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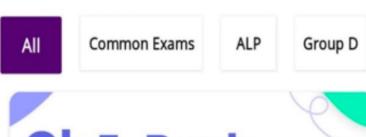
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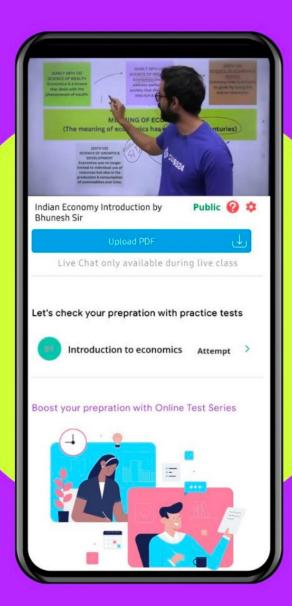
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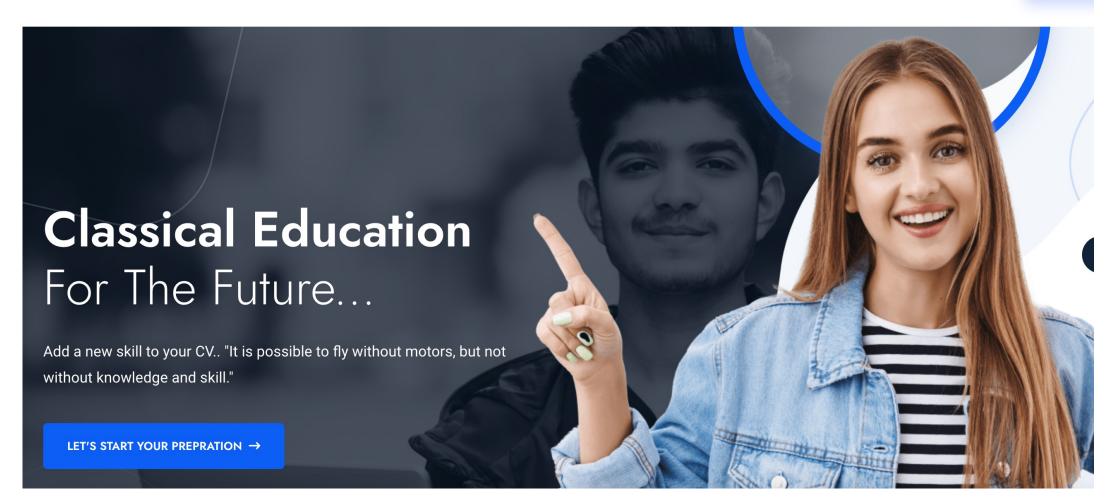






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# IMD retains its normal outlook for monsoon

# Jacob Koshy NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has kept its forecast of normal rainfall from June-September this year, unchanged At 95% of the Long Period Average (a 50-year mean) of 87 cm, this is at the low-est end of what is consistent of the Atlanta of the Atlan

fall levels will be below normal in northwest India, IMD said on Friday. The key factor influencing the quantum of monson rains is the development of an El Nino, a phenomenon of warming in the central Pacific Ocean that is linked to diminished rainfall in western and northwestern India.

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ide view: The Lok Sabha hall inside the new Parliam

# SC refuses to hear plea against opening of Parliament by PM

# The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a petition challenging the inauguration of the new Parliament building on Sunday by the Prime Minister, and not the President.

A Vacation Bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and P.S. Narasimha said it was not "inclined" to hear the petition filed by advocate C.R. Jaya Sukin. When Mr. Sukin urged the Court to

permit him to withdraw the petition, Solicitor Generall Tushar Mehra said the lawyer may then file it before amother court and keep the issue alive. He said the court should record a dismissal of the petition to make it conclusive.

Mr. Sukin's petition was filed on Thursday amidst a heated debate between the government and Opposi-

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- New queries about travel time and Metro rail usage have been added
- The Census now includes categories such as acid attack, intellectual disability, chronic neurological disease, and blood disorder in the disability section
- A code directory is added to streamline data processing

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A comparison of the questions asked in 2011 and those finalised for the next Census shows that for a section on the mode of travel to place of work, respondents will have to answer new queries on their travel time in hours and minutes, and whether they use metro rail. A question on types and causes of disabilities has been expanded to include "acid attack, intellectual disability, chronic neurological disease and blood disorder".

The next Census will also record details on whether a person who lives in a rented house owns a house somewhere else or does not own any residential property. On the question of availability of drinking water, it explains that "near the premises" means "within 100 metres in urban areas" and "within 500 metres in rural areas".

- Population Census is the total process of collecting, compiling, analyzing and disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining, at a specific time, of all persons in a country or a welldefined part of a country.
  - It also provides the trends in population characteristics.
- The Indian Census is one of the largest administrative exercises undertaken in the world.

# Nodal Ministry:

- The decennial Census is conducted by the <u>Office of the Registrar</u> <u>General and Census Commissioner</u>, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Until 1951, the Census Organisation was set up on an ad-hoc basis for each Census.

# Legal/Constitutional Backing:

- Census is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948.
  - The bill for this Act was piloted by <u>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel</u>, the then Home Minister of India.
- The population census is a Union subject under Article 246 of India Constitution.
  - It is listed at **serial number 69** of the **seventh schedule** of the constitution.

# Ancient and Medieval Period:

- Rigveda: The earliest literature 'Rig-Veda' reveals that some kind of population count was maintained during 800-600 BC in India.
- Arthashastra: 'Arthashastra' by 'Kautilya' written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC prescribed the collection of population statistics as a measure of state policy for taxation.
- Ain-i-Akbari: During the regime of the Mughal king Akbar, the
  administrative report 'Ain-e-Akbari' also included comprehensive data
  pertaining to population, industry, wealth and many other
  characteristics.

# Initial Attempts:

- The history of the census began with 1800 when England had begun its Census.
- In its continuation, a census was conducted in Allahabad (1824) and in Banaras (1827-28) by James Prinsep.
- The first complete census of an Indian city was conducted in 1830 by Henry Walter in Dacca (now Dhaka).
  - The Second Census was conducted in 1836-37 by Fort St. George.
- In 1849, the Government of India ordered the local governments to conduct **quinquennial** (five-yearly) returns of population.

**First Non-synchronous Census:** It was conducted in India in 1872 during the reign of **Governor-General Lord Mayo.** 

First Synchronous Census: The first synchronous census was taken under British rule on February 17, 1881, by W.C. Plowden (Census Commissioner of India).

• Since then, censuses have been undertaken **uninterruptedly** once every ten years.



# IN BRIDE



# Thousands of dead fish found floating on Srinagar's Dal Lake

Thousands of dead fish were found floating on Dal Lake on Friday, causing unbearable stench in parts of the lake frequented by tourists in Gringar. The phenomenon started a few days. One cannot row boats in several parts of the lake to the stench, "Rashid Dar, a local resident, asid. Experts have played down the phenomena control of the Bashir Ahmed Bhat, vice-chairman, J&K. Lake Conservation & Management Authority, said fish of the Carabinsta species was showing mortally and it was "an amount affair." Thousands of dead fish were found floating on

# AASU stir against teaching maths, science in English

The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) on Friday announced a month-long agitation against the State government's decision to teach maths and science in English in vernacular medium schools science in English in vernacular medium schools from Class of convards. The series of aglitation will plane 27 at Guwahati, AASU president (in-charge) and secretary Uppl Sarma and Sankarjsoil Boruah asid here. "The decision of the government to teach maths and sclence in government to teach maths and sclence in government to teach maths and sclence in the conversation of the conversation of Assamese, Bodo and other local languages," the AASU leaders said. "

Uttarakhand govt.

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In an order on Thursday

the Forest Department re-cognised the problems and directed officials to ensure

that all provisions of the law are followed while un-

noted that any settlement on forest land may only be

dertaking the drive. It also

admits to lapses

in eviction drive

Abhinay Lakshman NEW DELHI

The Forest Department of

the Uttarakhand govern-ment has flagged violation

ment has flagged violation of procedures in the evic-tion notices issued to the residents of forested areas as part of its drive to clear "illegal encroachments". This comes days after the residents of several vil-lages in the Terat East and West Divisions wrote to se-

West Divisions wrote to se-nior government officials, highlighting the issue along with alleged viola-tions of the provisions of the Forest Rights Act.

The government is cur-rently undertaking a large-scale drive to clear forest

cluding religious places, settlements and all other il-

# Cabinet expansion today in Karnataka; 9 to become Ministers for the first time

Laxmi Hebbalkar only woman in Cabinet, which has a fair representation of castes, communities; Cabinet will reach full strength of 34 when 24 Ministers are sworn-in by the Governor at 11.45 a.m.

