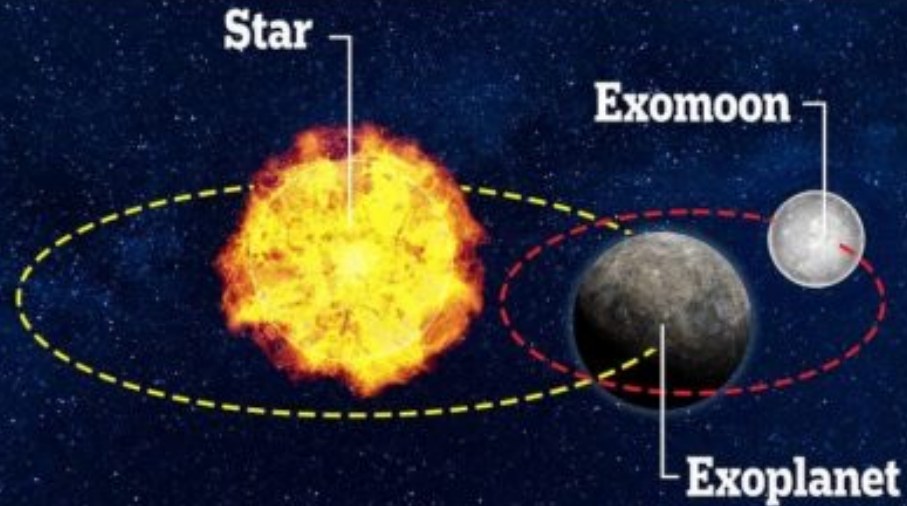


## Super-Earth

Typically "terrestrial," or rocky, and more massive than Earth but lighter than Neptune. They might or might not have atmospheres.

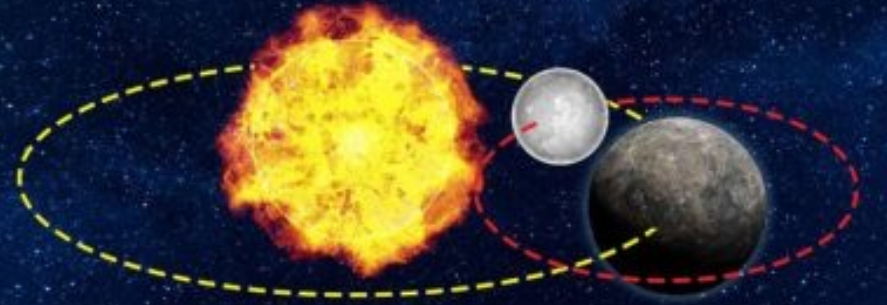
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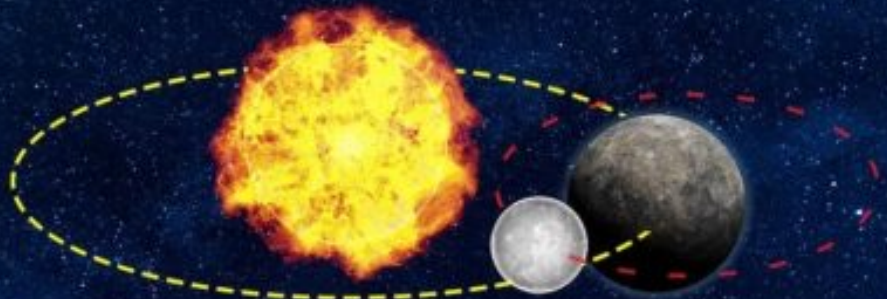
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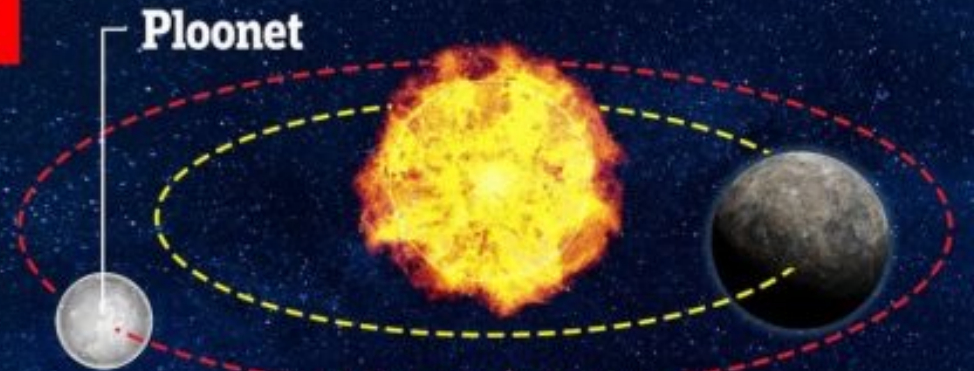
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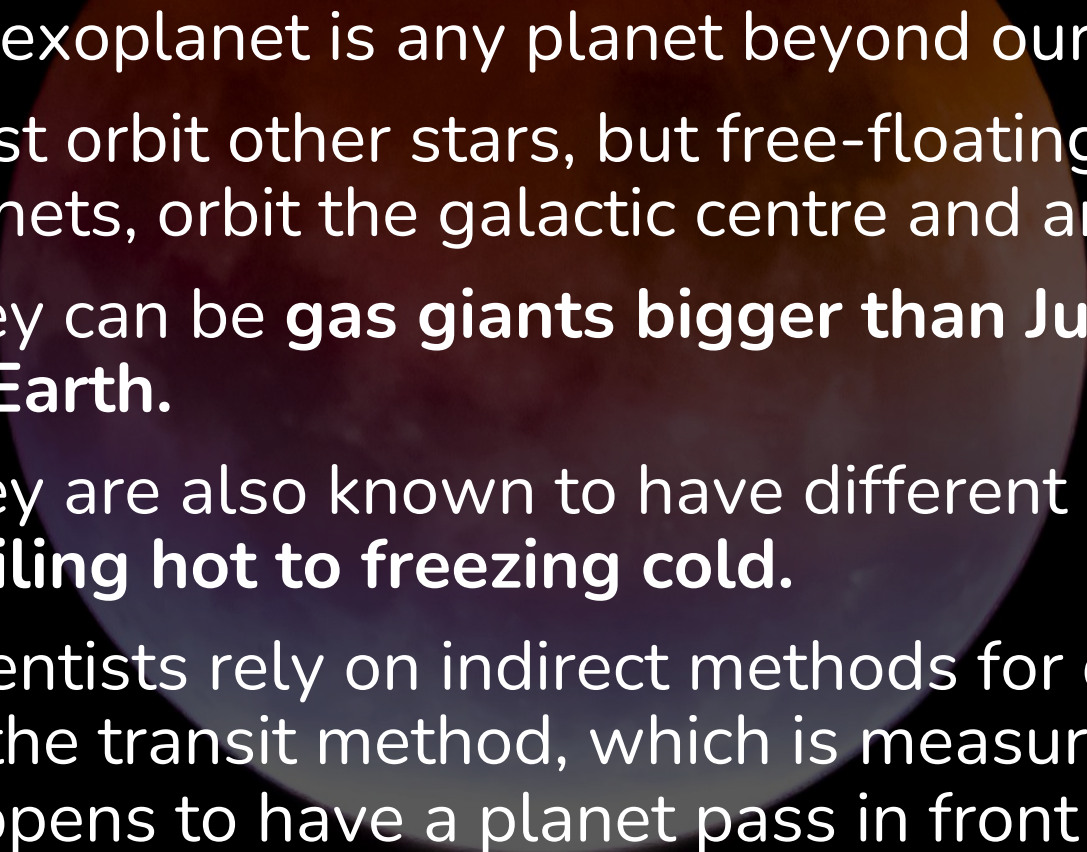


This enables the exomoon to escape its original orbit around the gas giant

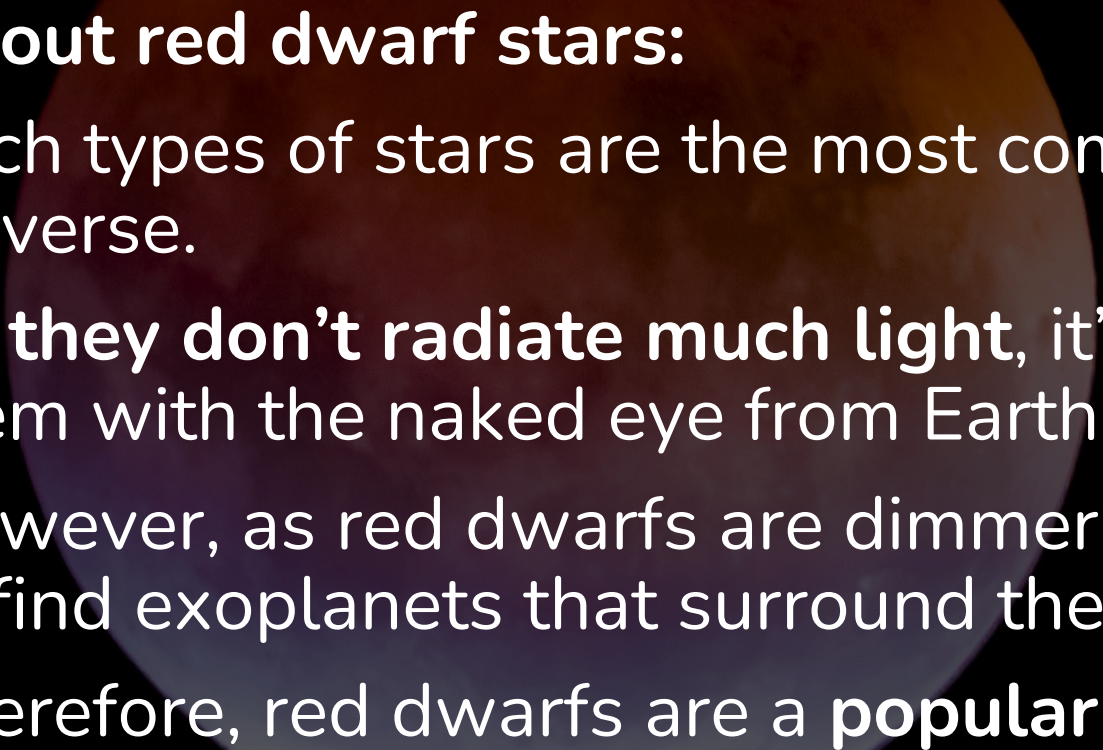
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In some circumstances, the exomoon can end up directly orbiting the star, becoming a ploonet

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  - However, as red dwarfs are dimmer than other stars, it is easier to find exoplanets that surround them.
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# Despite Gehlot-Pilot truce, key 'issues' are yet to be ironed out

While Pilot remained silent, Gehlot talked about patience and waiting for the right opportunity to serve the party; to pacify both Rajasthan leaders, the Congress leadership had held separate meetings with them before joint photograph

**Sandeep Phukan**  
NEW DELHI

The Congress may have announced truce between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former Deputy Sachin Pilot, and asserted that the two would unite to fight the assembly polls, but sources claimed "core issues" have not been addressed.

While sources close to both Mr. Gehlot and Mr. Pilot told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there was "no concrete proposal", Mr. Gehlot stressed on the virtue of patience. Various proposals are being speculated to accommodate the former Deputy Chief Minister, including one to make him the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief once again. He was stripped of both the post-



**Saluting act:** Congress Chief Mallikarjun Kharge with party leaders Rahul Gandhi, K.C. Venugopal, Sukhinder Singh Randhawa, Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot in New Delhi on Monday.

tions after his unsuccessful rebellion against Mr. Gehlot in July 2020. "I remember the words of Santa Gandhi who at the Congress convention had asked party workers to have patience and they would get to serve the party in some way. I keep this in my heart and tell party people to have patience. They would get the opportunity to serve the party in some way. So I call for pa-

tience, patience, patience," Mr. Gehlot told reporters. "Leadership to decide" Asked if he would be able to work with Mr. Pilot and in what role, the Chief Minister replied, "If he (Mr. Pilot) is in the party then why won't he do this...? It is in my hand and the high command to decide what role one plays."

