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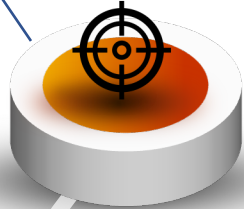


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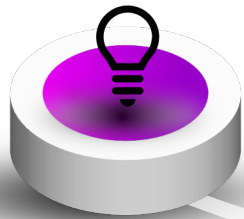


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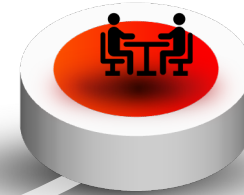


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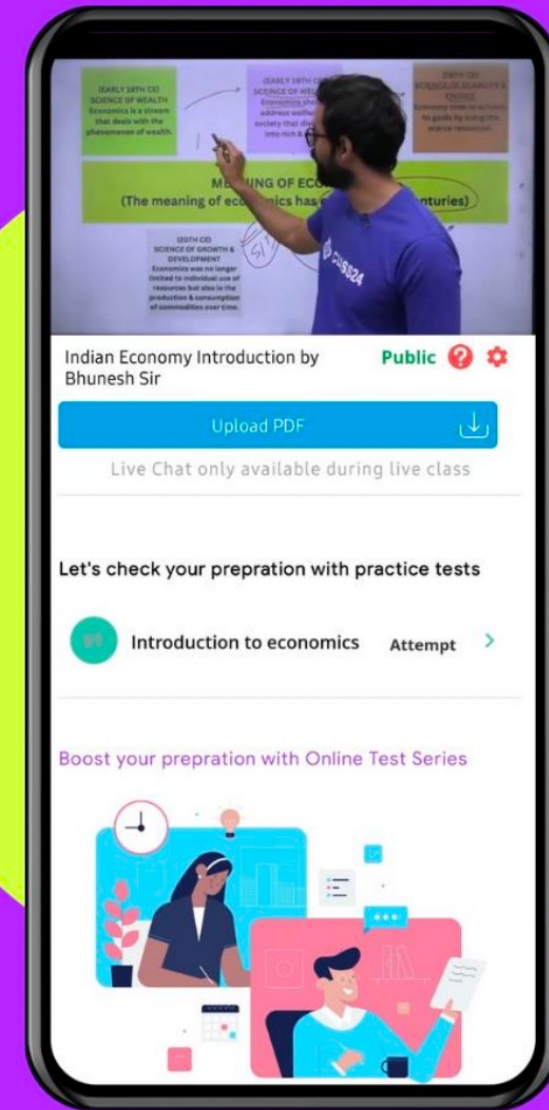
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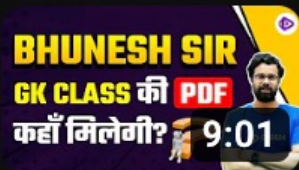


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# 70 killed in Odisha train accident

More than 350 injured in accident involving two express and a goods train in Balasore | The accident, one of the worst in recent times, led to derailment of 17 coaches | People from villages nearby act as first responders, assist in rescue operations

**Satyasundar Barik**  
BALASORE

At least 70 passengers were feared dead and more than 350 injured in a major rail accident involving two express trains and a goods train in Balasore district of Odisha on Friday evening.

The accident took place at around 7 p.m. when two coaches of E2664 (SMVB-HWHD) Yashwanipur Howrah Express derailed near Bahanaga railway station. The derailed coaches toppled towards the adjoining track and hit the speeding 12841 Coromandel Express coming from the opposite direction. It led to derailment of about 17 coaches.

A goods train was also involved in the accident as some of the coaches of the Coromandel Express hit its wagons after getting derailed, Odisha Chief Secretary P.K. Jena said.



Railway officials were, however, hesitant to state the exact cause of the accident and were waiting for outcome of initial findings. The toll is likely to go up as disaster response teams and local residents were retrieving bodies from under derailed coaches.