Rakbar Khan lynching case: Alwar court

he Congress go-vernment in Karna-taka is all set for ex-pansion with the pansion with the swearing-in of 24 Ministers at the Raj Bhavan in Benga-luru on Saturday.

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Of them, 23 are MLAs and
N.S. Boseraju is not a member of either House of legislature. The Cabinet will
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reach its full strength of 34 after 24 Ministers take oath at II.45 a.m. Laxmi Hebbalkar, elect-ed from the Belagavi Rural constituency, is the lone woman MLA to make it to the Ministry headed by Chief Minister Siddara-maiah. The MLAs to take oath from Governor Thaa-warchand Gehlot on Saturwarchand Gehlot on Satur-day are: H.K. Patil, Krishna Byre Gowda, N. Cheluva-rayaswamy, K. Venkatesh, H.C. Mahadevappa, Esh-

The Hindu Bureau

The four men convicted of bynching Rakbar Khan, a dairy farmer from Haryana, in Rajastharsh Alwar in cause of the cause of

341 (wrongful restraint) of the Indian Penal Code. The court found the 13

injuries on the victim's bo-

dy were a result of collec-tive beating, but there was

tive beating, but there was no injury on any of his sen-sitive organs. In its 92-page judgment, the court made a distinction between the application of Sections 304 and 302 (murder) to the case. It held that when the convicts thrashed Khan,

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Sharanabasappa Darsha-napur, Shivananda Patil, Thimmapur Ramappa Ba-lappa, S.S. Mallikarjun, Shivaraj Tangadagi, Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil, Mankal Vaidya, Laxmi Hebbalkar, Rahim Khan, D. Sudhakar, Santosh S. Lad. Byrathi Suresh, Madhu Bangarappa, M.C. Sudha-

Bangarappa, M.C. Sudha-kar, and B. Nagendra. AICC secretary Mr. Bos-eraju had served as two-time MLA and one-time MLC, though he is current-ly not a member of either House. A number of loyal-ists of Mr. Siddaramasia appear to have made it to

In a secular country like

India, such illegal acts deal a severe blow to the

spirit of the Constitution. Adopting leniency will

send across an adverse

they had neither an inten-tion to kill him nor did they know the injuries were suf-ficient in the ordinary

course to cause death. The judge held Param-

jeet Singh, Dharmendra Yadav, Naresh Sharma and Vijay Kumar guilty under Section 304 and absolved

them of charges under Sec-tions 302, 120-B (criminal

conspiracy) and 149 (un-lawful assembly). Vishwa

Hindu Parishad leader Na-wal Kishore was acquitted in the case because of lack of "clinching evidence". Khan and his friend As-lam were herding two

Hindu Parishad leader Na

ALWAR COURT RULING

kar, Mr. Venkatesh, Mr. By-rathi Suresh, Mr. Madhu

rathi Suresh, Mr. Madhu Bungarappa, Mr. Sudhalar, Mr. Mankal Vaidya, Mr. Ra-Mr. Nagendra will become Ministers for the first time. In the 34-member Cabi-net, there are six Volkoli-seyuts, 48 v0BCs, six from Scheduled Castes, three from Scheduled Tribes, two Muslims and one each Christian communities. Christian communities. MLAs belonging to various sects within the Veerashaiva-Lingayat have been ac-commodated.

The allocations have

been made to various sec-tions keeping in mind next wear's Lok Sabha elections. year's Lok Sabha elections.
It was a hard balancing act.
After several rounds of
talks with the party's Cen-tral leaders, Mr. Siddara-maiah and his deputy D.K.
Shivakumar reached a con-sensus on names. They held talks in Delhi with AICC chief M. Mallikarjun Chief Minister Laxam Sava-di who quit the BJP and joined the Congress just ahead of the poll did not make the cut. Prominent

forest area near Lalawandi to their village, Kolgaon, in Haryana when a group of villagers attacked them

around midnight on July 20, 2018. While Aslam

with him. Being associated with a cow vigilante group, they were apparently over-renthusiastic. They took the law into their hands and thrashed Khan while

trying to stop smuggling of cows," the judgment said. It said if the convicts in-

tended to murder Khan, they could have done it on

the spot. "On the contrary, they informed co-accused Nawal Kishore and helped

'Overenthusiastic' "The evidence makes it clear that the four convicts did not know Khan before, nor did they have enmity

kharpe, Congress general secretary (Organisation) K.C. Vernagopal and Karnacetary Kandeep Singh Surjewalla. Last Saturday, Shivakumar and eight Ministers had taken oath in the first round. However, tion of portfolios, which has drawn flak from the countered it making a reference to the weeks during the 2019 floods when the digurappa was the only Ministers. Kharge, Congress general

among those who misse out are T.B. Jayachandr and R.V. Deshpande.

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While acquitting Mr.
Kishore in the case, the
judge said though he was
in touch with the convicts
prosecution could not
prove his presence at the
scene of crime and his
complicity in the offence
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rur district.
Four senior I-T officials, including Inspector of Income Tax Gayathiri, sustained minor injuries and
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covernment Medical College
Hospital in Karur.
A Deputy Director and
an Assistant Director of the
Income Tax Department
filed separate complaints
Sources said that at least Sources said that at least 50 officials armed with diyurappa was the only Mi-nister in the Cabinet. search warrants had en-tered the premises of DMK Those left out Those left out Senior leader and MLC B.K. Hariprasad was re-portedly upset for denying him berth. Former Deputy Chief Minister Laxam Savaworkers and government contractors associated with Mr. Senthilbalaii.

with Mr. Senthilbalaji.
A high drama played out
in front of Mr. Ashok Kumar's house at Ramakrishnapuram, where a large
number of DMK workers
and Mr. Senthilbalaji's supporters had gathered.
They raised slogans against
the Central government.

income Tax officials were allegedly attacked on Fri-day by supporters of Tamil Nadu Minister for Electrici-

y, Excise and Prohibition 7. Senthilbalaji when they

rrived to conduct search

prother, V. Ashok Kumar,

and acquaintances in Ka-rur district.

# houses of Minister's kin

DMK workers gheraoing an Income Tax official in Karur on

They also insisted that They also insisted that Ms. Gayathril produce her identity card and gheraoed her when she tried to enter the bouse. A few persons were alleged to have man-handled her. The angry protesters also stoned a vehicle, damaging its wind-screen, and mittrees. screen and mirrors.

The local police then rushed to the spot and held negotiations with the protesters. The DMK work

Sources said the officials

faced a similar situation at

# |Convicts didn't intend to cause death in |Chhattisgarh official drains reservoir to

find missing phone

| I-T officials attacked in

T.N. during searches at

# hubhomoy Sikdar

A government official in Kaniker district of Chhartisgarh was suspended on Friday for getting nearly 2 in Friday for getting nearly 2 in the country of the

ly being a member of an or-ganisation or head of a 'gaushala' could not ren-der him guilty of lynching. their own hands in the garb of religious faith, but no religion allowed spread-ing of hatred and violence. The official said he got the water pumped out af-ter obtaining a verbal goahead from R.C. Dheewar. the Sub Divisi onal Officer India, such illegal acts deal a severe blow to the spirit of the Constitution. Adoptof the State Water Res

troyed and some police personnel were injured. "Today what happened

find the phone till Tuesday and told me that the water level needed to be reduced by a few feet," he said.

Kanker Collector Pri-yanka Shukla said the dis-trict administration and WRD have sent show-cause notices to Mr. Dheewar. "It should be noted that during summer, water is needed in all reservoirs for irrigation and drainage. To water water is a nemishable waste water is a punishable offence," the show-cause notice from WRD read.

explain why money equiv-alent for the amount of water lost should not be reco

vered from his salary. Ms. Shukla said Mr. Vishwas had clearly mi

# Inspired by 'Shooter Dadis', grandma chops her way to podium at international karate event

# Ashok Kumar

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# Convoy of Abhishek attacked by Kurmis demanding ST status

The convey of Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was attacked by members of Kurmi committee of Kurmi committee of the State The convoy of Trinamool

Protest in Bankura Protest by Kurmis had also occurred in Bankura dis-trict a few days ago when Mr. Banerjee was partici-pating in his party's outreach programme. He had spoken to the members of the community to diffuse

tension. Kurmis in the State's Jangalmahal region has been protesting over the past few months demand-ing Scheduled Tribe status and attacked the Trinamool Congress supporters who were on motorbikes. Several vehicles were des- for them.

# 'Fake news': web portal editor moves HC to quash FIR

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Interestingly, her journey to being a karateka began two years ago while accompanying her granddaughter Aashka, 13, to the Sai Karate Academy in the neighbourhood. "It was on the very first day to the academy that I enquired whether there was something on offer for the elderly too. And two months later, I joined the classes," said Ms. Godara.