And in a not-so-subtle message to Mr. Pilot, who

high-level probe into alleged corruption during the previous Vasundhara Raje government by the end of May. "He (Mr. Pilot) has no other option but to start his agitation programme if no firm announcement is made. Maybe, he will wait till June if this former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister's death anniversary) and then make an announcement. But he is firm about his demands," said one of his supporters.

Sources also told *The Hindu* that apart from the press conference of Mr. Venugopal with the two leaders by his side outside Congress Chief Mallikarjun Kharge's house, the top leadership held separate meetings with both of them and all of them posed together for a photo inside Mr. Kharge's official residence.

# Government drops plans to host SCO summit in Delhi, will now be in virtual format

**Subhash Halder**  
NEW DELHI

In a sudden change of plans just a month before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India will now chair the summit in virtual format, not in person, as planned before. "Under India's first-ever Chairmanship, the 22nd summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in the virtual format on July 4, 2023, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," said an MEA press release, adding that leaders of "all SCO member states"—China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, have been invited to attend the summit via video conference. Earlier, Mr. Pilot had given an ultimatum to his own government to order a

**The Centre has not got confirmation from some SCO countries, including China and Pakistan**

Mongolia have been invited as Observer States. No reason was given for the change, although the original invitations to SCO leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif and leaders of Central Asian states, had invited them to Delhi. In addition, during the SCO Foreign Minister's meeting in Beijing, the Indian Minister issued after a meeting between Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar and SCO Secretary-General Zhang Ming had referred to cooperation on "successfully holding a permanent event, specifically, the SCO summit in New Delhi."

Diplomatic sources said the government's decision to hold the summit via video conference was only intimated to them just before the MEA announcement. An "urgent" letter sent by India's SCO National Coordinator Vigna Patel dated on Monday, addressed to all member states and Mr. Ming simply said that the "Indian side hereby conveys that the SCO summit on July 4 will be held in virtual format." Sources told *The Hindu* that one of the reasons may have been "scheduling difficulties", and that the government had not received final confirmations from some of the SCO leaders, including China and Pakistan. In addition, the continuing war in Ukraine, and recent escalation of drone attacks in Kyiv and Moscow possibly have cast a shadow over the participation of Mr. Putin.



**Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni meeting President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the Sikkim State House.**

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**Press Trust of India**  
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# Migration agents letting students down: Australian envoy

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Urging students wishing to study in Australia to be cautious of "migration agents" who take information in their applications, Australian High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell said that the "up-ticks" in fraudulent applications had led to universities in Australia to bar applicants from six Indian States. These include Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

Mr. O'Farrell, who ends his tenure in India shortly, said that India can never be "ignored" again in Australia given the growing diaspora there, and insisted that Australia welcomes Indians from every part of the country. "What we see is a failure by migration agents who are letting down students by not completing their applications. We have seen an uptick of false information and fraudulent applications and as a result a very small number of [Australian] universities have turned the tap off on migration agents responsible for the then Australian High Commissioner in New South Wales Province, was appointed High Commissioner to India in 2018. Mr. O'Farrell, who took



**Barry O'Farrell**

Scott Morrison in 2020. He is expected to be succeeded by Phillip Green.

"Ties at best ever levels" Referring to the diaspora there, Mr. O'Farrell said that the India-Australia relationship is at the "best ever" levels and that the Indian community in Australia has strengthened its ties. Indian migrants form the second-highest population of residents in Australia with more than 7,00,000 and about 86,000 Indian students at Australian universi-

ties. He also said that initiatives such as the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) and an FTA under negotiation, the common vision of the Quad and Indo-Pacific, and hopes of building resilient supply chains had brought the two countries closer together. "Australia has elements that India needs to grow," he said pointing to critical minerals and care cards needed for Electric Vehicles, manufacturing etc. When asked about concerns over the targeting of Indian community by anti-India propaganda, Mr. O'Farrell said

that there was considerable "surprise" in Australia over the violence that followed calls for a "referendum" by pro-Khalistan elements in the country, and the incidents of vandalism and painting of anti-India and anti-Modi graffiti on temples in the country. "It is disturbing for me to see because the Indian diaspora has been seen as a very low abiding and peaceful community." He said that whoever was behind the attacks was "blackening the name of Australia" that prides itself on being a multicultural society.

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**NIA names 'mastermind' in Ludhiana blast case**  
The NIA has filed a supplementary chargesheet against two persons in connection with the Ludhiana court complex bomb blast, in which one person was killed and six others were injured on December 25, 2021.

The agency has alleged that Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LT) leader Amir Singh Rodhe, who is from Moga in Punjab, was the mastermind of the attack. He had got improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) smuggled into India for triggering explosions across Punjab. He headed the banned outfits Khalistan Liberation Force and International Sikh Youth Federation.

Another accused arraigned is Harpreet Singh aka Happy Malaysia, who is from Amritsar. The NIA had declared a reward of 100 lakh on him. He was arrested in December 2022 soon after he landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi from Malaysia.



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Location of Cambodia (green)  
in ASEAN (dark grey) – [Legend]

**Religion** (2019)

- 97.1% **Buddhism** (official)<sup>[3]</sup>
- 2.0% **Islam**
- 0.3% **Christianity**
- 0.5% **Others**<sup>[4]</sup>

**Demonym(s)**

- Cambodian · Khmer
- Kampuchean (historical)

**Government**

Unitary dominant-party parliamentary elective constitutional monarchy

- **Monarch** Norodom Sihamoni
- **Prime Minister** Hun Sen
- **President of the Senate** Say Chhum
- **President of the National Assembly** Heng Samrin

**Legislature**


- **Upper house** Senate
- **Lower house** National Assembly

**Formation**

- **Funan** 68–550
- **Chenla** 550–802
- **Khmer Empire** 802–1431
- **Middle period** 1431–1863
- **French protectorate** 11 August 1863
- **Independence from France** 9 November 1953
- **Current constitution** 24 September 1993

**Capital**  
and largest city

**Phnom Penh**

 11.57°N  
104.91°E

**Official language**  
and national language

**Khmer**<sup>[1]</sup>

**Official script**

**Khmer**<sup>[1]</sup>

**Ethnic groups** (2019)

- 95.6% **Khmer**
- 2.4% **Cham**
- 1.5% **Chinese**
- 0.2% **Vietnamese**
- 0.3% **Other**<sup>[2]</sup>

## Area

- **Total** 181,035 km<sup>2</sup> (69,898 sq mi) (**88th**)
- **Water (%)** 2.5

## Population

- **2022 estimate** 16,713,015<sup>[5]</sup> (**72nd**)
- **Density** 87/km<sup>2</sup> (225.3/sq mi)

## GDP (PPP)

- **Total** ▲ \$98.228 billion<sup>[6]</sup> (**97th**)
- **Per capita** ▲ \$6,081<sup>[6]</sup> (**144th**)

## GDP (nominal)

- **Total** ▲ \$30.708 billion<sup>[6]</sup> (**108th**)
- **Per capita** ▲ \$1,901<sup>[6]</sup> (**151st**)

## Gini (2013)

36.0<sup>[7]</sup>  
**medium**

## HDI (2021)

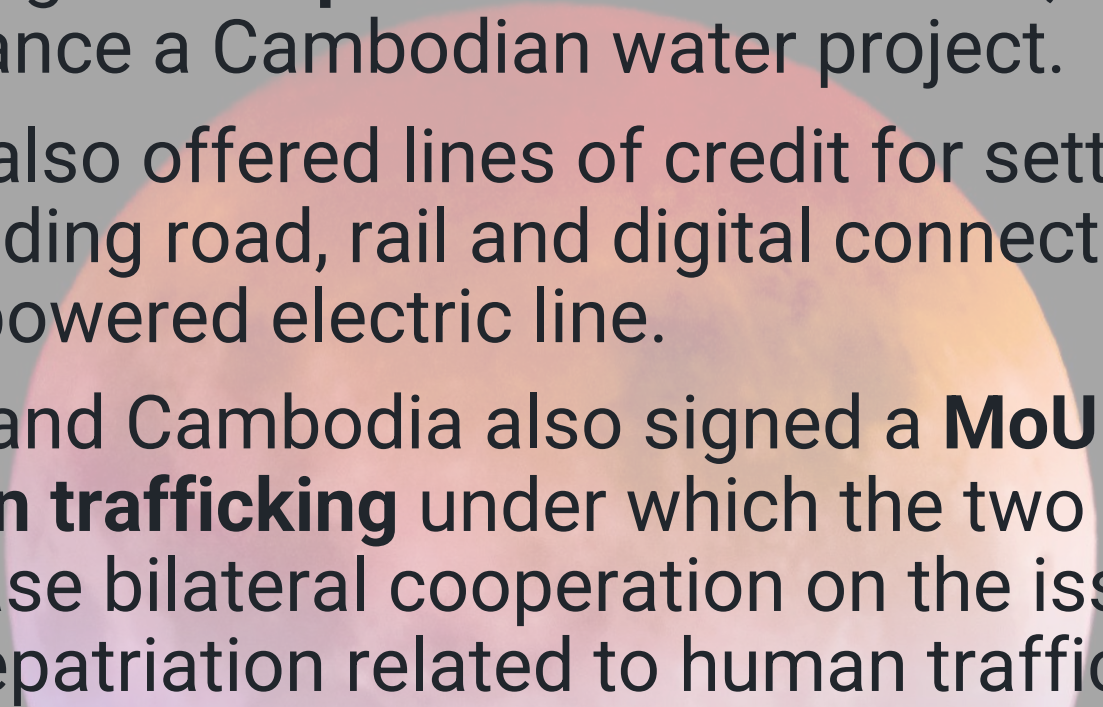
▼ 0.593<sup>[8]</sup>  
**medium** · **146th**

## Currency

**Riel** (៛) (**KHR**; *de jure* and *de facto*)  
**United States dollar** (\$) (**USD**; *de facto*)  
<sup>[9]</sup><sup>[10]</sup>

- Cambodia is a representative of Indian cultural outreach to the Asian region because the **biggest Hindu temples like Angkor Watis in Cambodia** which has **recognition of UNESCO world heritage site**. India is involved in the restoration and preservation of Angkor Wat which is an honour for India. It is part of the joint cultural heritage of Cambodia and India.
- The cultural ties with Cambodia and other ASEAN nations is **a factor of India's soft power**.

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- India agreed to **provide lines of credit**, including nearly \$37 million to finance a Cambodian water project.
  - India also offered lines of credit for setting up specialty hospitals, expanding road, rail and digital connectivity and construction of a high-powered electric line.
  - India and Cambodia also signed a **MoU on the prevention of human trafficking** under which the two countries will seek to increase bilateral cooperation on the issues of prevention, rescue and repatriation related to human trafficking.



<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Siem Reap, Cambodia</a>
<b>Coordinates</b>	 <a href="#">13°24′45″N 103°52′0″E</a>
<b>Altitude</b>	65 m (213 ft)

### History

<b>Builder</b>	Started by <a href="#">Suryavarman II</a> Completed by <a href="#">Jayavarman VII</a>
<b>Founded</b>	12th century <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Cultures</b>	<a href="#">Khmer Empire</a>

### Architecture

<b>Architectural styles</b>	<a href="#">Khmer</a> (Angkor Wat style)
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## UNESCO World Heritage Site

<b>Official name</b>	Angkor
<b>Type</b>	Cultural
<b>Criteria</b>	i, ii, iii, iv
<b>Designated</b>	1992 (16th <a href="#">session</a> )
<b>Reference no.</b>	<a href="#">668</a> 
<b>Region</b>	<a href="#">Asia and the Pacific</a>



IN BRIEF

4.433 kg of poppy straw worth ₹1 cr. seized in Gujarat; 21 held

In a major haul, the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) Madhya Pradesh unit has seized 4.433-65 kg of poppy straw packed in 206 plastic bags and hidden behind bones of a popular biscuit brand in a container truck at Melsana toll plaza in Gujarat, an official said on Tuesday...

