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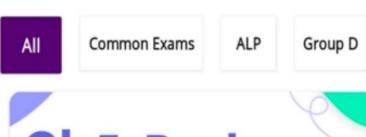
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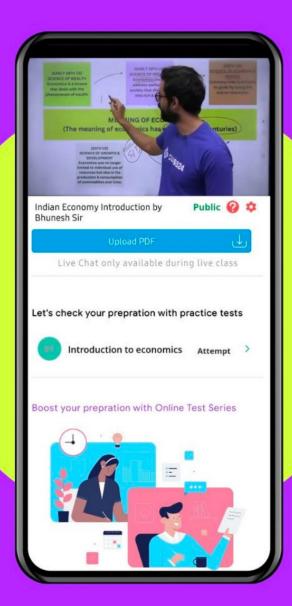
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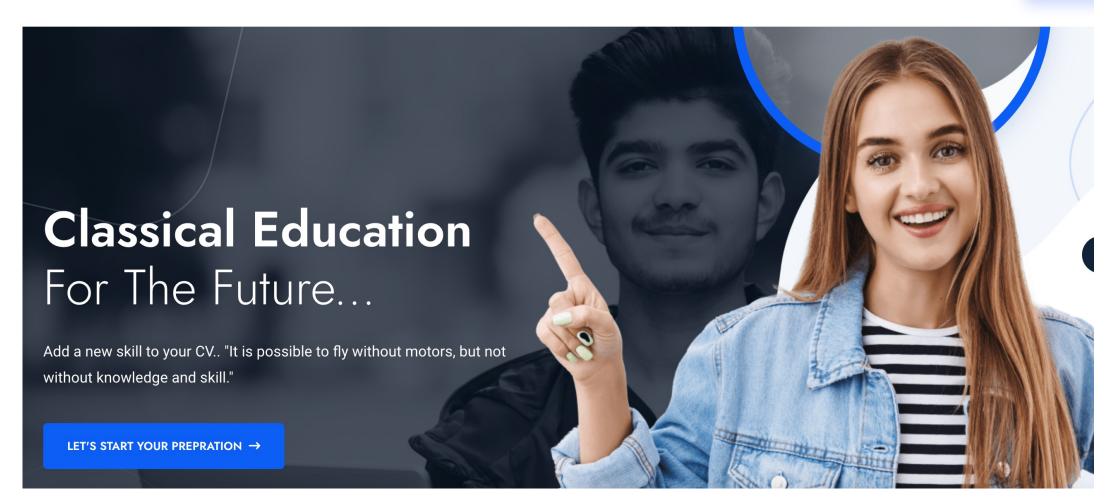






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PM Prachanda arrives on 4-day visit to further ties

### Kejriwal to meet Stalin, Soren over ordinance

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELER

Delhi Chief Minister Arvino Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Wednes-day that he will meet his Tamil Nadu counterpart M.K. Stalin on June 1 and then proceed to Jharkhand the next day for a meeting with CM Hemant Soren to

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### GDP expanded 6.1% in 2022-23's last quarter

Full-year manufacturing GVA slid to 1.3% from 11.1%; only three of eight sectors, including farming and services, recorded higher GVA for FY23; despite Q4 uptick, consumption remained tepid

India's quarterly gross domestic product growth accelerated to 6.1% in the first three months of 2023, from 4.5% in the

preceding quarter, while yearly economic growth for 2022-23 was 7.2%, compared with 9.1% in 2021-22, according to data released by the National Statistical Office

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Slow expansion

tion remained tepid and the overall growth pattern grew 4%, up from 3.5% in the previous year. The fi-nancial, real estate and Farm, services growth The farm and services sectors buoyed economic outcomes as just three of eight broad economic activity tors saw their GVA grow 7.1%, compared with 4.7%

Ahmednagar

trade, hotels, transport, and communication sec-tors, as well as services re-lated to broadcasting grew 14%, marginally faster than in the previous year.

Revised GDP, GVA
The NSO also revised GDP
and GVA numbers lower
but bumped up the third
quarter figures slightly.
The first quarter's GDP
pegged at 13.1%, followed
by a 6.2% rise in the second quarter and 4.5%
growth in the third, higher
February. & estimated in
February. segments recorded higher GVA growth than in 2021-22. The agricultural GVA February. In GVA terms, the final

three months of 2022-23 recorded a three-quarter high of 6.5%.

### IN BRIEF Part of

Gyanvapi: HC turns down plea by mosque panel

Wednesday dismissed a plea by the committee, which iges the Gyanvapi

West Bengal govt. decides to implement NEP

KOLKATA West Bengal will implement

rom 2023-2024. p Page 4



### Central govt. promises to provide air connectivity for Manipur's hill areas

Vijaita Singh Rahul Karmakar

The Centre has promised to operationalise air services from the hill districts of Manipur to allow connectivity with the rest of the refuse to travel to Imphal airport fearing for their safety.

Home Minister Amit Shah "assumed that supply areas and helicopter services for emergency needs The Centre has promised

vices for emergency needs in Churachandpur, Moreh and Kangpokpi will be en-sured", a Home Ministry statement said.

visited Kangpokpi and Mo-reh on the Manipur-Myancivil society groups and re-



visit to Manipur, the Minister also visited relief camps in Kangpokpi and Imphal, housing Kuki and Meitei the ethnic violence that erupted in the State from May 3. "Convened a meetcommunities displaced by the ethnic violence that

isations in Kangpokpi, Ma-nipur. They are keen to actively participate with the government in reviving said in a tweet

### will now be renamed 'Ahilya Nagar' reh. Mr. Shah assured them of helicopter services plying from Churachand-pur to Aizawl and Guwaha-

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced on Wednesday that Ah-mednagar city would be renamed 'Ahliya Nagar' af-ter the 18th century Ma-ratha queen Ahliyabai Hol-kar. His decision, "Despective the public de-'Chain reaction'
As Mr. Shah beld meetings,
at least seven villages in the
two districts were attacked
and several houses were
set on fire, according to
Muan Toenbing, general secretary of the indigeneous
Tribal Leaders Forum
(ITLP). Since May 26, days
before Mr. Shah arrived in "respecting the public de-mand", came on the 298th birth anniversary of the ruler who established Maheshwar (in Madhya Pra-desh) as the seat of the Holkar dynasty. The move follows the

The move follows the government approving a proposal in February to rename Aurangabad as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar' and Osmanabad as 'Dharashiv'. The demand for renaming Alamednagar was started by BJP MLC Gopichand Padalkar.

Imphal on May 29, more than 900 houses in 31 vil-lages in the hill districts of

Chandel, Kangpokpi and Churachandpur have been burnt down and around

4,750 people have been displaced, ITLF said.

### At Modi rally, Raje returns to centre stage seated next to the Prime Mi-

ment at the Centre also sig-nalled a return of Vasund-hara Raje to the party's scheme of things in the State.

A former Union Minister and twice Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ms. Raje, was

seated next to the Prime Mi-ster on the dais, a far cry from the time her face had disappeared from the BJP's hoardings.

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### Case against WFI chief under consideration, report to be submitted in 15 days: Delhi Police

Samridhi Tewari NEW DELHI

Delhi Police on Wednesday said the sexual harassment case against Wrestling Fed-eration of India (WFI) chief eration of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhashan Sharan Singh is under con-sideration and the status re-port of the investigation within 15 days. In court within 15 days. In Court weeked a rebuttal to media reports that the police did not have enough evidence

with all sensitivity," the pol-ice's tweet on Wednesday afternoon read. However, after an hour, belhi Police deleted its tweet. It later said "as the cases are under investigation, it would be against the proce-

dure to say anything before the report is filed in the court". The Hindu that the wres-tlers have held meetings throughout the day with farmers and khap leaders across Delhi and Haryana to discuss the next plan of On Tuesday evening, the wrestlers had gathered on the banks of the Ganga at Haridwar to immerse their action.

As the stir intensified.

Haridwar to immerse their medals in an act of protest but were stopped from their drastic move by the in-tervention of farmer leader

As the stir intensified, Union Sports Minister Amu-rag Thakur asked the prot-esting westlers not to take any step that could under-mine sports or hurr players. "They should wait for the investigation to be completed," be said. their drastic move by the in-tervention of farmer leader Naresh Tikait.

Mr. Tikait said a 'maha-panchayat' will be held in Muzaffarnagar's Soram vil-lage on Thursday, State pre-sident of Uttar Pradesh Bharatiya Kisan Union Cha-

### Ahmednagar will now be renamed 'Ahilya Nagar'

### **Shoumojit Banerjee**

**PUNE** 

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced on Wednesday that Ahmednagar city would be renamed 'Ahilya Nagar' after the 18th century Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar. His decision, "respecting the public demand", came on the 298th birth anniversary of the ruler who established Maheshwar (in Madhya Pradesh) as the seat of the Holkar dynasty.

The move follows the government approving a proposal in February to rename Aurangabad as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar' and Osmanabad as 'Dharashiv'. The demand for renaming Ahmednagar was started by BJP MLC Gopichand Padalkar.

