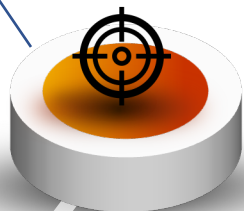


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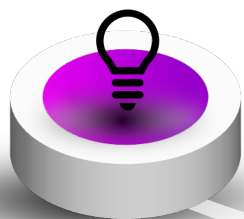


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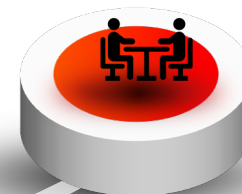


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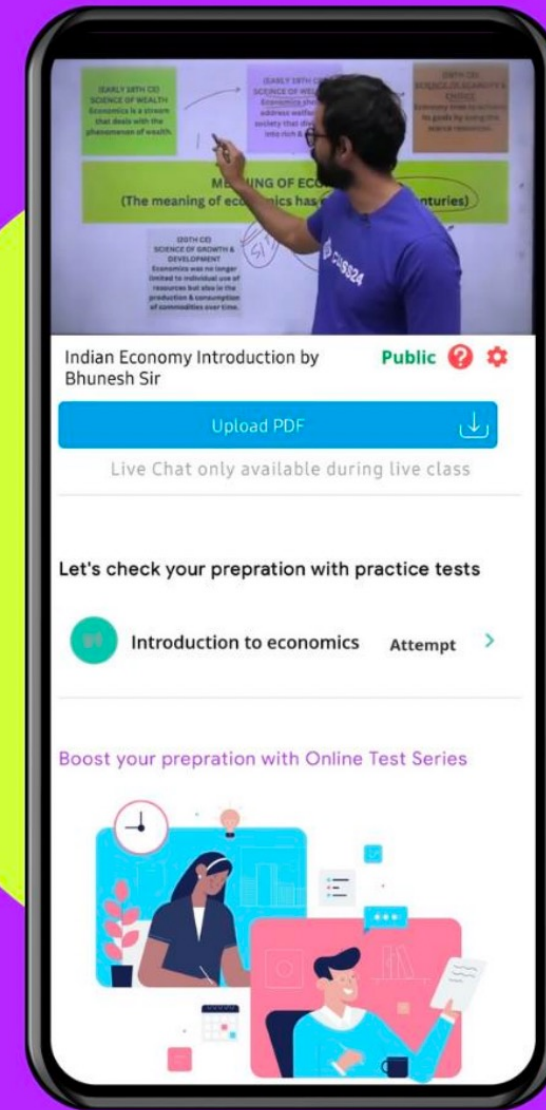
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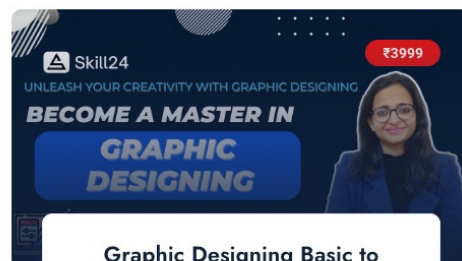
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Shah lands in Manipur to initiate peace measures

Union Home Minister is likely to visit the Hill and Valley districts in the violence-hit State to assess the security situation, meet with civil society organisations, Meitei and Kuki groups welcome visit

Vijaya Singh
Rahul Karmakar
NEW DELHI/IMPHAL

Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Manipur on Monday on a three-day visit, his first since the violence broke out on May 3.

A senior government official said the Home Minister, whose flight landed in Imphal late in the evening, would hold several rounds of security meetings to assess the situation and plan steps to restore normalcy.

On his arrival, Mr. Shah met Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and other Ministers. He was accompanied by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Intelligence Bureau Director Tapen Kumar Deka. He later held a meeting with Governor Anusuya Uisley in Imphal.



In focus: Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Manipur to bring seen as a positive step towards restoring peace in the State. AP

During his stay, Mr. Shah is likely to travel to Churachandpur, Kangpokpi and Moreh — some of the areas most affected in the ongoing violence. He would also meet civil society organisations representing the Meitei, Kuki and the Nagas.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COMCI) and other Imphal-based organisations stressed the need to take action against poppy growers and drug dealers in the hills surrounding the Imphal Valley. "The people of Manipur will not be able to come to any solution unless the State and Central governments take immediate actions to uproot these narco-terrorist aggressors," it said.

The United People's Front (UPF) and Kuki National Organisation (KNO), Kuki militant organisations that are in a suspension of operations pact with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Manipur government, said the Home Minister's visit has given a sense of security among the Kuki tribe.

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Gehlot and Pilot agree to fight polls together

NEW DELHI: After a four-hour meeting, the Congress on Monday announced that Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot will fight polls unitedly and released pictures of the closed-door meeting. > PAGE 10

16-year-old girl stabbed to death in busy lane

Samidhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

A 16-year-old girl was stabbed to death in north-west Delhi allegedly by a 20-year-old person in full public view on Sunday. The accused has been arrested from Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, the police said on Monday.

A video of the incident went viral on social media, which shows the accused, Sahil, stabbing her more than 20 times and attacking her head with stones, while passers-by watched, without trying to stop him. He then fled to Bulandshahr. The incident took place in a densely populated and busy lane in the



Shahid Dairy area. The girl, who resided at J Colony in the same area, had passed Class X recently.

According to the police, a local informer alerted the beat staff about the murder. The police said the victim and the accused, a fridge-AC mechanic, were in a relationship and had an argument on Saturday. The next day, when the girl was planning to attend a birthday party, Sahil intercepted her. An FIR has been lodged under Section

302 of the IPC and investigation is under way.

NCW forms probe team 'Terminally disturbing', the National Commission for Women (NCW) wrote a letter to the Delhi Police Commissioner seeking a time-bound probe into the incident. The NCW has formed a three member team to investigate the case.

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Wrestlers regroup after eviction, plan next strategy

Mehal Malpiani
NEW DELHI

A day after the Delhi police cleared their site and detained them for some time, protesting wrestlers held discussions on Monday to decide the strategy to sustain their movement against Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

Wrestlers Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia attended the meetings. "The entire country saw what happened yesterday. It was an example of dictatorship. But that will not stop us from our struggle. We are discussing multiple ways to continue the stir and will reach a decision by tomorrow (Tuesday)," Ms. Malik said.

An FIR was lodged against Ms. Phogat, Ms. Malik, Mr. Punia and others on charges including assault of public servants.

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"We look forward to his actions and directions to end this ongoing ethnic clash between the two communities... We appeal to the Kuki-Zo population to maintain peace and wait for the outcome of his peace mission to the State," the statement read. Meanwhile, one of the Kuki representatives made it clear that they would not travel to Imphal to meet the Minister.

Kuldip Singh, Security Adviser, Manipur government, told *The Hindu* that internet services would remain to be suspended in the State as violence continued to be reported from several areas. "In some areas, abandoned houses are being burnt. In some places, houses that have already been burnt are being set on fire." However, officials said there were no reports of violence on Monday, unlike 24 hours ago.

Meanwhile, ahead of Mr. Shah's visit, the Armed Forces on Monday arrested 25 people possessing guns in the State. A Defence statement said Army personnel caught 22 people after receiving information about armed miscreants trying to target the security forces and tourist houses in the hilly Yaingangkhol area of Imphal East district. Five 12-bore double-barrel rifles, three single-barrel rifles, a country-made weapon, a muzzle-loaded weapon, and war-like stores were recovered from them. In a separate operation, the Armed Forces apprehended three miscreants in Imphal's New Checkin area and recovered an INSAS rifle, 60 cartridges, a Chinese hand grenade and a detonator. All the 25 were handed over to the police and arrested.

The Indian Army said in a tweet that acting on specific intelligence, it has mobilised in Sanasahi, Gwahati and Shubunkhol Khuma villages in hill regions of Imphal.

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It is alleged that the Income Tax Department had seized vital documents related to the suspect transactions with intermediaries from premises of Rolls-Royce India Limited during a survey in 2006-07. However, the accused persons caused disappearance/loss of the papers and tried various ways to evade investigation by the Indian agencies into the alleged bungling in the deal.

In January 2008, the IAF, which requested the Defence Ministry for an approval to enter into an agreement for licensed manufacturing of additional Hawk aircraft, HAL placed an order on Rolls-Royce/BAE Systems in 2010, which also contained a clause prohibiting use of the contract by third party. The aircraft were delivered to the Indian Air Force between March 2013 and July 2016. Meanwhile, in 2012, media reports alleging corruption in the operation of Rolls-Royce's civil business surfaced, which led to a probe by the UK's Serious Fraud Office, London. A deferred prosecution agreement was reached between the company and the SFO.

Pradhan discusses skill development with Singapore Dy. Prime Minister

Press Trust of India
SINGAPORE

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday met Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong and held fruitful discussions on the existing cooperation between the two nations, including deepening of initiatives in the sectors of technical and vocational education, the Indian Embassy here said.

Mr. Pradhan, who is on a three-day visit to Singapore, also deliberated on ways to strengthen bilateral

engagements in the field of skill development with Mr. Wong, who also holds the Finance portfolio.

"Fruitful discussions on strengthening the existing cooperation between India and Singapore and deepening engagements in skill development as well as technical and vocational education," said the Ministry of Education in a post on LinkedIn.

During the visit, Mr. Pradhan will be meeting with key ministers of the Singaporean government, including Senior Minister

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Don't support AAP, Congress leaders tell high command

Kejriwal has sought backing in fight against Centre's Delhi ordinance arguing against AAP. Congress leaders from Delhi and Punjab pointed out that it had been calling them BJP's 'B-team'

Sandeep Phukan
Jalpaiguri, Assam
NEW DELHI

The Congress should neither support the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in its fight against the Centre's ordinance on the posting and transfers of civil servants in the national capital nor should it meet the AAP's convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, leaders from Delhi and Punjab told party president Mallikarjun Kharge and former MP Rahul Gandhi on Monday.

The move to convene by Mr. Kharge after Mr. Kejriwal sought to convene him and Mr. Gandhi to seek their support in Parliament against the Centre's ordinance gives the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi the final say over bureaucrats serving in the Delhi government.

Mr. Kejriwal has already met several Chief Ministers of Opposition parties, including Mamata Banerjee (West Bengal), K. Chan-



Strong opposition: Punjab Congress in-charge Harish Chaudhary and other party leaders in New Delhi on Monday. (PI)

drareshkar Rao (Telangana) and Nitish Kumar (Bihar), and Opposition leaders, including Sharad Pawar of the NCP and Uddhav Thackeray of the Shiv Sena (BRT faction), and secured their backing.

The Congress chief, however, is said to have conveyed to Mr. Kejriwal that he would take a decision after having a word with State party leaders.

Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi, along with Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, met the party's Punjab and Delhi leaders at the All

India Congress Committee headquarters over two separate sessions to take their opinion.

A couple of leaders who were part of the Punjab meeting told *The Hindu* that they had strongly opposed supporting the AAP or "trusting" Mr. Kejriwal. They said they had pointed out that the AAP had been viciously targeting Congress workers by registering cases against them and arresting them, and calling them "B-team" of the BJP. While some Congress leaders argued that Mr. Kejriwal and his party had

never stood by the Congress, others argued that the Delhi Chief Minister was now trying to reach out after finding himself "cornered" in the Delhi liquor policy and, more recently, the controversial revocation of his official residence which reported by cost over ₹50 crore.

If the Congress high command decided to support the AAP, the Punjab unit could meet the same fate as the Delhi unit that got decimated in successive Assembly elections, a leader said.

All the leaders have said the party high command will decide and we have left it to party chief Mallikarjun Kharge to take the final decision," Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja said.

Mr. Venugopal, in his position on the issue, Mr. Sidhu, however, asserted that India's constitutional values had been devalued and that "people should elect the government and stand with democratic principles".

Party will win 150 seats in Madhya Pradesh polls: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that the party will repeat its Karnataka electoral performance and capture 150 seats in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, slated for later this year. He said that a beginning had been made in Madhya Pradesh with the "Narmada Yojana".

After a lengthy debate in the U.S. late on Monday night, the party's assessment that in Madhya Pradesh, we are going to get 150 seats. What we did in Karnataka, we are going to repeat that in Madhya Pradesh," Mr. Gandhi told

presspersons after the meeting. While Mr. Nath evaded a question on being the party's chief ministerial face, he said, "All are of the opinion that we will enter the poll fray under Mr. Nath as the Chief Minister and Mr. Pilot were meeting each other in Karnataka last night. Mr. Nath said that a beginning had been made in Madhya Pradesh with the "Narmada Yojana".