HC reserves order on plea against ₹2,000 note recall

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a second public interest litigation (PIL) petition challenging the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to withdraw ₹2,000 denomination currency notes from circulation...

Sole Congress MP from Maharashtra passes away

In a blow to the Congress party in Maharashtra, its lone Lok Sabha member, Chandraprakash MP Suresh Dhanoorkar, also known as Babu Dhanoorkar, passed away at Gurugram's Medanta Hospital early on Tuesday morning...

HC notice to Haj Committee on collection of extra charges

The Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court recently directed the Haj Committee of India to reply to allegations of unequal charges levied on more than 200 Haj pilgrims embarking from Mumbai and Nagpur...

35 lakh students of Class X failed or dropped out in 2021-22: Education Ministry

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Maitri Porecha NEW DELHI

Approximately 35 lakh students enrolled in Class 10 in 2021-2022 did not progress to Class 11, according to an analysis exercise carried out by the Ministry of Education (MoE).



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While the failure rate of students in Central Boards, including the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) is as low as 5%, it can be as high as 16% in State Boards.

Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (School Education), MoE, said that the significant variance in syllabus taught in different Boards, especially related to Physics,

Chemistry and Biology, creates barriers for national-level common tests, including Common University Entrance Test (CUET), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), and the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET).

Responding to a query from The Hindu on Tuesday, Mr. Kumar said that the MoE has now requested data from the National Testing Agency on students that qualify for the



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slipping through cracks after Class 10 and very few of these are going for open schooling. This missing cohort can be identified by following them or increasing open schooling enrolments, the official said.

Analysis of State-wise data on students dropping out, and falling in Class 10 and 12 exams by the MoE reveals that results of students studying across up to 60 State Boards in India vary considerably from one State to another.

Only 18% contribute to 85% dropouts, or nearly 30 lakh students. They are Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Haryana and Punjab.

The purpose of analysis is to standardise Board exams as recommended by the National Education Policy, 2020.

Khalistan reference removed from Class XII NCERT textbook

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The lines which refer to a plea for a separate Sikh nation referring to the creation of Khalistan have been dropped by the National Council of Educational Research and Training from the political science textbook of Class 12, officials telling them or increasing open schooling enrolments, the official said.

The decision was taken after Ministry of Education received a letter from the SGP.

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While the prior versions of the rationalised books are already out and may not reflect the change, the digital soft copy of the textbook has been uploaded on the NCERT website with appropriate changes, said Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (School Education), Ministry of Education.

INMA Awards: The Hindu In School gets honourable mention

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

The Hindu In School's 32-page weekender has received an honourable mention at the International News Media Association's (INMA) 2023 Global Media Awards in New York. The weekender scheme in the final list under the National Brand: Best Subscription Niche Product category which recognised products that consistently engaged with subscribers.

In School's priority over the past year has been to make the weekender interesting to children tired of online learning. By featuring visual essays and creative activities, it helped them cope with the transition to the offline mode. Five special issues were also brought out on various themes.

Weekender makes it to final list in the National Brand: Best Subscription Niche Product category.

their interests thriving. Such milestones give us more encouragement, hope and the drive to meet and exceed expectations of our young audience," said Srividya Arana, vice-president, sales and distribution. This year, the INMA Awards attracted 775 entries from newspapers, magazines, television and radio in 40 countries.

To subscribe to The Hindu In School weekender, visit www.thehindu.com/dseweekend. From current affairs to the curious minds of the news and whys of scientific discovery, and the lesser-known facts of history and geography that go beyond academics, every issue is carefully curated and attractively packaged.

Row over contraceptives in kits gifted to newly-weds

The Hindu Bureau RAIPUR

A political controversy was triggered in Madhya Pradesh after condoms and birth control pills found in make-up kits gifted to brides during a mass marriage programme under a government scheme in Jabalpur district on Monday.

Earlier, as many as 296 couples tied the knot under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Yash/Vivah Yojana, and when the make-up kits gifted to the newly married brides were opened, packets of condoms and birth-control pills were found alongside the make-up products.

Attacking the government, the Congress said the kits were an insult to both women and tribals.

BJP spokesperson Neha Bagga said the kits carry the contraceptives are given to newly-weds as part of guidelines of the National Health Mission-Gujarat, aimed at family planning.

Fresh excavation reveals pre-Mauryan era signs in Delhi's Purana Qila site

Sreeraj Chakrabarty NEW DELHI

A fresh round of excavations at the site of Delhi's Purana Qila (Old Fort) have uncovered evidence of the continuous history of the city since the pre-Mauryan era. The findings include a 900-year-old Vishnu icon, Ware pottery which are usually dated to around 1200 BC to 600 BC.

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Crossword puzzle with 13 clues and a QR code. Clues include: 1. Makes off with billion in a moment breaking electronic surveillance initially (8); 2. Doorkeepers ignore heroin addicts (5); 13. To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site at: https://pragya.page.link/3p7r7

Sudoku puzzle with a 4x4 grid and a list of clues. Clues include: 1. I don't know the answer embarrassingly at times about British English (2,2); 2. Make ends meet people to get record of past events (7); 3. To some extent, seems to determine randomness (8); 4. Indian state reportedly fed up with North Karnataka statesman (8); 5. Egyptian beetles injure sailors (7); 6. Right away cancel permission to spend (3); 7. It's a game played in court when prison detains American on bail essentially (2,4); 8. Cycle part poetry (5); 15. Usenet admin admits crime over stock option (9); 16. Roasted meat from lamb - half trimmed and moderately hot, eat heartily (9); 17. May be liquid ingredient causes new disease eliminating drinkers finally (7); 18. Force out past ceaseless ignoring Conservatives for Democrat (7); 19. What do you do on a chess board to get cracking? (4,1,4); 20. Hoop quiet and extremely careful. Wild animal is around (4,2); 21. Setter calls son in difficulty (2,1,4); 22. Some prophet or a telepath countered fortune-teller (8)

FAITH section with a quote by Sri Chandrareshwara Mahaswamiji and a Mahaperiyava's message. The message discusses the importance of faith, the path of righteousness, and the role of the guru in guiding the disciple.

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structural remains of a 2,500-year-old terracotta ring well from the Mauryan period, and a well-defined four-room complex from the Sunga-Kushan period dating back to 2,300 years ago, besides beads, seals, copper coins and a bone needle.

## **Trade centre**

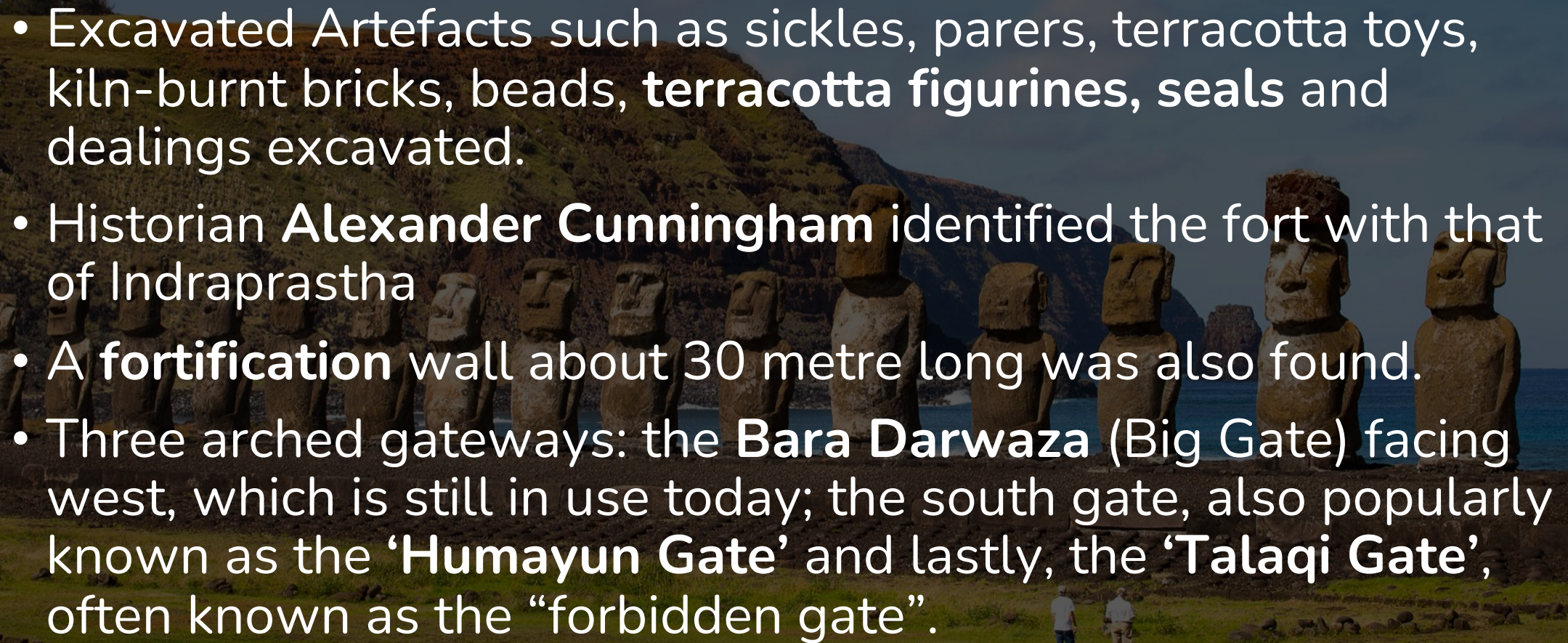
"More than 136 coins and 35 seals have been discovered from a small excavated area, indicating the site's pivotal role as a centre for trade activities," Culture Minister G. Kishan