### **Ahmednagar**

### City



Ahmednagar Railway station





- Ahmednagar takes its name from <u>Ahmad Nizam Shah I</u>, who founded the town in 1494, on the site of a battlefield where he won a battle against superior Bahamani forces.
- Bahamani, the Sultanate was founded in 1347 by <u>Ala-ud-Din Bahman Shah</u>. It later split
  into five successor states that were collectively known as the <u>Deccan sultanates</u>
- अहमदनगर का नाम अहमद निज़ाम शाह । से लिया गया है, जिन्होंने 1494 में शहर की स्थापना युद्ध के मैदान में की थी, जहाँ उन्होंने बेहतर बहमनी सेना के खिलाफ लड़ाई जीती थी।
- बहमनी सल्तनत की स्थापना 1347 में अला-उद-दीन बहमन शाह ने की थी। यह बाद में पांच उत्तराधिकारी राज्यों में विभाजित हो गया, जिन्हें सामूहिक रूप से डेक्कन सल्तनत के रूप में जाना जाता था

- Ahmednagar has several dozen buildings and sites from the Nizam Shahi period.
- Ahmednagar Fort, once considered almost impregnable, was used by the British to house <u>Jawaharlal Nehru</u> (the first prime minister of India) and other Indian Nationalists before Indian independence.
- A few rooms there have been converted to a museum. During his confinement by the British at Ahmednagar Fort in 1944, Nehru wrote book <u>The Discovery of India</u>
- अहमदनगर में निजाम शाही काल की कई दर्जन इमारतें और स्थल हैं।
- अहमदनगर किला, जिसे कभी लगभग अभेद्य माना जाता था, का उपयोग अग्रेजों द्वारा भारतीय स्वतंत्रता से पहले जवाहरलाल नेहरू (भारत के पहले प्रधान मंत्री) और अन्य भारतीय राष्ट्रवादियों को रखने के लिए किया गया था।
- वहां के कुछ कमरों को संग्रहालय में बदल दिया गया है। 1944 में अहमदनगर किले में अग्रेजों द्वारा अपने कारावास के दौरान, नेहरू ने द डिस्कवरी ऑफ इंडिया प्रतक लिखी

- it was one of the <u>Deccan sultanates</u>, which lasted until its conquest by <u>Mughal</u> emperor <u>Shah Jahan</u> in 1636.
- <u>Aurangzeb</u>, the last Mughal emperor, who spent the latter years of his reign, 1681–1707, in the <u>Deccan</u>, died in Ahmednagar and is buried at <u>Khuldabad</u>, near Aurangabad in 1707, with a small monument marking the site
- यह डेक्कन सल्तनतों में से एक था, जो 1636 में मुगल सम्राट शाहजहाँ द्वारा विजय प्राप्त करने तक चला।
- अंतिम मुगल बादशाह औरंगजेब, जिन्होंने अपने शासनकाल के बाद के वर्षों में, 1681– 1707, दक्कन में बिताया, अहमदनगर में उनकी मृत्यु हो गई और उन्हें 1707 में औरंगाबाद के पास खुल्दाबाद में दफनाया गया, जिसमें एक छोटा सा स्मारक स्थल को चिन्हित करता है

In 19th century American christian missionaries opened first modern schools in the this town.

According to a report there were four girl's school running under the superintendence of <a href="Cynthia">Cynthia</a> Farrar around the 1850s.

<u>Jyotiba Phule</u> visited them and got inspired to open school for girls in Poona.

19वीं सदी में अमेरिकी ईसाई मिशनरियों ने इस कस्बे में पहला आधुनिक स्कूल खोला था।

एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार 1850 के आसपास सिंथिया फर्रार के अधीक्षण में लड़कियों के चार स्कूल चल रहे थे।

ज्योतिबा फुले उनसे मिलने गए और पूना में लड़िकयों के लिए स्कूल खोलने के लिए प्रेरित हुए।

Later he enrolled his wife Savitribai Phule in Farrar's school in a teacher's training program.

Farrar was from America and spent his entire life in Ahmednagar running her schools, these girl's schools were one of the first such kind in the country.

बाद में उन्होंने अपनी पत्नी सावित्रीबाई फुले का दाखिला फर्रार के स्कूल में शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में कराया।

फर्रार अमेरिका से थीं और उन्होंने अपना पूरा जीवन अहमदनगर में अपने स्कूल चलाने में बिताया, ये लड़कियों के स्कूल देश में इस तरह के पहले स्कूलों में से एक थे।

- Ahilya Bai Holkar (31 May 1725 13 August 1795) was the hereditary noble <u>queen</u> of the <u>Maratha Empire</u>, in <u>early-modern India</u>.
- She established <u>Maheshwar</u> (in <u>Madhya Pradesh</u>) as the seat of <u>Holkar Dynasty</u>.
- अहिल्या बाई होल्कर (31 मई 1725 13 अगस्त 1795) प्रारंभिक- आधुनिक भारत में मराठा साम्राज्य की वंशानुगत कुलीन रानी थीं।
- उन्होंने होलकर राजवंश की गद्दी के रूप में महेश्वर (मध्य प्रदेश में) की स्थापना की।

After the demise of her husband <u>Khande Rao Holkar</u> and father-in-law Malhar Rao Holkar, Ahilya Bai herself undertook the affairs of Holkar dynasty.

She defended the Malwa state against intruders and personally led armies into battle, with <u>Tukoji Rao Holkar</u> as her military commander.

अपने पति खांडे राव होल्कर और ससुर मल्हार राव होल्कर के निधन के बाद, अहिल्या बाई ने स्वयं होलकर वंश के मामलों को संभाला।

उसने घुसपैठियों के खिलाफ मालवा राज्य का बचाव किया और अपने सैन्य कमांडर के रूप में तुकोजी राव होल्कर के साथ युद्ध में व्यक्तिगत रूप से सेनाओं का नेतृत्व किया।



Ahilyabai Holkar on a 1996 Indian stamp

### **Subedar of Indore**

**Reign** 1 December 1767 – 13 August 1795

**Coronation** 11 December 1767

Predecessor Malhar Rao Holkar

Successor Tukoji Rao Holkar

**Born** 31 May 1725

Chondi, Maratha Empire (present-day Ahilya Nagar, Maharashtra,

India)

**Died** 13 August 1795 (aged 70)

Indore, Maratha Empire (presentday Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India)

Spouse Khande Rao Holkar

Issue Male Rao Holkar (son)

Muktabai (daughter)

### Bengal decides to implement NEP from this academic year

### Bishwanath Ghosh

West Bengal has finally announced on Wednesday that colleges run and nided by the State government would implement the National Education Policy (NEP), starting from academic year 2023-2024, a decision to mixed reaction from

Adopting the NEP was an inevitability because many other States already follow it and students of West Bengal couldn't have been left out of the aca-demic map of the country, but in spite of that the State

than never. But, what ap-pears to trouble most is the State government's simultaneous announcement that admissions would not be centralised - as was the plan from this year – and that colleges would be res-ponsible for it individually.

"After consulting various stakeholders and keeping stakeholders and keeping the future of students in mind, it has been decided by the competent authority in the State government that the four-year under-graduate level programme will be introduced in all go-vernment and government-aided/ sponsored higher education institutions from the student ways. the academic session 2023-

"They shall be awarded



reaction from teachers, PTI

the UGC National Curricuthe UGC National Curricu-lum and Credit Framework [NCCF] for UG-level pro-grammes. This year, the ad-mission process in UG-level courses will be conducted courses will be conducted through standalone online admission portals at the in-stitutional level, as was done during the last aca-demic session," it said. It said the NCCF for the four-year UG courses would be implemented by the institutions involving op-

timum utilisation of exis ing resources or self-mobil-isation of additional resources, pending receipt of additional financial

"Colleges and universit teachers are not prepared There is not much time to even prepare the syllabus. Only one month back, the Only one month back, the State government had just asked for opinions, and now after Class 12 results. the class of the class of the doce NEP. It's a whimsical move. All the burden and responsibilities will come onto the teachers. The State government should have decided much earlier have decided much earlier. to introduce NEP," said Mrinmov Pramanick, a teacher in a university in Kolkata.

### NIA raids premises linked to PFI supporters in 3 States

Searches in Kerala, Karnataka and Bihar were part of a nationwide drive against those with links to the banned outfit; 16 places in Dakshina Kannada searched to find evidence of money trail

The Hindu Bureau



one Shareef at Chanthak kunnu, Nilambur, lasted several hours. NIA sources claimed that they seized several incriminating doc-uments and unaccounted money to the tune of sever-



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Multi-State 'hawala' An NIA team also searched the premises of a PFI lead-er's relative in the Katihar

Bantwal, Uppinangady, Ve-nur and Belthangady. Digi-tal evidence regarding mo-

Earlier, the agency had arrested five persons for al-legedly being part of a mul-i-State "hawala" network that was being used by the PFI to route funds, particu-larly in Kerala, Karnataka and Bihar. "A PFI funding-by-hawa-ta module operating out of

A PH Hunding by-nawa-la module operating out of Bihar and Karnataka with roots in the United Arab Emirates has been busted with the arrests of the five accused," an agency offi cial had said.

