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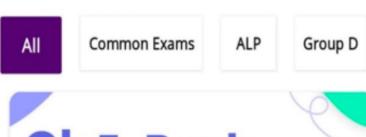
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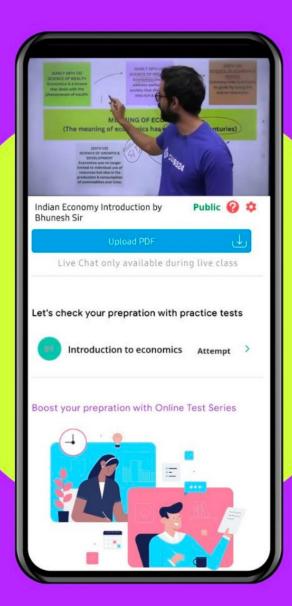
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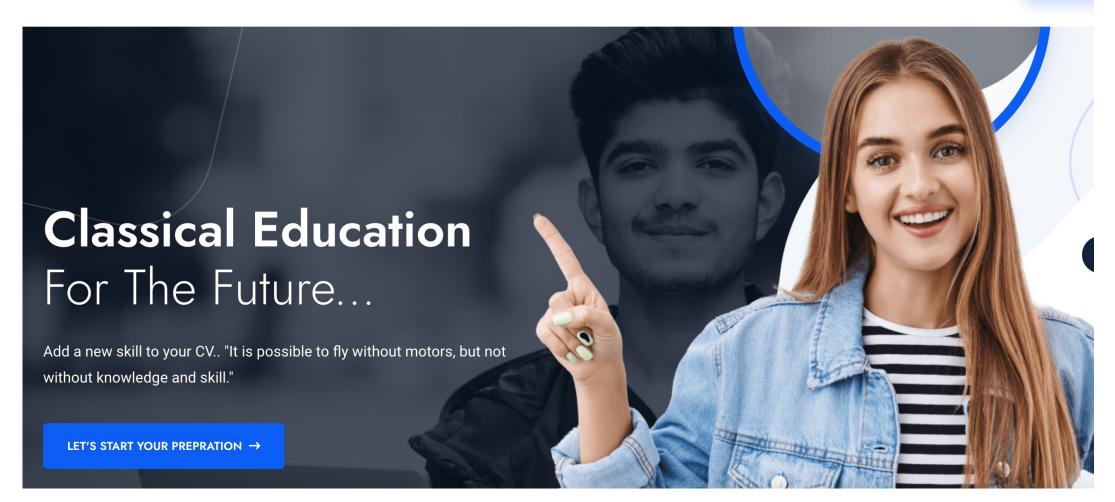






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surgent groups. They had 2,200 armed cadres whose

camps as per the pact. Ho-wever, it is being alleged



Franco Mulakkal resigns as Jalandhar bishop



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### DMK will oppose Delhi ordinance. says Stalin

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kaz-hagam (DMK) president M.K. Stalin on Thursday said that the DMK will strongly oppose the ordi-nance promulgated by the BJP-led government at the Centre, to effectively nullify the Supreme Court judg-ment, which said Delhi's elected government and not its Lieutenant-Governor had powers over 'Services'.

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would select five and regis-Delhi counterpart Arvind Keiriwal, who was in Chen-Kejrtwal, who was in Chen-nai to seek the DMK's sup-port against the ordinance, Mr. Stalin appealed to Chief Ministers of other States and leaders of national par-ties to oppose the ordi-nance when the Centre at-tempts to pass it as a Bill in Parliament.

### Manipur violence: Shah The commission will be headed by a retired High Court Chief Justice, says Minister; CBI will also nion Home Minis-ter Amit Shah on Thursday said that a judicial commission would be set up to conduct

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wever, it is being alleged that the Kuki groups used those weapons against the Meitel community when the clashes began.
"I want to send a strong message to SoO groups that any kind of violation of SoO pact will be taken sternly, terms of agree-nored," Mr. Shahl said. Warning to militants
The Minister warned Kuki
militant groups of stern action if the terms of agreement of the Suspension of
Operations (SoO) were vio-» PAGE 12 RELATED REPORTS ON » PAGE 13



India, Nepal ink pacts on energy, transport

Nepal should not become a barrier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday as the two sides inked several pacts. no Page 12

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### + A royal wedding



### Bengal BJP's outreach runs into NRC wall

### Shiv Sahay Singh

er the past few months, has been reaching out to Muslims, with Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari at pains to emphasise that the party is not against those who are "national-ist". However, those efforts

have run into headwinds of scepticism among minori-ties vis-à-vis the National

ties vis-à-vis the National Register of Citizens. Mr. Adhikari has ac-cused the ruling Trinamool Congress of "poisoning" Muslims against the BJP by raising the spectre of the Centre making a renewed bid to roll out the NRC.

### GST collections cross ₹1.5 lakh cr. for the fifth time, up 11.5% in May

Gross Goods & Services Tax (GST) collections grew 11.5% in May – the slowest uptick in six months – to uptick in six months – to cross ₹1.57 lakih crore, with revenues from domestic transactions rising 11% and imports yielding 12% more taxes than a year earlier. Sequentially, May's re-venues were the lowest in three months, and 16% be-

low the record ₹1.87 lakh ₹1.65 lakh crore. crore collected in April. This was the 14th successive month that GST revenues exceeded ₹1.4 lakh crore and the fifth occa-sion that they surpassed the ₹1.5-lakh crore mark.

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ICRA chief economist
Aditi Nayar said GST revenae growth was likely to
hover in the 10%-11% range
in the coming months,
with revenues seen between \$1.55 lakh crore and

Revenue from imports An ongoing drive against indirect tax evasion, as well as higher consump-tion spending through the withdrawn ₹2,000 curren-



### Samridhi Tewari NEW DELHI

Farmer leaders from across Haryana, Punjah and western Utaryana, Punjah and western Utaryana, Punjah and Warana and Amerika and a decision to meet President Droupadi Murmu top wrestlers. The wrestlers have been demanding derived to the state of the sta Farmer leaders

and other farmer leaders intervened and dissuaded the protesting wrestlers from throwing their me-Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffar agar was called by Bharasident Naresh Tikait on



inesday, a day after he kait, who addressed the mahapanchayat, said that another meeting of the khap leaders would be held in Haryana's Kurukshdals in the Ganga river to protest alleged police inac-tion against the WFI chief. BKU leader Rakesh Ti-

ed from their protest site in Jantar Mantara on Sunday. "The worestlers staged a "the worestlers staged a but it's not their fight alone. Now, farmers will carry forward the protest daughters and sisters. We will ensure that Justice is delivered." Mr. Rakesh will ensure that Justice is delivered." Mr. Rakesh mention when they would meet the President. A defiant WFI chief, ho

The Khap leaders, he said, are also planning to approach the international forums in this regard. Claiming that they have received support from across communities, the

BKU leader said, "We met various sants in Ayodhya

and they have assured us

of their support for the jus-

get over. Whatever comes in it, I will act accordingly,"



### From Page One

### Judicial panel to probe Manipur violence: Shah

The Kuki groups, on their part, have accused Mei tei radical groups such as the Aarambai Tenggol and the Meitei Leepun of looting arms from police armouries to attack tribal communities.

As many as 1,420 weapons have been looted from police camps since May 3. The Home Minis-ter called for all of them to be surrendered to the ter called for all of them to be surrendered to the police. "I want to appeal to those who have the weapons to surrender them immediately. Police will start combing operation from tomorrow; they should come forward and surrender the weapons should come forward and surrender the weapons to the police. If they fail to do so, strict action will follow. We know the people who possess the wea-pons," Mr. Shah said. Asked how the police al-lowed the arms to be taken in the first place, the Minister said, "Many arms have been recovered, [but] when a mob comes, police hesitate to fire at

them."

Appealing for peace from "either or side" and cautioning people not to fall for rumours, Mr. Shah said that a peace committee comprising eminent personalities and civil society groups would be set up under the chairmanship of Governor

### 'HC's hasty verdict to blame'

sion — of people coming from across the border are being recorded," Mr. Shah said, adding that, "For a permanent solution, the Manipur and Myanmar border will be sealed." India and Myanmar currently share a free movement border re

me.
The Home Minister announced that helicopter services would be started for the hill areas at a cost of \$2,000 per person. They can be used as transportation to airports or for travel within the

"To deal with any possible food crisis 30,000 tonnes of rice have been allocated by the Government of India," the Minister said. Special medical teams have arrived in Manipur, and will be based at Moreh, Kangkokpi and Churachandpur, he

### GST collections cross ₹1.5 lakh cr. for fifth time

The E2% growth in revenues from goods imports marks a turnaround from a three-month streak of slowing growth capped by a 4.5% contraction in April, and could indicate a recovery in discretionary domestic demand.

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Revenues from goods imports were up 29% between April 2022 and January 2023, while taxes from domestic transactions and services imports were up 22%. However, February and March had only recorded a 6% and 8% uptick in taxes on

goods imports.

GST compensation cess collections, which had
also hit a record high of 112,025 crore in April, remained robust at 114,489 crore in May, and includcut of the collection of the collection of the colcut of the collection of the dia. Overall domestic revenues grew 11% in May and 16 States recorded higher revenue growth, led by Mizoram (52%), Arunachal Pradesh (47%), Delhi (25%) and Meghalaya and Madhya Pradesh, whose revenues rose 23%. Revenues grew 11% in Odisha, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh, 12% in Karnataka and 13% in Tamil Nadu and Telangana

Revenues contracted sharply in strife-torn Ma-nipur, dropping 17% year-on-year, while Chhattisgarh also reported a 4% decline in revenues. Eight States recorded slower revenue growth than the national average, including Rajasthan (up 4%) and Gujarat, Punjab, West Bengal and Jharkhand, each of whom saw a 5% rise in GST inflows in May.

mue of Centre and the States in the month of May 2023 after regular settlement is \$63,780 crore for Central GST (CGST) and \$65,597 183,780 crore for Central GST (CGST) and 185,590 crore for the state GST (GSST), the Finance Ministry said in a statement. The government has set-led TS,369 crore towards CSST and T29,769 crore to SGST from the Integrated CST (IGST) collections came from taxes on imports of goods. "The GST collections came from taxes on imports of goods." The GST collections are bound to increase further due to the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-month drive for describing the state of the special two-months and strict action and the special two special two

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Nepal counterpart, Pushpa Kamal Dahal, in New Delhi on Thursday. RV. HOORTHY

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### Mural of Akhand **Bharat in Parliament** stirs up row in Nepal

### Kallol Bhattacherjee

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broken out in Nepal over a nural depicting the Indian subcontinental landmass in the newly inaugurated Parliament building. The mural has been in-terpreted as a map of Ak-hand Bharat or undivided India, which has drawn an-gry responses from Nepali political leaders across par-ty lines.

ty lines.