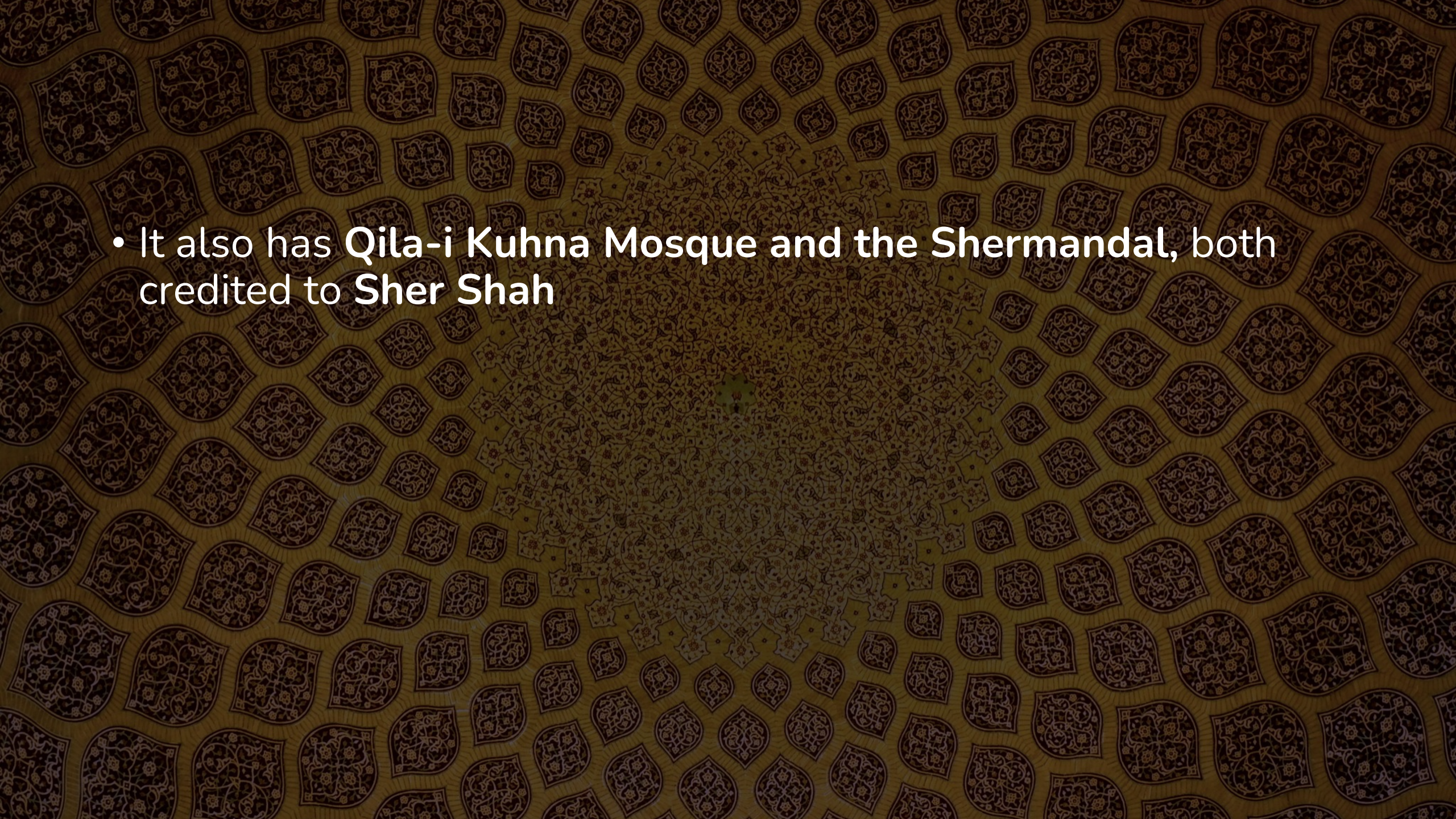
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- Located in South Eastern part of New Delhi
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- Identified as **ancient settlement of Indraprastha**, a continuous habitation of **2500** years at Purana Qila was established in earlier excavations.
- **Painted grey ware**, belonging to **900 BC**, an earthen pottery sequence from **Maurya to Shunga, Kushana, Gupta, Rajput, Sultanates, and Mughal** periods.

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- A row of Moai statues, large stone figures with human faces, stands on a grassy hillside overlooking the ocean. The statues are arranged in a line, and the background shows a clear blue sky and a dark sea. Two people are visible in the foreground, standing near the base of the statues.
- Excavated Artefacts such as sickles, parers, terracotta toys, kiln-burnt bricks, beads, **terracotta figurines**, seals and dealings excavated.
  - Historian **Alexander Cunningham** identified the fort with that of Indraprastha
  - A **fortification** wall about 30 metre long was also found.
  - Three arched gateways: the **Bara Darwaza** (Big Gate) facing west, which is still in use today; the south gate, also popularly known as the '**Humayun Gate**' and lastly, the '**Talaqi Gate**', often known as the "forbidden gate".

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- It also has Qila-i Kuhna Mosque and the Shermandal, both credited to Sher Shah

### HONG KONG Macau's new national security law puts curbs on political opposition



Macau's new national security law took effect, imposing wider restrictions on political opposition and civil society in the Chinese city. Macau's government said the amendments were designed to catch up with similar legislation in China and Hong Kong, with an emphasis on stepping up prevention of foreign interference. AFP

### WEST BANK Israeli civilian shot dead near the entrance to West Bank settlement



An Israeli civilian was shot dead at the entrance to a Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank. Meir Tamir, 32 years old, was fatally wounded beside the Heremesh settlement. The Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, the armed wing of Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party, said it was behind the attack. AFP

### BEIJING Elon Musk meets Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang during visit



Elon Musk met Foreign Minister Qin Gang in Beijing on Tuesday, as the Tesla CEO embarks on his first trip to China in more than three years. Qin and Musk discussed relations between China and the U.S., with the Qm saying the two countries should "apply the brakes on a timely manner to avoid dangerous driving." AFP

### UNITED NATIONS UN chief 'very concerned' over Uganda's harsh anti-gay law



United Nations chief Antonio Guterres said he was "very concerned" after Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni signed an anti-gay law described as among the world's harshest. "The secretary-general continues to call on all member states to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," his spokesperson said. AFP

## Drones hit Moscow buildings as Kyiv struck for third day

Russia blames Ukraine for the attack and says eight drones were used in the assault of which five were downed and three disabled; Kyiv says it shot down 21 Russian drones over the capital region

Agence France-Presse  
MOSCOW

A swarm of drones hit Moscow on Tuesday in an unprecedented attack, while Russian drones struck Kyiv for a third straight day as Ukraine gears up for a major offensive against Russian forces.



Damage assessment: Police officers stand guard outside an apartment building after a drone attack in Moscow on Tuesday. AFP

The Russian Defence Ministry blamed Kyiv for the attacks that saw three drones crash into residential buildings in Moscow. Officials said no one was seriously injured and there was only "minor" damage to buildings. The Russian Defence Ministry said eight drones were used in the attack, adding that five of them were downed and three disabled.

One video shared on social media showed an explosion, followed by a column of smoke rising into the sky. Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said Kyiv had "no direct relation" to the Moscow attacks. Also on Tuesday, Ukraine said it had downed 20 out of 31 drones, mainly over the Kyiv region in the latest Russian barrage — the third on the Ukrainian capital in 24 hours.

## China declined meeting with Lloyd Austin: Pentagon

China declined meeting with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Pentagon says

Agence France-Presse  
WASHINGTON

Beijing has declined a U.S. invitation for a meeting in Singapore between Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Chinese counterpart Li Shangfu, the Pentagon said.



Lloyd Austin

The U.S. "strongly respects" China's commitment to sovereignty, security and interests, the Pentagon said.

Immediately correct its incorrect actions, show sincerity, and create the atmosphere and conditions for China-U.S. military dialogue," spokeswoman Mao Ning told reporters. A senior U.S. defence official described the declined invitation as "just the latest in a litany of excuses," saying that since 2021, China has "declined or failed to respond to over a dozen requests from the Department of Defence for key leader engagements, and nearly 10 working-level engagements." Mr. Li was sanctioned by the U.S. government in 2018 for buying Russian weapons, but that does not prevent Mr. Austin from conducting official business with him.

## Imran Khan appears in court, submits surety bond

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday appeared before an anti-terrorism court in Lahore to face charges in connection with his pre-arrest bail till June 2.

Press Trust of India  
LAHORE

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday appeared before an anti-terrorism court in Lahore to face charges in connection with his pre-arrest bail till June 2.

"Khan appeared before the ATC Lahore Judge Jaz Ahmad Buttar and submitted surety bonds worth PKR 100,000 each in the four terrorism cases in which he had already been given pre-arrest bail till June 2," a court official said. His counsel also challenged the search warrants of the former premier's Lahore residence.



Keeping vigil: Polish soldiers guard a municipal building in the town of Zvecan in northern Kosovo on Tuesday. AP

## NATO soldiers on guard in Kosovo Serb town after clashes

Duzens of NATO troops secured a municipal building in the Kosovo town of Zvecan on Tuesday, a day after 30 NATO soldiers and 52 Serb protesters were injured in clashes that EU and NATO officials said were unacceptable as they urged calm.

## Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes begins prison term

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes entered Texas prison where she could spend the next 11 years for overseeing a blood-testing hoax that became a parable about greed and hubris in Silicon Valley.

Associated Press  
IRVING



Elizabeth Holmes

Her trial and a 3-month-old daughter who was conceived after a jury convicted her on four felony counts of fraud and conspiracy in January 2022. Holmes was five on bail until Tuesday, most recently living in the San Diego area with the children's father, William "Billy" Evans. The couple met in 2007 around the same time Holmes was under investigation for the collapse of Theranos, a startup she founded after dropping out of Stanford University when she was just 19.

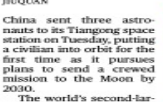
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## Chinese mission with first civilian reaches space

Agence France-Presse  
TIANJIN



First step: Gui Haichao, left, Zhu Yangzhu, centre, and Jing Haipeng at the seeing-off ceremony in Gansu province on Tuesday. AP

China sent three astronauts to its Tiangong space station on Tuesday, putting a civilian into orbit for the first time as it pursues plans to send a crewed mission to the Moon by 2030.



China's first civilian astronaut, Gui Haichao, is seen in the Tiangong space station on Tuesday afternoon, more than six hours after taking off.

The launch was a "complete success" and the "astronauts are in good condition", Zou Jingping, director of the Jiaquan Satellite Launch Center said. Leading its crew is commander Jing Haipeng on his fourth mission, as well as engineer Zhu Yangzhu and Beijing University professor Gui Haichao, the first Chinese civilian in space.

China was the third country to put humans in orbit and Tiangong is the crown jewel of its space programme, which has also landed robotic rovers on Mars and the Moon.

# Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes begins prison term

**Associated Press**

BRYAN

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes entered Texas prison where she could spend the next 11 years for overseeing a blood-testing hoax that became a parable about greed and hubris in Silicon Valley.

Holmes, 39, on Tuesday entered a federal women's prison camp located in Bryan, Texas – where the federal judge who sentenced Holmes in November recommended she be incarcerated. The minimum-security facility is about 95 miles northwest of Houston, where Holmes grew up aspiring to become a technology visionary along the lines of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

## Two children

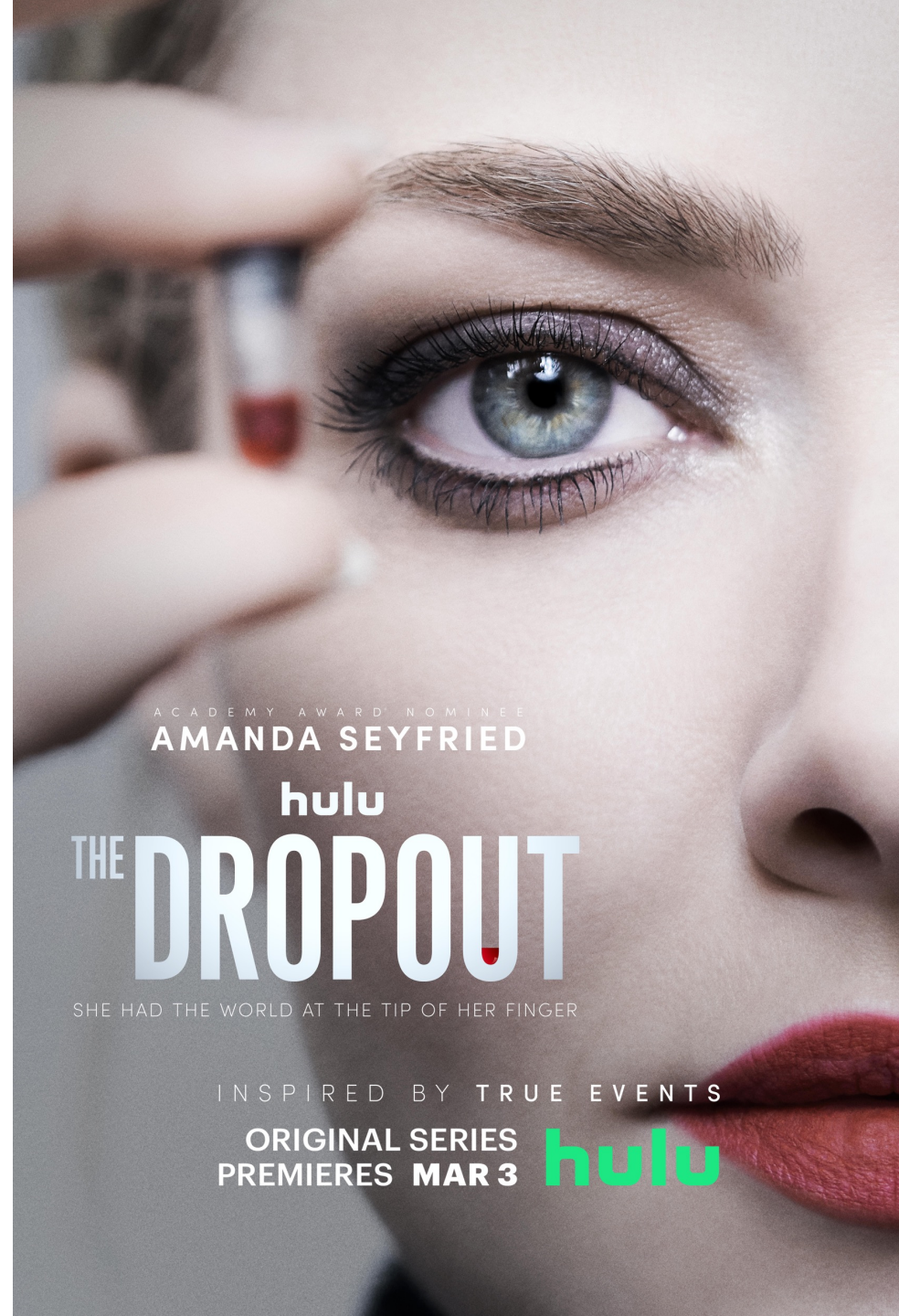
Holmes is leaving behind two young children – a son born in July 2021 a few weeks before the start of