The agency alleged that funds collected from Dubai and Abu Dhabi were trans ferred to four PFI leaders in India. The money was

### As accidents increase, Railway Board flags long working hours of loco pilots

Worried over the increase in train accidents across the rail network, the Rail-way Board has called for urgent steps to fill vacan-cies and reduce the long working hours of locomo-toe pilots. According to sources in the Railways, 48 conse-quential train accidents were reported in 202223 Worried over the increase

compared to 35 in the preother causes as well. vious year. The number of non-consequential train accidents was 162 in 2022-

accidents was 162 in 2022-32, which included 35 cas-es of Signal Passed at Dan-ger (SPAD).

The prolonged working hours of loco pilots due to an acute shortage of man-power was suspected to be the main reason for the in-creasing number of acci-dents, particularly SPAD cases, though there were

"The Railway Board also scenario at a high-level meeting comprising mem-bers of the top rallway management, including the general managers of man and CEO of the Rail-way Board said that the in-crease in consequential train accidents was a mat-ter of "grave concern" and urged the organisation to be proactive.

hours of the crew should not exceed 12 hours under any circumstances, said the official.

### INBRIDE



### TTD temple in Jammu to be open for darshan from June 8

Elaborate arrangements are under way for the conclusion of the temple consecration ceremony rituals of the new Lord Venkateswara temple at Majeen village in Jammu on June 8. The temple will be open for darshan after the event. Built by the TTD, the temple is located on the highway leading to the famous Mata Vaishno Devi temple

### Families of house surgeon and firefighter to get ex gratia

The Kerala Cabinet on Wednesday sanctioned The Kerala Cabinet on Wednesday sanctioned £25 lakin to the parents of house surgeon Vandana Das, who was fatally stabbed while on night duty at the Kottarakara taluk hospital, as are ex gratia payment. It extended a similar amount to the family of Fire and Rescue Department Officer J. S. Renjth, who was killed in the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while doesing a chemical fire as the line of dury while does in the does not see does duty while dousing a chemical fire at the warehouse of the Kerala State Medical Services Corporation in Thiruvananthapuram mid-May.

### Verdict on attachment of Naidu's residence on June 2

The ACB court in Vijayawada will pronounce its judgment on the CID's plea for attachment of the Judgment on the CID's plea for attachment of the Chandrababu Naidu has been staying since thirturation, on June 2. The judge reserved the verdict after hearing both parties on Wednesday, attaching the property in accordance with the provisions of Criminal Law (Amendment) that the provisions of Criminal Law (Amendment) house was reportedly given to Mr. Naidu in alleged exchange for benefits that were given to its owner in the alignment of capital city designs. The ACB court in Vijayawada will pronounce its

### Accountability sought for arrest of minor girl

### The Hindu Bureau

A rights body has sought accountability for the ar-rest of a minor girl under an anti-terror Act in Aruna chal Pradesh.

In an order on May 25, the Juvenile Justice Board of the State's Papum Pare of the State's Papum Pare district pulled up the pol-ice and Home Department officials for illegally detain-ing a 15-year-old girl for 16 of producing her before the board within 24 hours, as required by the law. The girl was among 41 arrested during a 72-bour under the Arunachal Pra-desh Unlawful Activities

### | Kadapa MP gets bail in ex-Minister murder case

Telangana High Court has relangana High Court has granted conditional antici-patory bail to Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy of YSRCP, whom the CBI wanted for custodial interof former Andhra Pradesh

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### my image, says Telangana HC judge

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ended and detained judge" who participated in a TV debate made direct ata TV debate made direct at-tacks at him by saying "mo-ney bags went to the Judge". Another partici-pant allegedly used dero-gatory language and made gestures aimed at tarnish-ing his "comprehension and competency abilities by his misrepresentation of court proceedings", the judge said in his order.

"In my view, such ac-tions clearly amount to in-vocation of proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act," the order said.

Justice Laxman said he even thought of recusing himself from hearing the MP's bail plea, but changed

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The judge directed the High Court's Registry to the video clippings of de-bates on the "present pro-ceedings" sired on Moñas gu on May 26 before the chief Justice for "appro-priate decision".

### Amid row. Kerala writes to Centre seeking clarification on State's borrowing limit

### The Hindu Bureau

Amid the row over Kerala's 'slashed' open market bor-rowing (OMB) limit, the State government has the Centre as to how it has arrived at ₹15,390 crore as

Balagopal had said on Tuesday that the limit set by the Centre was way be-low the projections of the State. Also, the May 26 let-tying the OMB limit as US.590 crore (Including a borrowing of ₹2,000 crore allowed at the start of the fiscal) lacked clarity on the State's borrowing space for the State's borrowing space for the State's borrowing. In a letter, the Addition-In a letter, the Addition-al Chief Secretary (Fi-nance) requested the Un-tion Finance Ministry to issue the calculation sheet which gives a detailed to the control of the con-trol of the control of the 2023-24 fiscal. "We need to know how they have ar-rived at this figure," a Fi-nance Department official said bere on Wednesday. Finance Minister K.N.

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> Mr. Balagopal had refut-ed the Union Minister's contentions, saying that the State government was unaware of the existence

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### LDF. UDF win nine seats each in Kerala local body byelections

The LDF and the UDF won nine seats each, while the BJP won one seat in the by-polls held in 19 local body wards in Kerala. The votes were counted on Wednes-day following the polling

on Tuesday. The LDF retained the Muttada ward in the Thiru vananthapuram Corpora-tion, while the UDF rened the Pallipram ward

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and the Thulusserikkavala and the Thulusserikkavala ward in Nellikuzhi grama panchayat (Ernakulam) from the BJP, but lost the Kallamala ward in Kanjira-puzha panchayat (Palak-kad) to the BJP. The Congress wrested

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ment to ensure CCTV caminstalled. eras are mortuaries are regularly cleaned so that body is preserved in a proper manner to maintain its dignity and that staff of mortuary are sensitised to handle bodies with care in the mortuaries of all the government and private hospitals, to prevent offence against dead, particularly of women, within six months.

The postmortem room should not come under the direct line of sight of the general public/visitors for maintaining privacy; and mortuaries should have all basic infrastructure as per the Indian Public Health Standard guidelines for the district hospitals for management of the bodies, the High Court Bench said.

# NATURAL SEXUAL OFFENSES-RAPE

### Definition of Rape

Section 375 of IPC defines rape as unlawful sexual intercourse by a man with a woman:

- Against her will;
- Without her consent;
- With her consent, when her consent has been obtained by putting her or any other person in whom she is interested in fear of death or hurt;
- With her consent, when the man knows that he is not her husband and that her consent is given because she believes that he is another man to whom she is or believes herself to be lawfully married;
- With her consent, when at time of giving such consent, by reason of unsoundness of mind or intoxication or the administration by him personally or through another of any stupefying or unwholesome substance, she is unable to understand the nature and consequences of that to which she gives consent;
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OTT platforms like Ama-zon Prime Video, Netflix, Hotstar and ZEES did not Hotstar and ZEES did not respond to The Hindu's request for comment, but an industry executive said that the companies would that the companies would that the companies would that their view that static smoking warnings on small screens for content that is explicitly being requested by users may not be appropriate. appropriate.
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Prominent warnings Meanwhile, as per the not-ification released on World-ers of warning the con-ers of online curated con-tent displaying tobacco products, or their use will be required to display anti-tobacco health spots at the beginning and middle of the programme. They shall also be re-

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The project aims at

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and climate-oriented

prominent static message at the bottom of the screen when tobacco products or their use are displayed dur

ing the programme.
It added that the anti-to-It added that the anti-to-bacco health warning mes-sage as specified in clause (b) of sub-rule (l) shall be legible and readable, with font in black colour on white background and with the warnings Tobacwith the warnings 'Tobac-co causes cancer' or 'To-bacco kills'.

Besides warning mes-sages, health spots and au-Govt. calls for

have to be in the same lan-guage as used in the show. "Additionally, if the pu-blisher of online curated content fails to comply with the provisions, an in-ter-ministerial committee reasonates opportunity to explain such failure and make appropriate modifi-dinate modifimake appropriate modifi-cation in the content," the

notification said.

The expression "online any curated catalogue of audio-visual content, other than news and current af-fairs content, which is owned by, licensed to, or contracted to be transmit-ted by a publisher of online available on demand, in-cluding but not limited through subscription, over the internet or computer networks, and includes films, audiovisual pro-grammes, sertals, series than news and current afgrammes, serials, series and other such content.

### Treatment worth ₹61.501 cr. provided under PM-JAY scheme

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

gency care, orthopaedic and urology (kidney-relat-ed aliments) top the terti-ary care specialities treat-ment availed by ment availed by beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Vojana (AB PM-JAY) till date, as per 
data released by the Health Ministry on Wednesday. 
The yojana has now recorded five crore hospital 
admissions amounting to admissions amounting to \$61,501 crore under the scheme.

Approximately 49% of Ayushman card recipients are women and over 48%

are women and over 48% of total authorised hospital admissions under the AB FM-JAY scheme have been availed by women, noted the data.