"We have done a lot of work and some will be announced in the future. We can't fire all the demands in one go," Mr. Nath said.

Northeast gets its first Vande Bharat Express



All aboard: Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Sarbananda Sonowal and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma flagging off the train. (PI)

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the region's first Vande Bharat train in Guwahati. The train will connect Guwahati in Assam with

Dispur in Assam with a 100 km journey and the journey will take about 1.5 hours. Earlier, the fastest train on the route took 6.5 hours to cover the distance of nearly 400 km.

Mr. Modi also dedicated 182 route km of newly elec-

trified sections to the national rail network. Now, 425 km of railway tracks in Assam and Meghalaya have been electrified. This will help provide pollution-free transport at higher speeds and less running time.

Mr. Modi said that prior to 2014, the average rail budget for the northeast was about ₹2,500 crore, which has grown to more ₹10,000 crore in the current year, which is a four-fold increase. "Now, the capitals of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Megh-

alaya and Sikkim are being connected to the rest of the country. Very soon, all capital cities of the northeast are going to be connected by a broad gauge network," he said.

Mr. Modi said the Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat train will strengthen the centuries-old ties between Assam and West Bengal. This will increase ease of travel and bring more benefits to students as well as generate more job opportunities through tourism and business.

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Northeast gets its first Vande Bharat Express



All aboard: Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Sarbananda Sonowal and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma flagging off the train. PTI

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off northeast region's first Vande Bharat Express virtually on Monday. The train will connect Guwahati in Assam with New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal and the journey will take five-and-a-half hours. Earlier, the fastest train on the route took 6.5 hours to cover the distance of nearly 400 km.

Mr. Modi also dedicated 182 route km of newly elec-

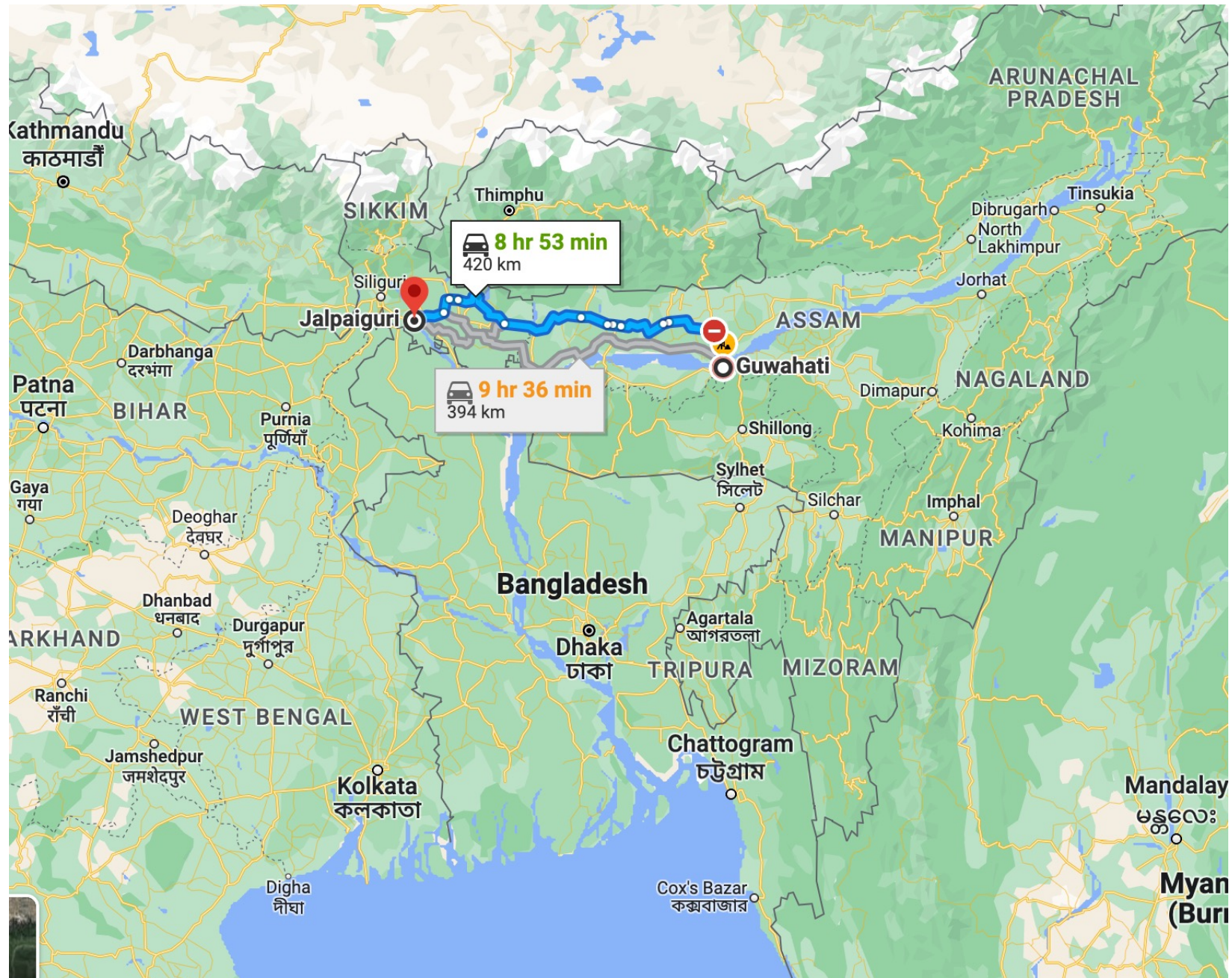
trified sections to the nation. Now, 425 km of railway tracks in Assam and Meghalaya have been electrified. This will help provide pollution-free transportation at higher speeds and less running time.

Mr. Modi said that prior to 2014, the average Railway budget for the northeast was about ₹2,500 crore, which has grown to more ₹10,000 crore in the current year, which is a four-fold increase. "Now, the capitals of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Megh-

alaya and Sikkim are being connected to the rest of the country. Very soon, all capital cities of the northeast are going to be connected by a broad gauge network," he said.

Mr. Modi said the Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat train will strengthen the centuries-old ties between Assam and West Bengal. This will increase ease of travel and bring huge benefits to students as well as generate more job opportunities through tourism and business.





IN BRIEF



Srivastava sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava (first from left in picture) was sworn in by President Droupadi Murmu as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar attended the ceremony. Since December last year, Mr. Srivastava had been working as the acting CVC following the completion of his predecessor Suresh N. Patel's tenure. Mr. Srivastava had retired as Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, on January 31, 2022. During his tenure with the government, he assisted in negotiations under the WTO as Director in the Department of Commerce.

Militants shoot dead civilian in Kashmir's Anantnag district

Militants shot dead a civilian in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Monday evening. "Terrorists fired upon a civilian named Deepu, a resident of Udhampur district, who was working as an amusement park near Janglat Mandi in Anantnag. He was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries," the police said. The police said a case was registered. "An investigation is going on." This is the second killing of a civilian in Kashmir this year. In February, a Kashmiri Pandit, who was working as a bank guard, was shot dead by militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama.

Six labourers electrocuted as high-tension line falls on them

Six labourers were electrocuted to death after an electric pole they were erecting fell on a high-tension overhead wire in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district on Monday, railway officials said. Bagnmara Deputy Superintendent of Police Nisha Murmu said the incident took place near Nishitpur railway station, around 145 km from Ranchi. All of them were working under a small contractor, who reportedly fled the spot after the incident, an official said. Dhanbad Divisional Railway Manager Kamal Kishore Sinha rushed to the spot after the incident. Five dead in the incident have been identified.

Mortal remains of U.S. officer sent home after 58 years

The mortal remains of Major General Harry Kleinbeck Pickett, one of America's most decorated officers who fought in both World War I and World War II, are being returned home to the U.S. from West Bengal's Darjeeling. He would be reburied at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in the U.S., an official statement said. Major General Pickett died in 1965 while visiting Darjeeling and was buried in the hill town. "Our first priority as U.S. government public servants is protecting and supporting American citizens. Helping reunite Major General Pickett with his family is a privilege and an honour for us," Melinda Pivette, U.S. Consul General in Kolkata said, expressing gratitude to the governments of India and West Bengal for their support.

New writers from Goa get a boost with novel scheme

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

As part of a novel book-sponsorship scheme aimed at promoting young Goan writers, Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai on Monday released the first round of books published under the Raj Bhavan's *Novel Pahal* programme.

A total of five books in Konkani, Marathi and English languages were unveiled in the presence of Jnanpith Award winner Goan writer Damodar Mauzo today. The scheme was first announced by him in February with the objective of helping talented local writers to get their first books published, with the Raj Bhavan bearing printing expenses.

"At present, the road to reward and recognition is always a hard struggle, especially for people from weaker sections of the society," said Mr. Pillai. The Raj Bhavan will publish 100 books in the next one year, while sponsoring books in 22 scheduled languages, the Governor said.

UN peacekeeping mission: India to train women from ASEAN

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Following Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's proposal last year for an initiative on 'women in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations' as part of expanding India-ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations' defence cooperation, India is set to conduct two initiatives for women personnel from South East Asia later this year.

March 29 marked the 75th UN Peacekeepers Day and India, one of the largest troop contributing nations to the UNPK, currently has around 5,900 troops deployed in 12 UN missions. This is the day when in 1948, the first UN peacekeeping mission, the Truce Supervision Organisation, began operations in Palestine.

"One of the initiatives under the India-ASEAN initiative for women in UNPK

ISRO's GSLV rocket takes navigation satellite into transfer orbit successfully

This mission happened after the debacle during the FIO mission where there was an issue in the cryogenic stage, says ISRO Chairman S. Somnath congratulating the team responsible for the feat

Sangeetha Kamalavel
CHENNAI

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday successfully placed the NVS-01 navigation satellite, weighing about 2,232 kg, into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.

The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), which placed the satellite, lifted off with a thunderous roar precisely at 10:42 a.m. from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre

SHAR, Sriharikota. After a flight of about 19 minutes, the NVS-01 satellite was placed into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit. Subsequent orbit-raising manoeuvres will take NVS-01 into the intended Geosynchronous orbit, ISRO said.

Talking from the control room, ISRO Chairman S. Somnath congratulated the team responsible and said GSLV has placed the satellite in the precise orbit. He said, "This mission happened after the debacle during the FIO mission where there was an issue in the cryogenic stage. I'm very happy about the corrections and modifications that we have done and the lessons that we learnt to



GSLV rocket carrying navigation satellite NVS-01 lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on Monday. S. JITHU RAMALINGAM

make our cryogenic stage more reliable." He also mentioned that NVS-01 is the first in the series of navigation satellites. According to details provided by ISRO, the GSLV-F12 is the 19th flight of India's GSLV and the 9th flight with indigenous cryo stage. This is the 6th operational flight of GSLV with an indigenous cryogenic

stage. The NVS-01 carried navigation payloads L1, L5 and S bands. Interestingly, for the first time, an indigenous atomic clock was flown in NVS-01.

Later, during a press meet, the Chairman said the space agency is planning to launch weather satellite INSAT-3DS on the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). Mr. Somnath said that ISRO will have to complete the navigation satellite constellation by launching four more NVS series satellites.

ISRO is also working on designing a new rocket that can carry much higher luggage and also upgrading the NVS rocket to lift up to 5.5 ton from the current 4-ton capacity. Noting that the next few months will be busy, Mr. Somnath said in July ISRO will test the crew escape systems for the Gaganyaan project rocket.

Kashmir's 'Sufiyana Mausiki' revives the past

The songs were played during an event in Baramulla to pay tributes to the master weavers of shawls and carpets, and prominent folk singers; the event celebrated the onset of summer

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The fast fading Sufiyana Mausiki

devotional folk songs that assumed centrality for carpet and shawl weavers of Kashmir for centuries, are finally being revived in the old-charm setting in a rare bid to "reconnect with the past" at Kumar area in Baramulla of north Kashmir on Sunday.

To revive the old tradition of celebrating the vibrancy of onset of summers, Mehboob Iqbal Shah, co-founder of the Artisan Art and Cultural Centre, an offshoot of the 'House of All Shahs' established in 1860, on Sunday evening organised 'Dastaan-e-Bahar' to pay tributes to the master weavers of shawls, carpets and prominent folk singers.

The Ustad Muhammad Yaqoob Sheikh, a known name in Sufiyana Mausiki, and Ghulam Ahmad Kachroo, a well-known Tashkri singer, sang soul-stirring poetry and verses in an open-air setting.