The mural shows Lumbini, the birth place of Gautama Buddha, indicating India's claims over the region. Nepal considers Lumbini as one of the major cultural centres on the Nepalese map.

### 'Trust deficit'

"The controversial mural of Akhand Bharat in the recently inaugurated new Parliament building of India may stoke unn and harmful diplomatic row in the neighbourhood including Nepal. It has the potential of further aggra-vating the trust deficit al-ready vitiating the bilateral relations between most of the immediate neighbours of India," former Nepali Prime Minister Baburan Bhattarai said in a statement. and harmful diplomatic

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Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Parliament building and dedicated it to the nation.

Parliamentary Affairs
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Nepalese media even as Prime Minister Pushpa Ka-mal Dahal started his India

triggered memories of the Kalapani dispute, which erupted in November 2019 erupted in November 2019 when India published a political map showing the Kalapani region as part of Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand.
Nepal, in response, published a map asserting its control over Kalapani.
Mr. Modi and Mr. Dahal, however, said on Thursday that the dispute would be resolved in a spirit of friendship and through the chanisment of diplomatic mechanisms of diplomatic mechanisms.

### Not seeking international support in our fight against the BJP, says Rahul in U.S.

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Stating that he never imagined he could be disqualified from the Lok Sabha,
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Gandhi on Wednesday asserted that he was nolooking for international
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In March, the BJP had accused Mr. Gandhi of seeking "international support" after the Congress leader, at an event in London Come undone".

At another event with Silicon Valley-based startup entrepreneurs, Mr. with the experts on various with the experts on various



Stanford University.

implications on governance, social welfare mea-sures and also disinforma-Talking about the use of

raising about the use of Pegasus spyware, the Con-gress leader said he was not worried about his phone being tapped and joked by saying "Hello! Mr Modi" on his lPhone. At Stanford University,

At Stanford University, Mr. Gandhi delivered a lec-ture on 'The New Global Equilibrium' and later had an interactive session with the audience. On a question about the Opposition parties seeking international support is their light against the rul-

ing BJP, Mr. Gandhi said,
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dered why Prime Minister Modi doesn't come here and answer some hard questions, the moderator said that the Prime Minister was always welcome to visit Stanford. While the Congress

leader said he agreed with the Government of India's neutral stance on the war neutral stance on the war between Russia and Uk-raine, he noted that China-India relations had hit a rough patch. "It's tough right now. I mean, they [China] have occupied some of our territory. It's rough. It's not too easy la be pushed around. That is something that is not going to bappen," he said.

### Congress says SEBI should retrospectively tighten FPI disclosure

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Securities and Ex-change Board of India (SE-BI) should ensure com-plete disclosure of ownership of foreign port-folio investors (FPI) with retrospective effect, the Congress said on Thursday as it reiterated its stance that only a probe by a joint parliamentary committee parliamentary committee (JPC) can ascertain who "diluted and deleted" this rule that benefited the Ada-

ni Group.
The Congress statement came a day after capital markets regulator SEBI proposed mandating addi-tional disclosure around ownership of high-risk FPIs to enhance trust in the On Wednesday SERI came

On Wednesday, SERI came out with a proposal mandating enhanced disclosures from high-risk FPIs. Addressing a press conference, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh alleged that the market regulator was now proposing to tighten the rule it was forced to dilute" in De-

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Jairam Ramesh

cember 2018 and was de leted in August 2019 that helped the Adani Group. Mr. Ramesh said all likeminded Opposition parties would raise the demand in the upcoming Monsoon session of Parliament.

"The purpose is to hold a proper investigation in the Modani scam. A IPC can bring out the truth in this regard. When we sit in the new Parliament build

the new Parliament build-ing, we will raise this de-mand again," he told reporters.

The party also launched a booklet related to the IOO questions that the party has asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi since Pe-bruary on the Adani saue.

### Jaishankar calls for UNSC reforms at **BRICS** meet

Press Trust of India

External Affairs Minister S. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday called on the BRICS na-tions to demonstrate their sincerity in reforming mul-tilateral institutions, in-

curity Council.
"For two decades, we have heard calls for reform of multilateral institutions only to be continuously disappointed. It is, there-fore, imperative that BRICS members demonstrate sincerity in regard to reform ing global decision-mak-ing, including that of the UN Security Council," he said in his opening re-marks at the BRICS Foreign

Ministers' Meeting here.
Mr. Jaishankar said that
at the heart of the problems the countries face is the economic concentra tion that leaves too many

### India-Russia joint venture on Vande Bharat trains hits hurdle

Maitri Porecha

he joint venture (JV) between Russian transportation grant Transmashholding (TMH) and Indian public sector undertaking (PSU) and RVNL are not able to see eye to eye on the macrotron undertaking (PSU) circles and the properties of the propertie sian transportation Transmashholding

for Vande Bharat trains. The Indian Railways awarded the JV deal to the

TMH-RVNL consortium af ter it emerged as the lowest bidder in March. But TMH

The joint venture is between Transmashholding of Russia and Rail Vikas

es say that TMH has not es say that TMH has not agreed to this and has also, as a result, not deposited the bank guarantee of nearly \$200 crore required for the project to get started.

Imported spares
Not all parts of the muchtouted 'Make in India'
Vande Bharat train sets are manufactured indigenous-

have to be imported from Western European and these companies are being guided by sanctions im-posed on Russia due to the Ukraine war. They are not comfortable dealing with Russia," the official said. a senior RVNL official said. On May 22, the U.S. im-posed sanctions on Metro-

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manufacturing rolling 
stock for the railways. It is 
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dian company has the ma-jority share as many of these companies are being spending \$1.8 billion for the train sets and another \$2.5 billion for their maintenance. "While the Russians are

highly technically capable, the question is only that of comfort in dealing with

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NEW DELHI

he border between India and Nepal should not become a barrier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday as the two sides signed a series of agreements on energy and transport, including export of Nepal's hydropower to Bangladesh through Indian territory.

Welcoming Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', who is on a four-day visit to India, Mr. Modi said the two countries should fast-track projects related to the Ramayana circuit.

"I remember that nine years ago, in 2014, within three months of taking charge of office, I made my first visit to Nepal. I said at the time that we will establish ties between India and Nepal that would overcome the presence of borders. Today we signed the Transit Agreement. It will help Nepal's population access India's inland waterways," he said.

Mr. Modi said India would take forward the 2022 India-Nepal vision document for cooperation



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in the power sector that sets an ambitious goal in India-Nepal power trade and transmission. "Taking this forward, a long-term Power Trade Agreement has been signed between India and Nepal today. Under this agreement, we have set a target of importing 10,000 MW of electricity from Nepal in the coming years," Mr. Modi said. Focusing on energy cooperation, Mr. Modi said that a "new pipeline will be constructed from Siliguri to Jhapa in eastern Nepal".

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Prime Minister Dahal will proceed to Ujjain on Friday where he will visit the Mahakaleshwar temple. Mr. Modi highlighted India's cultural links with Nepal and said, "The religious and cultural ties between India and Nepal are very old and very strong."

	Government	Federal	Ī	
	Government	parliamentary republic		Capital and largest city
	President	Ram Chandra Poudel		Official languages
	<ul> <li>Vice President</li> </ul>	Ram Sahaya Yadav		Recognised
	<ul> <li>Prime Minister</li> </ul>	Pushpa Kamal Dahal		national languages
	<ul> <li>Chief Justice</li> </ul>	Hari Krishna Karki <sup>[6]</sup>		
	Legislature	Federal Parliament		
	<ul> <li>Upper house</li> </ul>	National Assembly		Ethnic groups
	<ul> <li>Lower house</li> </ul>	House of		(2011) <sup>[5]</sup>
		Representatives		
	Independence			
	<ul> <li>Unification</li> </ul>	25 September 1768; 254 years ago <sup>[7]</sup>		
	<ul> <li>Treaty of Sugauli<sup>[8]</sup></li> </ul>	4 March 1816; 207 years ago		
	<ul> <li>Nepal–Britain</li> <li>Treaty of 1923<sup>[9]</sup></li> </ul>	21 December 1923; 99 years ago		
	Federal Republic	28 May 2008; 15 years ago		
	Current constitution	20 September 2015; 7 years ago		
	Area			
	• Total	147,516 km <sup>2</sup> (56,956 sq mi) (93rd)		Religion (2011) <sup>[5]</sup>
	• Water (%)	2.8%		
	Population			
	• 2022 estimate	30,666,598 <sup>[10]</sup> (49th)		
	<ul> <li>Density</li> </ul>	180/km <sup>2</sup>		
		(466.2/sq mi)		

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Capital and largest city	Kathmandu <sup>[1]</sup>			
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	2% Gurung 1.5% Limbu 19.47% Others			
Religion (2011) <sup>[5]</sup>	81.3% Hinduism 9.0% Buddhism			
	4.4% Islam 3.1% Kirant			
	1.4% Christianity 0.5% Prakriti 0.3% Others			

 GDP (nominal)
 2022 estimate

 • Total
 ▲ \$39 billion (102nd)

 • Per capita
 ▲ \$1,293<sup>[11]</sup> (167th)

 Gini (2010)
 32.8<sup>[12]</sup> medium

 HDI (2019)
 ▲ 0.602<sup>[13]</sup> medium • 142nd

 Currency
 Nepalese rupee (Rs, ₹୭) (NPR)