"Also, over 141 medical procedures under the PM-JAY are exclusively earmarked for women," it said, adding that AB FM-JAY beneficiaries can available before the procedures and also admissional actions of the procedure of the proc treatment corresponding to a total of 1,949 proce-dures under 27 different

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The PM-JAY empanelled hospital network consists of 28,351 hospitals, including 12,824 private hospitals, across the country.

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applications on semiconductor development

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Union government will invite applications for and display abstrication units in india from Thursday orwards, the Ministry of ton Technology said in a press release on "The applications will be received by India Semi-conductor Mission, the detroited with the responsibility of implementation of the control of the cont

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The Centre will receive applications until Decem-per 2024.

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The Semicon India Pro-gramme was launched in December 2021 amid go-vernment efforts to boost domestic electronics, maing climate resilience, adaptation and mitigation in up to 18 smart cities, and fomestic electronics ma-sufacturing. ₹76,000 crore interventions at centre, State and city levels to further climate has been provided as an outlay for the scheme, the

### World's largest grain storage plan: Centre to implement pilot project in 10 districts

The Hindu Bureau

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the constitution and empowerent of an Inter-Minist ment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for facilitation of the "world's largest grain storage plan in cooperative sector" by convergence of various schemes of the Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Consumer Affairs, Proof and Public Distribution and Food Processing Industries.

A government state-ment said that to ensure timely and uniform imple mentation of the plan in a professional manner, the Ministry of Cooperation

dustries.

States.
The committee will be chaired by Cooperation and Home Minister Amit Shah. It will lay guidelines for creation of infrastruc-ture such as godowns, for agriculture and allied puroses, at selected 'viable'



dit Societies (PACS) The plan would be implemented by utilising the available outlays provided under the identified schemes of the respective

Fair price
Welcoming the decision,
Mr. Shah said in a tweet,
"Lack of agricultural stor-age capacity leads to was-tage of food grains and farmers are forced to sell darmers are forced to sell with this decision, farmers will now get modern grain storage facilities in their

fair price for their grains. He said PACS were an important pillar of the ru-ral economy. "With this plan, the country will get food security and crores of farmers associated with

farmers associated with cooperatives will be bene-fited," he said.

The statement said that farmers could sell their crops to PACS by receiving some advance payment at the Minimum Support Price MSPs and set the be-Price (MSP), and get the ba-lance after the PACS sold the food grains in the

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To solve this puzzle online,

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  24 Condition bad initially, pouring water to clean (5) 26 Happy to stay outside home in Europe, say (9)
- 27 Arab country without borders [5] 27 After country without, we were pay
  28 Admission letter, they call it (1)
  29 Flat without walls exposes those who wash the dirty linen (11)
- 1 Beat work in enclosed surroundings (8) 2 Talk without let-up - preacher not upset? (6,2)
  3 Reduce, reduce top load on the German city (5)
  4 Chooses to stay away, outpost shifted (4,3)
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  Admit summary seen regularly gives anxiety... (6) ...just a self admission of bias (9)
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- 20 Struggle and set right in, it's allowed (7) 21 Everyone in the outskirts of Puducherry is very good (6)

### SUDOKU





### FAITH

### Cloud that rains blessings

Mantras in the Apratiratha section, Krishna Yajur Veda, Taittiriya samhita can be interpreted as referring to va-rious archa (idol) forms of Lord Narayana, said V.S. Karuraikarachariar in a discourse. The ninth mantra is in Trishtup meter. Words like Indra, Varuna, Aditya, Marut etc are used in the mantra, and each of them can be seen in the context of an archa form of the Lord. Indra fulfils the desires of people. Srl Vaishnavas, who have surrendered to

bring Nammazhvar to Srizangam, that He was prepared to even give up His palanquin for the purpose. Even today during adhyayana festival, when Thirune-duntandakam is recited, the Ranganasha utsava idol is car-ried in the hands of those who serve Him in temple. This is to remind us of His kindness to Thirumangal Azhvar.

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- CEPI is a public-private alliance to finance and coordinate the development of <u>new vaccines</u> to prevent and contain infectious disease epidemics.
- CEPI's plan includes preparations for possible outbreaks of Marburg fever, Lassa fever, MERS, SARS, Nipah virus, Rift Valley fever, chikungunya, and others.
- CEPI संक्रामक रोग महामारी को रोकने और रोकने के लिए नए टीकों के विकास के वित्तपोषण और समन्वय के लिए एक सार्वजनिक-निजी गठबंधन है।
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It is being funded by the Wellcome Trust, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Economic Forum (WEF), Governments of Norway, Japan, India (Department of Biotechnology) and Germany. इसे वेलकम ट्रस्ट, बिल एंड मेलिंडा गेट्स फाउंडेशन, वर्ल्ड इकोनॉमिक फोरम (WEF), नॉर्वे, जापान, भारत (जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग) और जर्मनी की सरकारों द्वारा वित पोषित किया जा रहा है।

### • Why in news?

- It received \$460-million to develop vaccines against 3 emerging highly-contagious and fatal diseases.
- These three diseases are Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)-coronavirus, Lassa fever, and Nipah virus.
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### News

### IN BRIDE



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t's now mandatory for over-the-top (OTT) streaming platforms to display anti-tobacco warnings as seen in movies screened in theatres and TV, as per a Union Health Ministry notification on Wednesday amending the rules under the Cigarettes

rules under the Ggarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2004.
OTF platforms like Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, Hostar and ZEES did not respond to The Hindu's request for comment, but an inclustry executive said that the companies would 
collectively reach out to 
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appropriate.
"The streaming industry was not consulted be-



OTT platforms will be required to display anti-tobacco health spots at the beginning and middle of the programme. REUTERS.

The project aims at

promoting integrated waste management

and climate-oriented

Prominent warnings Meanwhile, as per the not-incation released on World No Tobacco Day, publish-tent displaying tobacco products, or their use will be required to display anti-tobacco health spots at the beginning and middle of the programme. They shall also be re-

with the warnings 'Tobac-co causes cancer' or 'To-bacco kills'. quired to exhibit an anti-to-bacco health warning as a sages, health spots and au-

dio-visual disclaimers will have to be in the same lan-guage as used in the show. "Additionally, if the pu-blisher of online curated content falls to comply with the provisions, an in-ter-ministerial committee shall issue notice giving reasonable opportunity to explain such failure and make appropriate modifi-cation in the content," the notification said.

notification said.

The expression "online curated content" means any curated catalogue of audio-visual content, other and contained containing of the containing and current affairs content, which is sowned by licensed to, or teed by a publisher of online current content, and made available on demand, including but not limited the internet or computer the internet or computer networks, and includes films, audiovatual programmes, serials, series grammes, serials, series and other such content.

### Treatment worth ₹61.501 cr. provided under PM-JAY scheme

The Hindu Bureau

Cancer treatment, emergency care, orthopaedic and urology (kidney-related aliments) top the tertiary care specialities treatment availed by beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Vojana (AB PM-JAY) till date, as per data released by the Health

data released by the Health Ministry on Wednesday. The yojana has now re-corded five crore hospital admissions amounting to t61,501 crore under the

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said, adding that AB PM-JAY beneficiaries can avail to a total of 1,949 proce-dures under 27 different

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scheme being implement-ed by the National Health Authority (NHA) provides health cover of ₹5 lakh per dary and tertiary care hos pitalisation to 12 crore be-

neficiary families. The AB PM-IAY is being The ÅB PM-JAV is being implemented in 33 States and Union Territories except Delhi, Odisha, and West Bengal. Till date, 23.39 crore beneficiaries have been verified and issued Ayushman cards for availing free treatment under the scheme.

The PM-JAV empanelled hospital network consists

hospital network consists of 28,351 hospitals, including 12,824 private hospitals, across the country.

A senior Health Ministry official said the AB PM-JAY was launched with the vi sion to achieve Universal

### Cabinet nod for second phase of CITIIS programme

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Union government on Wednesday approved the second phase of the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CI-Integrate and Sustain (CI-THIS) project, a programme under the ambit of the Smart Cities Mission, which aims to promote in-tegrated waste manage-ment and climate-oriented

reform actions.
The CITHS 2.0 will be

based on a competition.

The programme, which was approved at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to support competitively selected projects promoting circular economy with a focus on integrated waste management at the city le-vel, climate-oriented revel, climate-oriented re-form actions at the State le-vel, and institutional strengthening and know-ledge dissemination at the national level.

It would span over a pe-riod of four years from

applications on semiconductor development

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prominent static message at the bottom of the screen when tobacco products or their use are displayed dur-ing the programme. It added that the anti-to-bacco health warning mes-sage as specified in clause (b) of sub-rule (f) shall be legible and readable, with font in black colour on white background and

Besides warning mes-

The Hindu Bureau

The Union government will invite applications for setting up semiconductor and display fabrication un-its in India from Thursday its in India from Thursday onwards, the Ministry of Electronics and Informa-tion Technology said in a press release on

2023-2027 and has been conceived and would be implemented in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU), and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NUA).