Elizabeth Holmes

her trial and a 3-month old daughter who was conceived after a jury convicted her on four felony counts of fraud and conspiracy in January 2022.

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# How the old found sanctuary and the new blossomed under CSK umbrella

The M.S. Dhoni-Stephen Fleming partnership, that has been in place since 2009, provided the perfect environment for a successful title run

IPL-16

**N. Sudarshan**  
AHMEDABAD

“Football is a simple game: 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans always win,” English footballer Gary Lineker once said. Indian Premier League cricket and Chennai Super Kings come very close.

Injuries, bad form, rotten luck... nothing seemingly dims the chances of M.S. Dhoni & Co. And unlike the straightjacketed Germans of yore clothed in black and white, the men from Chennai do it with panache and more than a dash of resplendent yellow.



**Resplendent yellow:** Dhoni's Super Kings had the final say in a thrilling summit clash against Hardik's Titans on Monday. K.R. DEEPAK

# Redemption well and truly complete for Super Kings' trusted lieutenant



**Tears of joy:** Jadeja is being lifted by a welled-up Dhoni as they celebrate Super Kings' fifth crown. K.R. DEEPAK

## The season's awards

**Orange Cap:** Shubman Gill (890 runs in 17 matches)

**Purple Cap:** Mohammed Shami (28 wickets in 17 matches)

**Emerging player:** Yashasvi Jaiswal

**Super Striker:** Glenn Maxwell (strike-rate: 183.48)

**Most Valuable Player:** Gill

**Game-changer:** Gill

**Fairplay:** Delhi Capitals

**Most fours:** Gill (85)

**Longest six:** Faf du Plessis (115m)

**Best pitch and ground:** Eden Gardens and Wankhede Stadium



## The final-over drama



**Batters:** Dube and Jadeja; **Bowler:** Mohit

## Super Kings of IPL

Season	Champion
2008	Rajasthan Royals
2009	Deccan Chargers
2010	Chennai Super Kings
2011	Chennai Super Kings
2012	Kolkata Knight Riders
2013	Mumbai Indians
2014	Kolkata Knight Riders
2015	Mumbai Indians
2016	Sunrisers Hyderabad
2017	Mumbai Indians
2018	Chennai Super Kings
2019	Mumbai Indians
2020	Mumbai Indians
2021	Chennai Super Kings
2022	Gujarat Titans
2023	Chennai Super Kings

# Season rewind

As the curtains came down on IPL 2023, a recap of the edition

## Highest total

**257/5** LSG vs PBKS  
(LSG won by 56 runs)

## Lowest

**59 RR** vs RCB.  
RCB won by 112 runs

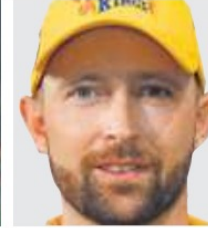
## Most Runs



Shubman Gill  
**890**  
Most 100s: (3)



Faf du Plessis  
**730**



Devon Conway  
**672**

**Highest strike-rate:**  
Glenn Maxwell  
(183.48)

**Most sixes by a player:** Faf du Plessis (36); Most by a team: 140 (MI)

**Most fours by a player:** Shubman Gill (85); Most fours by a team: 265 (MI)



**Most partnership runs in a season ever:**

**939** Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli equalled Virat Kohli and A B de Villiers

## Most Wickets



Mohammed Shami  
**28**



Mohit Sharma  
**27**



Rashid Khan  
**27**

## Shah asks groups in Manipur to keep peace for 15 days, hold talks

Tribal leaders seek President's Rule, separate administration

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY, JIMMY LEIVON & SUKRETA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, CHURACHANDPUR, MAY 30

IMPOSITION OF President's Rule in Manipur and creation of a separate administration for tribals were among the key demands from tribal leaders who met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Churachandpur district on Tuesday, said sources. Shah is learnt to have assured that the demands would be considered, but asked the leaders to ensure peace for at least a fortnight so that normalcy could return and the talks could be taken

## HC rejects Sisodia bail plea: Can't ignore CBI fear that he may influence witnesses

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NEW DELHI, MAY 30

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday rejected bail plea of former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, who was arrested by the CBI more than three months ago in connection with the excise policy case, saying that the probe agency's "apprehension" that he "might adversely influence witnesses cannot be ignored".

### BUSINESS AS USUAL



Impulse is waiting for the wheels to be triggered

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## IOC FLAGS MAY 28 EVENTS, CALLS FOR 'UNBIASED PROBE' Global Olympics body steps in: Very disturbing, protect athletes

World wrestling body threatens to suspend Indian federation WFI

MIHR VASAVDA & SHIVANI NAIK  
MUMBAI, MAY 30

FOR THE first time since India's top wrestlers, including two Olympics medal winners, alleged sexual harassment by their federation chief, BJP MP Brj Bhushan Sharan Singh, the International Olympic Committee has stepped in. The statement came hours after the wrestlers — including Bajrang Punia (Olympics Bronze, 2021) and Sakshi Malik (Olympics Bronze, 2016) — threatened to drop their medals into the Ganga at Haridwar. The IOC spokesperson from Lausanne, Switzerland, in a response to a query from The Indian Express, said that the "treatment" meted out to the athletes over the weekend, when they were manhandled and detained for hours, was "very disturbing". The IOC asked for an "unbiased, criminal investigation" into the allegations of sexual harassment and underlined: "We urge that the safety and wellbeing of these athletes is duly considered throughout this process and that this investigation will be speedily concluded." The IOC also urged the IFA, headed by P Usha, which is



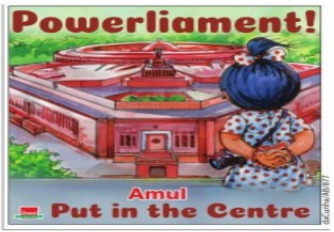
Wrestlers Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Sangeeta Phogat and Bajrang Punia along with other protesters at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar on Tuesday. (Mihir Vasava)

- 3 WRESTLERS, 20 MEDALS**
- VINESH PHOGAT:** Asian Games: Gold, Bronze; World Championship: 2 Bronze
  - SAKSHI MALIK:** Olympics: Bronze; World Championship: Silver, Bronze
  - BAJRANG PUNIA:** Olympic: Bronze; World Championship: Silver, 3 Bronze; Commonwealth Games: 2 Gold, Silver; Asian: Gold, Silver

## After Haridwar huddle, wrestlers rethink move to drop medals in Ganga

NIHAL KOSHIE & HARISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, MAY 30

ON A day of high drama, the protesting wrestlers, led by Olympic medalists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and World Championship medalist Vinesh Phogat, announced on Tuesday that they would "immense their medals in the Ganga river, and reached Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar by evening.



## DATA FROM STATE EDUCATION BOARDS In Class XI-XII, most students in South opt for Science; in 3 key states, just 2% take Arts

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, MAY 30

STUDENTS enrolled in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka education boards are more likely to choose the Science stream in their Class XI-XII with less than 2 per cent in three of these states opting for Arts. However, Arts is the preferred option for their counterparts in West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Jharkhand, according to a Union Government study.

**Future skill challenge**  
THE UPSIDDED Science-Arts ratio — and the geographical split — frame the challenge for policymakers when it comes to skilling the next generation in an economy increasingly affected by tech and automation. Records show that in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra

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THE TEST COULD HELP PATIENTS UNDERSTAND WHETHER THEY REALLY NEED EARLY TREATMENT FOR HEART DISEASE

# Polygenic risk score: A genetic test takes aim at young hearts

GINA KOLATA

NEW YORK, MAY 30

KATIE ELKINS has a family history of heart disease, and she was worried. Her father had a heart attack this year on Easter morning at the age of 53 — the same age his mother was when she had one.

Elkins's doctor suggested a blood test, which revealed that her LDL cholesterol level was 160. That is high for someone at her age of 34. The doctor referred her to Dr Daniel Rader, at the University of Pennsylvania, who specialises in preventive cardiology.

The question for Dr Rader was:

Should Elkins start taking a cholesterol-lowering statin? The guidelines say she is too young. But high cholesterol levels damage blood vessels slowly, over a period of decades. Was her risk high enough to intervene early?

Dr. Rader suggested Elkins take a new genetic test, known as a polygenic risk score. Cardiologists hope to use such tests to identify people most likely to have heart attacks long before they have them.

Dr. Rader said Elkins's LDL level could put her at risk for a heart attack — but probably not for at least a couple of decades. But a heart attack at any age is life-al-



**Katie Elkins's doctor recommended she get a new kind of genetic test to better assess her risk of a heart attack.** *NYT*

tering and can have severe effects, even with advances in medicine. So the question of how to protect young people whose risk may manifest years later is pressing.

Despite the high hopes for the new tests, there are many questions. Some critics say that a focus on treating younger people is misplaced because they may not comply with taking a statin or another drug for the rest of their lives. It can be difficult for young people to focus on possible threats to their health decades in the future. The real need, these critics say, is with the huge group of older people who need cholesterol-lowering treatment but are not

getting it, or who are abandoning their prescriptions. In one study, about 40 percent of people 65 and older who had a heart attack and need lipid-lowering medications for the rest of their lives stop taking statins within two years.

Others, like Dr. Rita F. Redberg, a cardiologist at the University of California, San Francisco, is concerned that polygenic risk scores could introduce new problems.

"There is a lot of downside to labeling people with a disease," she said. The label, she added, "inexorably leads to tests and a search for treatments." And, she said, "because the person, who now has become a 'patient,' is asympto-

matic, more tests and possible treatments in most cases will not make the person feel any better."

Others, while enthusiastic about the prospects for polygenic risk scores, say that doctors need to know more about how effective early intervention might be.

Dr. Sadiya Sana Khan of Northwestern University emphasised the need for more research.