Her coach Sunil Saini recalled that she would train for two hours daily and her routine included sledge-hammer tire workout, battle ropes and push-ups, but hardly showed signs of fatigue. "Her energy levels are unbelievable," remarked Mr. Saini.

Her husband Pradeep Godara, a retired Haryana government bureaucrat, and both her sons and daughters-in-law were in for a surprise when she broke the news about going to Dubai for the 2023 'Budokan Cup – International Karate Championship'.

# Basking in the glory

"They knew that I was learning karate, but had least expected me to contest at an international event," chuckled Ms. Godara, basking in the glory of her new-found identity.

Inspired by the story of the oldest sharpshooters, Chandro Tomar and Prakashi Tomar, who were nicknamed 'Shooter Dadis', Ms. Godara said she had never expected to go this far when she embarked upon the journey to become a karate player. "It all seems like a dream now," she exclaimed.

# Don't attack us, we are elected by the people: Manipur CM

Following two incidents of violence against State and Union Ministers. Biren Singh makes an appeal for settlement of conflicts through talks

anipur Chief Minister N. Biren singh on Friday minister N. Biren implorer singh on Friday or target anyone, including elected representatives. His appeal followed two incidents of mob fury against lawmakers in the strife-torn State. On Wednesday, a mob vandalised the house of State PWD Mi-nister Konthouiam Govindas in Bishnupur district in protest against the govern-ment's alleged failure to protect people from sus-pected extremists belong-

pected extremists belong-ing to the Kuld community, mob in the State's capital mob in the State's capital imphal tried to storm the house of Union Minister of a speal to all no to do a speal to all



the Chief Minister said. He requested the people to come to him or any of his colleagues for anything. "We are here 24x7 for people to share their grievan

es," he said.
The Chief Minister said The Chief Minister said the gravity of the situation in Manipur made Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai and BJP spo-kesperson Sambit Patra reach Imphal on Thursday, He said the issues in Ma-nipur were were complicated.

ly through constitutional provisions and discus-sions. "We must not let any

division crop up in these difficult times," he said, ap-pealing to those who loot-ed firearms from the police to return them.

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He warned the arms
matchers that paramilitary
dos would soon launch a
combing operation to re-trieve the weapons. Alto-combing operation to re-trieve the weapons. Alto-f-4660 live cartridges were
looted by miscreams from
a Manipur police armoury
a Manipur police armoury
May 3. The security forces
managed to recover 244 of
these weapons and 4,273
bullets.

# Amit Shah to visit riot-hit Manipur on May 29

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Union Home Minister Amit

Union Home Minister Amitishah is scheduled to visit violence-hit Manipur on Imperior of the Control of the Cont

ment, Mr. Rai said, adding there was calm and peace for the last nine years with no blockade and few bandhs. He said all pro-blems and issues would be

blems and issues would be solved in peaceful manner and people should have faith in the government and shun all forms of Mr. Shah on Thursday appealed to the people of Manipur to maintain peace and promised that justice tions of society. Mr. Shah in Assam's Kamrup district said that he will travel to Manipur to help resolved dispotes.

# European Union official seeks to allay India's concerns on 'carbon tax'

NEW DELHI
The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is not intended to be "protectionist" and only meant carbon leakage; said Frans Timmermans, European Union's chief climate and the carbon leakage; said Frans Timmermans, European Union's chief climate and the carbon leakage; said law enothing to worry if goods, for eg, steel, aluminium and iron, made in hadia and exported to the EU made in the bloc. "We are now in the trial period of the CBAM and I can assure to the can be can



vies and costs for Indian businesses. We are in con-stant touch with India on stant toucn with india on this. The only thing we will do to protect our industry is to avoid unfair competi-tion on carbon footprint." 'Carbon leakage,' refers to cheaper, more carbon-

intensive goods making their way into the EU at the expense of domestically manufactured products

that have been manufac-tured using costlier, renew-able energy. To check such leakage, the EU brought in-to force this month the CBAM that, after 2026, will annually declare the quantity of goods imported into the EU in the preceding year and their embedded greenhouse gas emissions and effectively pay for excessive emissions via CBAM certificates that objid reflect as taxes paid by importers to the EU.

Steel, iron exports Indian manufacturers have raised concerns that the tax will mean a 20-35% ta-riff on India's exports of steel, aluminium and cement, that currently at-tract a duty of less than 3%. aluminium products, or \$8.2 billion, head to the

The CRAM will initially The CBAM will initially apply to imports of certain goods and selected precursors whose production is most significant risk of carbon leakage cement, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilizers, electricity and hydrogen.

Environment Minister

Mr. Timmermans met Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Power Minister R.K. Singh and was also scheduled to meet Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Other than trade and emissions, his visit was also to set the ground ahead of the 28th meeting of Conference of Parties (COP) scheduled in November in Duhai

# India, Nepal may sign pacts on energy and water during Prachanda's four-day visit

Kallol Bhattacherjee

As Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda prepares for an official visit to India, the "southern neighbour" maintained si-lence as fast paced develence as fast paced deve-lopments in Nepal remain the talk of the town here. The air of caution around Mr. Prachanda's visit is partly due to the volatile political condition in Nepal political condition in Nepail which has witnessed two successive changes in the ruling coulition that came ruling coulition that came 2022 and has been beset by a number of corruption scandals ever since. Sources have comfirmed Sources have confirmed to the rule of the

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lingering issues and seal multiple deals. The Kathmandu Post on

Friday said Nepal was like-by to sign an energy deal during Mr. Prachanda's vi-tros sides would conclude at least six agreements dur-ing the exchanges here. Quoting Nepal's Poreign the agreements might in-clude those on water and agriculture cooperation. Grant of the part three months with Mr. Prachan-da himself often talking about it which, however, Friday said Nepal was like

did not find a quick res-ponse from the Indian side, with officials merely indicating that such a visit would take place "in full-ness of time".

Mr. Prachanda came to power in December in a dramatic coalition somersault after he dumped the Nepali Congress and was joined by former Prime Mi nister K P. Sharma Oli-led CPN-UML that beloed him become the Prime Minister

become the Prime Minister for a third time since the end of monarchy in Nepal. However, the leftist coor the prime the prime to the your disagreement regard-ing the candidature of the post of the President. Sub-sequently, Ram Chandra sequently, Ram Chandra dent with support from the Nepall Congress and Com-runnist Party of Nepal -Maoist Centre.

# 6 minor tribes in Manipur are Nagas: NSCN (I-M)

Amid the unrest in Mani-pur, the Isak-Muivah fac-tion of the National Social-ist Council of Nagaland or NSCN (I-M) has claimed that six minor tribes in the State are Nagas.

In a statement issued on Thursday evening, the NSCN (I-M) said six minor tribes - Aimol, Chiru, Chothe, Kharam, Koireng, Chothe, Kharam, Koireng, and Kom - "are part of the Naga community and have been actively involved in gle for their freedom from India and Myammar till our goal is achieved". In the second of the six communities "on record", it said "our Meiter bordhers" and Kukis should not take them others and them in any manner and them in any manner.

# All MBBS graduates can provisionally register

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# The Hindu Bureau NEW DELBI

All Indian medical grad-uates who have cleared their final MBBS examinatheir final MBBS examina-tions till the academic year 2022-23, shall be granted provisional registration in the State Medical Council concerned, as per the lat-est order of the National Medical Council (NMC).

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# Indus Waters Treaty: Centre advises J&K to scale up efforts for 'better utilisation'

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**SRINAGAR** 

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ri chaired the second meeting of the special task force in Srinagar "to ensure exercise of India's rights under the IWT", a spokesman said.

The meeting took stock of the progress made on various hydro power projects in J&K. It was noted that progress had been made on several fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the Indus Basin Projects in a timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights under the IWT, the spokesman said.