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"The applications will be received by India Semi-conductor Mission, the designated nodal agency entrasted with the responsibility of implementing the Modified Semicon India Programme for development of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in In-2.0 would include a loan of ₹1,760 crore from AFD and KfW, split equally, and a technical assistance grant of ₹106 crore from the Eu-ropean Union. The CITIS 2.0 has three facturing ecosystem in In-dia," the Ministry said.

The Centre will receive applications until Decem-ber 2024.

major components which are financial and technical support for developing projects focused on build-ing climate resilience, adaptation and mitigation in up to 18 smart cities, and interventions at centre. The Semicon India Pro The Semacon India Pro-gramme was launched in December 2021 amid go-wernment efforts to boost domestic electronics ma-nufacturing, 776,000 crore has been provided as an outlay for the scheme, the interventions at centre, State and city levels to further climate

### plan: Centre to implement pilot project in 10 districts

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

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# World's largest grain storage plan: Centre to implement pilot project in 10 districts

### The Hindu Bureau

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The committee will be chaired by Cooperation and Home Minister Amit Shah. It will lay guidelines for creation of infrastructure such as godowns, for agriculture and allied purposes, at selected 'viable'



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He said PACS were an important pillar of the rural economy. "With this plan, the country will get food security and crores of farmers associated with cooperatives will be benefited," he said.

The statement said that farmers could sell their crops to PACS by receiving some advance payment at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), and get the balance after the PACS sold the food grains in the market.

Brazil lawmakers vote to limit demarcation of Indigenous land



limit expanded demarcations of Indigenous lands. It states that reserves can only be on land occupied by Indigenous people at the igation of the constitution in 1988. Indigeneous

Germany orders closure of four of five Russian consulates



the latest escalation of tensions sparked by the war in Ukraine. The move comes after Russia put a limit of 350 on the number of German government officers allowed in Russia. Moscow called Germany's decision "ill thought out" and vowed a response. AFP.

NATO-led peacekeepers step up security after Kosovo clashes



northern Kosovo, where hundreds of ethnic Serbs gathered again at the scene of clashes earlier this week. Hundreds rallied outside Zueran's town half on Wednesday for a third consecutive day and held aloft a huge Serbian flag that stretched over 200 metres. APP

Sudan Army quits truce talks with RSF for not honouring their word



Saudi-brokered ceasefire talks, accusing its paramilitary foes of failing to honour their commitments. The Army walked out

### **North Korea spy satellite launch fails** UAE withdraws from U.S.-led as Chollima-1 rocket falls into the sea

Pyongvang says its space agency will investigate what it calls 'the serious defects revealed' by the launch and conduct a second launch as soon as possible; South's military says it salvaged an object presumed to be part of the crashed rocket

orth Korea's at-tempt to put its first space failed on Wednesday in a setback to leader Kim Jong-Un's push to boost his military capabilities as ten-sions with the U.S. and South Korea rise.

After an unusually quick Korea vowed to conduct a second launch after it learns what went wrong. It suggests Mr. Kim remains determined to expand his weapons arsenal and apply more pressure on Wash-ington and Seoul while di-



Launch residue: An object suspected to be part of North Korea's py satellite salvaged by Seoul's military in the Yellow Sea. WP

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ongdo. Later, the Defence Ministry released photos of a white, metal cylinder it described as a suspected rocket purt.

A satellite launch by North Korea is a violation of UN Security Council re-solutions that ban the country from conducting

country from conducting any launch based on ballistic technology. .

'Abnormal flight' The newly developed Chol-lima-1 rocket was launched

lima-l rocket was launched at 6:37 a.m. at the North's Sobae Satellite Launching Ground in the northwest, carrying the Malligyong-l satellite. The rocket crashed off the Korean Pe-

ninsula's western coast af-ter it lost thrust following the separation of its first and second stages, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said. South Korea's military said the rocket had "an ab-normal flight" before it fell in the water. Lavanese

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### maritime coalition in the Gulf

Agence France-Presse ABU DHABI

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tasked with securing tense Gullf waterways that are vi-tal to the global oil trade, it said on Wednesday. The UAE "withdrew its Torce in Ministry statement said, without giving rea-sons for the move.

"As a result of our ongo-ing evaluation of effective security cooperation with security cooperation with all partners, two months ago, the UAE withdrew its participation in the Com-bined Maritime Forces," said the statement carried by the official WAM news

The UAE withdrew its participation' in the 38-nation Combined Maritime Forces 2 months ago

The Bahrain-headquar-tered CMF was established in 2001, initially as a part-nership between 12 na-tions. It is active in crucial but troubled Galf waters where tankers have been seized and attacked in re-cent months.

A spokesperson for the Combined Maritime Forces said the UAE remains a es said the UAE remains a partner nation, despite putting its participation on hold. "The CMF still in-cludes 38 partner nations, of which the UAE is one," Commander Timothy Hawkins said. in a week in late April and early May, including one empty ship that was tra-velling between the UAE ports of Dubai and Fujaisending reinforcements to the Gulf, which carries at sea-borne oil, after what it called increasing harass

US Navy's Fifth Fleet, Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, later

### Blast in eastern Lebanon kills five

### Associated Press

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Musk hails China's 'vitality' during Beijing visit

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### China warns of risks posed by artificial intelligence

### Associated Press

China's ruling Commu Party has warned of the risks posed by advances in artificial intelligence while calling for beightened national security measures. The statement issued af

The statement issued as-ter a meeting on Tuesday chaired by party leader and President Xi Jinping underscores the tension between the Chinese go-vernment's determination between the Chinese go-vernment's determination to seize global leadership in cutting-edge technology and concerns about the possible social and politi-cal harms of such

technologies. It also followed a warning by scientists and tech stry leaders in the U.S., including high-level executives at Microsoft and Google, about the perils that artificial intelli

### Agence France-Presse

Russia on Wednesday claimed it had destroyed the last major warship of the Ukrainian naval forces, which it said was stationed in the southern port of

\*On May 29, a high-pre-cision strike by the Russian Air Force on a ship anchor-age site in the port of Ode-sa destroyed the last warship of the Ukrainian Navy, the 'Yuri Olefirenko'." the

A spokesperson for the Ukrainian Naval Force de-clined to comment.

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### Kyiv's 'last warship' destroyed: Russia

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky decorat-ed its crew in June 2022.

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# UAE withdraws from U.S.-led maritime coalition in the Gulf

### **Agence France-Presse**

ABU DHABI

The United Arab Emirates has withdrawn from a U.S.-led maritime coalition tasked with securing tense Gulf waterways that are vital to the global oil trade, it said on Wednesday.

The UAE "withdrew its participation" in the 38-nation Combined Maritime Forces two months ago, a Foreign Ministry statement said, without giving reasons for the move.

"As a result of our ongoing evaluation of effective security cooperation with all partners, two months ago, the UAE withdrew its participation in the Combined Maritime Forces," said the statement carried by the official WAM news agency. The UAE 'withdrew its participation' in the 38-nation Combined Maritime Forces 2 months ago

The Bahrain-headquartered CMF was established in 2001, initially as a partnership between 12 nations. It is active in crucial but troubled Gulf waters where tankers have been seized and attacked in recent months.

A spokesperson for the Combined Maritime Forces said the UAE remains a partner nation, despite putting its participation on hold. "The CMF still includes 38 partner nations, of which the UAE is one," Commander Timothy Hawkins said.

Iran seized two tankers in a week in late April and early May, including one empty ship that was travelling between the UAE ports of Dubai and Fujairah. Iran was also accused of launching a drone attack against an Israeli-owned tanker in November 2022, stoking tensions with the United States, Earlier this month, the U.S. said it was sending reinforcements to the Gulf, which carries at least a third of the world's sea-borne oil, after what it called increasing harassment by Iran.

The commander of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, Vice-Admiral Brad Cooper, later transited through the Strait of Hormuz in a guided-missile destroyer along with British and French naval commanders.



### **COMBINED MARITIME FORCES**

### World's largest multinational naval partnership

### 34 MEMBER-MATIONS

Established in 2001 to counter the threat of international terrorism, CMF began with 12 like-minded countries. The organization later expanded to include counter-piracy operations and added a 34th member-nation in 2021.

Headquartered in Manama, Bahrain with U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. 5th Fleet.