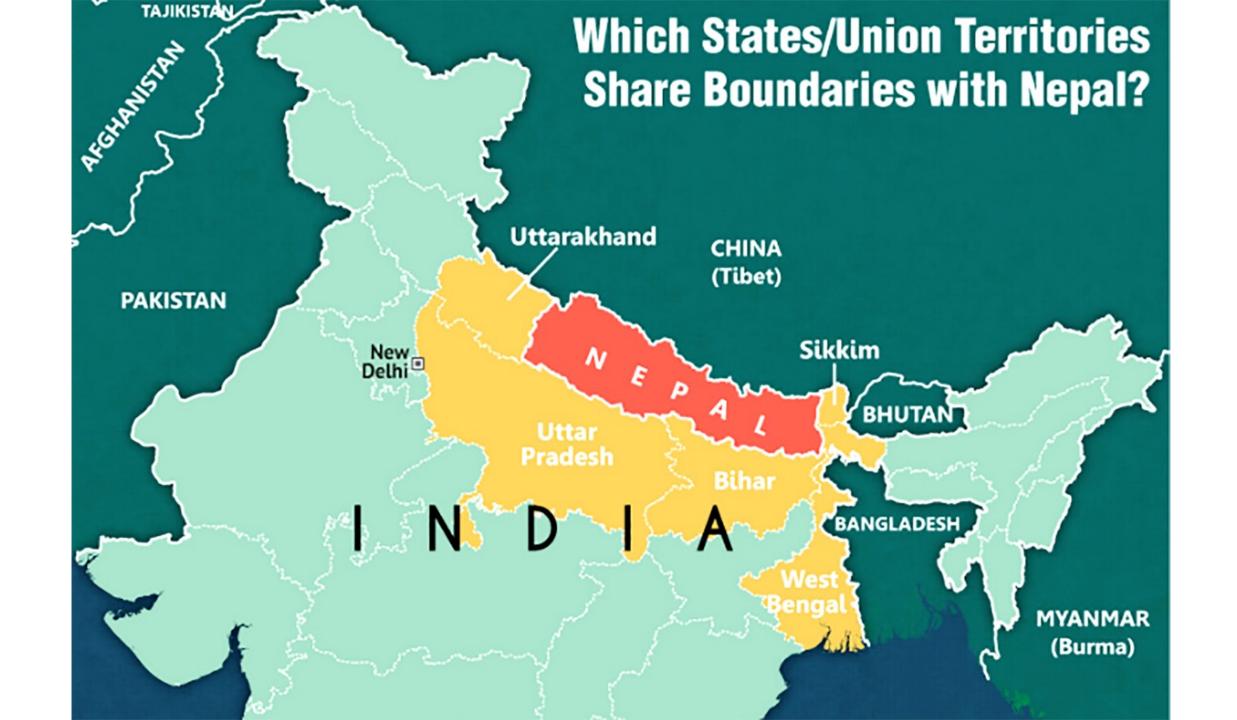
The two countries not only share an open border and unhindered movement of people, but they also have close bonds through marriages and familial ties, popularly known as **Roti-Beti ka Rishta**.

The <u>India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950</u> forms the bedrock of the special relations that exist between India and Nepal.

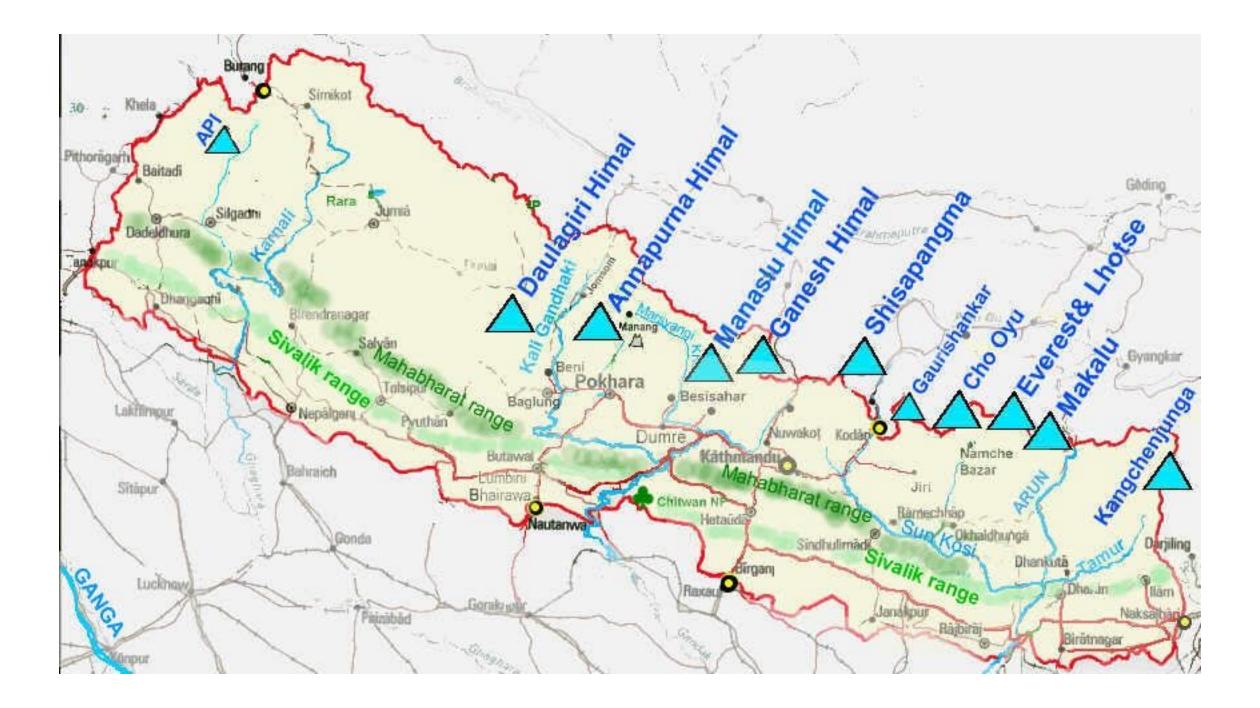
दोनों देश न केवल एक खुली सीमा साझा करते हैं और लोगों का निर्बाध आवागमन करते हैं, बल्कि विवाह और पारिवारिक संबंधों के माध्यम से भी उनके बीच घनिष्ठ संबंध हैं, जिसे लोकप्रिय रूप से रोटी-बेटी का रिश्ता कहा जाता है।

1950 की भारत-नेपाल शांति और मित्रता संधि भारत और नेपाल के बीच मौजूद विशेष संबंधों का आधार है।

- The treaty talks about the reciprocal treatment of Indian and Nepali citizens in the two
  countries, in residence, property, business and movement.
- It also establishes national treatment for both Indian and Nepalese businesses (i.e., once imported, foreign goods would be treated no differently than domestic goods).
- It also gives Nepal access to weaponry from India.
- संधि निवास, संपत्ति, व्यापार और आंदोलन में दोनों देशों में भारतीय और नेपाली नागरिकों के पारस्परिक उपचार के बारे में बात करती है।
- यह भारतीय और नेपाली दोनों व्यवसायों के लिए राष्ट्रीय उपचार भी स्थापित करता है (यानी, एक बार आयात हो जाने पर, विदेशी वस्तुओं को घरेलू सामानों से अलग नहीं माना जाएगा)।
- यह नेपाल को भारत से हथियारों तक पहुंच भी देता है।







- Trade and Economy:
- India is Nepal's largest trade partner and the largest source of foreign investments, besides providing transit for almost the entire third country trade of Nepal.
  - Total bilateral trade in 2018-19 reached INR 57,858 cr (US\$ 8.27 bn). In 2018-19, while Nepal's exports to India stood at INR 3558 cr (US\$ 508 mn), India's exports to Nepal were INR 54,300 cr (US\$ 7.76 bn).
- व्यापार और अर्थव्यवस्था:
- नेपाल के लगभग पूरे तीसरे देश के व्यापार के लिए पारगमन प्रदान करने के अलावा, भारत नेपाल का सबसे बड़ा व्यापार भागीदार और विदेशी निवेश का सबसे बड़ा स्रोत है।
- 2018-19 में कुल द्विपक्षीय व्यापार 57,858 करोड़ रुपये (8.27 अरब अमेरिकी डॉलर) तक पहुँच गया। 2018-19 में, जबिक भारत में नेपाल का निर्यात INR 3558 करोड़ (US \$ 508 mn) था, भारत का नेपाल को निर्यात INR 54,300 करोड़ (US \$ 7.76 bn) था।

- The Gorkha Regiments of the Indian Army are raised partly by recruitment from hill districts of Nepal.
- India from 2011, every year undertakes a joint military exercise with Nepal known as <u>Surya Kiran.</u>
- भारतीय सेना की गोरखा रेजीमेंट को आंशिक रूप से नेपाल के पहाड़ी जिलों से भर्ती करके तैयार किया जाता है।
- 2011 से भारत, हर साल नेपाल के साथ एक संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास करता है जिसे सूर्य किरण के नाम से जाना जाता है।

### Cultural:

- There have been initiatives to promote people-to-people contacts in the area of art & culture, academics and media with different local bodies of Nepal.
- India has signed three sister-city agreements for the twinning of Kathmandu-Varanasi, Lumbini-Bodhgaya and Janakpur-Ayodhya.
- नेपाल के विभिन्न स्थानीय निकायों के साथ कला और संस्कृति, शिक्षाविदों और मीडिया के क्षेत्र में लोगों से लोगों के संपर्क को बढ़ावा देने की पहल की गई है।
- भारत ने काठमांडू-वाराणसी, लुम्बिनी-बोधगया और जनकपुर-अयोध्या को जोड़ने के लिए तीन सिस्टर-सिटी समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

### Humanitarian Assistance:

Nepal lies in the sensitive ecological fragile zone which is prone
to <u>earthquakes</u> and <u>floods</u> causing massive damage to both life and money, whereby
it remains the biggest recipient of India's humanitarian assistance.

### Indian Community:

• A huge number of Indians live in Nepal, these include businessmen, traders, doctors, engineers and labourers (including seasonal/migratory in the construction sector).

### • मानवीय सहायता:

- नेपाल संवेदनशील पारिस्थितिक नाजुक क्षेत्र में स्थित है जो भूकंप और बाढ़ के लिए प्रवण है जिससे जीवन और धन दोनों को भारी नुकसान होता है, जिससे यह भारत की मानवीय सहायता का सबसे बड़ा प्राप्तकर्ता बना हुआ है।
- भारतीय सम्दाय:
- नेपाल में बड़ी संख्या में भारतीय रहते हैं, इनमें व्यवसायी, व्यापारी, डॉक्टर, इंजीनियर और मजदूर (निर्माण क्षेत्र में मौसमी/प्रवासी सहित) शामिल हैं।

### • Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project:

- In 2019, the cabinet also approved ₹1236 crore investments for <u>Arun-3 hydro</u> <u>project.</u>
  - The Arun-3 Hydro Electric project (900 MW) is a run-of-river located on Arun River in Eastern Nepal.