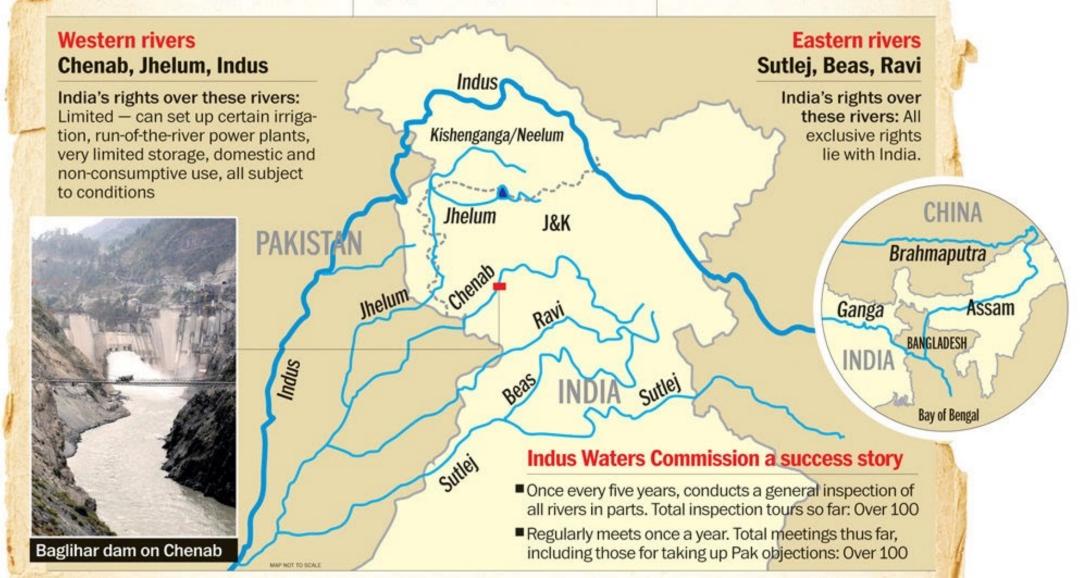
The high-level meeting was attended by top officials, including J&K's Principal Secretary of the Power Development Department, officials from the Ministry of External Affairs and Commissioner (Indus) and the Ministry of

Jal Shakti.

The Deputy NSA also met J&K Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the ongoing efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in the Indus Basin under the directions of the Prime Minister's Office. "The L-G assured full cooperation in this national endeavour," the spokesman said.

# The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)

- The distribution of waters of the Indus and its tributaries between India and Pakistan is governed by the Indus Water Treaty (IWT).
- Was signed on Sept 19, 1960, between India, Pakistan and a representative of World Bank after eight years of negotiations.
- Partition of India cut across the Indus river basin, which has the Indus river, plus five of its main tributaries.





# 'G-20 meet in Srinagar will allay fears of future visitors'

The government on Friday said the G-20 Tourism The government on Friday said the G-20 Tourism Working Group meet in Srinagar held earlier this week will boost tourism in J&K and help in week will boost tourism in J&K and help in the graph of the g G-20 meet in Srinagar would also help in "allaying any fears" in the minds of visitors in future. The third tourism working group meeting was held in Srinagar from May 22 to 24.

# No Bengal representative at Niti Aayog meeting today

West Bengal will not have any representative at the Niti Aayog meeting in New Delhi on Saturday as the TMC government's request to send the State Pinance Minister and the Chief Secretary "insisted" that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee may attend the event. Ms. Banerjee has already decided not attend the eighth governing council meeting of Niti Aayog. Confirming the development, State Pinance Minister Chandrima development, State Finance Minaster Chandrima Bhattacharya said, "We had requested the Centre to allow me and the Chief Secretary to attend the meeting as Mamata Banerjee is busy with some other work. In its reply, the Centre said the "CM may attend.". "m

# SC stays High Court order to release Gangi Reddy on bail

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Telangana High Court order to release Yerra Gangi Reddy— the prime accused in the V.S. Vivekannada Reddy murder case — on bail on July 1. A Vacation Bench of Justices J.K. Mahesshwari and P.S. Narasimha passed the order on the basis of a petition filed by Vivekanada Reddy's daughter Sumeetha by vivekananca Keddy's daugnter Suneetha Narreddy, represented by senior advocate Siddharth Luthra. Ms. Narreddy highlighted the Telangana High Court order on April 27, which first cancelled the accused's bail, then asked him to surrender on May 5, only to add that he should be released on ball on July 1.

# Air India plane to Vancouver suffers snag, lands safely

An Air India plane en route to Vancouver returned to Delhi shortly after take-off on Friday, returned to Delhi shortly after take-off on Friday, landed back safely in the national capital, the airline said in a statement. "Air India flight All85 Delhi to Vancouver dated May 26, 2023, operated by BP77 aircraft has air returned to Delhi service of the said and air returned to Delhi service of the said and air returned to Delhi service of the said and air returned to Delhi service of the said and air service of the said air service of the said and air service of the said air service of

# Navy, ISRO release training plan for Gaganyaan crew

The human spaceflight is scheduled to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024; the astronaut designates for the mission are currently undergoing their mission-specific training at Bengaluru

n an important step towards realising In-dia's ambitious Gaga-nyaan mission to put an In-dian in space, the Indian Navy and the Indian Space Navy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (IS-RO) released the Gaga-nyaan Recovery Training Fund the Park of Service Fundament of Service INS Garuda, Kochi. The human flight, after two unmanned flights, is scheduled to be launched in the Service of Service or Service Fundament of Service of Service or Service Service or Service of Service of Service or Service Service or Service of Service of Service or Ser

2024. "The document outlines

the training plan for recov-ery of the crew module of the mission. It defines ov erall requirements with erall requirements with respect to training of va-rious teams participating in recovery operations in-cluding divers, MARCOS (marine commandes), medical specialists, com-municatores, technicians and naval aviators, 'the Na-vy said in a statement on Priday.

The recovery training is

planned in incremental phases starting from un-manned recovery to



The Indian Navy and ISRO recently relea Recovery Training Plan at INS Garuda in

manned recovery training manned recovery training in harbour and open sea conditions and are being led by the Indian Navy in coordination with other agencies, it stated. The training document

was jointly released by Vice Admiral Atul Anand, Director General of Naval

Operations; Dr. Unnikrish heshwaran R., Director, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) of the ISRO.

The astronaut desig-nates for human space flight mission are currently

undergoing their mission specific training at Benga-luru with the second sem-ester of crew training cur-Corresponding evaluation

and assessment activities have also been completed. In December 2022, Mi-In December 2022, Mi-nister of State in the PMO for Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, informed Parlia-ment that India's maiden human space flight 'Hi' mission is targeted to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Dr. Singh said that in view of the para-

mount importance of crew safety, two test vehicle missions are planned before the 'GI' mission to demonstrate the performance of

parachute-based decelera-tion system for different flight conditions.

"The uncrewed 'GI' mis-sion is targeted to be launched in the last quar-ter of 2023, followed by the second uncrewed 'G2' mis-sion in the second quarter of 2024, before the final human space flight 'Hi' mission in the fourth quar-ter of 2024," he stated.

# Union Food Ministry counters Cong., says fortified rice is safe

# The Hindu Bureau

The Union Food Ministry on Friday countered the Opposition Congress's alle-gation that the distribution of fortified rice through fair of fortified rice through fair price shops is being done despite multiple warnings used as NITI Aprog and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (PSSAI). A spokesperson of the Aayog had been actively engaged in running the scheme. "There is no basis in the reports that NITI fortified rice," be said.

fortified rice," he said. The Ministry has been maintaining, citing various studies, that consumption of fortified rice resulted in significant improvement in haemoglobin levels and reduction in the prevalence

duction in the prevalence of anaemia. The Ministry said rice. "Concurrent evaluation is being done by NITI Anyog in association with the indian Council of Med-

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Meanwhile, the Alliance for Sustainable & Hollistic Agriculture (ASHA) said in a statement that the Centre, in a unilateral deci-tion, but been suppolytor meals, and anganwadis reaching crores of Indians.

"These are mostly poor citizens who rely on State subsidised food and for whom iron-fortified rice has become manda has become mandatory since they cannot afford to buy other (non-fortified) rice in the open market-gramme came before a pilot scheme in 15 States was completed, or evaluated independently and rigorously. The evaluation of these pilots was due in late 2022 as per an RTI res-ponse by the government," the statement said.

# New Chief Justices appointed to Madras, **Bombay High Courts**

# The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Justice Sanjay V. Gangapur-wala, who is officiating as the Chief justice of Bombay High Court, has been ap-justice of Madras High Court, while Justice Ra-mesh D. Dharnika has been appointed as the Chief Jus-tice of Bombay High Court, the Law Ministry notified

the Law Ministry notified on Friday. Both the names were part of a batch of names that were recommended by the Supreme Court Col-legium on April 19 for elevation as Chief Justices of High Courts.