### 4 Combined Task Forces (CTFs)

CTF 150 - Maritime security in the Gulf of Oman & Indian Ocean

CTF 151 - Counter-piracy

CTF 152 - Maritime security in the Arabian Gulf

CTF 153 - Maritime security in the Red Sea & Gulf of Aden (established April 17, 2022)



### Combined Maritime Forces

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  - Work with regional and coalition partners to improve overall maritime security and stability
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  - Established in support of Operation Enduring Freedom
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  - ➤ Counter-piracy
- CTF 152
  - Arabian Gulf maritime security



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THE IANUARY-March GDP growth reflected a broad-based strengthen broad-based strengthen-ing of the growth impulse across segments, espe-cially agriculture and the services sector output, and capital formation ap-pears to be gaining strength on the expendi-ture side. An area of con-cern remains the strug-cern remains the strug-

A pickup in services sector growth led by construction, and trade, hotels, transport sectors along with higher investment supported growth even as priture registered a muted growth ture registered a muted growth ladia's CDP in FV23. however, will be lower than the growth rate of 91 per cent in 2021-22. Sequentially, in quarterly terms in 2022-23, the economy grew

cent), 4.5 per cent in October-December (earlier 4.4 per cent). Agricultural growth was estimated at 5.5 per cent in Q4 as against 4.1 per cent in the year-



### Shah visits Meitei and Kuki relief camps, assures early return home

### DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & JIMMY LEIVON NEW DELHI, IMPHAL, MAY 31

CONTINUING HIS efforts to reach out to both the Kukis and Meiteis our to born the Kunes and Westers on Wedinesday — the third day of his visit to Manipur — Union Home Minister Amit Shah vis-ited relief camps housing both the groups and assured all sup-port in ensuring their early and safe return home. He also met leaders and

He also met leaders and members of the Kuki commu-nity in Kangpokpi and Moreh, and assured them of safety and supply of essential items, includ-



Shah meets Kukis at a relief centre in Kangpokpi. PTI

learnt to have accused the state administration of being a mute spectator while they were being CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

FRESH VIOLENCE



U.S. DEBT CEILING

# Celebrates World Milk Day

### WRESTLERS' PROTEST

### Trust police probe, savs Thakur; Tikait calls khap meet today

### ARIKISHAN SHARMA

A DAY after the wrestlers took their protest to Haridwar — where they threatened to im-merse' their medals in the Ganga, but relented after the inervention of farm leaders — ports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday urged them to "trust" the Delhi Police investi-gation and "be patient" till its

melusion, Meanwhile, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national president Naresh Tikait, who rushed to

### THE EDITORIAL PAGE BREAK THE SILENCE

Govt needs to tell the wrestlers they are nation's pride, justice will prevail and they aren't alone

Tikait's call is learnt to ha Haridwar on Tuesday and per-suaded the wrestlers to defer the immersion of their medals for

### Hindu women's plea on agree on next round worship is maintainable of military talks soon

### ASAD REHMAN

DISMISSING A petition filed by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, the Allahabad High Committee, the Allahabad High Court (HC) on Wednesday up-held a Varanasi district court ed-der which had said that Hindu groups are not barred by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, and the suit seeking the right to worship in-side the Gyanvapi mosque was

'85 per cent cut': After Karnataka, PM targets Cong in Rajasthan



### HAMZA KHAN

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi once again targeted the Congress on Wednesday over "85 per cent commission", saying that if not for the BIP govern ment in the last nine years, several central schemes would have taken decades more to reach every corner of the country. Addressing a rally in Rajasthan's Ajmer to mark nine years of his government, the PM

id, "People often wonder here Modi gets money for all the developmental works. Our nation never had a dearth of money when it comes to devel-opment. It is important that whatever money is sent by the government, all of it is employed in developmental works.

He said that former PM Rajiv ndhi had publicly accepted

# Gyanvapi row: HC says LAC: India, China meet,

### intainable. Five Hindu women had filed ENS& PTI

a suit seeking the right to wor-ship Maa Shringar Gauri on the outer wall of the mosque com-INDIA AND China on Wednesday held in-person diplomatic talks here and displex located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple. While the diplomatic talks here and uns-cussed proposals for disengage-ment in the remaining friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladalth Visitivosanish itemple. While the bold on the first properties of the state of a temple, the built on the site of a temple, the built on the site of a temple, the function side argued that the mosque was built on Wald Commol (JLCV) in eastern Ladah Commol (JLCV) in eastern Ladah

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The meeting took place under the framework of the Working Mechanism for Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC). Indian and Chinese troops are locked in an over three-year confrontation in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh, even as

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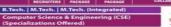












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### EVEN BEFORE TESTS CONFIRMED FLUORESCEIN, CHEMICAL WAS CAUSING THE HUE BASED ON SIMILAR PAST EPISODES

# What turned Venice's famous Grand Canal florescent green?

### **JESUS JIMENEZ**

VENICE, MAY 31

FOR DAYS, Venetians have wondered what caused a swath of their city's famous Grand Canal to turn bright green.

On Monday, the authorities had an answer: Test samples of the water confirmed that the canal's bright new hue was caused by fluorescein, a chemical often used to find leaks during underwater construction.

Now, Italian officials are probing how the chemical got into the canal.

The regional environmental

In 1968, the Argentine artist Nicolas Garcia Uriburu turned the Grand Canal green using fluorescein 'to bring attention to the relationship between nature and civilization'

agency for the state of Veneto, which includes Venice, confirmed the presence of fluorescein in the canal near the Rialto Bridge and said a complete analysis of the water samples would be completed in the next few days.

Still, officials do not know who or what was behind the colour.

Luca Zaia, the president of the Veneto region, said on Facebook on Monday that the possibility of copycats was "worrying."

"Venice, like other iconic places in the Veneto region, has such visibility that actions like this" could attract "characters' in search of publicity," Zaia wrote.

It was unclear whether the police had identified a suspect or whether anyone might face charges. The Venice police did not immediately respond to a re-



Grand Canal in Venice turned green in recent days. AP file

quest for comment on Tuesday.

Zaia said that "adequate and strong responses are needed."

Fluorescein can have low levels of toxicity; however, it is routinely used in some medical eye exams, according to the US National Library of Medicine. The environmental authorities in Veneto said on Monday that tests had not indicated any levels of toxicity in the canal.

Even before tests confirmed fluorescein was in the water, officials believed the chemical was causing the abnormal hue based on similar episodes in the past, the environmental agency said in a statement on Sunday. In 1968, the Argentine artist Nicolás García Uriburu turned the Grand Canal green using fluorescein "to bring attention to the relationship between nature and civilization and to promote ecological consciousness as a critical part of culture," according to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The color faded after about a day, according to the museum. This week, Veneto's environmental agency said that depending on how much fluorescein was in the water, it could take a few more days for the canal to return to its normal color as the chemical dissolves.









# SOUTH INDIA'S DELIMITATION ANXIETIES

Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) leader and Telangana's IT minister KT Rama Rao has appealed to the leaders of the southern states to oppose the delimitation exercise for the Lok Sabha after 2026, saying it will penalise the southern states for their efforts on population control. **Sarthak Ray** takes a look at the matter



#### What is delimitation

DELIMITATION LITERALLY means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body, the Election Commission of India says.

Delimitation is carried out against the backdrop of periodic increases in the population count, to ensure proportional representation with the distribution of the population in mind. For instance, the process had been kicked off for the state of Assam in end 2022, and is to be based on the 2001 Census. The last such exercise in the state was done in 1976, based on the 1971 Census. Between the 1971 and 2001 Censuses, the population of the state had grown by 12 million; this growth, of course, isn't uniformly distributed among the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies in the state.

### **After 2026**

DELIMITATION TO CHANGE LOK SABHA, ASSEMBLY SEATS

#### Four

DELIMITATION
COMMISSIONS FORMED IN
INDIA SO FAR

1976

CONSTITUTION AMENDED
TO POST PONE
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18%

SHARE OF SOUTH INDIA IN INDIA'S POPULATION

#### Who carries out the exercise

DELIMITATION IN A state is assigned to the Delimitation Commission, which comprises a retired Supreme Court judge, the Chief Election Commissioner of India and the Election Commissioner of the state.

As far as possible, the commission must fix the number and boundaries of the constituencies in such a manner that each constituency contains approximately the same population quantum. It must also identify seats that are to be reserved for the scheduled tribes and scheduled castes. The public can give feedback on the draft proposals, including at public meetings. The commission's orders can't be guestioned in the courts. The orders are presented before the Lok Sabha and the legislative assemblies, but modifications are prohibited. The order is enforced at a date specified by the president.

#### **Delimitation so far**

**PARLIAMENT MUST** legislate a Delimitation Act after every Census, under Article 82 of the Constitution. The Union government then sets up the Delimitation Commission. In India, such commissions have been constituted four times-in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002. There was no delimitation after the 1981, 1991, and 2001 Censuses, despite the 2002 Delimitation Act being passed.

There has been no delimitation that changed the number of Lok Sabha seats since 1976 (based on the 1971 Census). This is because, as per the Constitution. delimitation must ensure that the Lok Sabha seats must be allotted to a state in such a manner that the ratio between the number of seats and the population of the state is the same for all states. However, states with better population control ended up with a lower number of seats than those that did little in the interim to control their population growth.

### The anxieties of the southern states

THE SOUTHERN states have had stellar success with population control. Indeed, the five—Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana—account for just 18% of India's population, as per the last official count. Their total fertility rates have been lower than the national average, and even the replacement rate, for some time

now. Compare this with Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which still register much higher TFRs than the replacement rate. Delimitation, thus, will give more Lok Sabha seats to these states while the southern ones don't get as many.

The threat to representation at the national level weighs heavy on the minds of the southern states. They believe delimitation will punish them for their population-control success even as they are significant contributors to the national economy—accounting for 35% of the GDP. They have generated far higher per capita revenue and have argued against the population yardstick for central transfers.