Dr. Rader and his colleagues in preventive cardiology at Penn are proceeding with the assumption that the risk scores can help them make treatment decisions for patients when it is not clear whether or how aggressively to lower their LDL levels. These people typically

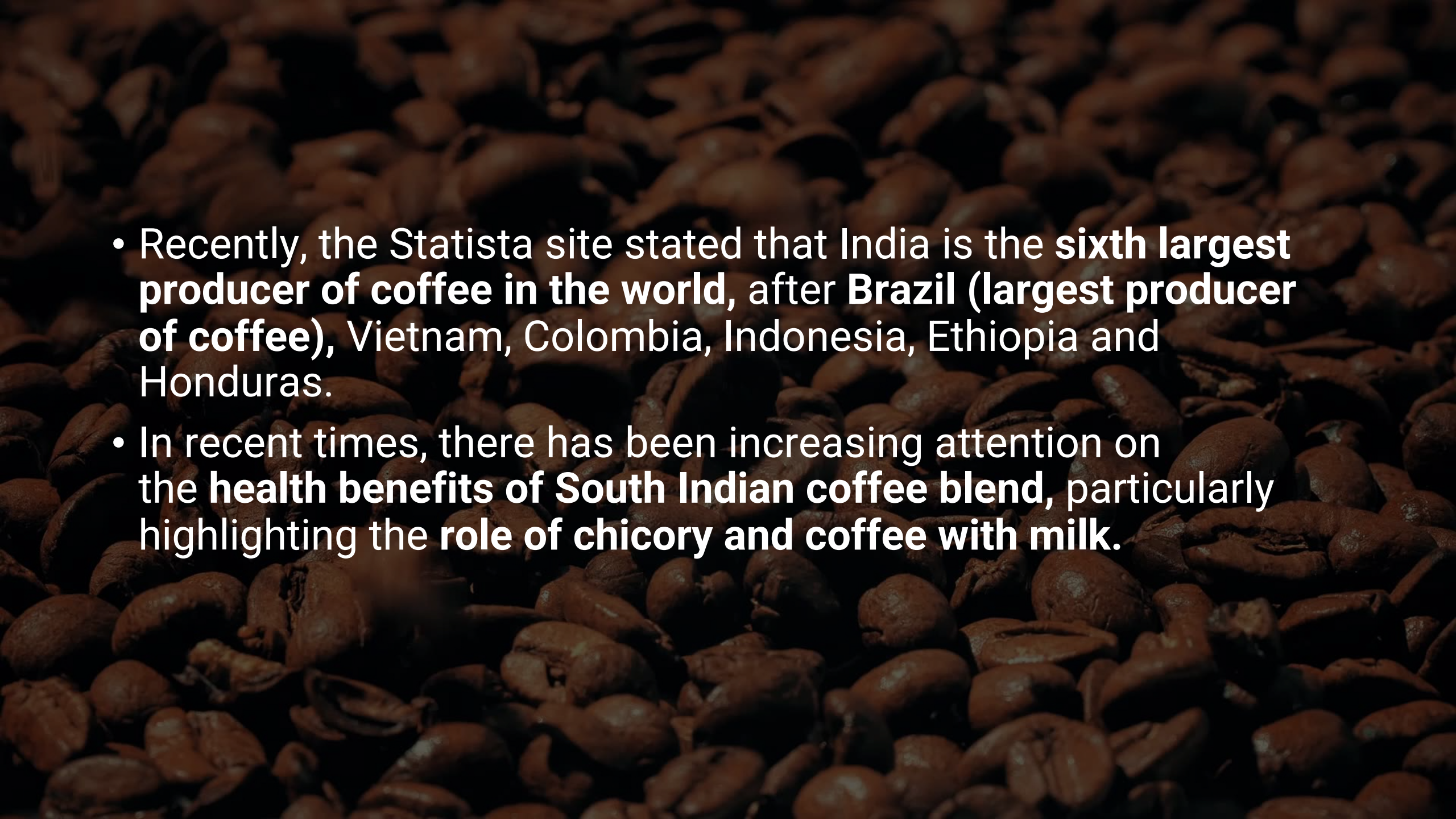
are between the ages of 20 and 50 in whom traditional risk assessments are not helpful.

They also include patients who are reluctant to take statins. Sally Thompson, in her late 40s, has an LDL cholesterol level of 160 milligrams per deciliter, not high enough to make a statin imperative. But her doctor said it was advisable. She said she would prefer to postpone starting a statin because she already is taking seven drugs for other chronic conditions. She agreed to have the genetic test and take a statin, if it showed her risk is high. It was — in the 70th percentile — and she was persuaded. **NYT**



# India's Coffee



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- Recently, the Statista site stated that India is the **sixth largest producer of coffee in the world**, after **Brazil (largest producer of coffee)**, Vietnam, Colombia, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Honduras.
  - In recent times, there has been increasing attention on the **health benefits of South Indian coffee blend**, particularly highlighting the **role of chicory and coffee with milk**.

What is South Indian Coffee Blend?





- **Chicory:**

- Herb native to **Europe and Asia.**
- Contains **inulin**, a starchy substance beneficial for health which is found in a **wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs, including [wheat](#), onions, bananas, leeks, artichokes, and asparagus.**
- Possesses **mild laxative properties** and it **decreases swelling** and is rich in **beta-carotene, providing superior protection against oxidative damage.**
- **Absence of caffeine in chicory** makes it a suitable complement to coffee, which contains caffeine.

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What are the Health Benefits of Coffee?

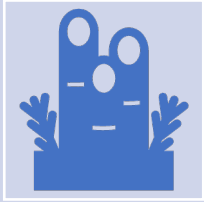
A glass coffee pot is pouring coffee into a glass. The coffee is dark and has a layer of milk on top. The background is dark and out of focus.

- **Coffee with Milk and Potential Health Effects:**

- While plain coffee is popular in many parts of the world, **South Indian filter coffee is typically served with hot milk.**
- The addition of milk enhances the taste and flavor of coffee.
- Research from the University of Copenhagen suggests that coffee with milk may have an **anti-inflammatory effect, aided by the combination of proteins and antioxidants present in milk.**
- A large-scale human trial is underway to study the health effects of milk-added coffee, sparking interest among Indian coffee lovers.



What are the Key Points about Coffee?



## **Cultivation and Biodiversity: Coffee Plantation Practices in India:**

- **Climatic Conditions and Soil Types:**

- **Climate Conditions:**

- Hot and humid climate, Temperature 15°C to 28°C, and Rainfall 150 to 250 cm.

- **Harmful Conditions:**


- Frost, Snowfall, High temperatures above 30°C, and Strong sunlight.

- **Ideal Soil Conditions:**

- Well-drained loamy soils, Presence of humus and minerals (iron, calcium), Fertile volcanic red earth, and Deep sandy loam soils.

- **Less Suitable Soil Conditions:**

- Heavy clay soils, Sandy soils.



- **Geographical Distribution and Varieties: Coffee Plantation Locations in India:**

- Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh (Araku Valley), Odisha, Manipur, Mizoram, and Other northeastern states.

- **Major Coffee Producer:**

- Karnataka accounts for approximately 70% of India's total coffee production.



- **Coffee Varieties in India:**

- **Arabica and Robusta.**

- **Characteristics of Arabica:**

- Grown at higher altitudes and it has Higher market value due to its aroma.

- **Characteristics of Robusta:**

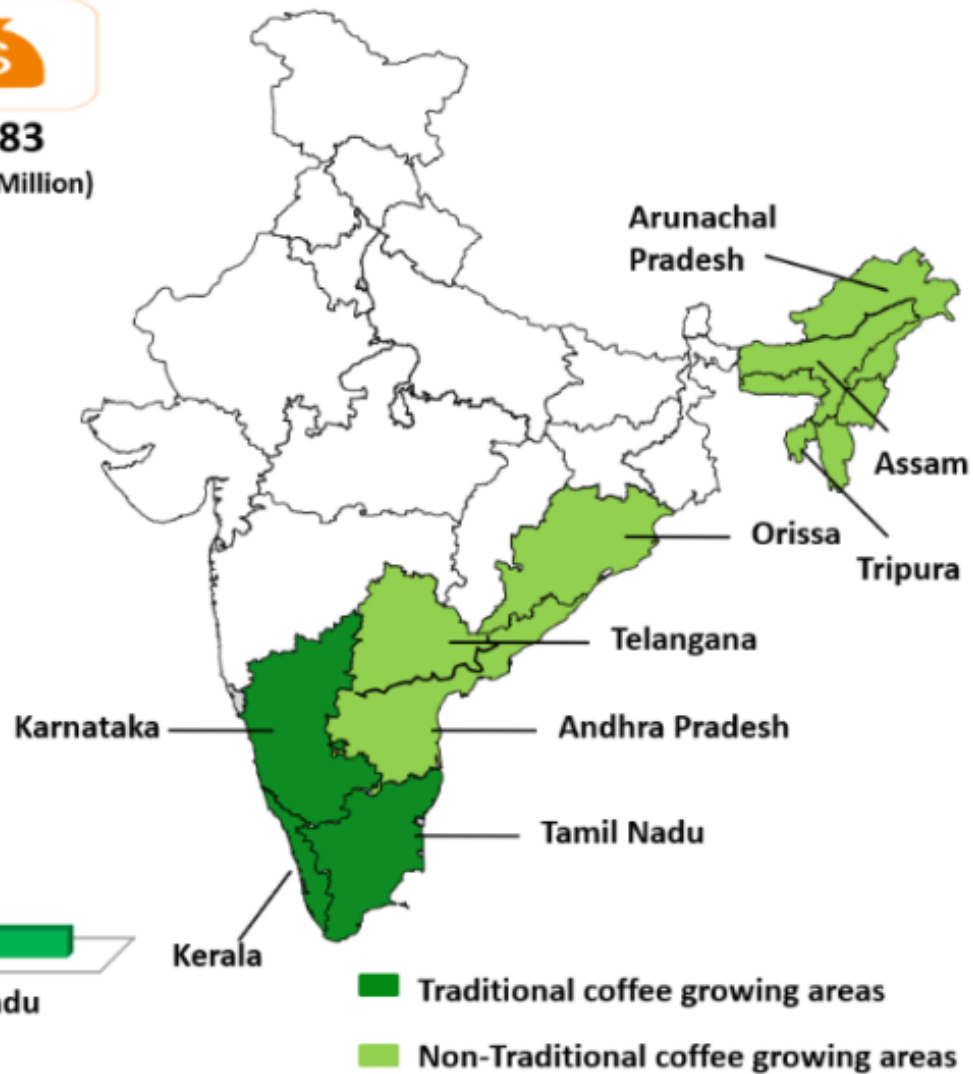
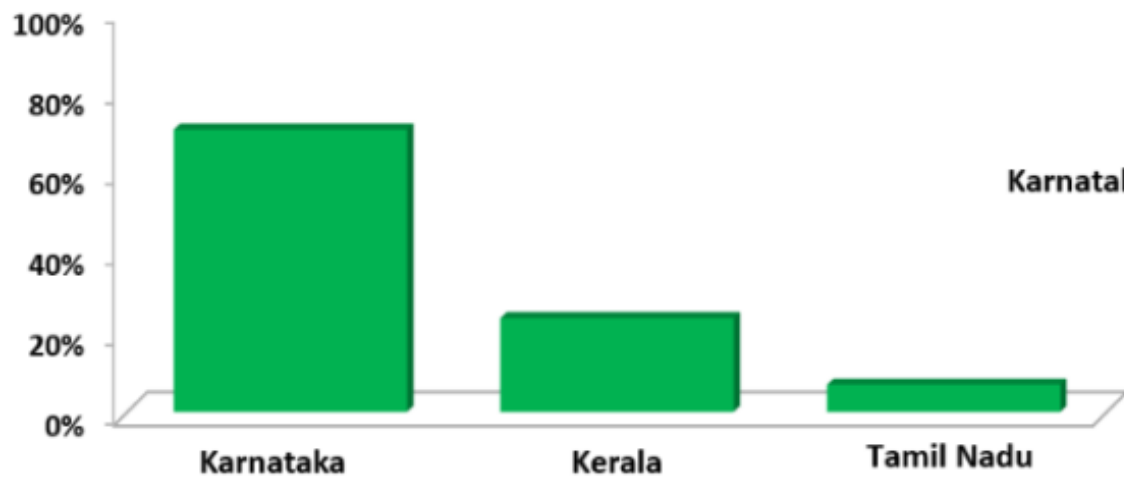
- Known for its strength and used in various blends.