"Sufiyana music helps to have peace at heart. This folk music has been granted classical status. It has 180 mukams or stages and 180 makhams. Several stages are lost because of decline in the tradition. The Mukam-e-Bahar is sung at low pitch and just before the sunset," Mr.



Soulful evening: 'Dastaan-e-Bahar' was organised by Mehboob Iqbal Shah in Baramulla on Sunday. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

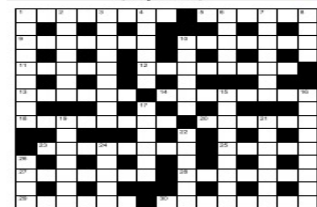
Sheikh said. Two well-known artisans - Ghulam Muhammad, a carpet weaver, and Abdul Rasheed, a Kani shawl weaver - threw light on the centrality gained by devotional songs, especially Sufiyana Mausiki, among the tribe of artists from Kashmir for many decades now.

Mr. Shah said Kumar's Badnawara area had emerged as the centre of learning for the artisans of the entire Baramulla. "In 1970, the area was home to over 100 carpet looms, making it one of the biggest clusters in the district," he added.

He said Sama, the musical performance, was organised on the demands of the local artisans who wanted to see the live performances of their folklore icons. He added that people in Kashmir no longer head for the Qamar Shah's shrine or back to Badnawara for music at the onset of bahar (summer), as used to be a tradition. "This event was to recreate the past and celebrate the onset of summer and its colourful vibrancy," Mr. Shah said.

Highlighting the need to revive the past glory, Saleem Beg, former Director-General of Tourism and Convener of INTACH-Kashmir, said the performances and the setting reflected the tapestry of Kashmir's culture.

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Across
1. "H, maybe sprinkled salt first, then a bit of pepper just in time (4-4)
5. Sheaf of wind passing from southern tip of fellow, next to a pair of orbs, quietly (6)
9. Hate Fortran course contents (7)
10. Welcome countermeasures in the greatest law, up front (3,4)
11. Projection: ex-U.S. president not running (5)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site at <https://argos.puzzle.link/jp/13878>

12. Family is caught in deficits - any disbursements under review? (6)
13. Lecture confused Mr. Sen about love (6)
14. Master perhaps returned letters in appropriate Cafe Pythagoras (8)
15. Night work - he's starting off novel Aoi (3)
16. Grand, completely raised neighbour's, say without stir (5)
17. Proposal of monarch bearing love! It's rejected in favour of second Earl (6)
18. Grab rail, no support in vessel (3)
19. Every now and then, Sheila did jump over small pools of water (7)
20. New and old blending in coastal city's creek (7)
21. Some grammar tyrants persecuted good man (6)
22. Vehicle is back - they finally feed him and paint (4,6)
23. They write songs in registers that captivate, I cry, moved (8)
24. Regularly upon engineer with brighter outlook (7)
25. Good crowd thronged at first, now unfortunately no one is here any more (3,4)
26. Take steps - rubbish lying around in corner (6)
27. Wife makes speech lacking a hint of truth and rambles (5)
28. No car in America featuring this instrument (7)
29. Devil husband's service, No. 11 (6)
30. A racket, as they say, is irritating (8)
31. Join forces with dunces, essentially, during extremely, extremely desperate situation (9)
32. By cracking cryptic clues, head gets clear (3)
33. Top places for jerks (3)
34. More like a balloon going up or down (7)
35. Very successful top students' list annotated (2,1,4)
36. Heart going out for top cop behind clearing mystery (6)
37. Ruthless aggression in the greatest law, up front (3,4)
38. One second - defeated jerk's unwelcome message (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle
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FAITH

Saranagati: simply surrender

"I am depending upon you entirely," is a statement all of us have made, at one time or the other in our lives, to a family member or a friend. However, saints and savants will rarely do, preferring to appeal directly to the Supreme. Ramakrishna Paramahansa was once started to see a village miller grinding rice powder amid tears. A concerned Paramahansa offered to help him, but the man replied that the rice being ground reminded of high philosophy. "Paramatma, the Supreme, sends us all jivatmas to earth and we all get ground in earthly matters," he said. Ramakrishna Paramahansa made him lift the grinding stone and the miller said that the rice grains that remained underground under the axle, said, "Do you see the few grains of rice that are close to the axle and still unground? The axle is like God's feet. Cling to it, thinking of Him and surrender to Him. He is waiting to protect you." The act of surrender to God - Saranagati is simple but highly effective; God has said it is His duty to protect those who have surrendered to Him, said Dharma S Perundevi in a discourse.

How does Saranagati work? By following 6 characteristics of Saranagati. These are: doing only what pleases God, like upholding dharma, disassociating oneself from anything that He does not like; thirdly, possessing resolute faith that God is the Protector; fourth, staying steadfast in the belief that God will take care, regardless of the setbacks that are a part of life; next, worship only Him; and lastly, one should have no other thought but that of the Supreme Being. There are numerous examples of those who sought saranagati with full faith: the best being the surrender of Prahlada, Vibhishana, Panchali, Gajendra, and Dhruva.

CAG voted in as WHO auditor for a second term

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.

The CAG is already holding this position in the WHO since 2019 for a four-year term from 2019 to 2023.

The re-election was held on Monday in the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, where the CAG of India was re-elected with an overwhelming majority (114 out of 156 votes) in the first round of voting itself.

The CAG is a member of the United Nations Panel of External Auditors.

Incumbent
Girish Chandra Murmu, IAS
since 8 August 2020

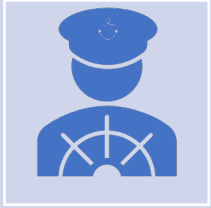
Abbreviation	CAG
Reports to	President of India
Residence	New Delhi, Delhi
Nominator	Prime Minister of India
Appointer	President of India
Term length	6 yrs or up to 65 yrs of age (whichever is earlier)
Constituting instrument	Article 148 of the Constitution of India
Inaugural holder	V. Narahari Rao
Deputy	Deputy Comptrollers and Auditors General of India
Salary	₹250,000 (US\$3,100) per month ^{[1][2][3]}



The **Comptroller and Auditor General of India** is the [supreme audit institution](#) of India, established under Article 148 of the [Constitution of India](#).



They are empowered to [audit](#) all [receipts](#) and [expenditure](#) of the [Government of India](#) and the [State Governments](#), including those of autonomous bodies and corporations substantially financed by the Government.



Office of the Accountant General was established in 1858 (the year the British took over administrative control of India from the East India Company).



In 1860 Sir Edward Drummond was appointed as the first Auditor General.

In 1866, the position was renamed Comptroller General of Accounts, and in 1884, it was re-designated as Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

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1919

Under the Government of India Act 1919, the Auditor General became independent of the government as statutory backing was given for the position.

How is the CAG in India Different from the CAG in Britain?

CAG of India is only performing the role of an Auditor General and not of a Comptroller but in Britain it has the power of both Comptroller as well as Auditor General.

In India, the **CAG audits the accounts after the expenditure is committed** i.e., ex post facto. In the UK no money can be drawn from the public exchequer without the approval of the CAG.

In India, CAG is not a member of the parliament while in Britain; CAG is a member of house of the Commons.

How Independently does the Office of CAG Function?

There are several provisions in the Constitution for safeguarding the independence of CAG.

CAG is appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal and provided with tenure of 6 years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.



CAG can be removed by the President only in accordance with the procedure mentioned in the Constitution that is the manner same as removal of a Supreme Court Judge.



He is ineligible to hold any office, either under the Government of India or of any state, once he retires/resigns as a CAG.

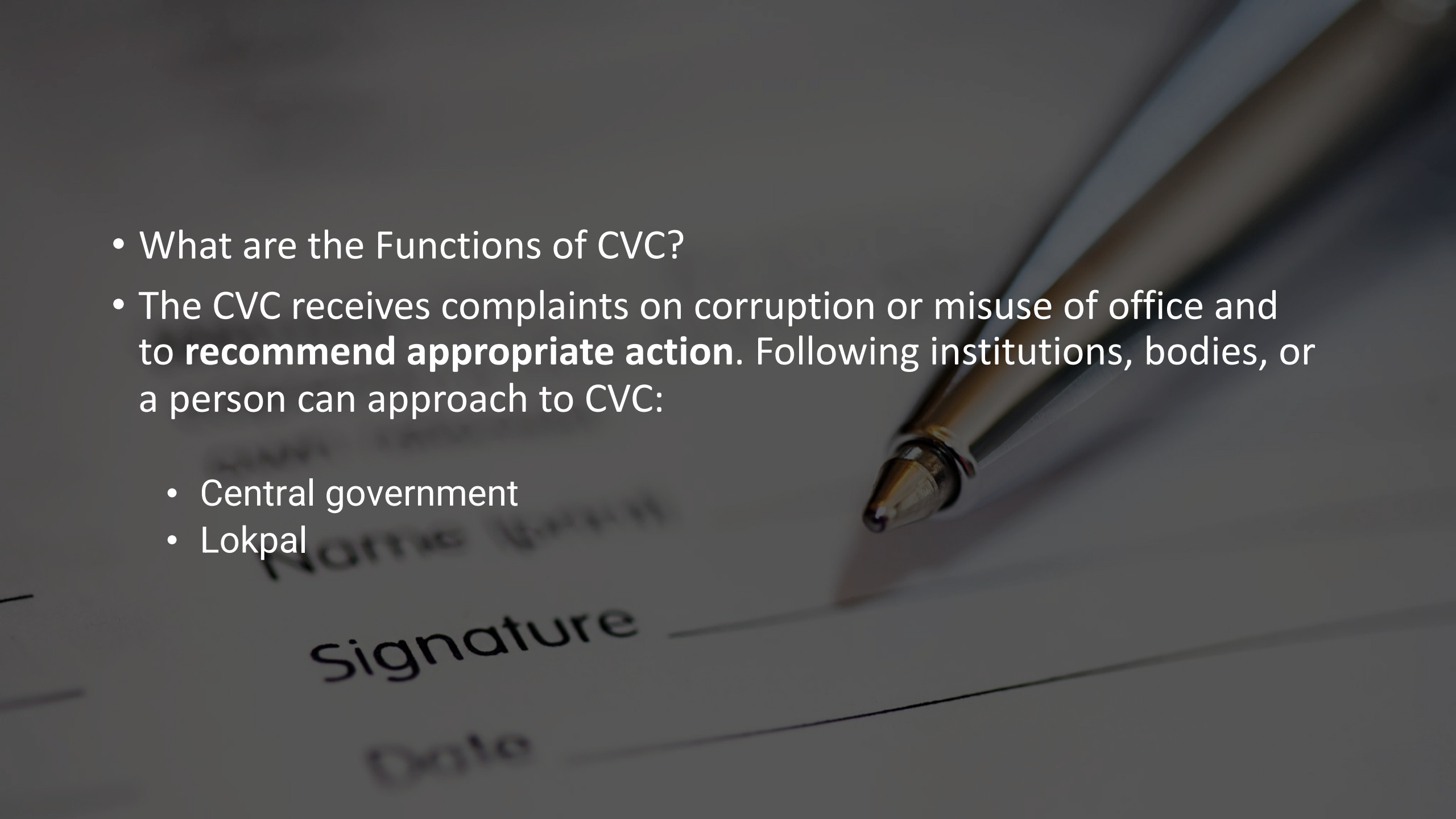


Srivastava sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava ((first from left in picture) was sworn in by President Droupadi Murmu as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar attended the ceremony. Since December last year, Mr. Srivastava had been working as the acting CVC following the completion of his predecessor Suresh N. Patel's tenure. Mr. Srivastava had retired as Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, on January 31, 2022. During his tenure with the government, he assisted in negotiations under the WTO as Director in the Department of Commerce.

The CVC was set up by the Government in February, 1964 on the recommendations of the **Committee on Prevention of Corruption**, headed by **Shri K. Santhanam**. In 2003, the Parliament enacted **CVC Act** conferring **statutory status on the CVC**.

The CVC is not controlled by any Ministry/Department. It is an independent body which is only **responsible to the Parliament**.

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- A close-up, slightly blurred image of a fountain pen resting on a document. The document has fields for 'Name', 'Signature', and 'Date'. The pen is positioned diagonally across the frame, pointing towards the bottom right. The background is a dark, textured surface.
- What are the Functions of CVC?
 - The CVC receives complaints on corruption or misuse of office and to **recommend appropriate action**. Following institutions, bodies, or a person can approach to CVC:
 - Central government
 - Lokpal



It is not an investigating agency. The CVC either gets the investigation done through the CBI or through chief vigilance officers (CVO) in government offices.