2019 में, कैबिनेट ने अरुण-3 जलविद्युत परियोजना के लिए ₹1236 करोड़ के निवेश को भी मंजूरी दी।

अरुण-3 जलविद्युत परियोजना (900 मेगावाट) पूर्वी नेपाल में अरुण नदी पर स्थित एक रन-ऑफ-रिवर है।

- International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage: During the visit of the Prime Minister of India, he performed the 'shilanyas' ceremony to launch the construction of the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in the Lumbini Monastic Zone.
- बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केंद्र: भारत के प्रधान मंत्री की यात्रा के दौरान, उन्होंने लुंबिनी मठवासी क्षेत्र में बौद्ध संस्कृति और विरासत के लिए भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केंद्र के निर्माण का शुभारभ करने के लिए 'शिलान्यास' समारोह किया।

### Hydropower Projects:

- The two leaders signed five agreements, including one between the Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Ltd and the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) for the development and implementation of the 490.2 megawatts Arun-4 hydropower project.
- Nepal also invited Indian companies to invest in the West Seti hydropower project in Nepal.
- दोनों नेताओं ने 490.2 मेगावाट अरुण-4 जलविद्युत परियोजना के विकास और कार्यान्वयन के लिए सतलुज जल विद्युत निंगम (एसजेवीएन) लिमिटेड और नेपाल विद्युत प्राधिकरण (एनईए) के बीच एक सहित पांच समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किए।
- नेपाल ने भारतीय कंपनियों को नेपाल में वेस्ट सेती जलविद्युत परियोजना में निवेश करने के लिए भी आमंत्रित किया।

### Setting up a Satellite Campus:

- India has offered to set up a satellite campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Rupandehi and has sent some draft memoranda of understanding for signing between Indian and Nepali universities.
- एक उपग्रह परिसर की स्थापना:
- भारत ने रूपनदेही में भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) का एक उपग्रह परिसर स्थापित करने की पेशकश की है और भारतीय और नेपाली विश्वविद्यालयों के बीच हस्ताक्षर करने के लिए कुछ मसौदा ज्ञापन भेजे हैं।

Russian court fines WhatsApp for failing to remove banned content



messenger service WhatsApp on Thursday for failing to delete banned content. WhatsApp was punished for failing to remove a chat group that offered an anti-depressant whose sale is forbidden

Russia says it has repelled new Belgorod border incursion attempt



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Australian soldier loses Afghan war crimes defamation case



A decorated Australian soldier lost a landmark defamation case on Thunday, Ben Roberts-Smith sued three newspapers for 2018 reports that alleged he was involved in the murders of unamed prisoners in Afghanistan. The court found that the newspapers had proved the bulk of their allegations and dismissed the case. Am

U.S. slaps sanctions on Sudan rival factions as ceasefire crumbles



U.S. and Saudi-brokered ceasefire efforts after shelling and air strikes killed 18 civilians at a Khartoum market. "We are following through by levying economic sanctions, imposing visa restrictions against actors who are perpetuating the violence," the U.S. said. #1

### chief laments China's refusal for meeting

Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin stressed the importance of communi-cation during a stopover on Thursday in Tokyo, call-ing it unfortunate that his Chinese counterpart is re-Chinese counterpart is re-fusing to meet him at an upcoming annual security conference in Singapore. On the way to the annual Shangri-La Dialogue Asian security summit this weekend, Mr. Austin held

talks with Japanese De-fence Minister Yasukazu "I think defence departeach other on a routine ba-sis or should have open channels for communication," Mr. Austin spoke

### S. Africa mulls legal options on ICC warrant against Putin

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meeting of Foreign Ministers from the BRICS countries in South Africa on Thursday was overshadowed by was oversnadowed by questions about whether Russian President Vladimir Putin would be arrested if he attended a summit of the five-nation bloc in

August.
South Africa's Foreign
Minister Naledi Pandor said it was mulling legal op-tions if Mr. Putin, the subwarrant issued by the In-ternational Criminal Court (ICC), did attend the



As a member of the ICC, from Russia, China, India south Africa would theo-retically be required to ar-rest Mr. Putin if he attend-ed, and Ms. Pandor was bombarded with questions about the issue as she arrived for a first round of talks with representatives

"Our government is cur-rently looking at what the legal options are with res-pect to this matter," she told reporters. "The answer is the President (Cyril Ramaphosa) will indicate

what the final position of South Africa is. As manters stand, an invitation has head of state." Mr. Putin has not confirmed his plans, with the Kremlin on-part at the "proper level". The ICC accussed Mr. Pu-tin in March of the war children from Russian-oc-cupied territory in Uk-allegations. South Africa

allegations. South Africa had invited Mr. Putin in

January. Foreign Ministers from Brazil, Russia, and India were attending Thursday's meeting in Cape Town, while China was represent-ed by a Deputy Minister.

### U.S. and Taiwan ink trade deal as China issues warning

The United States and Tai-wan signed a trade deal Thursday aimed at dee-pening economic relations are to the state of the move that has sparked a warning from Beijing. The U.S.-Taiwan Initia-tive on 21st Century Trade looks to boost trade by

streamlining customs checks, improving regula-tory procedures, and esta-blishing anticorruption measures between the U.S. and the self-governing island of Taiwan, which China claims as part of its

na claims as part of its territory.

While the U.S. and Tai-wan do not have official di-plomatic relations, they maintain unofficial ties through the de facto U.S. embassy on the island, the American Institute in Tai-



Mao Ning

wan. The first agreement under the latest initiative under the latest initiative was signed by representa-tives of the American Insti-tute in Talwan and the Tal-pei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States, said the

the United States, said the U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) press office on Thursday. But Beijing detests any hint of diplomatic relations between Taiwan and other sovernments.

Taiwan's government has described the deal as "the comprehensive

China warned Washington earlier on Thursday against signing any pact "with connotations of so-

region." The U.S. "must not send

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### U.S. puts diplomatic pressure as Serbs rally in north Kosovo

Agence France-Presse ZVECAN

Ethnic Serbs gathered again in a flashpoint town day at the site of clashes earlier this week with NATO-led forces, as Washington unged both Belgrade to unged both Belgrade the sensions. The sensions was the sensions of the sensions.

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"We call on the govern-ments of Kosovo and Ser-bia to take immediate steps

Two Albanians injured Kosovo Police said two eth-nic Albanian men were in-jured in an attack near a square on the Serb-popu-divided city of Mitrovica. In Zwecan, a KFOR ar-moured vehicle was parked near the road lead-ing to the town hall, a move requested on Wed-ty after masked protesters by after masked protesters

gear.
United States Secretary
of State Antony Blinken
urged both Pristina and

Kosovo police cars in the

### Pakistan posts record inflation for second consecutive month

Pakistan's annual inflation rate rose to 37.97% in May, the statistics bureau said on Thursday, setting a na-tional record for the se-

tional record for the se-cond month in a row, ad-ding to its problems of a balance of payment crisis and the risk of a sovereign heady in April, the bu-rean said Pakistan's CPI at 36.5% was the highest re-corded, as well as the high-est in South Asia, alsead of Sei Lanka, which posted of Sei Lanka, which posted May.

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of State Antony Blinken
urged both Pristina and
Belgrade to ease tensions,
warning they were putting
officer.

At 36.5% in April. Pakistan's CPI was the highest ever recorded in the

en in food items and fuel and gas prices caused the increase. Inflation has been on an

Inflation has been on an upward trend since early this year after the govern-ment took painful mea-sures as part of fiscal ad-justments demanded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to unlock

clude the withdrawal of subsidies, a hike in energy prices and new taxation generate extra revenue in a supplementary budget.



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### Chinese fans welcome 'Comrade Musk'

Agence France-Presse

Lavish meals, gushing praise and memes about "Comrade Musk" – China showered the Tesla CEO with admiration during his whistlestop tour of the country this week.

The mercurial magnate The mercurial inagnate is a controversial figure in the West but widely ad-mired in China, where Tes-la's electric vehicles have become a staple of middle-class urban life.

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Grand welcome: Flor Musk poses for a group photo at the Shanghai Gigafactory of Tesla on Thursday. REUTERS constant excellence in his learn from," the 33-yearclass urban life.

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His visit was welcomed by
Zhu Qi, a Tesla owner from
the central city of Changsha who said she "worsha who said she "worsha who said she "worsha who said she "worgreat personal charm and
country and leaders can
on his personal interests."

Memes galore
A typically tongue-incheek meme circulating on
the platform this week
depicted a statesmallike
"Comrade Musk" standing
behind a podium flanked
by Chinese flags as besuited officials applauded in
the background.

But not everyone was ta-

But not everyone was ta-ken in by Musk mania.

# S. Africa mulls legal options on ICC warrant against Putin

The Russian President has been invited for the BRICS summit in August; As a member of the ICC, South Africa is under pressure to arrest Putin; Cyril Ramaphosa to announce the 'final position'

### **Reuters**

**CAPE TOWN** 

meeting of Foreign Ministers from the BRICS countries in South Africa on Thursday was overshadowed by questions about whether Russian President Vladimir Putin would be arrested if he attended a summit of the five-nation bloc in August.

South Africa's Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor said it was mulling legal options if Mr. Putin, the subject of a war crimes arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC), did attend the planned Johannesburg summit.



**Call for action:** Activists stage a protest in Cape Town on Thursday against the alleged deportation of Ukrainian children by Russia. AFP

As a member of the ICC, South Africa would theoretically be required to arrest Mr. Putin if he attended, and Ms. Pandor was bombarded with questions about the issue as she arrived for a first round of talks with representatives from Russia, China, India and Brazil.

"Our government is currently looking at what the legal options are with respect to this matter," she told reporters. "The answer is the President (Cyril Ramaphosa) will indicate what the final position of South Africa is. As matters stand, an invitation has been issued to all (BRICS) heads of state." Mr. Putin has not confirmed his plans, with the Kremlin only saying Russia would take part at the "proper level".

The ICC accused Mr. Putin in March of the war crime of forcibly deporting children from Russian-occupied territory in Ukraine. Moscow denies the allegations. South Africa had invited Mr. Putin in January.

Foreign Ministers from Brazil, Russia, and India were attending Thursday's meeting in Cape Town, while China was represented by a Deputy Minister.