# INDIA COFFEE MARKET-KEY DATA



**\$ 983**  
Value (Million)



- The Coffee Board of India
- It is a **statutory organization that was constituted under Section (4) of the Coffee Act, 1942.**
- It functions under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.**
- The Board comprises 33 Members including the Chairperson, who is the Chief Executive and it **functions from Bangalore.**
- The Board mainly focuses its activities in the areas of research, extension, development, market intelligence, external & internal promotion for coffee.

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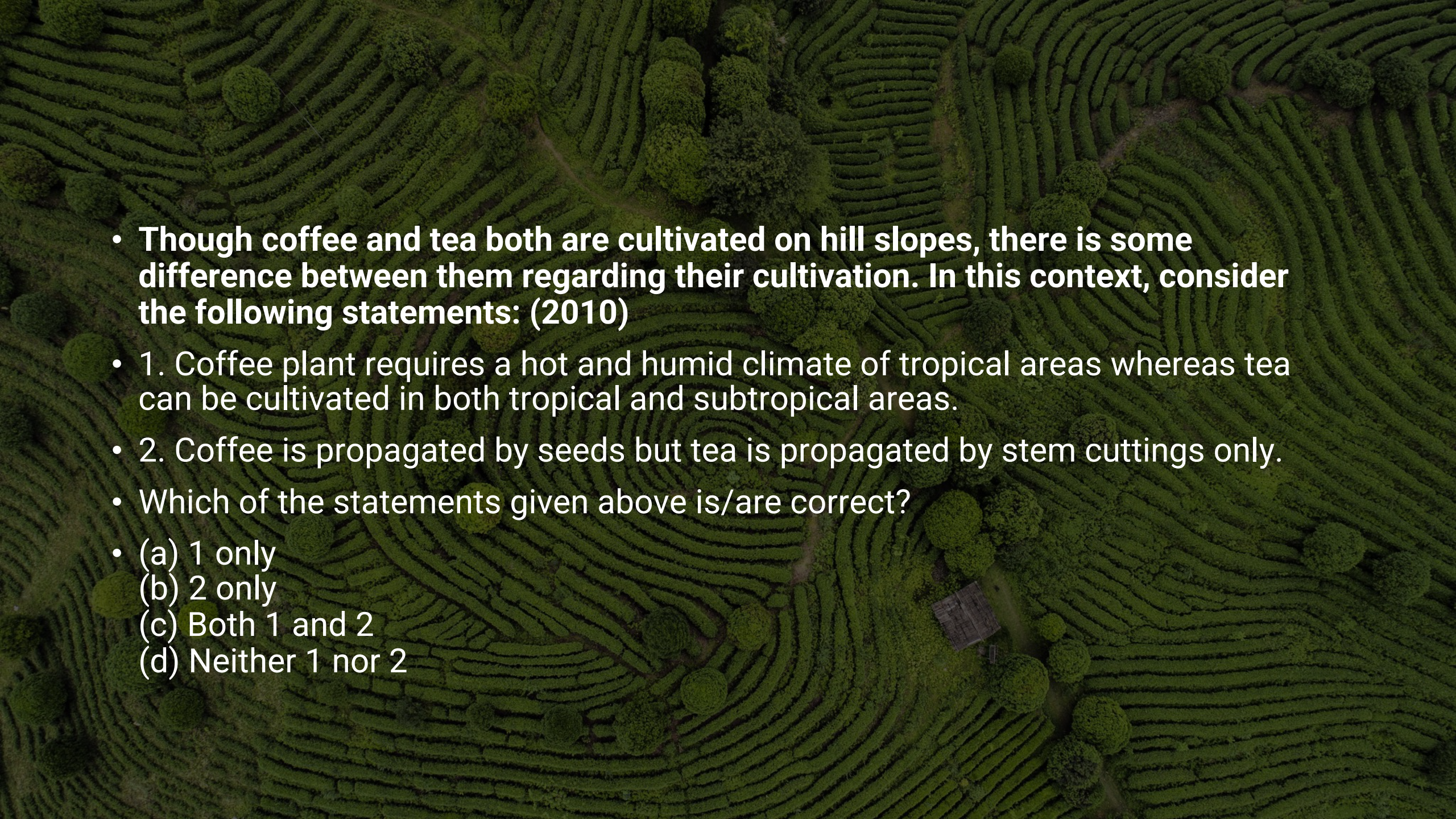
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List-I (Board)	List-II (Headquarters)
A. Coffee Board	1. Bengaluru
B. Rubber Board	2. Guntur
C. Tea Board	3. Kottayam
D. Tobacco Board	4. Kolkata

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- **Though coffee and tea both are cultivated on hill slopes, there is some difference between them regarding their cultivation. In this context, consider the following statements: (2010)**
  - 1. Coffee plant requires a hot and humid climate of tropical areas whereas tea can be cultivated in both tropical and subtropical areas.
  - 2. Coffee is propagated by seeds but tea is propagated by stem cuttings only.
  - 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

An aerial photograph of terraced rice fields, likely in a mountainous region. The terraces are filled with green rice plants and are arranged in a series of steps that follow the contours of the hills. The lighting is soft, suggesting either early morning or late afternoon, with long shadows and a warm, golden glow. A small, dark-roofed hut is visible on one of the middle terraces. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

# Fortification of Rice

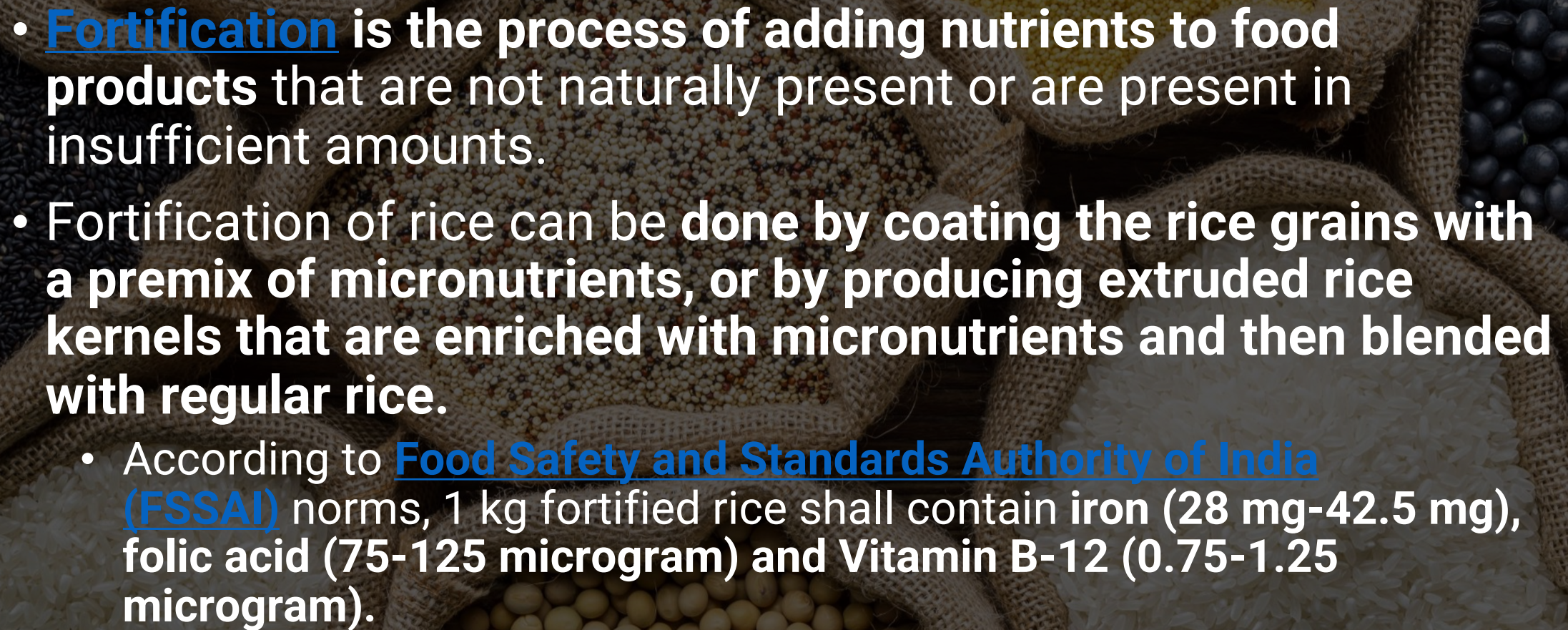
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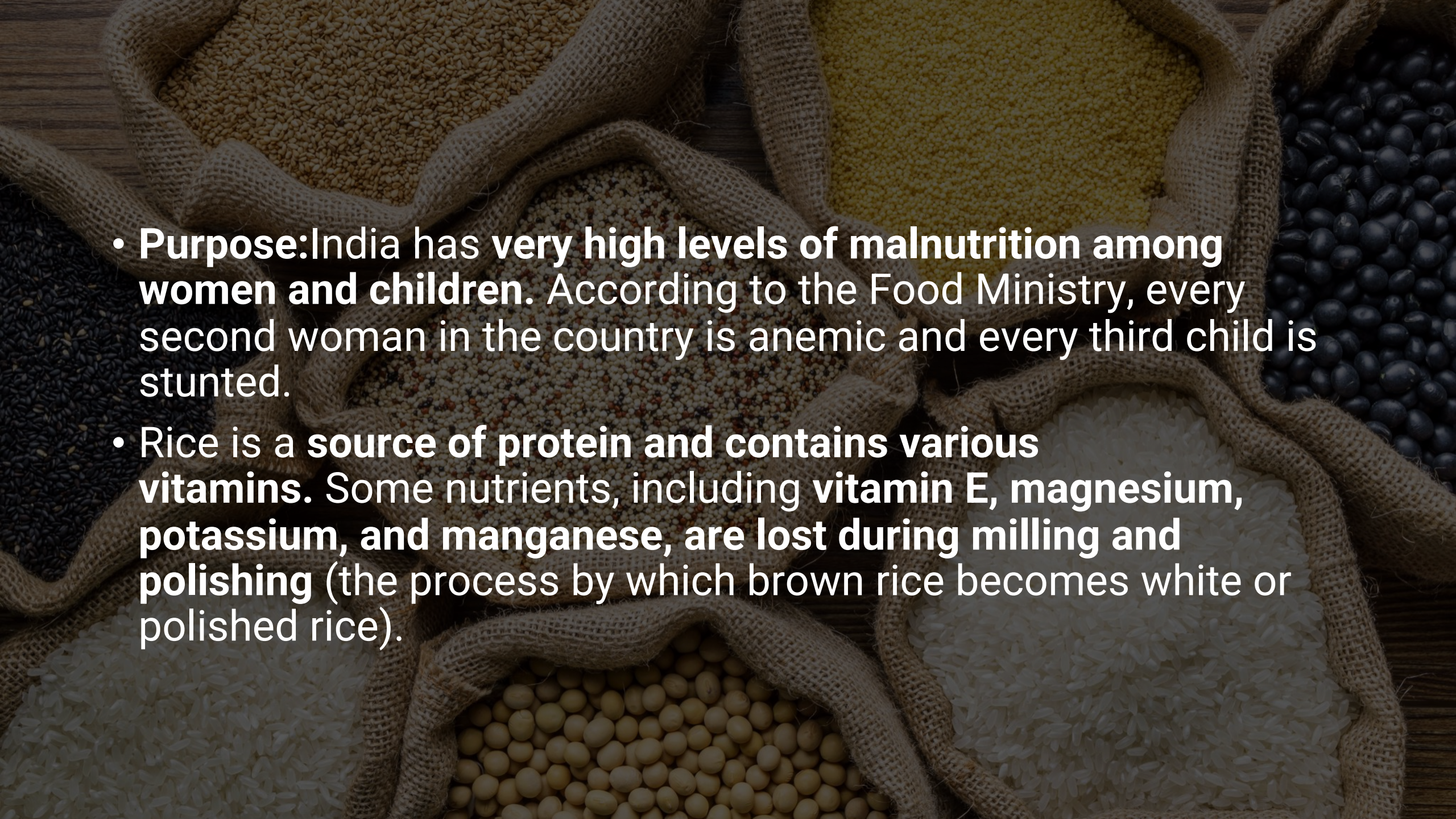


## Why in News?



In a response to the **recent wave of criticism surrounding the distribution of [iron fortified rice](#)**, the Union Food Ministry has released an official statement dismissing the allegations levelled against the iron fortified rice.