Indeed, the Constitution was amended during the Emergency to dispel the South's fears and postpone delimitation till 2001. A subsequent amendment pushed the ball further down the road—suspending delimitation till 2026, in the hope that the states would have achieved uniform population growth by then.

# Composition:

- The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the <u>President of India</u> and works in collaboration with the <u>Election Commission of India</u>.
  - Retired <u>Supreme Court</u> judge
  - Chief Election Commissioner
  - Respective State Election Commissioners

- Under Article 82, the Parliament enacts a Delimitation Act after every Census.
- Under Article 170, States also get divided into territorial constituencies as per Delimitation Act after every Census.
- Once the Act is in force, the Union government sets up a Delimitation Commission.
- The **first delimitation exercise** was carried out by the President (with the help of the Election Commission) in 1950-51.
- The Delimitation Commission Act was enacted in 1952.

Delimitation Commissions have been set up four times — 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002 under the Acts of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002.

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There was no delimitation after the 1981 and 1991 Censuses.

# The World's Worst Animal Disease Killing Frogs Worldwide

For the past 40 years, a devastating **fungal disease**, **called chytridiomycosis or chytrid**, has been ravaging frog populations around the world, wiping out 90 species. This is a **"panzootic" – a pandemic in the animal world**.

Transboundary and Emerging Diseases, a multinational study has **developed a method to detect all known strains of this disease**, caused by the amphibian chytrid fungus.

पिछले 40 वर्षों से, एक विनाशकारी कवक रोग, जिसे चिट्रिडिओमाइकोसिस या चिट्रिड कहा जाता है, दुनिया भर में मेंढकों की आबादी को नष्ट कर रहा है, जिससे 90 प्रजातियों का सफाया हो गया है। यह एक "पैनज़्टिक" है - जानवरों की दुनिया में एक महामारी।

ट्रांसबाउंड्री और इमर्जिंग डिसीज़, एक बहुराष्ट्रीय अध्ययन ने उभयचर चिट्रिड कवक के कारण होने वाले इस रोग के सभी ज्ञात प्रकारों का पता लगाने के लिए एक विधि विकसित की है।

## About:

- Chytrid infects frogs by reproducing in their skin, affecting their ability to balance water and salt levels, and eventually leading to death if infection levels are high enough.
- The high mortality rate and the high number of species affected make chytrid unequivocally the deadliest animal disease known to date.
- चिट्रिड मेंढकों की त्वचा में प्रजनन करके उन्हें संक्रमित करता है, पानी और नमक के स्तर को संतुलित करने की उनकी क्षमता को प्रभावित करता है, और अंत में यदि संक्रमण का स्तर काफी अधिक है तो मृत्यु हो जाती है।
- उच्च मृत्यु दर और प्रभावित प्रजातियों की उच्च संख्या चिट्रिड को स्पष्ट रूप से आज तक ज्ञात सबसे घातक पशु रोग बनाती है।

- Diagnosis of Disease:
- Researchers use a qPCR test to detect chytrid in frogs by swabbing their skin, and the new test is more sensitive, meaning it can detect very low infection levels, thereby broadening the scope of species that can be studied.

मेंढकों की त्वचा को झाड़ कर उनमें चिट्रिड का पता लगाने के लिए शोधकर्ता क्यूपीसीआर परीक्षण का उपयोग करते हैं, और नया परीक्षण अधिक संवेदनशील है, जिसका अर्थ है कि यह बहुत कम संक्रमण स्तर का पता लगा सकता है, जिससे अध्ययन की जा सकने वाली प्रजातियों का दायरा व्यापक हो जाता है।



Recently, the second <u>Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity</u>
(IPEF) Ministerial Meeting took place, showcasing the significant strides made in fostering economic engagement among partner countries in the <u>Indo-Pacific region</u>.

Hosted by the **United States**, this virtual gathering convened high-level officials to delve into discussions regarding the **four pillars of the framework** and the ongoing negotiations associated with each pillar.

हाल ही में, इंडो-पैसिफिक इकोनॉमिक फ्रेमवर्क फॉर प्रॉस्पेरिटी (आईपीईएफ) मंत्रिस्तरीय बैठक हुई, जिसमें इंडो-पैसिफिक क्षेत्र में भागीदार देशों के बीच आर्थिक जुड़ाव को बढ़ावा देने में किए गए महत्वपूर्ण कदमों का प्रदर्शन किया गया।

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका द्वारा आयोजित, इस आभासी सभा ने ढांचे के चार स्तंभों और प्रत्येक स्तंभ से जुड़ी चल रही बातचीत के बारे में चर्चा करने के लिए उच्च-स्तरीय अधिकारियों को ब्लाया। The meeting also reported good progress under the other IPEF Pillars, namely Fair and Resilient Trade (Pillar I), Infrastructure, Clean Energy, and Decarbonization (Pillar III), and Tax and Anti-Corruption (Pillar IV).

बैठक ने अन्य IPEF स्तंभों, अर्थात् निष्पक्ष और लचीला व्यापार (स्तंभ ।), अवसंरचना, स्वच्छ ऊर्जा, और डीकार्बोनाइजेशन (स्तंभ ॥), और कर और भ्रष्टाचार-विरोधी (स्तंभ ।V) के तहत अच्छी प्रगति की सूचना दी।

#### About:

- It is a US-led initiative that aims to strengthen economic partnership among participating countries to enhance resilience, sustainability, inclusiveness, economic growth, fairness, and competitiveness in the <u>Indo-Pacific region</u>.
- IPEF was launched jointly by the USA and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on 23rd May 2022, at Tokyo.

#### Members:

 Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam.

## • के बारे में:

- यह अमेरिका के नेतृत्व वाली पहल है जिसका उद्देश्य भारत-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में लचीलापन, स्थिरता, समावेशिता, आर्थिक विकास, निष्पक्षता और प्रतिस्पर्धात्मकता बढ़ाने के लिए भाग लेने वाले देशों के बीच आर्थिक साझेदारी को मजबूत करना है।
- IPEF को संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका और भारत-प्रशांत क्षेत्र के अन्य भागीदार देशों द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से 23 मई 2022 को टोक्यों में लॉन्च किया गया था।

#### सदस्य:

• ऑस्ट्रेलिया, ब्रुनेई, फिजी, भारत, इंडोनेशिया, जापान, दक्षिण कोरिया, मलेशिया, न्यूजीलैंड, फिलीपींस, सिंगापुर, थाईलैंड, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका और वियतनाम।



- Chess, once considered a niche game, is now **gaining immense popularity in India.** With a rising number of ardent fans and exceptional players, the sport is making waves on the global stage.
- Recently, GM Arjun Erigaisi won the Sharjah master's International Chess Championship 2023.

- शतरंज, जिसे कभी एक विशिष्ट खेल माना जाता था, अब भारत में अत्यधिक लोकप्रियता प्राप्त कर रहा है। उत्साही प्रशंसकों और असाधारण खिलाड़ियों की बढ़ती संख्या के साथ, खेल वैश्विक मंच पर लहरें बना रहा है।
- हाल ही में, जीएम अर्जुन एरिगैसी ने शारजाह मास्टर की अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शतरंज चैंपियनशिप 2023 जीती।

## Exceptional Indian Players:

- D. Gukesh (World No. 18), Arjun Erigaisi (World No. 37), R.
   Praggnanandhaa (World No. 47), and Nihal Sarin (World No. 64) are highly talented young chess players from India.
- India is ranked No. 2 in the world in international chess, showcasing the country's strong presence in the game.
- Viswanathan Anand, a five-time World champion, acts as a mentor to the next generation of Indian players.
- डी. गुकेश (वर्ल्ड नंबर 18), अर्जुन एरिगैसी (वर्ल्ड नंबर 37), आर. प्रागनानंदा (वर्ल्ड नंबर 47), और निहाल सरीन (वर्ल्ड नंबर 64) भारत के बेहद प्रतिभाशाली युवा शतरज खिलाड़ी हैं।
- खेल में देश की मजबूत उपस्थिति को प्रदर्शित करते हुए, भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शतरंज में दुनिया में नंबर 2 स्थान पर है।
- पांच बार के विश्व चैंपियन, विश्वनाथन आनंद भारतीय खिलाड़ियों की अगली पीढ़ी के लिए एक संरक्षक के रूप में कार्य करते हैं।

- The 44th Chess Olympiad was held in Chennai in 2022. The prestigious competition, which
  has been organized since 1927, is being hosted in India for the first time and in Asia after
  30 years.
- The establishment of the **WestBridge Anand Chess Academy** has played a crucial role in nurturing young talents and providing them with guidance.
- Viswanathan Anand's involvement in mentoring promising players has helped elevate the standards of Indian chess.