- On 17 July, **1998 Rome Statute was adopted by 120 States** in direction of creating a more just world.
- On 1 July, **2002 Rome Statute took effect upon ratification by 60 states, officially establishing the ICC.** Since it has no retroactive jurisdiction, the ICC deals with crimes committed on or after this date.
- The Rome Statute, grants the ICC jurisdiction over four main crimes:
  - The crime of Genocide
  - Crimes against Humanity
  - War crimes
  - Crime of Aggression

- 17 जुलाई, 1998 को रोम संविधि को 120 राज्यों द्वारा अधिक न्यायपूर्ण दुनिया बनाने की दिशा में अपनाया गया था।
- 1 जुलाई, 2002 को रोम संविधि 60 राज्यों दवारा अनुसमर्थन पर प्रभावी हुई, आधिकारिक तौर पर ICC की स्थापना हुई। चूंकि इसका कोई पूर्वव्यापी क्षेत्राधिकार नहीं है, ICC इस तिथि को या उसके बाद किए गए अपराधों से निपटता है।
- रोम संविधि, चार मुख्य अपराधों पर ICC को अधिकार क्षेत्र प्रदान करती है:
- नरसंहार का अपराध
- मानवता के विरुद्ध अपराध
- यूद्ध के अपराध
- आक्रामकता का अपराध

- The ICC is the world's first permanent international criminal court.
- Currently, 123 countries are party to the Rome Statute, India is not a
  party to Rome Statute along with US and China.
- The ICC was established to prosecute the most heinous offenses only when a country's own legal machinery fails to act. Unlike the <u>International Court of Justice (ICJ)</u>, which deals with countries and inter-state disputes, the ICC prosecutes individuals.

- ICC दुनिया का पहला स्थायी अंतरराष्ट्रीय आपराधिक न्यायालय है।
- वर्तमान में, 123 देश रोम संविधि के पक्षकार हैं, भारत अमेरिका और चीन के साथ रोम संविधि का पक्षकार नहीं है।
- ICC की स्थापना सबसे जघन्य अपराधों पर मुकदमा चलाने के लिए तभी की गई थी जब किसी देश की अपनी कॉनूनी मशीनरी कार्य करने में विफल रही हो। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय न्यायालय (ICJ) के विपरीत, जो देशों और अंतर-राज्यीय विवादों से निपटता है, ICC व्यक्तियों पर मुकदमा चलाता है।

- Ukraine is also not a State Party to the Rome Statute", but it has twice exercised its options to accept ICC's jurisdiction over alleged crimes under the Rome Statute, occurring on its territory, under Article 12(3) of the Statute.
  - Article 12(3) states that if the acceptance of a state that is not a
    party to the statute, the state may accept the jurisdiction of the
    court for a crime concerned, by making a declaration to the
    Registrar and cooperating without any delay or exception.

- यक्रेन भी रोम संविधि के लिए एक राज्य पार्टी नहीं है", लेकिन इसने दो बार रोम संविधि के तहत कथित अपराधों पर ICC के अधिकार क्षेत्र को स्वीकार करने के अपने विकल्पों का प्रयोग किया है, जो संविधि के अनुच्छेद 12(3) के तहत अपने क्षेत्र में हो रहा है।
- अनुच्छेंद 12(3) में कहा गया है कि अगर किसी ऐसे राज्य की स्वीकृति जो क़ानून का पक्ष नहीं है, तो राज्य संबंधित अपराध के लिए न्यायालय के अधिकार क्षेत्र को स्वीकार कर सकता है, रजिस्ट्रार को एक घोषणा करके और बिना किसी देरी या अपवाद के सहयोग कर सकता है .

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### Broad takes five as England dominates Ireland at Lord's



netland took control of the Test against Ireland at Lord's on England took control of the Test against Ireland at Lord's on Thursday, with Broad's five for \$1. helping the host dismiss the visitor for 172 before a strong reply left it only 20 runs behind. The scores: Ireland 172 in 56.2 overs (Broad 5/51, Leach 3/35) vs England 152/L in 25 overs (Crawley 56, Duckett 60 batting).

Conway has caught the Williamson bug to keep learning: Bracewell



former New Zealand spinner, John Bracewell believes Devor Conway has caught the "Kane Williamson bug" to keep learning from past mistakes. "I like the way he's becoming a better cricks all the time, so he's obviously caught the Kane Williamson bug: boing a learner," Bracewell said.

### FRENCH CONNECTION ENDS Saturday's game will be Messi's last for PSG at Parc des Princes: Galtier



ionel Messi will leave Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the season. after two years at the club, coach Christophe Galtier said on Thursday, Galter said ahead of PSG's game against Clermont Saturday that it would be Messi's last match at the Parc des P

### Ronaldo's first season in Saudi Arabia comes to an end



Cristiano Ronaldo's first season in Saudi Arabia came to an end in Rivadh on Wednesday, although the star forward was absent as Al-Nassr defeated Al-Eateh 3.0 to finish second in the league

### Altmaier rallies from the brink to dump Sinner in a marathon

He staves off match points to oust the eighth seed after a five-hour battle; Andreeva becomes youngest player since 2005 to reach the third round

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse

tallan eighth seed Janmik Sinner missed two
heig knocked out of the
French Open in the second
round on Thursday by German Daniel Altmaier after
minute battle – the fifth
longest match in tournament history.

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79, twice staved off match points late in the fourth set before eventually prevail-ing 6-7(0), 7-6(7), 1-6, 7-6 (4), 7-5 on Court Suzanne Lenglen. "I don't know if you can call it a historical match, but it was one to re-member," said an emotion-

The 24-year-old twice averted defeat when Sin-

averted defeat when Sin-ner was serving for a last-32 place in set four be-fore winning the third tie-break of the match. Altmaier, who reached the fourth round in 2020, broke in game seven of the decider but then also failed to serve it out. He immeto serve it out. He imme-diately gave himself anoth-er chance, though, and this time crept over the line as he secured a surprise win on his fifth match point after a thrilling final game in which he also saved three



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16-year-old qualifier Mirra
Andreeva became the
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third round. The World No. to reach the French Open 1, who turned 22 on Wedthird round on Thursday. nesday, crushed American Ranked 143 in the world Claire Liu 6-4, 6-0.

### The day in numbers

Since 1993, Mirra Andreeva is the seventh player undo the age of 17 to reach the third round in women's singles at Roland-Gamo

fifth year in a row. The

### IMPORTANT RESULTS

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6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Women: 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Liu (USA) 6-4, 6-0; Day (USA) bt 20-Keys (USA) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; 4-Hybakina (Kaz) bt Noskova (Czo) 6-3, 6-3, 23-Alexandrova bt Friedsam (Gor) 6-2, 6-0; 14-Maia (Bra) bt Shnoilder 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Pera (USA) bt 22-Vebic (Cro) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, Andreava bt Pamy [Fra) 6-1, 6-2; 7-Jabeur (Turr) bt Dodin [Fra) 6-2, 6-3, 6-Gauff (USA) bt Grabher (Aut) 6-2, 6-3.

Asian Games: Harmanpreet

FRIDAY'S PICKS

### Dhoni successfully undergoes knee surgery in Mumbai



On the mend: Dhoni's rehabilitation is expected to take a couple of

Shayan Acharya MUMBAI

Former India captain M.S. Dhoni underwent knee surgery at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospi-

Dhirubhai Ambani Hospi-tal on Thursday.

The Chennai Super Kings captain, who guided the team to its fifth IPL title earlier this week, travelled to Mumbai on Wednesday to consult Dr. Dirishaw Par-diwala who recommended the consultation of the con-traction o

him.

Dr. Pardiwala has treated several sports personalities including Rishabh Pant and Neeraj Chopra.
Over the last few years, be has also been one of the BOCI's panel doctors. "We don't know the de-

tails, but Dhoni underwen surgery on his knee this morning. We were in-formed that the surgery was successful and he is recovering," CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan told The

Though Dr. Pardiwala

season with heavy strap-ping on his left knee. He looked fine while keeping wickets, but came to bat as low as No. 8 at times, look-

### We are used to the Dukes ball having practised with it, says Axar

Press Trust of India

Switching from playing T20s to the longest format of the game is difficult but practising with the red ball through the IPL will help in the tough transition at the World Test Championship final against Australia, feels India all-rounder Axar Patel.

While the SG balls are used to play the red-ball format in India, the Dukes ball will be used for the

"We knew about this before the start of the IPL. So even during the IPL, it was discussed that we will bowl with the red ball," Axar told ICC.

### Indian juniors best Pakistan | Our main target is preparing for the to emerge Asian champions

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without the ball.

"There are some small changes we have made and trying new things because these games and then the Asian Champions Trophy are our best chance to do so ahead of the Asian Games, which is our main tanget. Anything before that is a chance to fine-tune and develop a good highest-ranked Asian side and the only one part of the Pro League – the team is using the ongoing games to work on its own plans. understanding," captain Harmanpreet Singh told select media ahead of the

While it narrowly lost its first two games on the Eu-rope leg of the Pro League, the Indian ment's hockey team is not losing any sleep over the results, focusing on fine-tuning its plans ahead of the big test at the

anead of the big test at the Asian games in a few months from now.
"Our main focus is on the defence and maintain-ing our structure specially without the ball.

circle easily. The same will happen with Asian teams also so these games will help a lot," Harmanpreet, who became the all-time "Most Asian teams play half-court with a lot of tight marking and here also "See, the top teams in

setect media ahead of the upcoming weekend While the level of play between the top European sides and Asian teams is the considered and the same standard of the s

goes up. We have to be sharp and our execution must be perfect against the Top Four that we are play-

Top Four that we are play-ing here.

"That's what we are try-ing to do right now so that by the time Asiad comes, we will get used to our roles and plans by then. Our basic plans, structure and execution inside the circle will not change," midfielder Hardik Singh added.

Asked about the two games played so far - the first outings under new coach Craig Fulton - Har-dik was honest.

"The games were good but we have to finish better inside the circle and get our basics even better. At the same time, we last played in March while players from the other teams were in the EHL in April. That said, the past is done and we are focused on the upcoming games,

India's weekend games

# Indian juniors best Pakistan to emerge Asian champions

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This was India's fourth title, having earlier won the tournament in 2004, 2008 and 2015. Pakistan has won the tournament in 1987, 1992 and 1996.

India went on the offensive from the first minute and quickly earned a penalty corner through its first move. It was Sudeep Chirmako, who entered from the left wing and found the feet of a Pakistani defender but the subsequent chance went abegging.