It is empowered to inquire into **offences** alleged to have been committed under the **Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988** by certain categories of public servants.



Its **annual report** gives the details of the work done by the commission and points to systemic failures which lead to corruption in government departments.

What is the History of CVC?

The Special Police Establishment (SPE) which was set up in **1941** by the Government of India.



Multi-member Commission consists of a Central Vigilance Commissioner (Chairperson) and not more than **two Vigilance Commissioners** (Member).



The Central Vigilance Commissioner and the Vigilance Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendations of a Committee consisting of the Prime Minister (Chairperson), the Minister of Home Affairs (Member) and the Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People (Member).

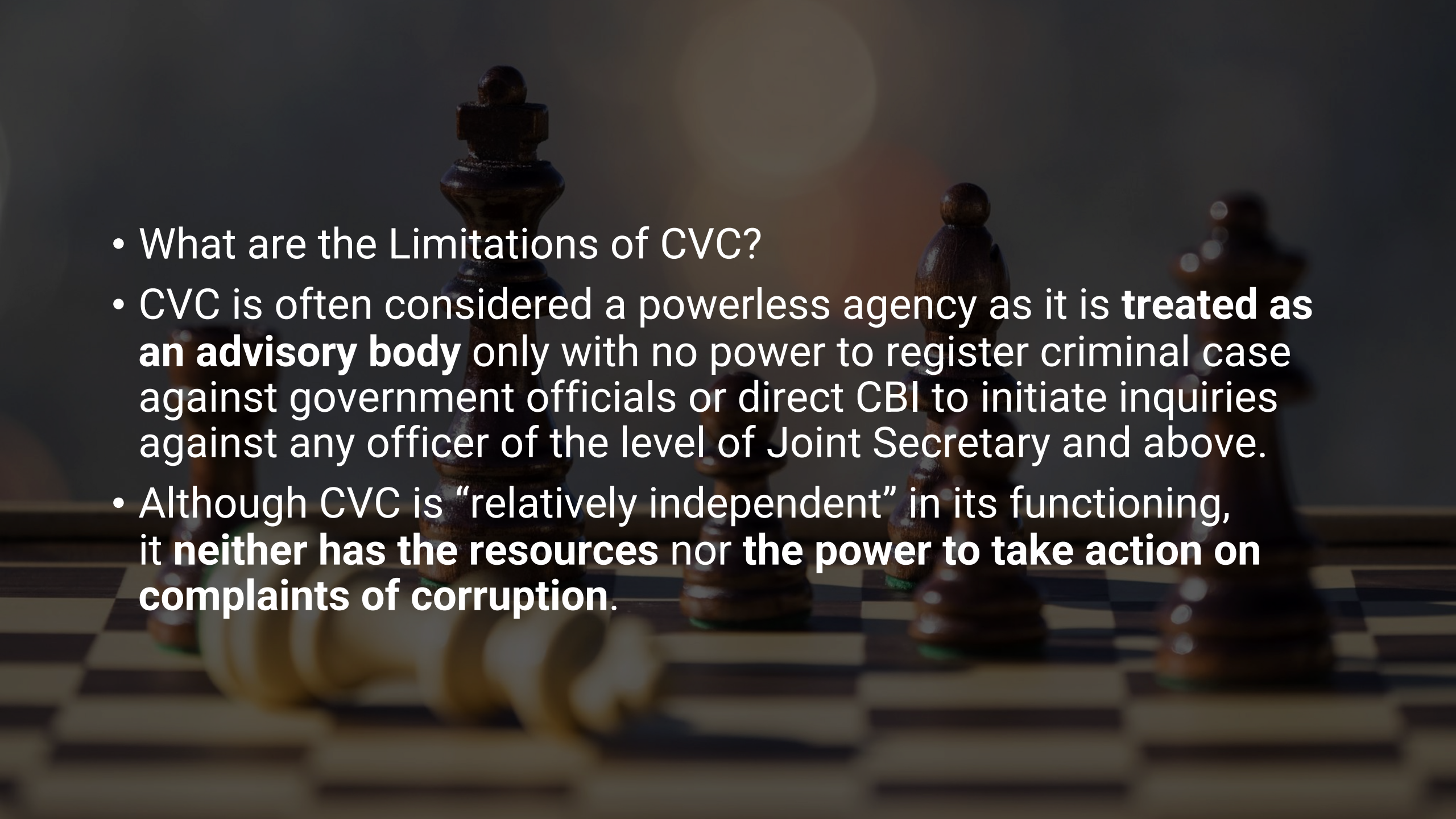


The term of office of the Central Vigilance Commissioner and the Vigilance Commissioners is **four years** from the date on which they enter their office or **till they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier**.

Integrity Index Development (IID)

IID reflects the transparent, accountable and efficient governance of public organisations.

CVC has appointed the **Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad** to undertake a research-based approach to create an integrity index that various organizations can use to measure themselves and which will evolve with changing needs.

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- What are the Limitations of CVC?
 - CVC is often considered a powerless agency as it is **treated as an advisory body** only with no power to register criminal case against government officials or direct CBI to initiate inquiries against any officer of the level of Joint Secretary and above.
 - Although CVC is “relatively independent” in its functioning, it **neither has the resources nor the power to take action on complaints of corruption.**

UN peacekeeping mission: India to train women from ASEAN

Dinakar Peri

NEW DELHI

Following Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's proposal last year for an initiative on 'women in United Nations Peacekeeping (UNPK) operations' as part of expanding India-ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) defence cooperation, India is set to conduct two initiatives for women personnel from South East Asia later this year.

March 29 marked the 75th U.N. Peacekeepers Day and India, one of the largest troop contributing nations to the UNPK, currently has around 5,900 troops deployed in 12 U.N. missions. This is the day when in 1948, the first UN peacekeeping mission, "U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation", began operations in Palestine.

"One of the initiatives under the 'India-ASEAN initiative for women in UNPK

Tailor-made courses to be offered to two candidates from each of the member states

operations' includes conduct of tailor-made courses for women peacekeepers of ASEAN member-states at the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK) in India this September.

Model exercise

In all 20 peacekeepers, two from each country would be trained," a defence official said. The other is a 'tabletop exercise' for women officers from ASEAN, incorporating facets of UNPK challenges to be conducted in December, the official stated.

India has contributed 2,75,000 troops to peacekeeping missions so far and 159 Indian Army soldiers have lost their lives across the globe.

UN PEACEKEEPING — WE ARE A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



PEACEKEEPING IS SUPPORTED BY

193 member states



WHO CONTRIBUTE

PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT & FUNDS

\$ *BUDGET **7.23** BILLION
LESS THAN **0.5%** OF WORLD MILITARY EXPENDITURES



116,919

TOTAL FIELD PERSONNEL

117 COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING TROOPS, POLICE & MILITARY PERSONNEL

WORKING WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

AU

African Union

EU

European Union

AND OUR UN PARTNERS INCLUDING

The World Bank

UNDP
United Nations Development Programme

UN WOMEN

PEACEKEEPING INCLUDES



ACROSS

16 MISSIONS
ACROSS **4** CONTINENTS

THE LARGEST MISSION IS IN

Darfur
26,612 personnel
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **AU** African Union

PEACEKEEPING HAS A GLOBAL LOGISTICS OPERATION



46

AIRPLANES



12

SHIPS



147

HELICOPTERS



33,437

VEHICLES



22

HOSPITALS



252

MEDICAL CLINICS

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOST COUNTRIES WE HELP PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

4 M
sq km

TOTAL AREA OF COUNTRIES WE OPERATE IN

154 M

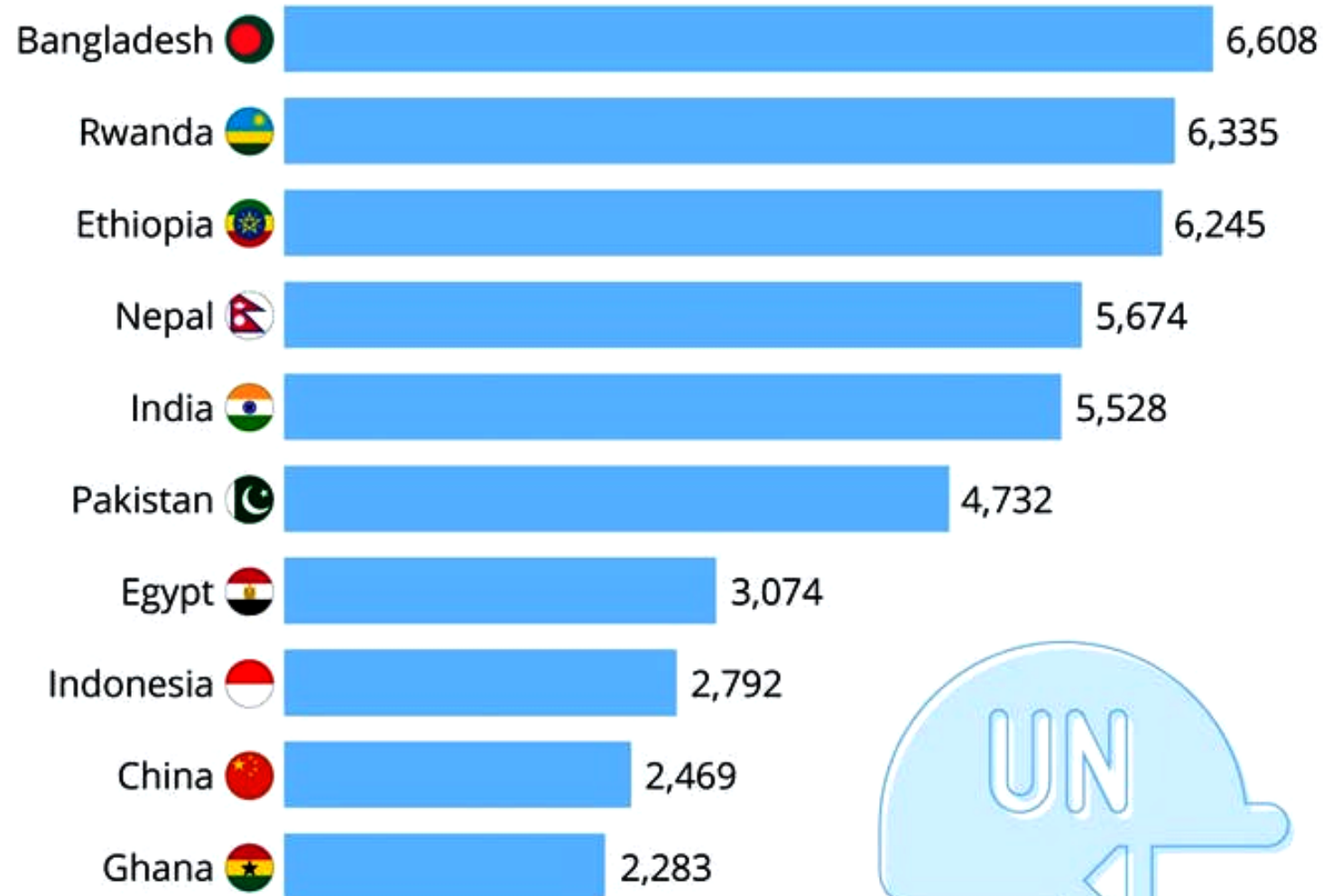
LOCAL POPULATION OF COUNTRIES WE OPERATE IN

un.org/peacekeeping

Data used from 2010–2012
*Approved resources for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

The Biggest Contributors To UN Peacekeeping Operations

Main contributors of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping operations as of March 31, 2021*



INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION IN GLOBAL PEACEKEEPING



More than 2 lakh Indian's have served for 49 out of 71 peacekeeping missions conducted by the United Nations over the past 70 years.

India has contributed more number of peacekeeper than any other country in the world.



India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Rawanda contribute the largest amount of peacekeepers in the world. They provide 35% of the total peacekeepers in the world.

MADRID

Spain government calls snap election after local ballot losses



Spanish Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called a snap national election after left-wing parties were routed in a regional ballot, portraying the defeat as a debilitating blow to his confidence in his coalition government. Sanchez said he felt compelled to "take personal responsibility for the results".

MOSCOW

Russia issues arrest warrant for U.S. Senator over Ukraine remarks



Russia issued an arrest warrant for U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham following his comments related to the fighting in Ukraine. In an edited video of his meeting with the Ukrainian President, Graham said that "the Russians are dying" and described the U.S. military assistance to the country as "the best money we've ever spent".