Shortest tenure Justice Dhanuka will have the shortest tenure as head of the Bombay High Court as he is set to retire on May

While Law Minister Ar-



Twitter to inform about the appointments, the Depart-ment of Justice issued sep-arate notifications an-nouncing the appointment

of acting Justice Gangapur-wala and Justice Dhanuka. On Wednesday, Justice S. Valdyanathan was ap-pointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Madras High Court after Justice T. Raja, who was serving as the act ing Chief Justice, demitted office on attaining the age

# Darjeeling to join the list of most polluted cities of West Bengal, reveals study

# Shiv Sahav Singh KOLKATA

A recent study by scientists has revealed that Darjeeling, the queen of hills and a tourist destina tion, may be on the way to ecoming one of the most solluted cities of West Ben-

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The research, spanning from 2009 to 2021, focused rom 2009 to 2021, tocused on characterising PMIO le-vels (very small pollutant particles found in dust and smoke) in Darjeeling, It de-termined that summer (March-May) and winter (December-February) were the two seasons in Darjeel-ing when PMIO concentra-tions exceeded 70 micro-grams per cubic metre of

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# 'There can be no laxity with the quality of medicine'

# The Hindu Bureau

being the pharmacy of the world, there can be no laxity on the quality of phar maceutical products, said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, speaking at the 8th international conference on the pharma and medical device sector on

medical device sector on Friday. He added that India's products should be affor-dable and competitive in the global market. He said that India's pharmaceuti-cal sector will be contribut-ing more in the coming ing more in the coming years to domestic needs and will also continue to

and will also continue to cater to global demand. "Our competitive advan-tage over other nations is price competitiveness and quality. India's pharma-ceutical industry is robust, resilient, and responsive," the Minister said.

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# Many forms of Varaha

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The study has pointed out that the steam-driven Toy Train is also a secondary contributor to pollution. DEBASISH BHADURI

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# Admitted to ICU, Jain gets six-week bail on medical grounds



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# New Parliament tomorrow to Vande Bharat:

PM tweets video of new complex: 'Will make every Indian proud'

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tion by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday — which is set to be boycotted by 20 Opposition parties including the Congress, amid a bitter war of words with the ruling BJP — the Centre on Priday released a video clip of the new Parliament building.

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The Lok Sabha chamber of the new Parliament building, which will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on Sunday. PTI

# TN jewellers who made Sengol to be honoured

according to an official document — handed to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru during a ceremony at his resi-dence on the eve of India's

# SC dismisses plea seeking inauguration by President

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NEW DELIM, MAY 26

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# Uiiwala to vaccines **BIP** showcases nine years of Govt

Government, the top leadership of the BJP Friday said that its of the BJP Friday said that its model of "inclusive growth" since 2014 had effected sweep-ing change in a range of areas: from all, air and road infrastruc-ture to "irreversible empower-ment" of millions through initia-tives blending technology and social welfare that included vac-cines and eations during Covid.

Speaking in one of a series of Speaking in one of a series of meet-the-press events to mark the milestone, BJP president J P Nadda said that the Prime Minister's recent three-nation tour had reinforced the image of a transformed India on the global stage while on the donestic front, flagship programmes and schemes had envised the roots?

The event was attended by nior BJP leaders and several Union ministers, including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Anurag Thakur, Smriti Irani and Rajeev Chandrasekhar. Also

BJP president J P Nadda, File ASKS CONGRESS

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New Delhi: The nine years of the Modi government have been a betrayal of the people

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present was national head, m dia, Anil Baluni. At the event, the party r leased a booklet — Sew Sushasan and Garib Kalyan – th

# Kicking off road to 2024

MARKING 9 years also flags MARKING 9 years also flags the start of the BIP's campaign for 2024 that will include a month-long nationwide out-reach. Given that no major new scheme is expected to be launched in the final year of the second in Jai

term, the focus will be on ening the message for 2024 and building on events in the run-up: be it the dedication of

# Facing harassment FIRs, Brij Bhushan: CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 Laws to protect women being misused

against POCSO Act

Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, commonly known as the PoSH Act, or the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)

Act. However, he referred to a let-ter which he has shared on his Facebook account, in which the 'Sant Sabha'' of Ayodhya hassaid the POCSO Act has become "a

cancer" and should be amended Singh has been named in two FIRs registered by the Delhi Police on April 28, including one under the POCSO Act pertaining to the allegations of the mino

WRESTLING FEDERATION of India (WFI) president and BJPMP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has been accused of sexual ha-rassment by seven female westlers including a minor, has

# Union minister inside, mob tries to storm his residence in Manipur

# ARUN JANARDHANAN

DMK workers stop I-T

team at TN minister's

home, damage vehicle

protests.

The searches were carried out at properties in Chennai, Coimbatore and Karur districts.

'Around 40 premises linked to Balaji and his brother Ashok are arching the rented accommo-stion of Tamil Nadu minister V enthil Balaji and his brother

Islaigs and this brother Ashok are under inspection since morning. The properties insistly belong to allies and friends, "said a senior I-T official. Properties of Thangaraj, a quarry owner and friend of Ashok, and Senthil Karthik, a

A MOB tried to storm the house of Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education R K Ranjan Singh at Kongba in Manipur's East Imphal district

Manipur's east impinal tosure.
Iate on Thursday night.
Rapid Action Force (RAF) and
Manipur Police personnel
reached the spot and dispersed
the mob before it could storm
into the house, where the min-



# JIMMY LEIVON IMPHAL, MAY 25

# Chhattisgarh official drains reservoir to find cellphone he dropped during selfie

# JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU

SELFIE proved costly for a gov-mment official, who was sus-ended on Friday after it was re-saled that water was drained oma reservoir next to a dam in

epaper indianexamess.com



# Vishwas drained 3ft of water from the Paralloot reservoir (left)

Vishwas had gone for a pic-c with friends to Paralkot nic with friends to Paraikot reservoir on May 21. He dropped his phone into the 10-foot-deep past nine years, Vishwas told The Indian Express, "Since I am a lo-cal, some villagers who know CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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We wish the honourable Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India,

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# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

— 27 MAY —

# Indus civilisation Dancing Girl and her story

# **ARJUN SENGUPTA & DIVYA A**

NEW DELHI, MAY 26

INAUGURATING THE International Museum Expo in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan on May 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the expo's mascot — a "contemporised" version of the famous "Dancing Girl of Mohenjodaro". "The mascot is regarded as contemporary dwarpals extending an invitation to the expo," it was announced during the unveiling.

The more than five-foot-tall adaptation was subsequently criticised for distorting the form of the iconic 4,500-year-old bronze figurine. Standing just 10.5 cm tall, the original figurine is dark, and wears only bangles and a necklace. The mascot has fairer skin, and is dressed in a bright pink blouse and an off-white waistcoat.

The Ministry of Culture has clarified that the mascot is no more than "an inspired craft work". "The idea of introducing the mascot, especially through a toy, was also to bring forth the importance of museum merchandise and in turn, self-sustainability of these cultural institutions," officials told *The Indian Express*.

# The Dancing Girl

The discovery of the Indus Civilisation

(3300-1300 BC; mature stage 2600-1900 BC) — also known as the Harappa-Mohenjodaro Civilisation and the Sindhu Saraswati Sabhyata — was announced in 1924, after sites and artefacts known since the early 19th century were correctly dated and recognised as part of an ancient culture like the ones in Mesopotamia and Egypt.

A spate of excavations followed in the two major sites known at the time

— Harappa in Punjab and Mohenjodaro in Sindh, both in present-day Pakistan. The Dancing Girl was discovered in 1926 by the British archaeologist Ernest McKay in a ruined house in the "ninth lane" of the "HR

After Partition, the Dancing Girl remained with India. The bronze figurine sits in the National Museum in New Delhi as artefact no. HR-5721/195, enthralling visitors as the star of the museum's famous Indus Civilisation gallery.

# Beauty & attitude

The Dancing Girl — the

area" of Mohenjodaro's citadel.

pose she strikes and what it conveys — has long fascinated archaeologists and historians.

The figurine has "the pleasing stance of a young and spirited woman," Romila Thapar wrote in *The Penguin History of Early India: From Origins to AD 1300* (2002).

"This young woman has an air of lively pertness, quite unlike anything in the work of other ancient civilisations," A L Basham wrote in his 1954 classic *The Wonder that was India*.

Mortimer Wheeler, director general of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) between 1944 and 1948, was awestruck: "A girl perfectly, for the moment, perfectly confident of herself and the world. There's nothing like her, I think, in the world."

John Marshall, who headed the ASI from 1902 to 1928 and oversaw the initial excavations in Harappa and Mohenjodaro, described the figurine as "a young girl, her hand on her hip in a half-impudent posture, and legs slightly forward as she beats

The bronze figurine is just 10.5 cm tall. Wikipedia

time to the music with her legs and feet".