**Memorable win:** India asserted its supremacy against Pakistan to secure its fourth Asia Cup title. TWITTER/HOCKEY INDIA

penalty corner again came to light in the sixth minute when Sunit Lakra's dragflick was saved by the Pakistani goalkeeper.

However in the 12th minute, India drew first blood when Angad tapped one home from close range after Araijeet's shot was deflected off the goalmouth melee.

Araijit, one of the brightest talents among Indian hockey's Gen-Next, increased the lead to 2-0 as he received a delivery at the centre of the striking circle. He controlled and the ball home.

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#### TOUCHING BREASTS, NAVEL, BUTTOCKS; INCIDENTS IN INDIA, OVERSEAS'

#### Demands for sexual favours, at least 10 cases of molestation detailed in 2 FIRs against Brij Bhushan

Cite IPC Sections 354, 34, Section 10 of POCSO; wrestlers say 'girls collectively agreed to not go alone for meals'

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A khap mahapanchayat, held in Muzaffarnagar on Thursday in support of the wrestlers, decided to send a delegation to meet President Droupadi Murmu. Ami Mehre. REPORT. PAGE 15

#### He offered to buy me supplements if I gave in to sexual advances: wrestler

One wrestler's complaint to police details how WFI chief 'forcefully' hugged her in his room, 'called' her to his bed

WRESTLING FEDERATION of India (WFI) president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh sought sexual favours from a list — by promising to buy her Singh in Gonda, Thursday. Ptt



"deeply disturbed and scared." These are the key allegation in an official complaint files with New Delhi's Connaugh

sexual harassment and repeated indecent advances" that left her

#### DGP TRANSFERRED: PEACE PANEL HEADED BY GOVERNOR TO BE FORMED



At centre of nun rape case, Mulakkal steps down as bishop of Jalandhar





SHAJU PHILIP

equitted by a court in Kerala last ear in connection with the rape if a nun, has resigned as bishop if the Jalandhar diocese, the latican's mission in India said on

ndia - the Vatican's mission in he country — said in a release hat Pope Francis has accepted

lottayam that acquitted the iishop, as well as the appeal gainst the acquittal that has een admitted by the Kerala ligh Court. According to the Vatican's

epresentative, the resignation was requested of Mulaikkal for he good of the diocese, which seeds a new bishop, and not as disciplinary measure.

#### **Judicial panel to** probe violence in **Manipur: Shah**

action for violation of ceasefire pacts

#### SUKRITA BARUAH & JIMMY LEIVON IMPHAL, JUNE 1

died in clashes since May 3, Union Home Minister Amit Shah of measures, including a judicial

situation and reached out to Meitei and Kuki groups in multiple meetings since his ar-

multiple meetings since his ar-rival on Monday night, said "strict action" would be taken for any violation of ceasefire pacts. In a related development, the government transferred Manipur DGP P Doungel to the post of Officer on Special Duty (OSD) (Home). Rajiv Singh, a Tripura cadre IPS officer posted as IG, CRPE in Tripura, has been



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# Security personnel at Kangchuk in Manipur on Thursday, AN

#### Why are so many bodies unclaimed? Seven families have some answers

appointed as the new Manipur
DCP on inter-cadre deputation.
Addressing a press conference at the end of his four-day
May 3, leaving at least 80 people dead, as at least 63 bodies remain

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reported that, as of May 28, all 19 bodies brought in hys security pre-bodies brought in hys security pre-clashes remain unclaimed at the increase of the powed watal Mevin IMOS) in lengthal [Sast and an un-specified number at the Regional IMOS) in lengthal [Sast and an un-specified number at the Regional [REMS] in the phal West, & the desired price bought all in Churachandque (REMS) in the phal West, & the desired and is the police strained. (Remain the police strained of the police and the police strained (Remain the police strained of the police and the police strained (Remain the police and all the police as a fell of the police and all the

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PM Narendra Modi with his Nepal counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' in New Delhi on Thursday. FT

#### Will settle boundary issue, take our ties to Himalayan heights: PM meets Prachanda

Transit treaty for rail links, inland waterways; series of pacts signed

inche And regal with together strive to tale their bilateral ties to 'Himaliyan heights' and resolve all issues, including boundary is-sues, Prinne Minister Narendra Modi said Thursday after meet-ing his Nepal counterpart Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda'.

Kamal Dahal Prachands!

"We will continue to strive to take our relationship to Himalayan heights. And in this spirit, we will resolve all the issues, be it boundary-related or any other issue." Modi said in a statement in the presence of Prachanda after their bilateral talks in Delta.

The Nepal Prime Minister, who is on a four-day visit to India, also mentioned resolving the "boundary matter". "Prime Minister Modiji and I

#### Manufacturing PMI hits 31-month high in May, riding demand surge

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Indian products, both locally as well as internationally, and an improvement in the operating conditions during the month.

Behind the new orders

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crease in factory orders led to surge in sales which paved way for increases in

expanded at 6.1 per cent in the expanded at 0.1 per cent in the January-March 2023 quarter, in turn pushing up the growthesti-mate to 7.2 per cent for the full year 2022-23. The manufactur-ing sector registered a year-on-year growth of 4.5 per cent in Q4 FY2023.

The seasonally adjusted PMI rose from 57.2 in April to 58.7 in May, indicating the strongest im-provement in the health of the sector since October 2020. Out of the five PMI sub-components, stocks of purchases showed no-table vigour, increasing at an CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



By UNNY

#### In MP, Cong fields a katha vachak to take on BJP in run-up to polls

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event with a recital of the Sundar Kaand from the Ramayana. "People say the Congress does not believe in religion. I know the party's leaders person-ally, they believe in religion but they have never believed in dis-

🥦 मध्यप्रदेश कांग्रेस करें

Richa Goswami, 32, at the Congress office in Bhopal. Express

coswitm says that despite te-ing a science student till Class 12 with ambitions of becoming an engineer, she decided to pursue this field as per her family's wishes. What followed was

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#### **EUROPEAN LEADERS MEET IN MOLDOVA**

# Zelenskyy presses for inclusion in NATO at summit close to border

#### **JOHN IRISH**

BULBOACA (MOLDOVA), JUNE 1

PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR
Zelenskyy pressed his case for
Ukraine to be part of the NATO
military alliance as he joined
European leaders on Thursday in
Moldova close to his nation's
border ahead of an expected
counter-offensive against
Russia's invasion.

Addressing leaders at the start of the gathering, Zelenskyy asked NATO members to take a clear decision on whether to admit Ukraine and also reiterated calls for Western fighter jets to protect Ukrainian skies.

He spoke as divisions between NATO members spilled out into the open over Ukraine's accession, speed, with fears that a hasty move could bring alliance closer to confrontation with Russia.

The summit of EU's 27 member states and 20 other European states was being held at a castle deep in Moldovan country just 20 km from Ukrainian territory and near the Russian-backed, breakaway Transdniestria region of Moldova.

Leaders were using the occasion as a symbolic show of support for Ukraine and Moldova while also tackling other issues, including a spike in ethnic tensions in Kosovo and efforts towards lasting peace between Armenia & Azerbaijan. REUTERS



Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with his Moldovan counterpart Maia Sandu in Bulboaca, Thursday. Reuters

#### NATO pressure on Turkey: Okay Sweden membership

#### LORNE COOK

OSLO, JUNE 1

NATO ON Thursday ramped up pressure on member nation Turkey to drop its objections to Sweden's membership as the military organization seeks to deal with the issue by the time US President Joe Biden and his counterparts meet next month.

The 31-member alliance is also looking at boosting Ukraine's non-member status in NATO and preparing a framework for security commitments that it can of-

fer once Russia war is over.

Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said NATO wants to bring Sweden into the fold by the time allied leaders meet in Lithuania on July 11-12. The allies also hope to make progress on long-term funding and the security plan for Ukraine at the same event, Stoltenberg said.

He said the allies continue to agree that Ukraine will become a NATO member one day but that in the meantime the alliance should provide it with security commitments and substantial new funding.

AP

**Abbreviation** NATO, *OTAN* 

Formation 4 April 1949 (74 years

ago)

Type Military alliance

**Headquarters** Brussels, Belgium

Membership 31 states [show]

Official language English and French<sup>[1]</sup>

Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

Chair of the NATO Lt. Admiral Rob Bauer,
Military Committee Royal Netherlands

Navy

Supreme Allied General Christopher G.
Commander Cavoli, United States

Army

Supreme Allied Général Philippe

Europe

Commander
Lavigne, French Air and

Space Force

**Expenses** (2021) US\$1.050 trillion<sup>[2]</sup>

### Japan to spend \$25 bn on families to boost birth rate

ISABEL REYNOLDS & EMI URABE June 1

**JAPAN WILL SPEND** around ¥3.5 trillion (\$25 billion) on policies meant to bolster its sliding birth rate, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Thursday, without fully explaining how he will fund the plans.

"This will bring our country's spending per child on families to the level of Sweden," which is one of the highest among developed economies, Kishida said after a meeting of his children's future strategy panel.

The advisory panel released details of the extra annual

spending that will include expanded handouts for families with children.

Kishida has warned the country's population crisis threatens to undermine its ability to function as a society. He has promised a raft of measures without specifying where the heavily indebted country will find the money for them.

Imposing new taxes would hurt government support amid speculation that Kishida may call an election in the coming months.

While he need not hold the vote until 2025, renewing his mandate would help him maintain his grip over his ruling Liberal Democratic Party ahead of a party leadership



election next year.

The prime minister emphasized the speedy introduction

of certain measures like cash handouts and childcare provision from the financial year Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has warned the country's population crisis threatens to undermine its ability to function as a society

starting next April.

"In securing funding for birth rate policies, we must not damage the economy or reduce incomes for young people or those raising children," Kishida said.

"By reforming spending and making the maximum use of the existing budget, we will aim not to create any additional real burden."

He added the government

would issue bonds to make up initial shortfalls in funding. "If you think about an election that may be held, this is not the time to be talking aloud about who will bear how much of a burden," said Masato Koike, economist at Sompo Institute Plus.

Almost 30% of Japan's population is aged 65 or over. Last year the number of children born fell under 800,000 for the first time since records began in 1899.

A study by independent thinktank Recruit Works Institute published in March found Japan may face a shortage of more than 11 million workers by 2040.