TOKYO

N. Korea alerts Japan about plans to launch satellite in coming days



North Korea notified Japan that it plans to launch a satellite in coming days, which may be an attempt to put Pyongyang's first military reconnaissance satellite into orbit. The programme is part of a broader package of financial assistance worth \$3 billion anchored by the IMF's Extended Fund Facility for the country.

COLOMBO

ADB approves \$350 million in budgetary support to Sri Lanka



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$350 million special policy-based loan to provide budget support to Sri Lanka for its economic recovery. The programme is part of a broader package of financial assistance worth \$3 billion anchored by the IMF's Extended Fund Facility for the country.

Erdogan calls for unity; rival slams 'most unfair' election

Turkey's re-elected President says, 'now is the time to set aside disputes and unite around our national goals'. Kilicdaroglu claims 'all the means of the state were laid at the feet of one man'

Reuters
ISTANBUL

President Tayyip Erdogan and supporters on Monday rallied in an election victory lengthening his rule into a third decade while Turkey's opposition, which once counted on winning, braced for "difficult days" against an increasingly autocratic government.



Taste of victory: Supporters of Turkish President wave a flag depicting Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Istanbul on Sunday.

His rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu said it was "the most unfair election in years" but did not dispute the outcome, which gave Mr. Erdogan a mandate to pursue policies that have polarised Turkey and strengthened its position as a regional military power.

He has redrawn. Addressing his supporters, Mr. Erdogan declared democracy the winner. "Now is the time to put the disputes and conflicts of the election period to one side and unite around our national goals," he said. But the prospect of five more years of Mr. Erdogan's rule was a blow to an opposition which accused him of undermining democracy. Mr. Kilicdaroglu had promised a new "spring" if he had won.

Mr. Kilicdaroglu said the election outcome showed there was a will among many Turks to remove an authoritarian government, but "all the means of the state were laid at the feet of one man".

Ukraine claims it shot down 11 Russian ballistic, cruise missiles over Kyiv

Associated Press
KYIV

Explosions rattled Kyiv during daylight on Monday as Russian ballistic missiles took aim at the Ukrainian capital, hours after a common nighttime barrage of the city by drones and cruise missiles.

Russian forces fired 11 ballistic and cruise missiles at Kyiv at about 11:30 a.m., according to Ukrainian chief of staff, Valerii Zaluzhnyi. All of them were shot down, he said.

Debris from the intercepted missiles fell in Kyiv's central and northern districts during the morning, landing in the middle of traffic on a city road and also starting a fire on a building's roof, the Kyiv military administration said. At least one civilian was reported hurt.

Russia used Iskander short-range missiles in the morning attack, the spokesman for Ukraine's air force said. The Russian Defence Ministry said it launched a series of strikes targeting Ukrainian air bases with precision, long-range air-launched missiles. The strikes destroyed command posts, radars, aircraft and ammunition stockpiles, it claimed.

Poland's new law to counter Russia could target Oppn.

Associated Press
WARSAW

Polish President Andrzej Duda said on Monday he will sign a Bill that creates a powerful commission, ostensibly meant to investigate Russian influence in Poland but which critics view as a tool to remove from political life the opponents of the ruling party, mostly notably Opposition leader Donald Tusk.

Parliament on Friday approved the law, proposed by the right-wing ruling party, that may affect the outcome of fall parliamentary elections in which the ruling Law and Justice party is seeking a third term.

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Agence France-Presse
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China prepares to send its first civilian into space today

Agence France-Presse
JIUQUAN

China will send its first civilian astronaut into space as part of a crewed mission to the Tiangong space station on Tuesday.

New anti-LGBTQ law in Uganda imposes capital punishment

Reuters
KAMPALA

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has signed one of the world's harshest anti-LGBTQ laws, including the death penalty for "aggravated homosexuality", in defiance of Western condemnations and potential sanctions from aid donors.

Activists term the President's move state-sponsored homophobia and transphobia.

state-sponsored homophobia and transphobia," said Clare Byarugaba, a Ugandan rights activist. She and other activists have vowed a legal challenge to the law. The 78-year-old Museveni has called "homosexuality" a "deviation from normal."

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one female Namely: **Prayanka, DO: Mahesh Tiwari, R/o: H.No. 235, Pkt-B, Sector-A5, Narela, Delhi** has been missing since 22.05.2023 at 9:00 am from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 72 A dated 25.05.2023 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: Age: 29 years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green colour sari, sash and slipper in her feet. Recent photos have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing female is requested to inform to the following: Website: <http://cibci.nic.in> E-mail id: cibci@delhi.gov.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/57450/2023

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: **Preeti, DO: Mr. Choday Sani, R/o: D-1, Gali No. - 9, Mangla Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi**, Aged: 16 years, has been missing from D-1, Gali No. - 9, Mangla Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi in this regard a FIR No. 324/23 U/s 363 IPC Dated 24.05.23, has been lodged at P.S. Bindapur New Delhi. The physical description is under: **Preeti, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5' feet, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue T-shirt & Pink Colour Lower. Any person is having any information or clue about this missing girl is requested to inform to the following: E-mail: cibci@delhi.gov.in or website: <http://cibci.nic.in> Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O Bindapur, New Delhi. Ph: 011-25871425 DP/5681/DW/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 105 B2 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rohit S/o Raj Kumar R/o B-1520, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 631/15 U/S 323/341/354/354 B/34 IPC, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi** and it has been returned a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rohit** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rohit** is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rohit S/o Raj Kumar R/o B-1520/341/354/354 B/34 IPC, P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 04.07.2023. By Order **Ms. Aakansha Gaudam Metropolitan Magistrate, Matia Court, West District, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi** DP/5647/DW/2023 (Court Order)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, was found dead in front of Tihar Jail Gate no. 3, near PWOD Office, Delhi. The dead body is preserved in DDJ Hospital mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard DD No. 121A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., dated 26.05.2023, has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi. The description of the UCD is as under: **Sex: Male, Age: About 55 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Sallow, Built: Normal, Wearing: Lined shirt, bare feet.** If anyone has any information about this UCD, kindly inform the SHO/Hari Nagar, Delhi. P.S. Hari Nagar, SHO Ph. No.: 6949409256, 1128520719 E-mail: shochatnagar-01@gmail.in DP/5618/DW/2023

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at pavement, Babu Durbal Nath Marg, R-Block, Camp no. 4, near the wall of Baram Ghar, Jwalapuri, Delhi on 23.05.2023. In the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar (West), Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 117A dated 23.05.2023 at P.S. Paschim Vihar (West), Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under: **Age: About 55-60 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Sallow, ID 9519. Look like bagger. Wearing: White colour kurta and lower.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO Paschim Vihar (West), Delhi. Ph: 011-2568394, 7065006130 DP/5781/OD/2023

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found unconscious near OPD Gate of Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Delhi and admitted in Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, Delhi. During the treatment, doctor declared brought him dead on 23.05.2023. The body has been preserved in Sabzi Mandi Hospital's Mortuary, New Delhi for 72 hours. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 33A dated 23.05.2023 at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under: **Age: About 50 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Dark, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Only brown colour pant.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi Ph: 011-23815444, 8750870127 DP/5774/N/2023

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER WEST CIRCLE - COIMBATORE NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

1) Name of the work: Construction of 125 berments adopting type design No. HFA-59A/2022 (G+5 Storied) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at Kolarthakundamur in Kurur Corporation under Housing for All-AHP. (TENDER REFERENCE NO. TNUHDB/23/DB/2022) The Superintending Engineer, West Circle Coimbatore on behalf of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board invites submission of online bids from eligible bidders for the contract package named above. Bids are invited under two cover system to be uploaded in the online web portal <https://intenders.gov.in> Detailed Notice of Invitation of Bids and the Pre-Qualification Criteria and the Bid document for the above package would be available at <https://intenders.gov.in> starting from 30.05.2023. Deadline of bid submission is upto 12.00 P.M. on 29.06.2023. All required information is provided in the bid document. Bidders may contact Superintending Engineer, West Circle Coimbatore, and TNUHDB through Email: tnuhdb@delhi.gov.in for any other information on bidding process. Superintending Engineer West Circle Coimbatore DP/9178/TENDER/2023

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Agence France-Presse

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Foreign leaders and representatives present at the swearing in ceremony included presidents Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana as well as delegations from the U.S., Britain and China.



Bola Tinubu

Kashim Shettima was sworn in as Vice President.

The ruling party duo and were declared winners of a February 25 election, gaining the highest number of votes across two-thirds of Nigeria's states. But Mr. Tinubu only garnered just over a third of the total vote, leaving him with a weak mandate.

Opposition leaders are contesting results in court, claiming fraud.



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Capital [Abuja](#)
9°4'N 7°29'E

Largest city [Lagos](#)

Official languages [English](#)

National languages [Hausa](#) · [Yoruba](#) · [Igbo](#)

Regional languages^[2] Over [525 languages](#)^[1]

Ethnic groups
(2018)^[3] 30% [Hausa](#)
15.5% [Yoruba](#)
15.2% [Igbo](#)
6% [Fulani](#)
2.4% [Tiv](#)
2.4% [Kanuri](#)
1.8% [Ibibio](#)
1.8% [Ijaw](#)
24.9% [Other](#)

• [President](#) [Bola Tinubu](#)
• [Vice President](#) [Kashim Shettima](#)
• [Senate President](#) [Ahmed Lawan](#)
• [House Speaker](#) [Femi Gbajabiamila](#)
• [Chief Justice](#) [Olukayode Ariwoola](#)

Legislature [National Assembly](#)
• [Upper house](#) [Senate](#)
• [Lower house](#) [House of Representatives](#)

Independence from the [United Kingdom](#)

• [Northern Nigeria Protectorate](#) 1 January 1900
• [Southern Nigeria Protectorate](#) 1 January 1900
• [Unification of Nigeria](#) 1 January 1914
• [Declared](#) 1 October 1960
• [Federation](#) 1 October 1963
• [Current constitution](#) 29 May 1999

Area
• [Total](#) 923,769 km²
(356,669 sq mi) ([31st](#))
• [Water](#) (%) 1.4

Population
• 2023 estimate 230,842,743^[4] ([6th](#))
• [Density](#) 218/km²
(564.6/sq mi) ([42nd](#))

GDP (PPP) 2022 estimate
• [Total](#) [\\$1.27 trillion](#) ^[5] ([27th](#))
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GDP (nominal) 2022 estimate
• [Total](#) [\\$504 billion](#)^[5] ([31st](#))
• [Per capita](#) [\\$2,326](#) ^[5] ([145th](#))

Gini (2020) [35.1](#)^[6]
[medium](#)

HDI (2021) [0.535](#)^[7]
[low](#) · [163rd](#)

Currency [Naira](#) (₦) ([NGN](#))

RBI RED-FLAGS EVER-GREENING OF LOANS

Das cautions banks against hiding stress, governance issues

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, MAY 29

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das Monday raised concerns over banks adopting new aggressive growth strategies and using innovative methods for evergreening of loans — reviving a loan on the verge of default by extending more loans to the same borrower.

Das, who was addressing bank board, red-flagged corporate governance issues and said that during the supervisory process, certain instances of concealing the real status of stressed loans have come to the notice of the RBI.

To mention a few, such methods include bringing two lenders together to evergreen.

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EXPLAINED **Warning amid growth concerns**

THE RBI Governor's caution on evergreening of loans comes when government has been counselling on the resolution of the twin balance sheet problem of overleveraged companies and high bank NPAs to catalyse higher GDP growth.



LIFT-OFF

ISRO's GSLV rocket carrying navigation satellite NVS-01 lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on Monday. **REPORT, PAGE 10**

BUSINESS AS USUAL
BY UNNNY



16-year-old girl stabbed, bludgeoned to death in full view on Delhi street

ARNABJIT SURI
NEW DELHI, MAY 29

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl was stabbed multiple times and then bludgeoned to death allegedly by her 40-year-old boyfriend in full view of bystanders and pedestrians — not one among them alerted the police — on a street in Shahdadi Dary area of Delhi.

According to the police, accused Sahil Khan accented the minor and stabbed her at least 20 times and then hit her with a concrete slab lying nearby until she died. The murder, which took place Sunday night, was caught by CCTV cameras.



Accused Sahil Khan, police said he was her boyfriend

The police said the 20-year-old accused and the girl, who completed class 10 this year, were in a "relationship" and that the attack followed an argument between them.