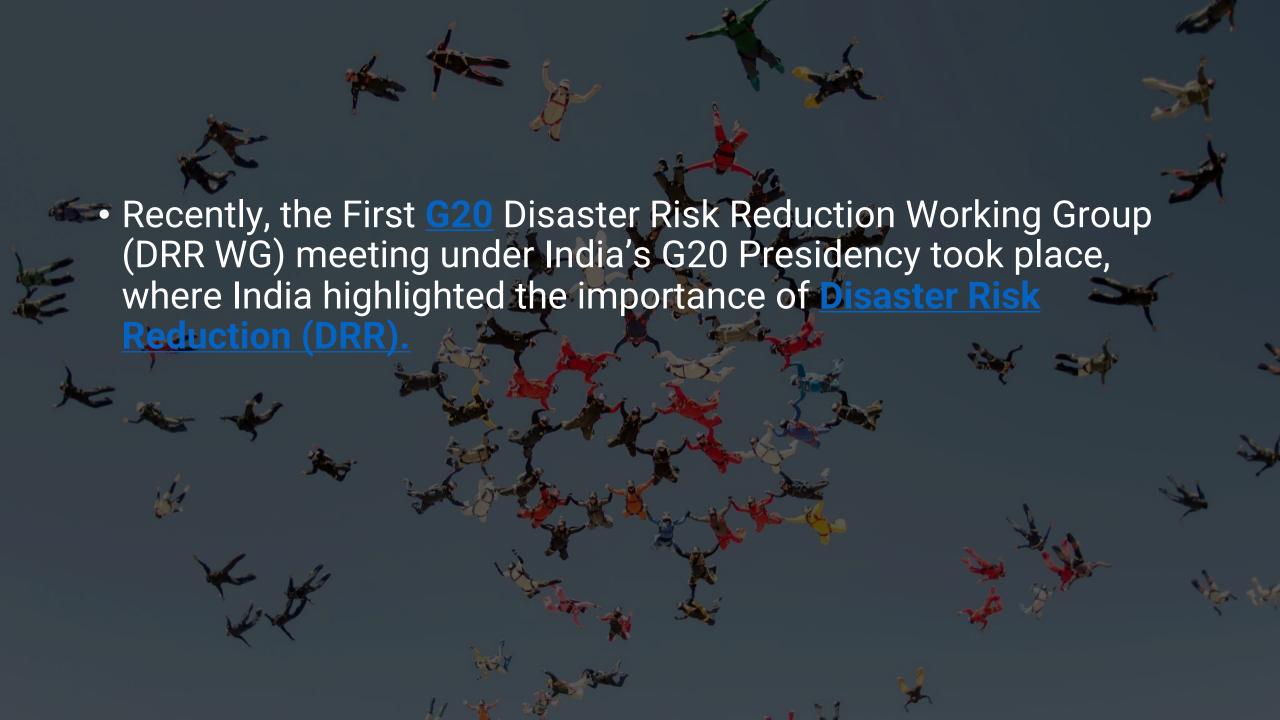
# **Various inferences**

As Marshall's description suggests, the pose the figurine strikes has led historians to believe that it depicts a dancer. However, there is no other evidence to support this claim. The American archaeologist Jonathan Kenoyer wrote in *Art of the First Cities: The Third Millennium BC from the Mediterranean to the Indus* (2003) that the dancer label was "based on a colonial British perception of Indian dancers, but it more likely represents a woman carrying an offering".

In 2016, a paper by Thakur Prasad Verma in *Itihaas*, the Hindi journal of the Indian Council of Historical Research, claimed that the figurine was in fact a depiction of Goddess Parvati. The paper attempted to tie the Indus Civilisation to Vedic Hinduism — an understanding that most historians have rejected.

What the bronze statuette does confirm though, is the degree of sophistication of Harappan artistry and metallurgy. The Dancing Girl is evidence of the Indus civilisation's knowledge of metal blending and lostwax casting — a complex process by which a duplicate sculpture is cast from an original to create highly detailed metallic artefacts.





What are the Highlights of the Meeting?

The G20 Disaster Risk Resilience Working Group has called upon governments to build a social protection system with an effective and preferred instrument for disaster risk financing.

• It emphasised the **need for new-age Social Protection Systems that invest in local risk resilience** to mitigate, prepare and recover from disasters.



- What is the Need for Creating a Collective G20 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction?
- The G20 nations, with a population of 4.7 billion, have large exposure, risk from asset concentration, and vulnerability to natural disasters.
- In the current World Risk Index, four out of the top 10 vulnerable countries are G20 nations.
- The combined estimated annual average loss in the G20 countries alone is USD 218 billion, equivalent to 9% of the average annual investment in infrastructure made by them.
- Disaster risk reduction measures can play an important role in preventing such losses.

What can be the key Strategies for Reducing Disaster Risk?

**Better Economic and Urban Development:** 

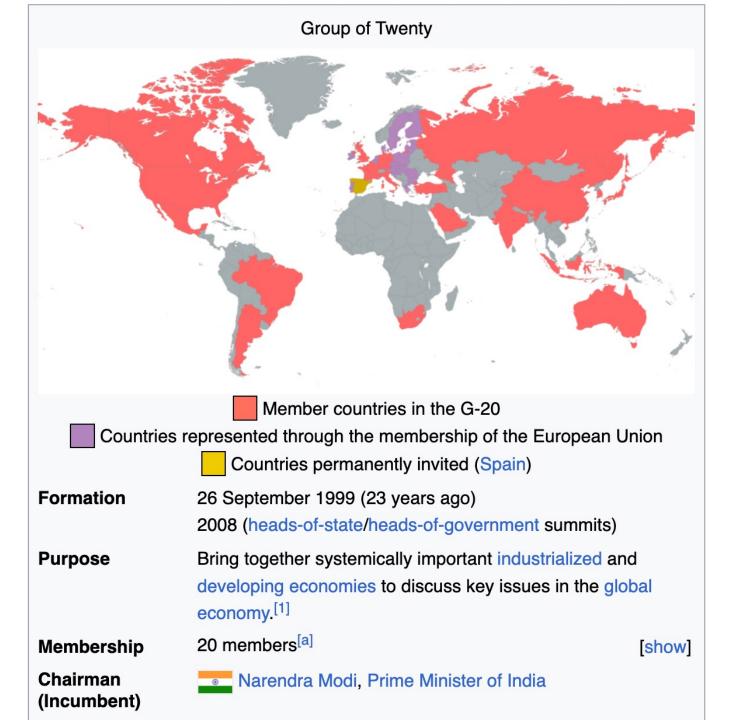
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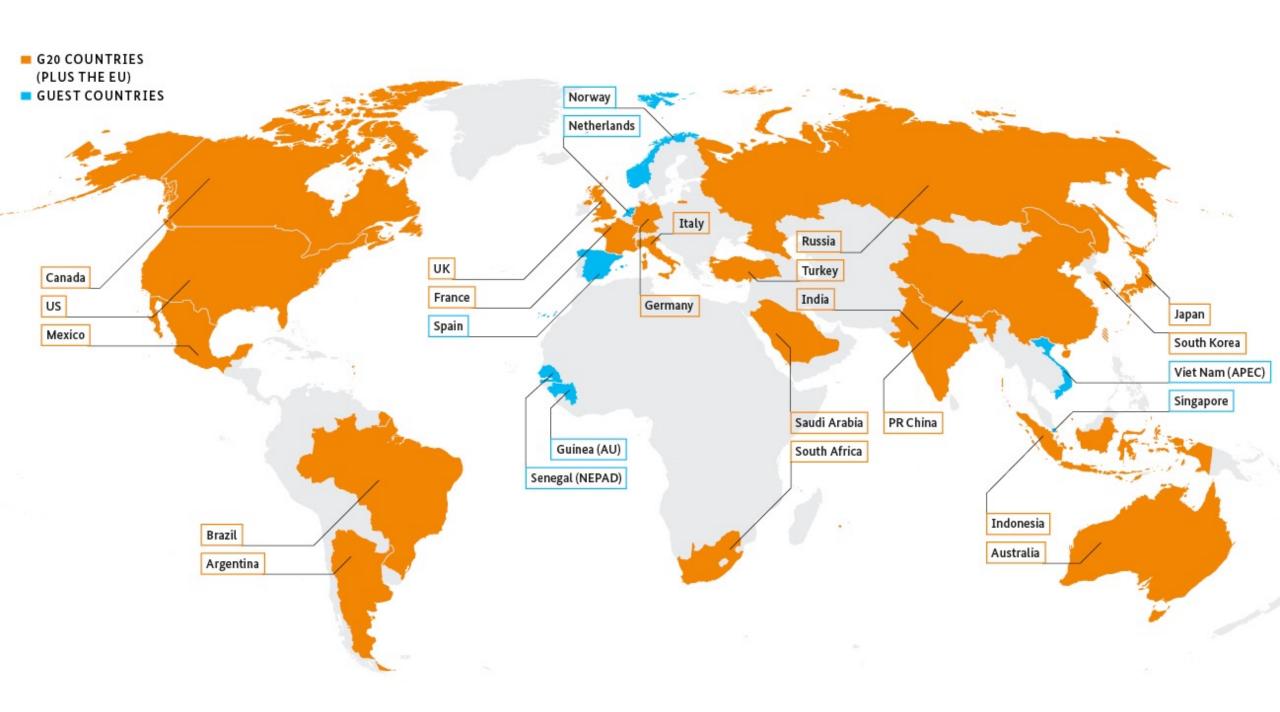
**Dealing with Extensive and Intensive Risk** 