-BLOOMBERG

# Birth Rate by Country 2023 00 Birth Rate 5 10 15 20 25 30 35

#### Top 10 Countries with the Highest Birth Rate (per 1000 people, CIA World Factbook 2021 estimate)

Niger - 47.28

<u>Angola</u> - 42.22

Mali - 41.60 (tie)

<u>Uganda</u> - 41.60 (tie)

**Benin** - 41.55

<u>Chad</u> - 41.05

Congo (Dem Rep of) - 40.53

South Sudan - 38.26

**Somalia** - 38.25

Mozambique - 38.03

estimate)		
<u> Monaco</u> - 6.63		
South Korea -	5.89	
Andorra - 6.92		
<u>Japan</u> - 7.00		
<u>Taiwan</u> (limite	d recognition) - 7.43	
<u>Greece</u> - 7.72		
Puerto Rico -	.90	
Portugal - 8.02		
<u>Spain</u> - 8.05		
Bulgaria - 8.15		



- According to a recent Report by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Program (WFP) Hunger Hotspots FAO-WFP early warnings on acute food insecurity, India's neighbors, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Myanmar, are among the hunger hotspots in the world.
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- Hot Spots with Very High Concern:
  - There are 18 areas in 22 countries where acute Food Insecurity may increase in magnitude and severity.
  - Pakistan, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Syrian Arab Republic are hotspots with very high concern.
  - All these hotspots have a high number of people facing critical acute food insecurity, coupled with worsening drivers that are expected to further intensify life-threatening conditions in the coming months.
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- 22 देशों में 18 क्षेत्र ऐसे हैं जहां तीव्र खाद्य असुरक्षा परिमाण और गंभीरता में बढ़ सकती है।
- पाकिस्तान, मध्य अफ्रीकी गणराज्य, इथियोपिया, केन्या, कांगो लोकतांत्रिक गणराज्य और सीरियाई। अरब गणराज्य बहुत अधिक चिंता वाले हॉटस्पॉट हैं।
- इन सभी हॉटस्पॉट्स में बड़ी संख्या में ऐसे लोग हैं जो गंभीर खाद्य असुरक्षा का सामना कर रहे हैं, साथ ही बिगड़ते ड्राइवरों के साथ आने वाले महीनों में जीवन-धमकाने वाली स्थितियों को और तेज करने की उम्मीद है।

#### Countries at Highest Concern Level:

- Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen remain at the highest concern level.
  - Haiti, the Sahel (Burkina Faso and Mali) and the Sudan have been elevated to the highest concern levels; this is due to severe movement restrictions of people and goods in Haiti, as well as in Burkina Faso and Mali, and the recent eruption of <u>Conflict in Sudan</u>.

अफगानिस्तान, नाइजीरिया, सोमालिया, दक्षिण सूडान और यमन उच्चतम चिंता स्तर पर बने हुए हैं।

हैती, साहेल (बुर्किना फासो और माली) और सूडान को चिंता के उच्चतम स्तर तक ऊपर उठाया गया है; यह हैती के साथ-साथ बुर्किना फासो और माली में लोगों और सामानों की आवाजाही पर गंभीर प्रतिबंध और सूडान में हाल ही में भड़के संघर्ष के कारण है।

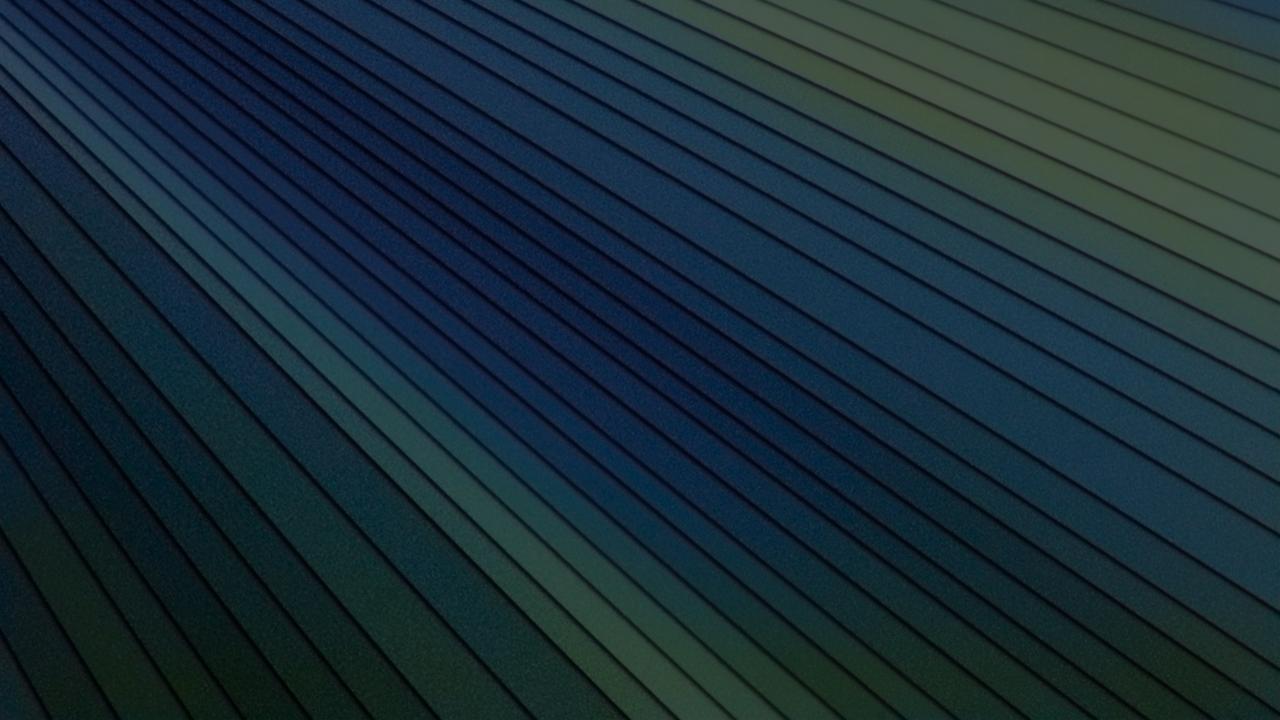
#### Expected to Face Starvation:

 All the hotspots at the highest level have populations facing or projected to face starvation, or are at risk of deterioration towards catastrophic conditions, given they already have critical food insecurity and are facing severe aggravating factors.

• उच्चतम स्तर पर सभी हॉटस्पॉट्स में ऐसी आबादी है जो भुखमरी का सामना कर रही है या भुखमरी का सामना करने का अनुमान है, या विनाशकारी स्थितियों की और बिगड़ने का खतरा है, यह देखते हुए कि उनके पास पहले से ही गंभीर खाद्य असुरक्षा है और वे गंभीर गंभीर कारकों का सामना कर रहे हैं।

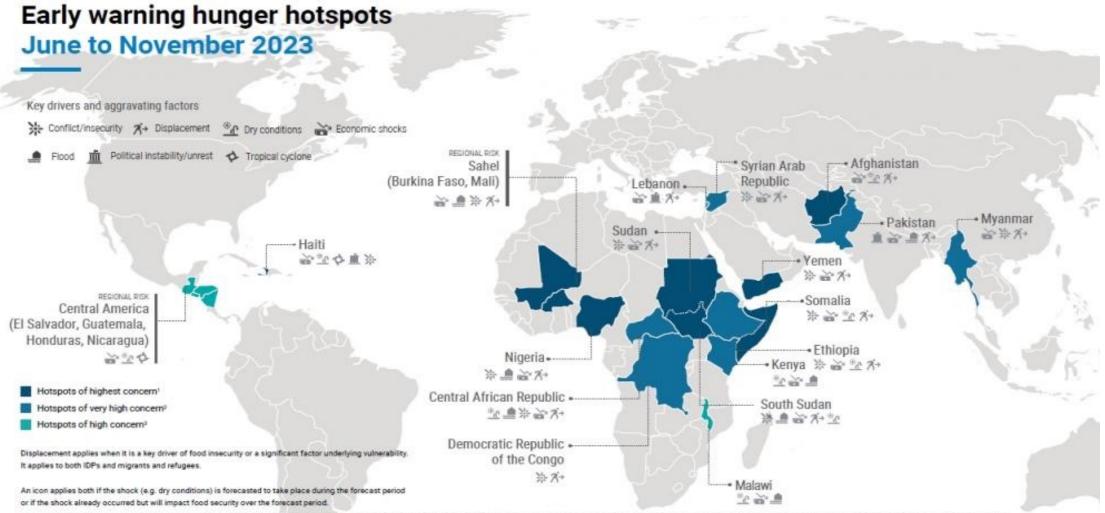
#### New Emerging Conflicts:

- New emerging conflicts, in particular the eruption of conflict in the Sudan, will likely drive global conflict trends and impact several neighbouring countries.
- The use of explosive ordnance and siege tactics in several hunger hotspots continues to push people into catastrophic levels of acute food insecurity.
- नए उभरते संघर्ष, विशेष रूप से सूडान में संघर्ष का विस्फोट, वैश्विक संघर्ष के रुझानों को आगे बढ़ाएंगे और कई पड़ोसी देशों को प्रभावित करेंगे।
- कई भुखमरी वाले क्षेत्रों में विस्फोटक आयुध और घेराबंदी की रणनीति का उपयोग लोगों को तीव्र खाद्य असुरक्षा के भयावह स्तर की ओर धकेल रहा है।



#### • मौसम :

- कुछ देशों और क्षेत्रों में भारी बारिश, उष्णकटिबंधीय तूफान, चक्रवात, बाढ़, सूखा और बढ़ी हुई जलवायु परिवर्तनशीलता जैसे चरम मौसम महत्वपूर्ण चालक बने हुए हैं।
- मई 2023 के पूर्वानुमान से पता चलता है कि मई-जुलाई 2023 की अवधि में अल नीनो स्थितियों के शुरू होने की 82% संभावना है, जिसके कई भूख हॉटस्पॉट के लिए महत्वपूर्ण प्रभाव हैं।
- आर्थिक झटके:
- गहराते आर्थिक झटके कम और मध्यम आय वाले देशों को संकट में और गहराते जा रहे हैं।



This category includes hotspots already with populations in Catastrophic (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification [IPC]/Cadre Harmonisé [CH]), as well as hotspots at risk of deterioration towards catastrophic conditions. At risk are those hotspots where an extremely vulnerable population in Emergency (IPC/CH Phase 4) is facing severe aggravating factors — especially access constraints — that indicate a further deterioration and possible occurrence of catastrophic conditions in the outlook period. Per definition, this category also includes hotspots with Famine or Risk of Famine.