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- **Fortification** is the process of adding nutrients to food products that are not naturally present or are present in insufficient amounts.
  - Fortification of rice can be done by coating the rice grains with a premix of micronutrients, or by producing extruded rice kernels that are enriched with micronutrients and then blended with regular rice.
    - According to **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** norms, 1 kg fortified rice shall contain iron (28 mg-42.5 mg), folic acid (75-125 microgram) and Vitamin B-12 (0.75-1.25 microgram).

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- **Purpose:** India has very high levels of malnutrition among women and children. According to the Food Ministry, every second woman in the country is anemic and every third child is stunted.
  - Rice is a source of protein and contains various vitamins. Some nutrients, including vitamin E, magnesium, potassium, and manganese, are lost during milling and polishing (the process by which brown rice becomes white or polished rice).



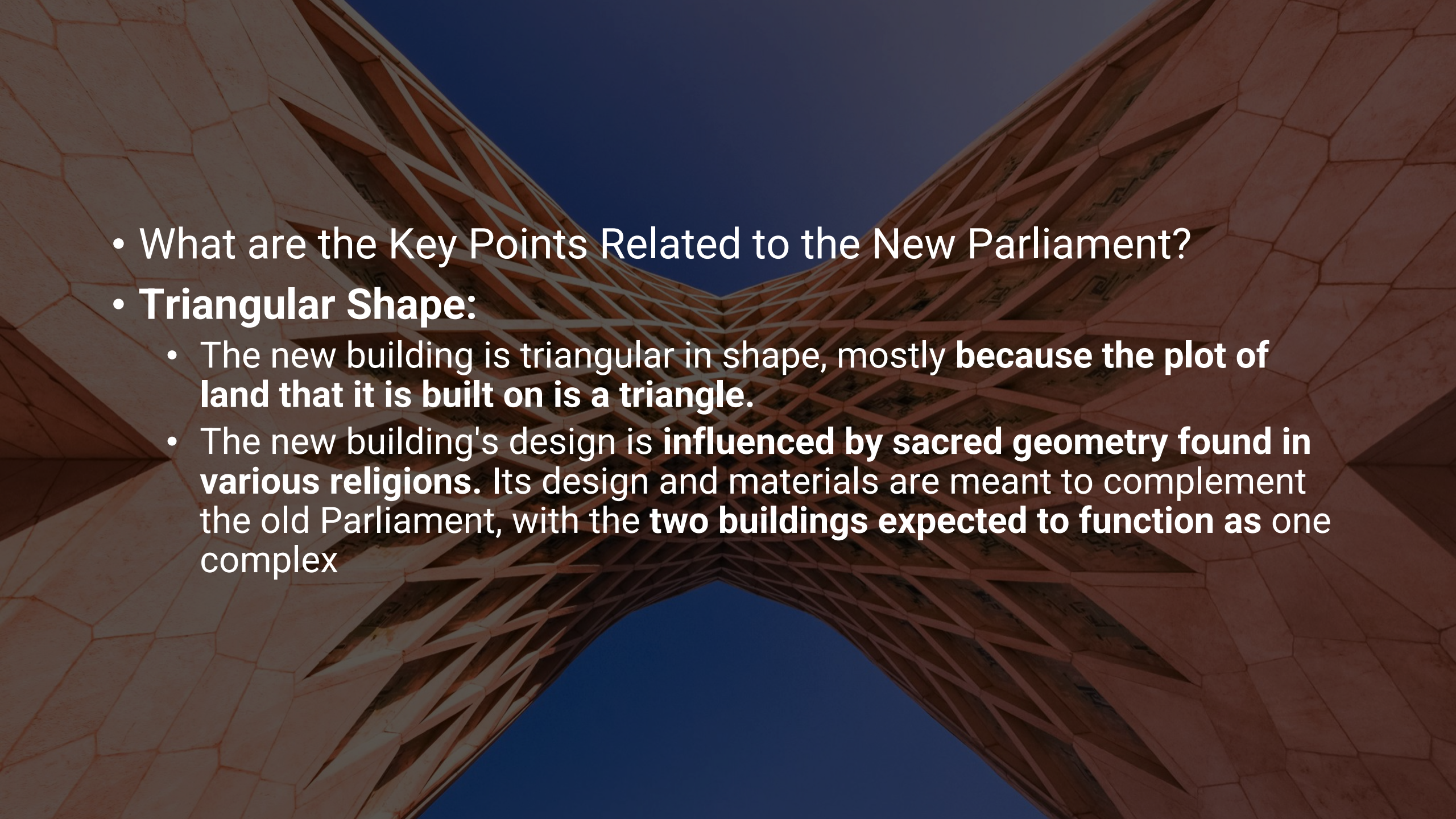
Rice is one of the most **widely consumed staple foods in the world**, especially in Asia and Africa.

Per capita rice consumption in India is 6.8 kg per month. Therefore, **fortifying rice with micronutrients is an option to supplement the diet of the poor.**

- **Iron deficiency** also is a major public health problem that **affects more than two billion people globally**, causing anaemia, weakness, fatigue, impaired learning and increased risk of infections and maternal mortality.
  - To address this problem, **some countries have adopted the strategy of fortifying rice with iron and other micronutrients, such as folic acid and vitamin B12.**
  - Most of the iron we need comes from meat, which gets absorbed 50% by our body. Through vegetables, there is limited intake and only 3% absorption. **This is the reason why iron deficiency is a major problem in India.**

# India's New Parliament House



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- What are the Key Points Related to the New Parliament?
  - **Triangular Shape:**
    - The new building is triangular in shape, mostly **because the plot of land that it is built on is a triangle.**
    - The new building's design is **influenced by sacred geometry found in various religions.** Its design and materials are meant to complement the old Parliament, with the **two buildings expected to function as one complex**

A glowing lightbulb is centered in the image, surrounded by a dense field of green leaves. The lightbulb is illuminated from within, casting a soft glow. The leaves are small and have a repeating pattern, creating a textured background. The overall scene is bright and natural, symbolizing green energy and sustainability.

- **Environment Friendly:**

- Built using **green construction techniques**, the new building is supposed to reduce **electricity consumption by 30%**, compared to the old one.
- **Rainwater-harvesting and water-recycling systems have been included.** It has been designed to be more space efficient and meant to function for the next 150 years.

## Earthquake-Safe:

- Since Delhi is in seismic zone-V, the **building is primed to be [Earthquake](#)-safe.**



- **Rajya Sabha:**

- The Rajya Sabha chamber has been **decorated with the lotus as its theme**, with red carpets.
- In both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, **two MPs will be able to sit on one bench** and each MP will have a **touch screen on the desk**.
  - The Rajya Sabha chamber can **accommodate 384 Members of Parliament (MPs)**, as opposed to the existing capacity of 250. The increased capacity of both chambers is meant to cater to any future increase in the number of MPs following Delimitation.

- **Material from across India:**

- For the interior and exterior of the building, construction **materials have been brought in from across** the country, including *sandstone from Sarmathura* in Dholpur and **granite from Lakha village in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.**
- Similarly, the **wood used in the decor is from Nagpur** and **craftsmen from Mumbai** have led the wooden architecture design.
- **Bhadohi weavers from Uttar Pradesh** have made the **traditional hand-knotted carpets for the building.**



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- **Gandhi Statue:**

- The 16-foot-tall bronze statue of [Mahatma Gandhi](#), originally placed at the **main entrance of Parliament in 1993**, has been relocated between the old and new buildings.
- It now faces the old building, near the entrance used by the [Lok Sabha Speaker](#). The statue has been a significant site for protests, gatherings, and photo-ops for students and Members of Parliament.
  - It was created by renowned sculptor Ram V Sutar, a recipient of the [Padma Bhushan award](#).

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- **National Symbols:**

- The building is replete with national symbols, including the **national emblem – the Lion Capital of Ashoka** – that weighs 9,500 kg and is 6.5 metres in height, and is visible from a distance.
- To support this massive bronze sculpture, a **structure of 6,500 kg was constructed on top of the central foyer**. At the entrance, the Ashoka chakra and the words 'Satyameva Jayate' have been carved in stone.

- **Foucault Pendulum:**

- A Foucault pendulum installed inside the new Parliament building. At the latitude of Parliament, it takes **49 hours, 59 minutes and 18 seconds** to complete one rotation.
  - The Foucault pendulum, named after **French physicist Léon Foucault**, is used to demonstrate the earth's rotation.

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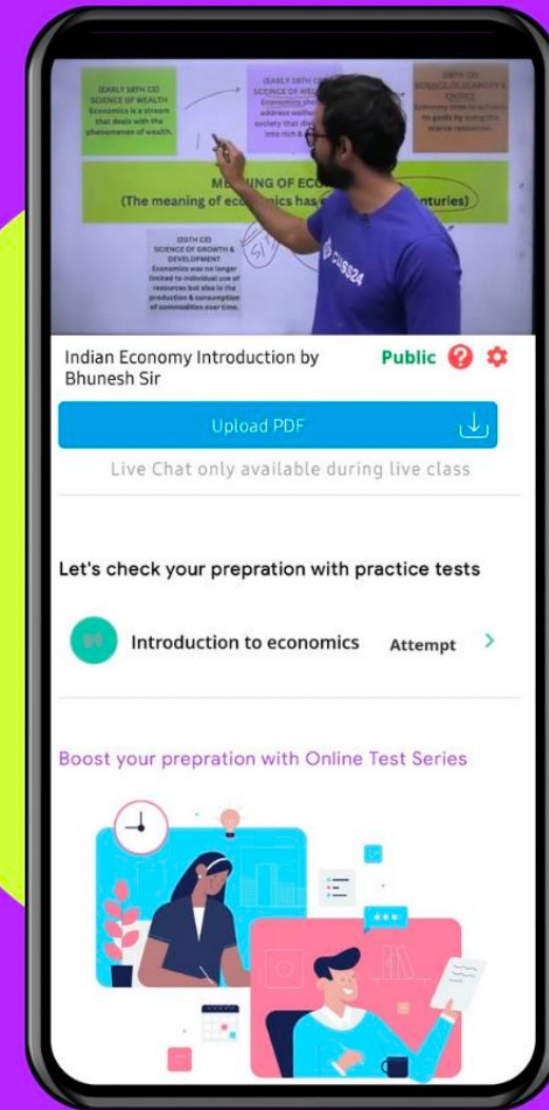
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A group of people are clapping in a meeting room. The image is dark and moody, with a focus on the hands and arms of the participants. The background is blurred, showing a person in a white shirt and another in a grey shirt. The overall atmosphere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

Thank you  
guys, see you  
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