Multi-tiered, Multi-sectoral Effort

**International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction - 13th October** 



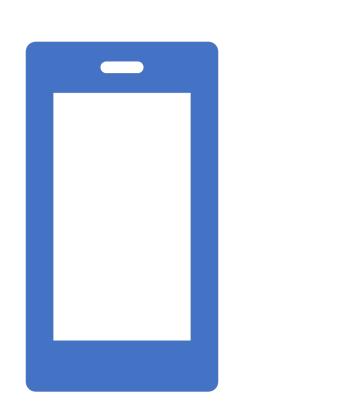
| 17th | 15–16 November<br>2022 | Indonesia    | Nusa Dua, Bali | The Apurva Kempinski Bali                             | Joko<br>Widodo               |
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| 18th | 9–10 September<br>2023 | India        | New Delhi      | International Exhibition-<br>Convention Centre (IECC) | Narendra<br>Modi             |
| 19th | TBD 2024               | ♦ Brazil     | Rio de Janeiro | TBD   | Luiz Inácio<br>Lula da Silva |
| 20th | TBD 2025               | South Africa | TBD            | TBD   | TBD                          |



In which one of the following groups are all the four countries members of G20? (2020)

- (a) Argentina, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey
- (b) Australia, Canada, Malaysia and New Zealand
- (c) Brazil, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam
- (d) Indonesia, Japan, Singapore and South Korea

#### New Tax Rules for Online Gaming Platforms





The <u>Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</u> has recently introduced **new tax rules for online gaming platforms in India.** 



These rules aim to bring clarity and establish guidelines for <u>Tax</u> <u>Deducted at Source (TDS)</u> on winnings from online gaming.





TDS Provision for Online Gaming: To regulate online gaming transactions, the Finance Act 2023 introduced section 194BA in the Income-tax Act, 1961, requiring online gaming platforms to deduct income tax on net winnings in a user's account.



TDS at a **rate of 30% will be applicable** on the net winnings from any online gaming platform.



Tax is required to be deducted at the time of withdrawal and at the end of the <u>financial year</u>

What is CBDT?

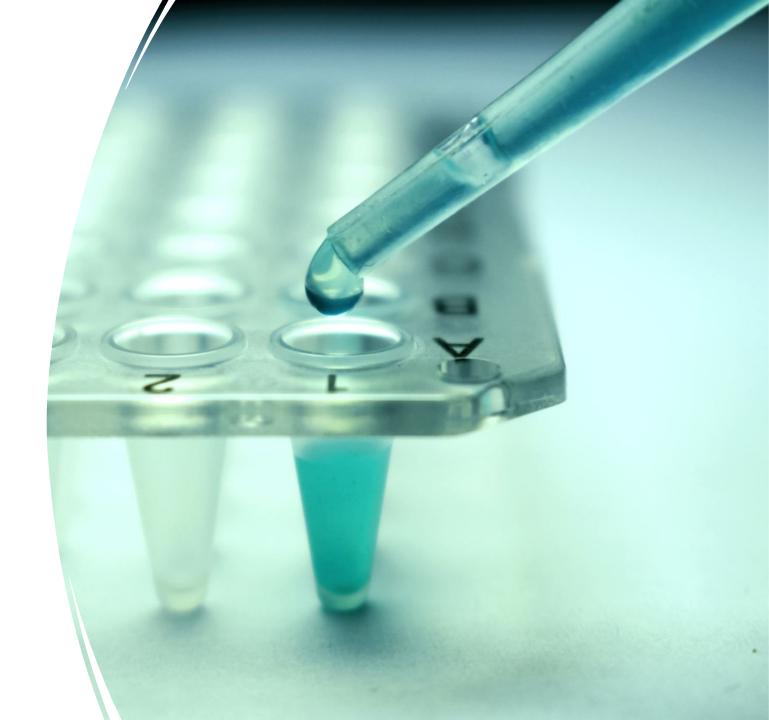
It is a statutory authority that functions under the **Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963.** 

• It is a part of the **Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.** 

It provides **inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in India** and is also responsible for the administration of direct tax laws through the **Income Tax Department**.

Direct Taxes include income tax, corporation tax etc.

# Narco Analysis Test



Protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar, Delhi have expressed their willingness to undergo narco analysis tests, with the condition that it is monitored by the Supreme Court and broadcasted live for the entire country to witness.

- In a narco analysis test, a drug called sodium pentothal is injected into the body of the accused, which transports them to a hypnotic or sedated state in which their imagination is neutralised.
  - In this hypnotic state, the accused is understood as being incapable of lying and is expected to divulge information that is true.
- In India, Narco analysis tests were notably used in the <u>2002 Gujarat</u> riots case, and the <u>26/11 Mumbai terror attack case</u>.

Sodium pentothal, or sodium thiopental, is a fast-acting, short-duration anaesthetic used in larger doses to sedate patients during surgery.

It belongs to the barbiturate class of drugs that act on the central nervous system as depressants.

 Because the drug is believed to weaken the subject's resolve to lie, it is sometimes referred to as a "truth serum" and is said to have been used by intelligence operatives during World War II.

# Iran Successfully Tests Long-Range Ballistic Missile



 Iran showcased its latest version of the Khorramshahr ballistic missile, unveiling the Khorramshahr-4 with a range of 2,000 kilometers (1,240 miles) and a 1,500-kilogram (3,300-pound) warhead The Khorramshahr-4 derives its name from an **Iranian city** associated with intense warfare during the **Iran-Iraq War.** 

The missile is also called **Kheibar**, after a Jewish fortress conquered by the Muslims in the 7th century.

As Iran continues uranium enrichment, nearing weapons-grade levels, and given the missile's range, it raises concerns about the potential threat to Israel.

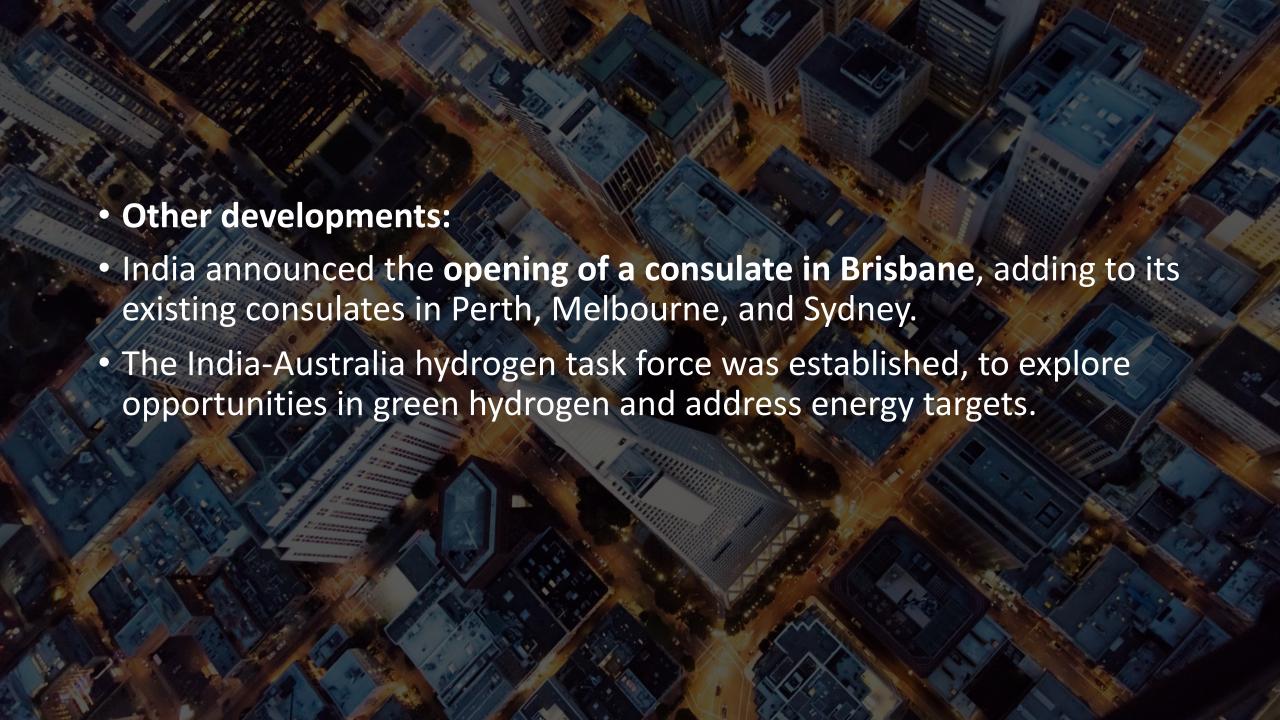
# Migration, Mobility Pact with Australia (MMPA)