44वां शतरंज ओलंपियाड 2022 में चेन्नई में आयोजित किया गया था। 1927 से आयोजित होने वाली इस प्रतिष्ठित प्रतियोगिता की मेजबानी पहली बार भारत में और 30 वर्षों के बाद एशिया में की जा रही है।

वेस्टब्रिज आनंद शतरंज अकादमी की स्थापना ने युवा प्रतिभाओं को पोषित करने और उन्हें मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है।

होनहार खिलाड़ियों को सलाह देने में विश्वनाथन आनंद की भागीदारी ने भारतीय शतरंज के मानकों को ऊंचा करने में मदद की है।

- All India Chess Federation (AICF):
- It was founded in 1951 and is affiliated to Fédération
   Internationale des Échecs (FIDE), the world body for chess.
- अखिल भारतीय शतरंज महासंघ (AICF):
- इसकी स्थापना 1951 में हुई थी और यह शतरंज के लिए विश्व निकाय Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) से संबद्ध है।

- Consider the following statements in respect of the 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad, 2022:
- 1. It was the first time that Chess Olympiad was held in India.
- 2. The official mascot was named Thambi'.
- 3. The trophy for the winning team in the open section is the Vera Menchik Cup.
- 4. The trophy for the winning team in the women's section is the Hamilton-Russell Cup.
- How many of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) Only one
  - (b) Only two
  - (c) Only three
  - (d) All four



- According to the Walk Free Foundation's Global Slavery Index 2023, 50 million people are living in conditions of modern slavery – a 25% rise over the last five years.
- वॉक फ्री फाउंडेशन के ग्लोबल स्लेवरी इंडेक्स 2023 के अनुसार, 50 मिलियन लोग आधुनिक गुलामी की स्थितियों में रह रहे हैं - पिछले पांच वर्षों में 25% की वृद्धि हुई है।

## Modern slavery:

- It refers to situations of exploitation in that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, or deception.
- It manifests as **forced labour, child labour, forced marriage**, debt bondage, commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, etc.
- आधुनिक गुलामी:
- यह शोषण की स्थितियों को संदर्भित करता है जिसमें कोई व्यक्ति धमकी, हिंसा, जबरदस्ती, या धोखे के कारण मना नहीं कर सकता है या छोड़ नहीं सकता है।
- यह जबरन श्रम, बाल श्रम, जबरन विवाह, ऋण बंधन, व्यावसायिक यौन शोषण, मानव तस्करी, आदि के रूप में प्रकट होता है।

- The Global Slavery Index:
- It is an assessment of modern slavery conditions in 160 countries.
- It uses data released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), etc.
- The Index provides rankings across **3 dimensions**: Size of the problem (prevalence), Government response and Vulnerability (political instability, inequality).
- The 2023 index is significant as <u>India holds the G20 presidency</u> this year, with a focus on sustainable development and climate change mitigation.

- वैश्विक दासता सूचकांक:
- यह 160 देशों में आध्निक गुलामी की स्थितियों का आकलन है।
- यह अंतर्राष्ट्रीय श्रम संगठन (ILO), अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रवासन संगठन (IOM), आदि द्वारा जारी किए गए डेटा का उपयोग करता है।
- सूचकांक 3 आयामों में रैंकिंग प्रदान करता है: समस्या का आकार (व्यापकता), सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया और भेद्यता (राजनीतिक अस्थिरता, असमानता)।
- 2023 सूचकांक महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि भारत इस वर्ष जी20 की अध्यक्षता धारण कर रहा है, जिसमें सतत विकास और जलवायु परिवर्तन शमन पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया है।

## Highlights of the Global Slavery Index 2023:

### Most prevalent

The countries estimated to have the highest prevalence of modern slavery tend to be conflict-affected, have state-imposed forced labour, and have weak governance.

	Rank	Prevalence Rate*	# of People
North Korea	1	104.6	2,696,000
Eritrea	2	90.3	320,000
Mauritania	3	32.0	149,000
Saudi Arabia	4	21.3	740,000

## Least prevalent

The countries with the lowest prevalence of modern slavery are those with strong governance and strong government responses to modern slavery.

	Rank	Prevalence Rate*	# of People
Switzerland	160	0.5	4,000
Norway	159	0.5	3,000
Germany	158	0.6	47,000
Netherlands	157	0.6	10,000

- 50 million people were living in conditions of modern slavery on any given day in 2021.
- The practice has become more prevalent over the last five years (a 25%/10 million rise), due to climate change, armed conflict, weak governance and COVID-19.

Indigenous communities and those engaged in fishing and agriculture in States like Odisha and West Bengal have become victims of debt bondage, human trafficking and mass displacement.

ओडिशा और पश्चिम बंगाल जैसे राज्यों में स्वदेशी समुदाय और मछली पकड़ने और कृषि में लगे लोग ऋण बंधन, मानव तस्करी और बड़े पैमाने पर विस्थापन के शिकार हो गए हैं।

# Evergreening of loans

Source: Indian Express

 Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor raised red flags over banks adopting innovative methods for evergreening of loans – covering up the real status of stressed loans of corporates.

• हाल ही में, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के गवर्नर ने ऋणों को सदाबहार बनाने के लिए नवोन्मेषी तरीके अपनाते हुए बैंकों को लाल झंडी दिखाई – कॉरपोरेट्स के तनावग्रस्त ऋणों की वास्तविक स्थिति को छिपाते हुए।

- About Evergreening of loans:
- Evergreening of loans refers to a practice where banks or lenders provide additional funds or take other
  measures to artificially sustain a loan that is not being repaid as scheduled.
- It is a temporary solution used by banks to avoid classifying the loan as a non-performing asset (MPA) because such classification would require them to set aside more money for potential losses, which could affect their profitability.

ऋणों की सदाबहारता के बारे में:

ऋणों की सदाबहारता एक प्रथा को संदर्भित करती है जहां बैंक या ऋणदाता अतिरिक्त धनराशि प्रदान करते हैं या किसी ऋण को कृत्रिम रूप से बनाए रखने के लिए अन्य उपाय करते हैं जिसे निर्धारित समय पर चुकाया नहीं जा रहा है।

यह बैंकों द्वारा ऋण को गैर-निष्पादित परिसंपति (एनपीए) के रूप में वर्गीकृत करने से बचने के लिए उपयोग किया जाने वाला एक अस्थायी समाधान है, क्योंकि इस तरह के वर्गीकरण के लिए उन्हें संभावित नुकसान के लिए अधिक धन अलग रखने की आवश्यकता होगी, जो उनकी लाभप्रदता को प्रभावित कर सकता है।

- Methods used by banks for Evergreening of loans:
- Bringing two lenders together to evergreen each other's loans.
- Good borrowers are being persuaded to enter into structured deals with stressed borrowers.
- ऋणों की सदाबहार के लिए बैंकों द्वारा उपयोग की जाने वाली विधियाँ:
- एक दूसरे के ऋणों को सदाबहार बनाने के लिए दो उधारदाताओं को एक साथ लाना।
- अच्छे कर्जदारों को तनावग्रस्त कर्जदारों के साथ संरचित सौदे करने के लिए राजी किया जा रहा है।

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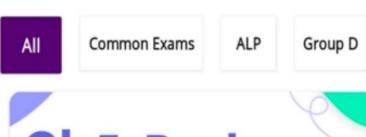
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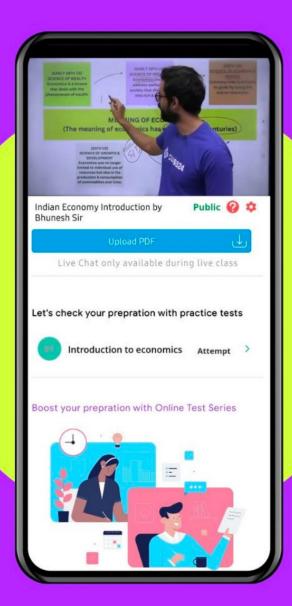
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- With reference to the Delimitation Commission consider the following statements: (2012)
- 1. The orders of the Delimitation Commission cannot be challenged in a Court of Law.
- 2. When the orders of the Delimitation Commission are laid before the Lok Sabha or State Legislative Assembly, they cannot effect any modification in the orders.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- **(a)** 1 only
  - **(b)** 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- परिसीमन आयोग के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिये: (2012)
- परिसीमन आयोग के आदेशों को न्यायालय में चुनौती नहीं दी जा सकती है।
- जब परिसीमन आयोग के आदेश लोकसभा या राज्य विधान सभा के समक्ष रखे जाते हैं, तो वे आदेशों में कोई संशोधन नहीं कर सकते हैं।
- ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सही है/हैं?
- · (ए) केवल 1 (बी) केवल 2 (सी) 1 और 2 दोनों (डी) न तो 1 और न ही 2

- who raised red flags over banks adopting innovative methods for evergreening of loans?
- ऋणों को सदाबहार बनाने के लिए नवोन्मेषी तरीके अपनाने वाले बैंकों के खिलाफ किसने लाल झंडे उठाए थे?
- A) SEBI
- B) RBI
- C) ED
- D) CBI

- According to the \_\_\_\_\_Foundation's Global Slavery Index 2023, 50 million people are living in conditions of modern slavery?
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- A) Walk Free
- B) Stanford
- C) RWB
- D) none of these

The 45th Chess Olympiad is scheduled at?

# 45वां शतरंज ओलंपियाड निर्धारित किया गया है?

A) Hungary

b) Pakistan

c) Australia

d) Italy