Sahil, who fled after the attack, was caught by police. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

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BID TO BROKER PEACE

Amit Shah in Manipur, to review security, hold talks with Kukis, Meiteis

Arms not looted from armouries, were 'handed over', say sources

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, MAY 29

WITH FRESH escalation of violence over the last few days adding to the continuing tension in Manipur for almost four weeks now, Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in Imphal for a four-day visit on Monday.

Besides security review meetings, Shah will bring the Meiteis and Kukis together for discussions on ways to resolve the situation, said sources. He will persuade the two groups "to lay down arms", said a senior home ministry official.

Sources in the security establishment said the fact that many were armed with weapons, mostly "looted" from armouries in Imphal, was making it difficult to quell the violence. "In most cases, the arms have not been looted, but rather handed over. People of a specific community in the administration are helping their brethren in this conflict situation," said an officer who is currently in Manipur. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**



Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs a meeting with Manipur CM Niren Singh and others in Imphal. **PHOTO**

Amid fresh violence, more attempts to loot arms

SAKRITA BARUAH & JIMMY LEVON
IMPHAL, MAY 29

ARMS AND ammunition in the hands of "miscreants" is turning out to be a nightmare for security forces in violence-hit Manipur, with even the Army coming under fire on Monday.

According to sources, ever since violence in the state again escalated on the night of May 27-28, civilians have been trying to seize arms from security establishments in Imphal.

At the 70th Manipur Rifles in Imphal East, sources

said, a few hundred people gathered at the gate in an attempt to seize arms but were dispersed by personnel. A large number of people also gathered at Porompat police station as it made a similar attempt on Monday morning, only to be dispersed using tear gas.

Arms were also recovered from multiple locations by security personnel amid incidents attempted arson and shooting. According to Army sources, 22 people were apprehended in an operation based on tips that armed miscreants were venturing out to burn houses. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

UNDER PROBE SINCE 2012

Two offshore funds in Hindenburg's Adani report were on I-T radar

JAY MAZOOMDAR
NEW DELHI, MAY 29

AT LEAST two Mauritius companies which invested in the Adani Group companies and found mention in the Hindenburg Group's Adani report were on the radar of Indian tax authorities for over a decade.

As Sebi got another three months from the Supreme Court

earlier this month to complete its probe, records accessed by The Indian Express show that 2017 Parallel Papers investigation shows that MRC Investment Fund Ltd (now, APMS Investment Fund Ltd) had received a notice from Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in September 2012. This notice was to share information, and for onward transmission to the tax authorities. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

Circus worker from Jammu killed in Valley

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 29

IN THE second such incident in Kashmir this year, a person from Jammu was killed by suspected militants in Anantnag on Monday night.

The victim has been identified as Deepak Kumar, 26, from Lidhampur district of Jammu region, who was working with a private circus in Anantnag. A PTI report quoted police as saying that Kumar had gone to a nearby market to buy milk when two motorcycle-borne youths fired three bullets at him from a close range at 8.30 pm. He was taken to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Case registered, investigation going on," J&K Police said in a tweet.

On February 26, Sanjay Sharma, a Kashmiri Pandit who worked as a security guard at a bank, was killed by unidentified militants at Achin village in Pulwama, South Kashmir. Condemning Monday's attack, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said: "Our security forces remain committed in

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Wrestlers won't be allowed at Jantar Mantar, can protest elsewhere: police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 29

A DAY after the Delhi Police detained top wrestlers and cleared their protest site, Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Pranav Taya said the wrestlers, who were released on Sunday night, would not be allowed back at Jantar Mantar.

The wrestlers, on the other hand, said their protest would continue. On Monday, they saw an outpouring of support from sports persons and Opposition parties, who condemned the police action.

Olympic medalists Bajrang



The barricaded site at Jantar Mantar, Monday. **APHOTOGRAPH**

Punia and Sakshi Malik and World Championship medalist Vinesh Phogat were among the over 700 detained on Sunday.

RAJASTHAN POLICE CHARGESHEET

'Duo killed by cow vigilantes after Nuh police station turned them away'

AISWARYA RAJ
NEW DELHI, MAY 29

LESS THAN 24 hours before their charred bodies were found in a field near Nuh, residents of Ghatmika in Bharatpur district, were missing on the morning of February 15. Their bodies were found the next morning. They family members have alleged that they were kidnapped by Bajrang Dal members.

According to the chargesheet, filed in a Kanun court on May 16, the cow vigilantes had targeted the two on

suspicion of smuggling cattle in Rajasthan's Peeruka, and assaulted them.

But once the accused — identified as Binku Saiji (32), Monu Rana alias Narendra Kumar (31) and Gopi alias Monu (27) — realised that the two were not Bajrang Dal members.

CONG SAYS GEHLOT, PILOT AGREE ON PEACE PROPOSAL' **PHOTO**

Nine-month ordeal ends for Indian sailors detained in Nigeria, families relieved

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SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 29

A NINE-MONTH ordeal of 16 Indian seafarers, detained in Equatorial Guinea and later in Nigeria, is over after the Nigerian navy released their ship on Sunday. *MS Heron*, the Nigerian vessel with the men on board, is now sailing to Cape



The sailors were acquitted, but their release was delayed

Town in South Africa, from where they are expected to fly home on June 7.

In Kerala, it has been the end of a harrowing wait for the families of three of the men, who were among those detained in the ship since August last year. Over the last several months, the families have knocked on the doors of the state and central governments, pleading for their release.

The vessel was on its way to pick up crude oil from Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria when it was stopped by a naval ship off

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China announces plan to land astronauts on moon by end of 2030

The US has set its lunar surface landing target to 2025

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BEIJING, MAY 29

China's burgeoning space program plans to place astronauts on the moon before 2030 and expand the country's orbiting space station, officials said Monday.

Monday's announcement comes amid a rivalry with the U.S. for reaching new milestones in outer space, reflecting their competition for influence on global events.

That has conjured up memories of the space race between the US and the former Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s, although American spending, supply chains and capabilities are believed to give it a significant edge over China, at least for the present.

The US aims to put astronauts back on the lunar surface by the end of 2025 as part of a renewed

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PLANS FOR permanent crewed bases on the moon are also being considered by both countries, raising questions about rights and interests on the lunar surface. US law tightly restricts cooperation between the two countries' space programs and while China says it welcomes foreign collaborations, those have thus far been limited to scientific research

commitment to crewed missions, aided by private sector players such as SpaceX and Blue Origin.

The deputy director of China's space agency confirmed the twin objectives at a news conference but gave no specific dates.

The agency also introduced three astronauts who will head to the country's space station in a launch scheduled for Tuesday morning. They'll replace a crew that's been on the orbiting station for six months.

The fresh crew includes a civilian for the first time. All previous crews have been in the People's Liberation Army, the military wing of Communist Party.

China's first manned space mission in 2003 made it the third country after the USSR and the U.S. to put a person into space.


China built its own space station after it was excluded from the International Space Station, largely due to US objections over the Chinese space programs' intimate ties to the PLA. **AP**



A **Moon landing** or **lunar landing** is the arrival of a [spacecraft](#) on the surface of the [Moon](#). This includes both crewed and robotic missions.




The first human-made object to touch the Moon was the [Soviet Union](#)'s [Luna 2](#), on 13 September 1959




20 July 1969

The United States' Apollo 11 was the first crewed mission to land on the Moon, on 20 July 1969.

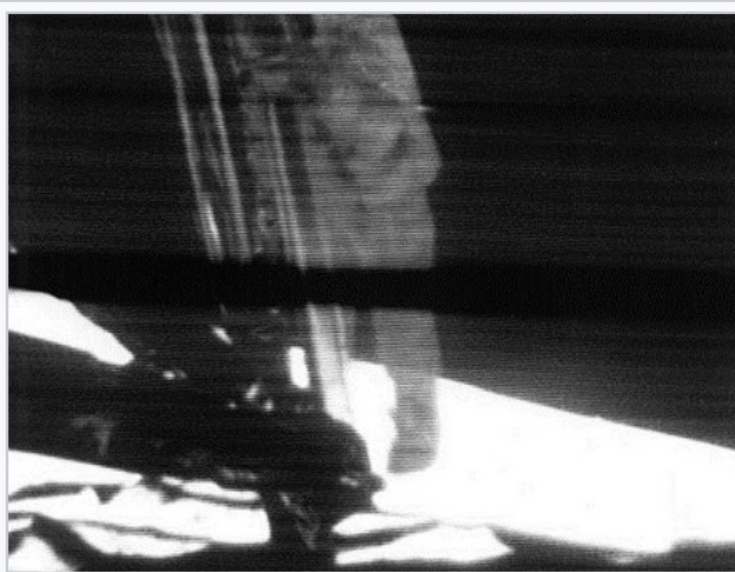


There were six crewed U.S. landings between 1969 and 1972, and numerous uncrewed landings, with no soft landings happening between 22 August 1976 and 14 December 2013.



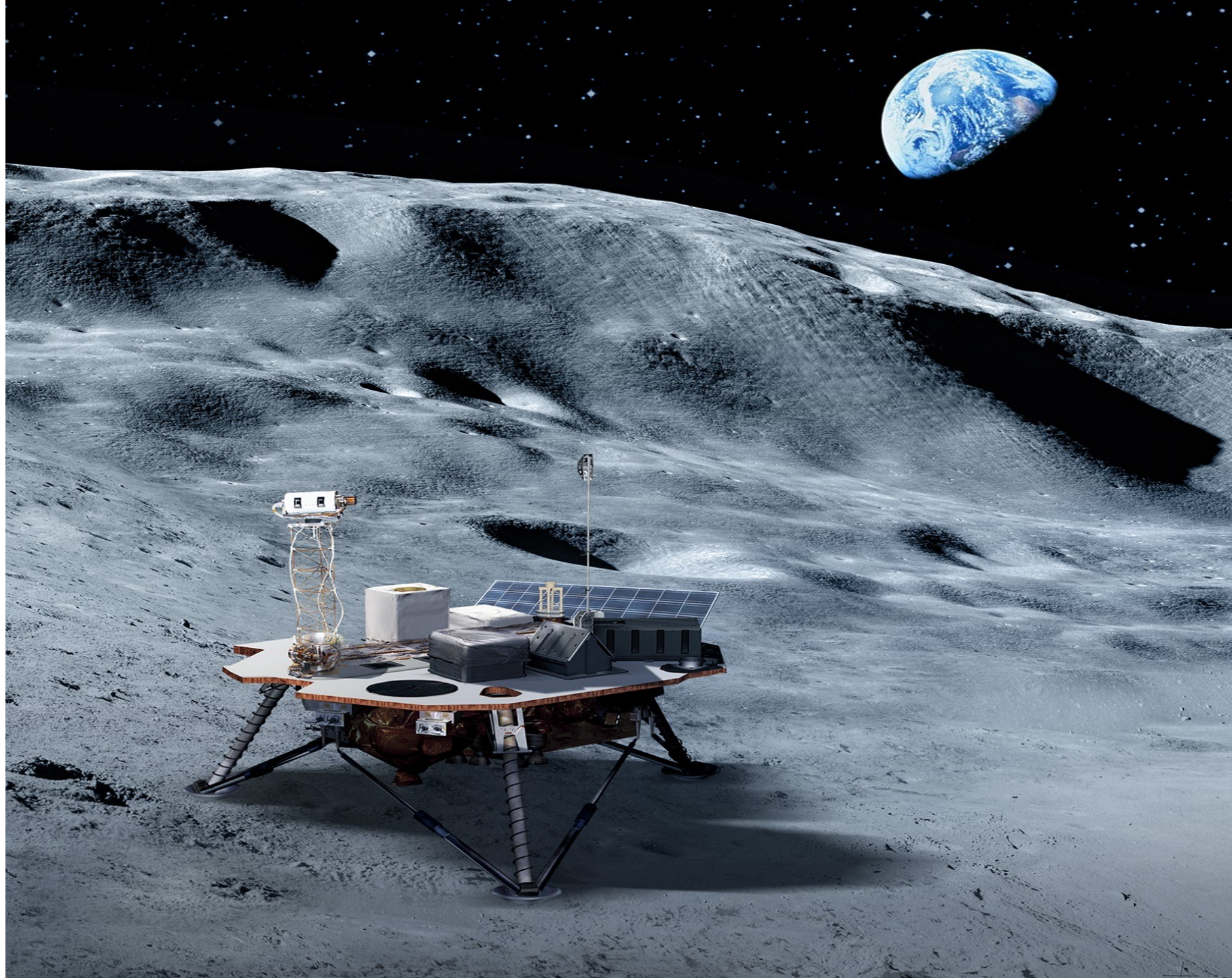
22 Aug. 1976 and 14 Dec. 2013

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- All soft landings took place on the near side of the Moon until 3 January 2019, when the Chinese Chang'e 4 spacecraft made the first landing on the far side of the Moon



Still frame from a video transmission, taken moments before [Neil Armstrong](#) became the first human to step onto the surface of the Moon, at 02:56 UTC on 21 July 1969. An estimated 500 million people worldwide watched this event, the [largest television audience](#) for a live broadcast at that time.^{[1][2]}

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- A total of twelve men have landed on the Moon. This was accomplished with two US pilot-astronauts flying a [Lunar Module](#) on each of six [NASA](#) missions across a 41-month period starting 20 July 1969, with [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#) on [Apollo 11](#), and ending on 14 December 1972 with [Gene Cernan](#) and [Jack Schmitt](#) on [Apollo 17](#). Cernan was the last man to step off the lunar surface.