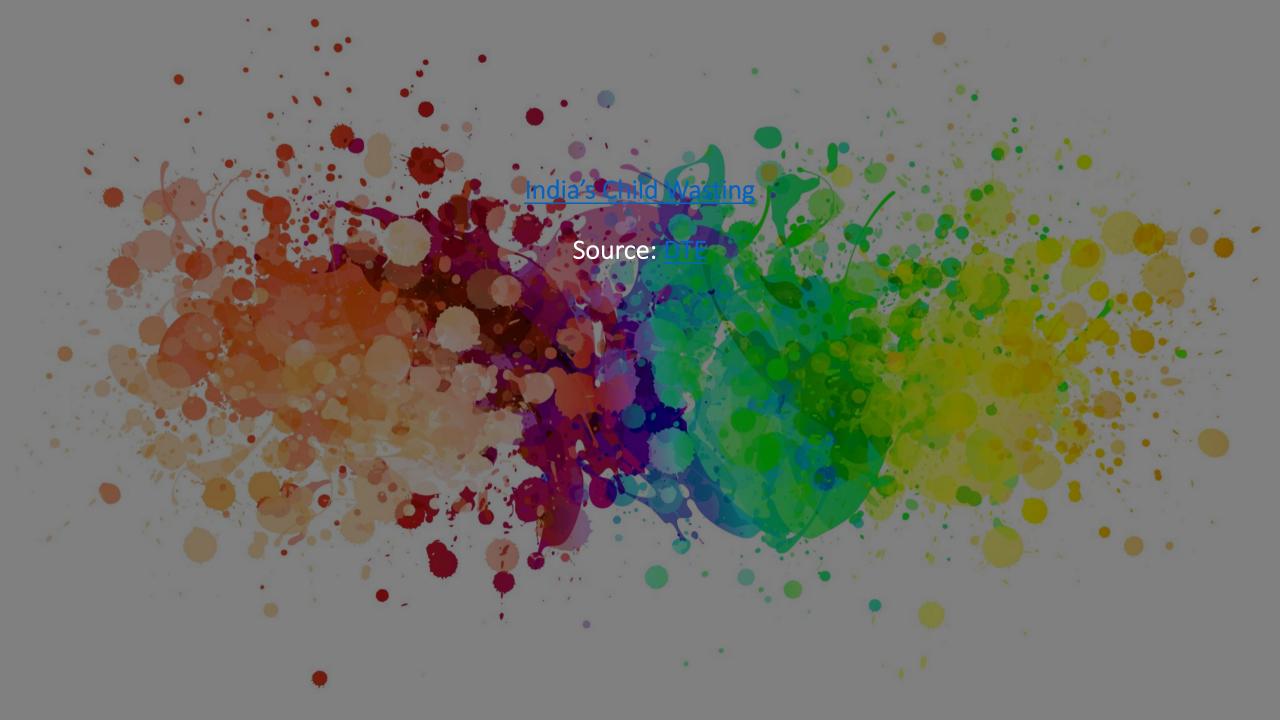
<u>India and Australia</u> signed a migration partnership agreement during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Australia.

#### **Features of the Agreement:**

**Aim:** It is aimed at promoting **two-way exchange of students, graduates, researchers, and business people**, and expanding people-to-people ties.

New Pathway: Their mobility will be facilitated through a new skilled pathway named MATES (Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early Professionals Scheme) specifically created for India.







- India had a stunting rate of 31.7 per cent in 2022, down from 41.6 per cent in 2012
- India had an overweight percentage of 2.8 per cent in 2022, compared to 2.2 per cent in 2012.
- India is the largest country in southern Asia, where half of all children with wasting in the world live
- More than three-quarters of all children with severe wasting live in Asia
- There is insufficient progress to reach the 2025 World Health Assembly (WHA) global nutrition targets and UN-mandated Sustainable Development Goal target 2.2.

|                        | Stunting  | Wasting   | Malnutrition  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| Definition             | Low height-for-age due<br>to chronic or recurrent<br>undernutrition   | Low weight-for-height due to recent and severe weight loss  | Deficiencies or excesses in nutrient intake, imbalance of essential nutrients, or impaired utilization          |
| Causes                 | Poverty, poor maternal health and nutrition, frequent illness, inappropriate feeding and care in early life   | Inadequate food intake and/or frequent illnesses  | Inadequate nutrition, poor dietary diversity, poverty, food insecurity  |
| Impacts                | Physical and cognitive developmental delays   | Increased risk of mortality, weakened immunity  | Impaired growth and development, weakened immunity, increased susceptibility to diseases                        |
| Prevalence             | Globally, over 22% of<br>children under 5 were<br>affected by stunting in<br>2022 (148.1 million<br>children) | Globally, around 7% of children<br>under 5 were affected by<br>wasting in 2022 (45 million<br>children) | The double burden of malnutrition affects many countries, with undernutrition and overweight/obesity coexisting |
| Long-term consequences | Stunting can lead to permanent physical and cognitive impairments, reduced productivity in adulthood          | Severe wasting without timely treatment can result in death   | Malnutrition can have long-term health consequences, including increased risk of noncommunicable diseases       |

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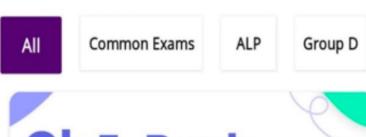
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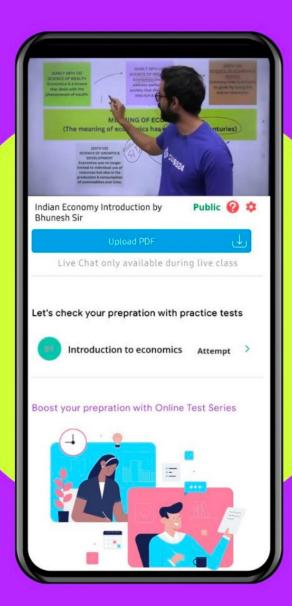
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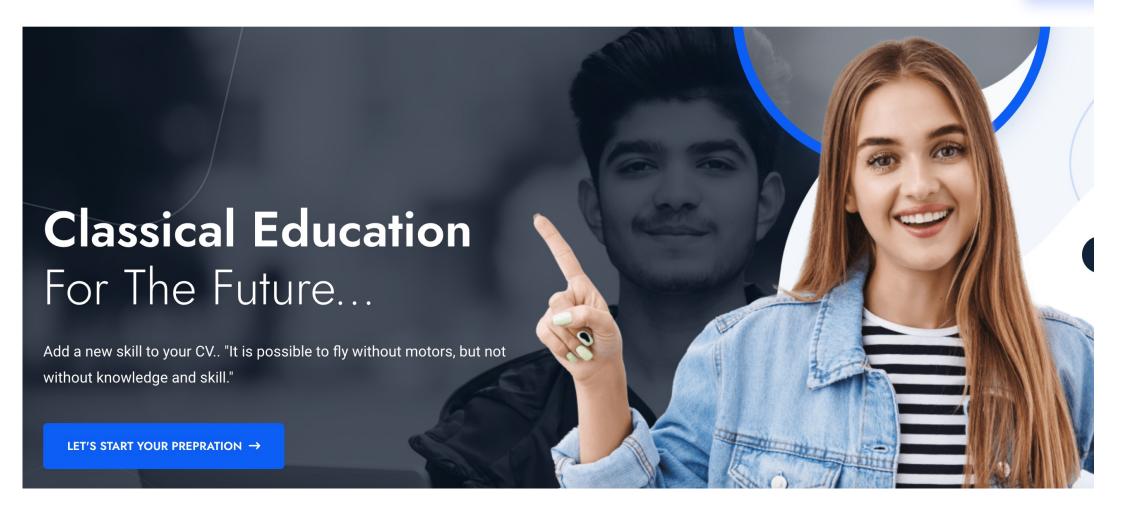






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- With reference to Foreign Direct Investment in India, which one of the following is considered its major characteristic? (2020)
- (a) It is the investment through capital instruments essentially in a listed company.
- (b) It is a largely non-debt creating capital flow.
- (c) It is the investment which involves debt-servicing.
- (d) It is the investment made by foreign institutional investors in Government securities.

- Consider the following: (2021)
- 1. Foreign currency convertible bonds
- 2. Foreign institutional investment with certain conditions
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- 4. Non-resident external deposits
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