Source of data: FAO and WFP: 2023. Hunger Hotspots analysis (June to November 2023). Rome. Source of map: United Nations. 2020. Map of the World. Cited 20 September 2022. www.un.org/geospatial/content/map-world

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These are hotspots with sizeable populations — over 500 000 people — estimated or projected to be in Emergency (IPC/CH Phase 4) levels of acute food insecure, as severely acute food insecure as per WFP's Consolidated Approach for Reporting Indicators of Food Security (CARI) or remote CARI (rCARI) methodology; or hotspots with more than 10 percent of the analysed population in Emergency (IPC/CH Phase 4) or severely acute food insecure, and at least 50 percent of the population analysed. In the included countries, life-threatening conditions are expected to further intensity in the outlook period.

Other countries, in which acute food insecurity is likely to deteriorate further during the outlook period, and which were identified as hunger hotspots.

What is the Food and Agriculture Organization?

#### About:

- FAO is a specialised agency of the <u>United Nations</u> that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.
- World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16th October. The day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the founding of the FAO in 1945.
- It is one of the UN food aid organisations based in Rome (Italy). Its sister bodies are the <a href="World Food Programme">World Food Programme</a> and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
- एफएओ संयुक्त राष्ट्र की एक विशेष एजेंसी है जो भूख को हराने के अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रयासों का नेतृत्व करती है।
- विश्व खाद्य दिवस हर साल 16 अक्टूबर को दुनिया भर में मनाया जाता है। 1945 में एफएओ की स्थापना की वर्षगांठ को चिहिनत करने के लिए यह दिन मनाया जाता है।
- यह रोम (इटली) में स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र खाद्य सहायता संगठनों में से एक है। विश्व खाद्य कार्यक्रम और कृषि विकास के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कोष (IFAD) इसके सहायक निकाय हैं।



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently announced plans to introduce a 'Lightweight' Payment and Settlement System (LPSS) for emergencies which was proposed in RBI's annual report for 2022-23.
- The lightweight system aims to provide resilience and continuity of payment and settlement systems while ensuring efficiency during emergencies.

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने हाल ही में आपात स्थितियों के लिए एक 'हल्के' भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली (LPSS) शुरू करने की योजना की घोषणा की, जिसे RBI की 2022-23 की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में प्रस्तावित किया गया था।

लाइटवेट सिस्टम का उद्देश्य आपात स्थिति के दौरान दक्षता सुनिश्चित करते हुए भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली को लचीलापन और निरंतरता प्रदान करना है।

#### About:

 LPSS is independent of conventional technologies and wired networks that underlie existing payment systems such as <u>UPI</u>, <u>NEFT</u>, <u>and RTGS</u>.

#### Background:

- As a part of the <u>'Utkarsh</u> 2.0' initiative, RBI will put in place a resilient framework for oversight of Centralized Payment Systems NEFT and RTGS.
- It will also look to upgrade the RTGS system, including improvements to the existing ones and the introduction of new functionalities.
- के बारे में:
- एलपीएसएस पारंपरिक तकनीकों और वायर्ड नेटवर्क से स्वतंत्र है जो मौजूदा भुगतान प्रणालियों जैसे कि यूपीआई, एनईएफटी और आरटीजीएस को रेखांकित करता है।
- पृष्ठभूमि:
- 'उत्कर्ष 2.0' पहल के एक भाग के रूप में, आरबीआई केंद्रीकृत भुगतान प्रणालियों एनईएफटी और आरटीजीएस की निगरानी के लिए एक लचीला ढांचा तैयार करेगा।
- यह आरटीजीएस प्रणाली को अपग्रेड करने पर भी विचार करेगा, जिसमें मौजूदा में सुधार और नई कार्यात्मकताएं शामिल हैं।

**Enhancing Payment System Resilience:**LPSS for emergencies ensures **resilience and continuity of payment and settlement systems** during extreme and volatile situations.

Conventional payment systems like UPI, NEFT, and RTGS are vulnerable to disruptions caused by natural calamities or war due to their dependence on complex wired networks and advanced IT infrastructure.

भुगतान प्रणाली लचीलापन बढ़ाना: आपात स्थितियों के लिए एलपीएसएस चरम और अस्थिर स्थितियों के दौरान लचीलापन और भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली की निरंतरता सुनिश्चित करता है।

UPI, NEFT और RTGS जैसी पारंपरिक भुगतान प्रणालियां जटिल वायर्ड नेटवर्क और उन्नत आईटी अवसंरचना पर अपनी निर्भरता के कारण प्राकृतिक आपदाओं या युद्ध के कारण होने वाले व्यवधानों के प्रति संवेदनशील हैं।

#### Benefits:

- Ensures near-zero downtime of the payment and settlement system during emergencies.
- Facilitates uninterrupted functioning of essential payment services, including **bulk payments, interbank payments, and provision of cash to participant institutions.**
- Enhances public confidence in <u>digital payments</u> and financial market infrastructure.
- Acts as a deterrent against malicious attacks or sabotage attempts on existing payment systems.
- आपात स्थिति के दौरान भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली के लगभग शून्य डाउनटाइम को सुनिश्चित करता है।
- थोक भुगतान, इंटरबैंक भुगतान, और प्रतिभागी संस्थानों को नकदी के प्रावधान सहित आवश्यक भुगतान सेवाओं के निर्बाध कामकाज की सुविधा प्रदान करता है।
- डिजिटल भुगतान और वितीय बाज़ार के बुनियादी ढांचे में जनता के विश्वास को बढ़ाता है।
- मौजूदा भुगतान प्रणालियों पर दुर्भावनापूर्ण हमलों या तोड़फोड़ के प्रयासों के खिलाफ निवारक के रूप में कार्य करता है।

# World Milk Day

The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying,** in partnership with the **Agriculture Production Department of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir,** is gearing up to celebrate **World Milk Day on June 1, 2023.** 

The occasion will be marked by a **Summer Meet for the <u>animal</u>** <u>husbandry</u> and dairying sector, taking place from June 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> at SKICC in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार के कृषि उत्पादन विभाग के साथ साझेदारी में पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग 1 जून, 2023 को विश्व दुग्ध दिवस मनाने की तैयारी कर रहा है।

इस अवसर पर जम्मू और कश्मीर के श्रीनगर में SKICC में 1 से 2 जून तक पशुपालन और डेयरी क्षेत्र के लिए समर मीट का आयोजन किया जाएगा।

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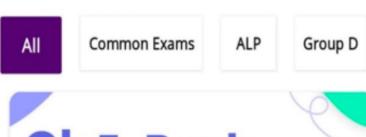
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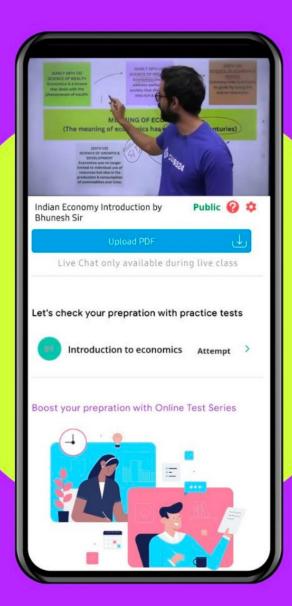
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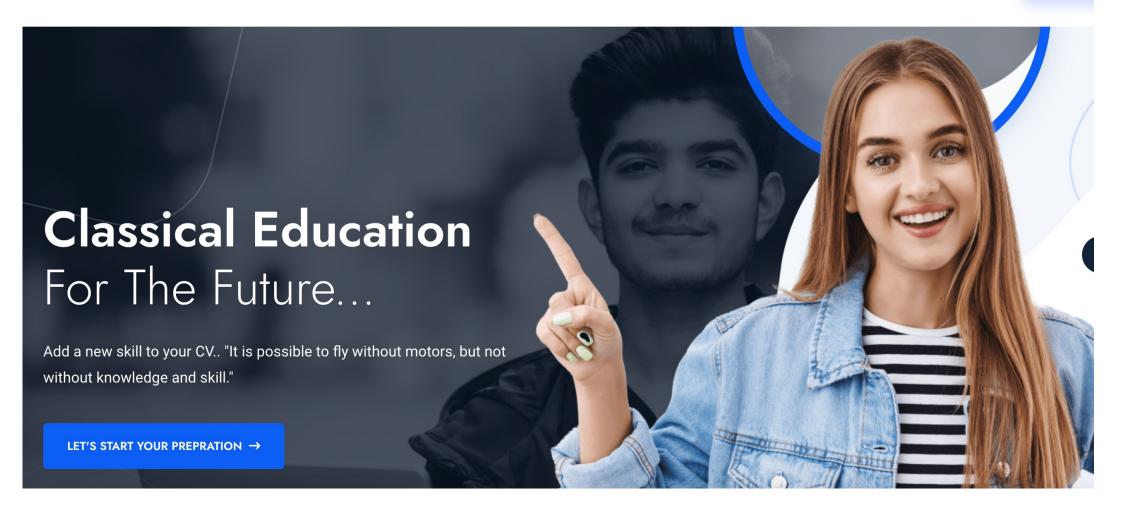






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- The FAO accords the status of 'Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)' to traditional agricultural systems. What is the overall goal of this initiative? (2016)
- 1.To provide modern technology, training in modern farming methods and financial support to local communities of identified GIAHS so as to greatly enhance their agricultural productivity.
- 2.To identify and safeguard eco-friendly traditional farm practices and their associated landscapes, agricultural biodiversity and knowledge systems of the local communities.
- 3. To provide Geographical Indication status to all the varieties of agricultural produce in such identified GIAHS.
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only

  - (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

- With reference to digital payments, consider the following statements: (2018)
- 1.BHIM app allows the user to transfer money to anyone with a UPI-enabled bank account.
- 2. While a chip-pin debit card has four factors of authentication, BHIM app has only two factors of authentication.
- 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

- Which of the following is a most likely consequence of implementing the 'Unified Payments Interface (UPI)'? (2017)
- (a) Mobile wallets will not be necessary for online payments.
  - (b) Digital currency will totally replace the physical currency in about two decades.
  - (c) FDI inflows will drastically increase.
  - (d) Direct transfer of subsidies to poor people will become very effective.