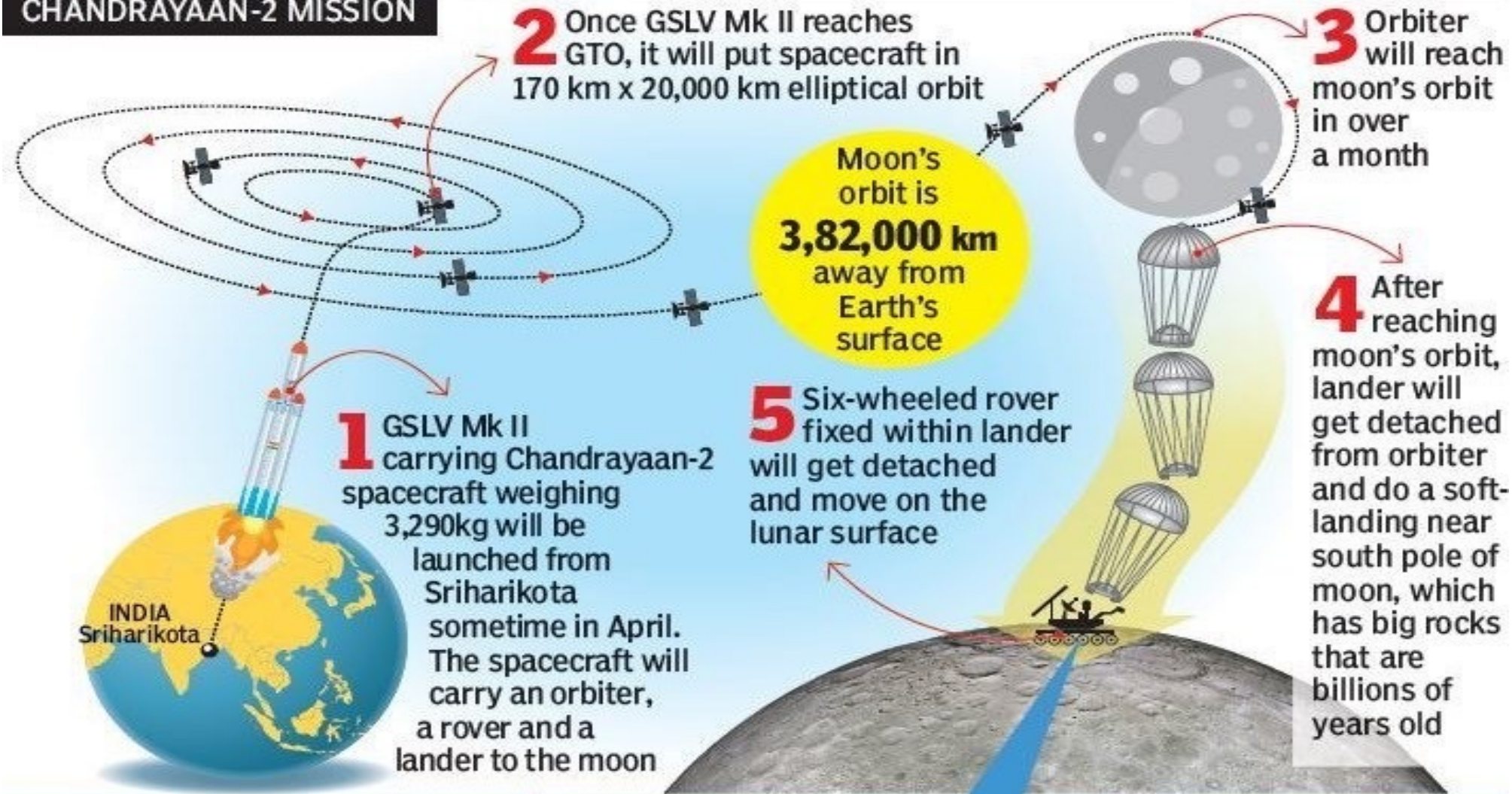




JOURNEY TO MOON

Graphic: Arpit Sharma

CHANDRAYAAN-2 MISSION



Rover has been designed in such a way that it will have power to spend a **lunar day or 14 Earth days** on moon's surface

It will walk up to **150-200 metres** and conduct **several experiments and on-site chemical analysis** of lunar surface

Rover will **send data & images of moon back to Earth** via the orbiter in **15 minutes**



Chinese astronauts for the upcoming Shenzhou-16 mission. (From left) Gui Haichao, Jing Haipeng, and Zhu Yangzhu at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in China on Monday. AP

Bank Nifty hits record high

India topples France to regain its spot as fifth largest stock market

SIDDHANT MISHRA
Mumbai, May 29

BANKS AND FINANCIALS led from the front on the first day of the week, with the Bank Nifty surging 293.90 points or 0.67% to a life-time high of 44,311.90. The Bank Nifty's previous high was 44,151, attained in December 2022.

India has also once again become the fifth-largest stock market in the world after toppling France.

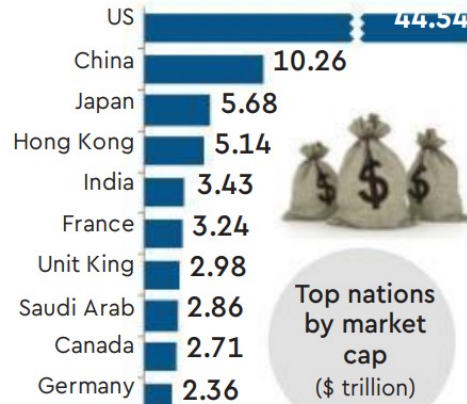
According to analysts, the bank Nifty has consistently outperformed in recent months, thanks to strong domestic and FII buying interest in financials.

"Earning momentum continued for banking stocks as most banks reported strong results. Besides, further expansion in margins and asset quality continues to improve. Loan book growth has been healthy across segments," said Sandeep Gupta, senior group VP and head of dealing & advisory (broking & distribution) at Motilal Oswal.

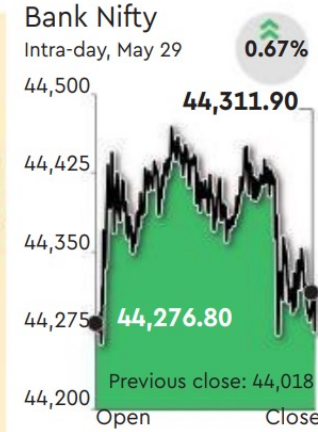
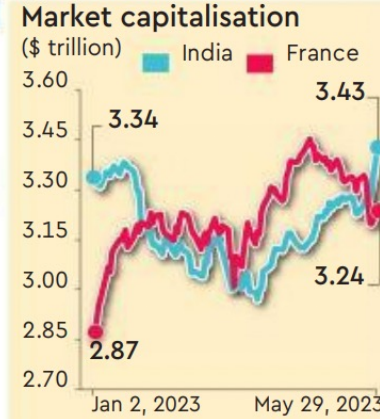
According to the brokerage, the index is witnessing a strong breakout and may see further momentum to 45,000-46,000 in the coming sessions.

Buoyed by optimism over debt ceiling negotiations that led the US indices to finish on a strong note on

NORTHBOUND



Source: Bloomberg



Friday, the benchmark indices opened on a strong note on Monday. The Sensex closed up 344.69 points or 0.55% at 62,846.38 while the Nifty50 rose by 99.30 or 0.54% to 18,598.65.

Meanwhile, India leapfrogged France to regain the fifth position among top 10 stock markets globally. India had ceded the position to France back in January but the rebound in Adani Group stocks since the fallout of the Hindenburg report gave a boost to the Indian markets.

Furthermore, a surge in FII buying has also given a fillip to Indian equities. According to CDSL data, FIIs have pumped in ₹37,317 crore so far this month, as of May 26.

As per provisional data on the NSE, FIIs were net buyers to the tune of ₹1,758.16 crore on

Monday while DIIs pumped in a net ₹853.57 crore.

India trails Hong Kong, which is at fourth with \$5.14 trillion while Japan ranks third with \$5.68 trillion in market cap. The US and China remain the top two, with a market value of \$44.5 trillion and \$10.3 trillion, respectively.

At the same time, France lost more than \$100 billion in market value in the week as luxury goods makers LVMH Moët Hennessy, Louis Vuitton and Vivendi saw a rout amid fears of a slowdown in China and the US, reported Bloomberg.

"Growth is the underlying narrative and with India showing good GDP growth numbers, global players are putting money into the markets. As long as the country shows such encouraging numbers, FII con-

fidence will remain high. A compounded growth rate of 7% means doubling the size of the economy in next seven years," said Devan Choksey, founder and promoter of KRChoksey Group.

Most sectoral indices closed in the green, with consumer durables and metals gaining 1.6% and 1.4%, respectively. However, the IT counter saw sell-off, with all tech firms closing in the red.

"The IT sector's growth has slipped on account of first-order and second-order implications of prevalent macros. The macro challenges are manifesting into a set of outcomes ranging from cuts in discretionary spending, a delay in decision making, and slower deal ramp-up," says a note by HDFC Securities' Institutional Equities Research.



World Menstrual Hygiene Day



- **History:**



- Started in 2013 by **Germany-based NGO WASH United**.
- Initially launched as a 28-day social media campaign to raise awareness about menstruation.
- Positive response led to the establishment of Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, 2014.



- **Theme:**
 - Theme for 2023: "**Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030.**"



UPI Transactions Set to Dominate
Indian Digital Payments Landscape
by 2027

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- According to a report by PwC India titled "**The Indian Payments Handbook- 2022-27**" **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** transactions are projected to reach an impressive milestone of **1 billion per day by the fiscal year 2026-27.**
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This growth surge is anticipated to account for **90% of retail digital payments** in the country, **solidifying UPI's position** as the driving force behind India's digital payments revolution.



The report highlights that **UPI already comprised approximately 75% of total transaction volume in the retail segment during the fiscal year 2022-23.**

Child Marriage-Free Campaign in Udaipur





The **district administration in Udaipur, Rajasthan, in collaboration with NGOs**, has launched a proactive campaign to **combat child marriages in the district.**

To facilitate reporting, a helpline number has been set up, ensuring the confidentiality of the callers' identities.

As an incentive, individuals who report cases of child marriage will receive **a cash prize of Rs 2,100.**

How prosperity fuels dowry demand in India

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- A recent study has revealed that as prosperity and opportunities for men in India have improved, the demand for dowry has increased.
 - The researchers examined **more than 74,000 marriages in India** between **1930 and 1999** to examine the evolution of dowry over time.
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Key findings of the study about Dowry in India:

Economic growth perpetuates and boosts the practice of dowry payments in India

As men gain better education and higher-quality jobs, dowry amounts increase.

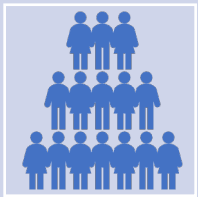
Dowry payments decrease as more women receive education in an area.



Promoting women's education and increasing their participation in the workforce can potentially help reduce the prevalence of dowry.



Families refusing to pay dowry may end up with lower-quality grooms for their daughters, creating a strong economic incentive for grooms to accept dowry.



No correlation with caste-based factors: The practice of dowry began around the same time for both high and low-caste groups, indicating that caste-based factors do not solely explain its rise.

Status of Marriages in India:

Most Indian marriages are still arranged, and nearly all women marry by their late twenties.

Some 90% of the marriages studied until 1999 involved dowry

Nearly all marriages in India are **monogamous**

Less than 1% end in divorce

Parents play an important role in choosing the bride/groom

Over 90% of couples live with the husband's family after marriage

More than 85% of women marry someone from outside their own village

Over 78% of marriages are within the same district

Consequences of the prevalence of the dowry system in India:

Financial Burden on the Bride's Family

Abuse: Women are subjected to physical, emotional, and mental abuse if dowry demands are not met.

Norms: Reinforcement of patriarchal norms, treating women as inferior and perpetuating gender-based discrimination.



Breakdown of Marriages: Dowry-related disputes and conflicts often lead to marital discord, separation, and even divorce.

Deaths: Cases of dowry deaths, suicides, and bride burning due to dowry disputes and harassment.

Financial dependence: Women's lack of financial independence and control over their own resources, leads to dependency on their husbands.

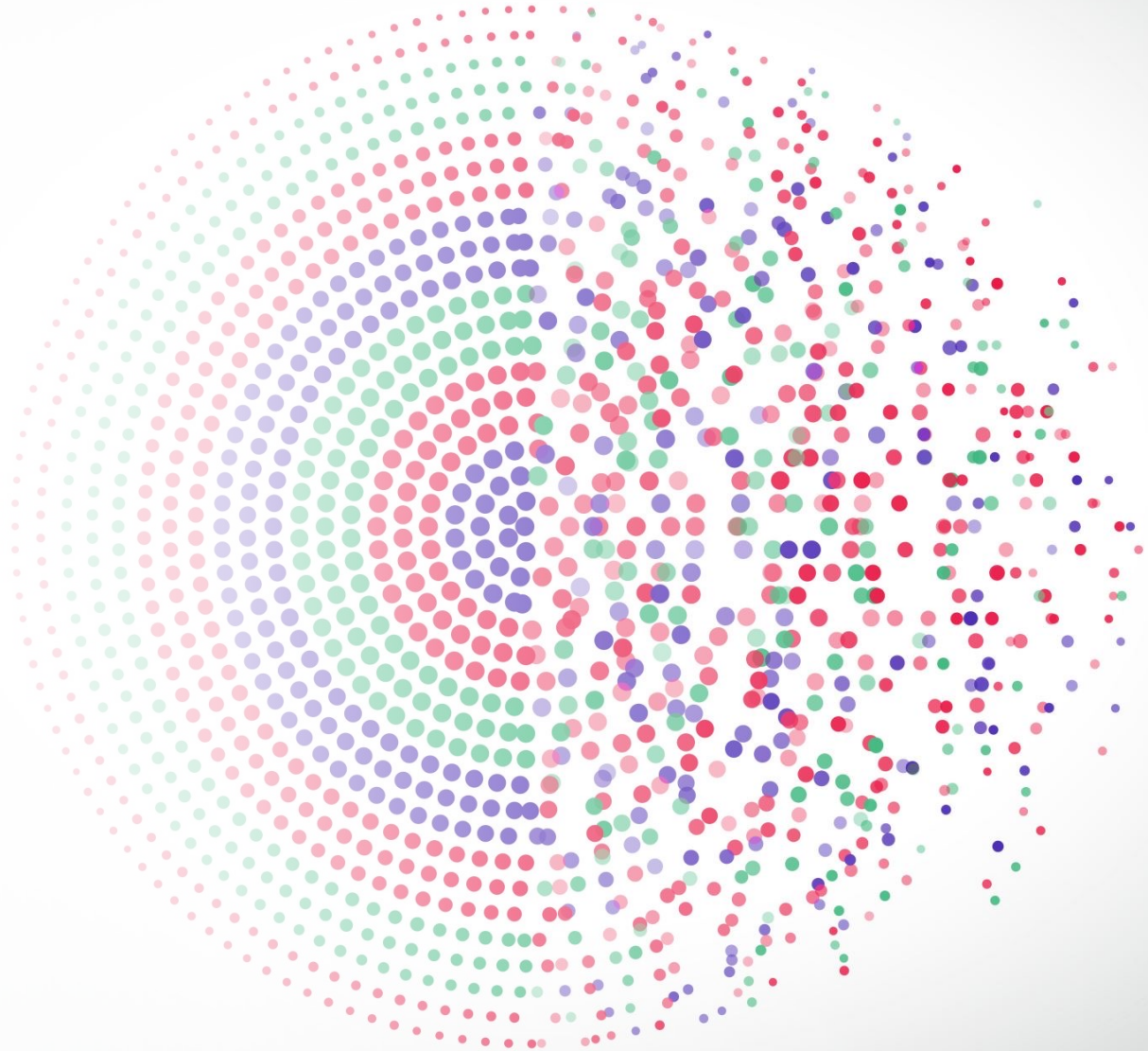
Inequality: Preference for investing in dowry over girls' education, limiting their opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Reinforcement of Harmful Stereotypes: Dowry perpetuates the notion that women are commodities to be bought, reinforcing harmful stereotypes in society.

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- **Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961** (Prohibits the giving or taking of dowry); **Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)** (Criminalizes cruelty against married women); **Mandatory requirement to report** dowry-related offences to the police or concerned authorities.
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Snowball effect

Source: Indian Express



According to the **World Economic Forum president** India witnessing a '**snowball effect**'; set to see exponential growth in coming years.



About the Snowball effect:



When the snowball starts to roll, it gets bigger and bigger, and that is what is happening with the Indian economy – **the growth will lead to more investments, and more jobs leading to exponential growth in the coming years.**

Manufactured sand (M-Sand)

Source: BS

The Rajasthan government has announced its support for the **use of manufactured sand (M-Sand)** as a cost-effective and convenient alternative to river sand



. As per the **M-Sand Rajasthan policy introduced in 2021**, it is mandatory to use **at least 25% M-Sand** in government construction projects.



M-Sand units have been **granted industrial status**, allowing them to benefit from the **Rajasthan Industrial Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2019**, which includes subsidies and concessions on taxes and fees.

- **What is M sand?**
- M-Sand, or Manufactured Sand, is an alternative to natural river sand used in construction. It is produced by crushing rocks or quarry stones to obtain sand particles of consistent size and shape.
- **Advantages:**
- It has **similar properties to natural sand**, making it suitable for various construction purposes. It is cost-effective, readily available, and reduces the need for mining natural sand.
- It also **requires less water for construction projects** as it does not need to be washed before use.

Aspect	M-Sand	Natural Sand
Particle Shape	Cubic form, enhancing bonding	Flaky, sharp, and angular grains
Silt Content	Zero silt content	Silt content ranging from 3-20%
Quality Control	Manufactured in a controlled environment	No strict control, and variations in silt content
Concrete Strength	High concrete strength	Lower concrete strength
Availability	Requires production and availability may vary	Naturally occurring, availability depends on the riverbed
Environmental Impact	Reduces the need for natural sand mining, repurposes waste materials	This can lead to environmental degradation, habitat destruction, and water scarcity
Cost-effectiveness	Can be more cost-effective as it can be produced in large quantities at a lower cost	Cost may vary based on availability and location

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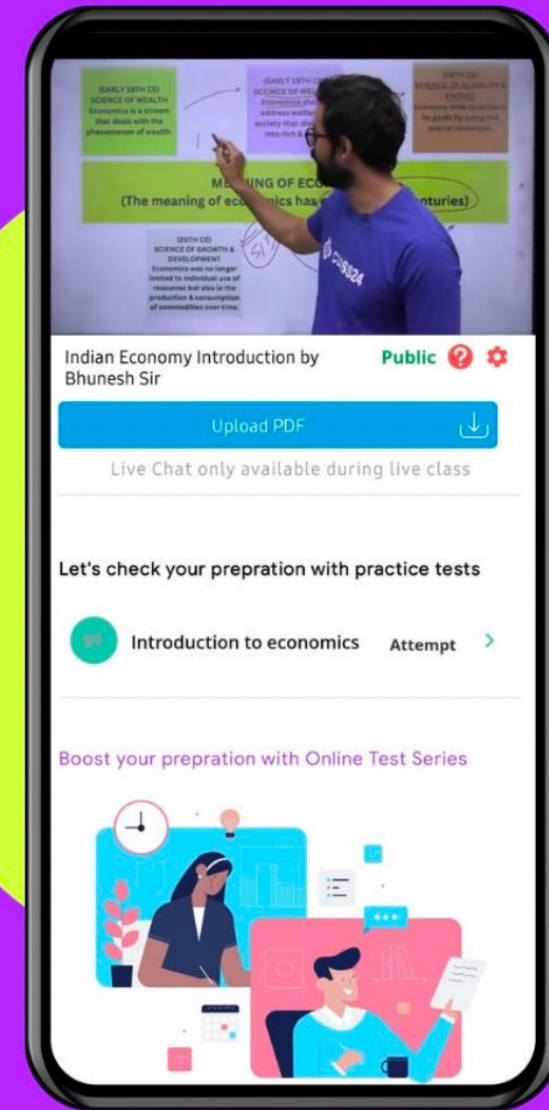
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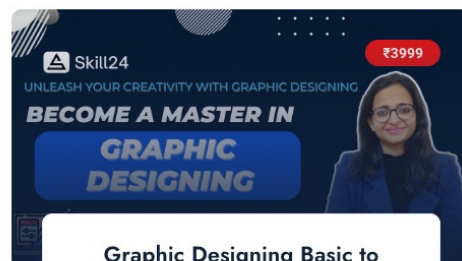
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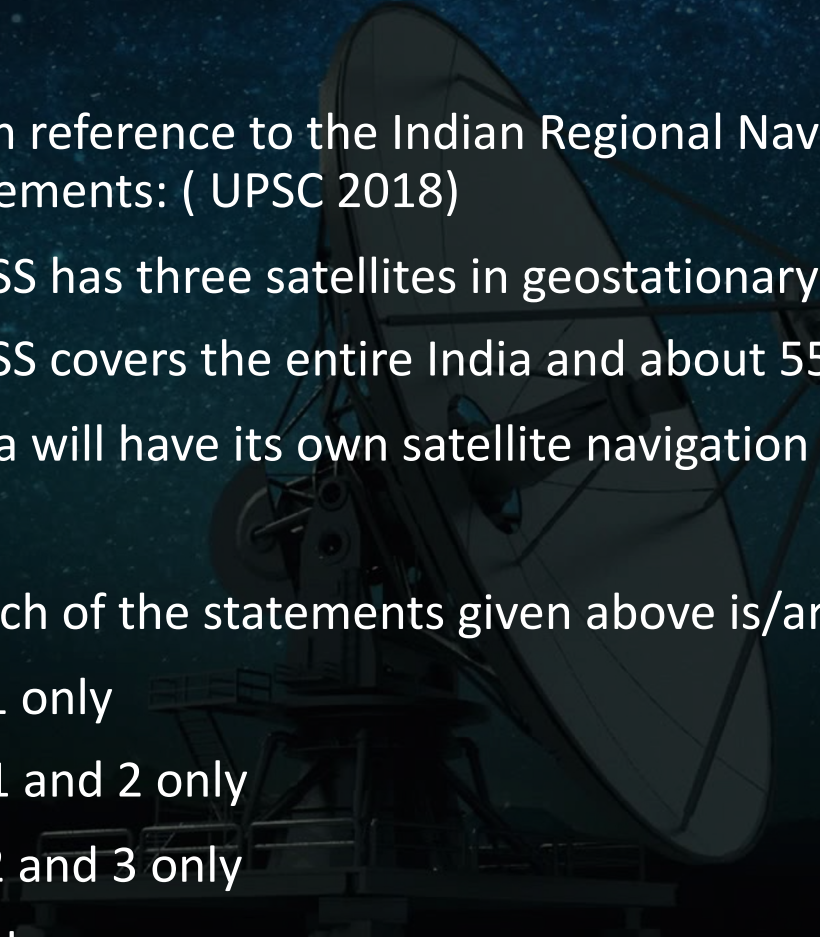
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- With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements: (UPSC 2018)

1. IRNSS has three satellites in geostationary and four satellites in geosynchronous orbits.
2. IRNSS covers the entire India and about 5500 sq. Km beyond its borders.
3. India will have its own satellite navigation system with full global coverage by the middle of 2019.

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- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None

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- "The Indian Payments Handbook- 2022-27" [Unified Payments Interface \(UPI\)](#) transactions are projected to reach an impressive milestone of _____per day by the fiscal year 2026-27?

- A) 4 billion
- B) 3 billion
- C) 2 billion
- D) 1 billion




- World Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated on ?

- A) 28th May
- B) 29th May
- C) 20th May
- D) 18th may

- The first human-made object to touch the Moon was the [Soviet Union](#)'s _____ on 13 September 1959?

- A) [Luna](#) 1,
- B) [Luna](#) 2,
- C) [Luna](#) 3,
- D) [Luna](#) 4

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