The Coromandel Express, a long-distance train connecting West Bengal with Tamil Nadu had left Shalimar station earlier in the day. Its passengers comprise mostly residents of West Bengal who visit Tamil Nadu either for work or to avail of better health-care facilities.

The accident is being described as one of the worst in recent times. In 2018, the Coromandel Express had met with an accident in Jajpur district of Odisha, about 50 km away



**Race against time:** Rescue workers searching the wreckage for survivors on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

From the present accident site. Though the Odisha government had deployed dozens of teams under supervision of over 10 senior Secretaries and a Minister, chaos prevailed at the accident site and at healthcare centre.

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## + Begin talks with wrestlers or face agitation from June 9, khap leaders warn Centre

**Ashok Kumar**  
**Mahavank Kumar**  
KURUSHETRA, KARNATAKA

A mahapanchayat in Haryana's Kurukshetra on Friday gave the Union government a week to initiate a dialogue on the wrestlers' demand for the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Dr J Bhasin Sharan Singh. If the government failed to reach



Rakesh Tikait  
an amicable resolution of the situation, the agitation at Jantar Mantar in Delhi

would be resumed from June 9, it said.

Several top wrestlers have been demanding the arrest of the WFI president over allegations of sexual exploitation of female grapplers, including a minor. Mr. Singh has denied the charges.

Announcing the decision after an hour-long meeting, Bharatiya Kisan Union chief Rakesh Tikait said, "The government has time till June 9 to resolve the matter, or we will accompany the children (wrestlers) to Jantar Mantar to resume the sit-in."

The mahapanchayat was attended by several khap leaders and their supporters from Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

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## IN BRIEF

### Karnataka spells out timeline for poll guarantees

**BENGALURU**

The Karnataka Cabinet on Friday decided to implement all five poll guarantees of the Congress this financial year, starting with the launch of the scheme giving free bus travel for women on June 11.

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**AAP gets Soren's backing in Delhi services row**

**PATNA**

Aam Aadmi Party's top leaders on Friday met Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi and secured the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's support against the Centre's ordinance on control over services in Delhi.

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# Law Commission meets Uttarakhand UCC team

## **The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

The Law Commission may be considering to work on the issue of Uniform Civil Code, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd) said on Friday after a meeting with its Chairperson and members. Justice Desai heads the committee preparing a draft of the code for Uttarakhand.

On Friday, the members of the Uttarakhand UCC panel, including Justice Desai, who is also the current head of the delimitation commission, and former

Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Shatrughna Singh, met Law Commission chairperson Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and members K.T. Sankaran, Anand Paliwal and D.P. Verma.

Speaking to the media, Justice Desai said that the meeting was a courtesy call. "Because we are working on the UCC draft in Uttarakhand and probably they are also thinking about it. So they made a courtesy call and asked what kind of work has been done by us. We have also given a little idea to them," Justice Desai said.

## Law Commission of India

<b>Formation</b>	First time in 1834; (Current in 2022)
<b>Type</b>	Agency of <a href="#">Government of India</a>
<b>Legal status</b>	Ad hoc, term based
<b>Purpose</b>	Law Reform in India
<b>Location</b>	2nd & 4th Floor, "B" Wing, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi- 110003.
<b>Membership</b>	Chairman, 1 Permanent Member, 1 Member Secretary, 2 Part-time Members, 2 ex-officio members
<b>Chairman</b>	<a href="#">Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi</a> (22nd Law Commission)
<b>Full-time Member</b>	Justice Ravi R. Tripathi and S.Siva Kumar
<b>Part-time Members</b>	<a href="#">Satya Pal Jain</a> , <a href="#">Bimal N. Patel</a> and <a href="#">Abhay Bhardwaj</a>

- Law Commission of India is neither a constitutional body nor a statutory body, it is an executive body established by an order of the Government of India. Its major function is to work for **legal reforms**.
- The Commission is established for a fixed tenure and works as an **advisory body** to the **Ministry of Law and Justice**.
- Its membership primarily comprises legal experts.

भारत का विधि आयोग न तो एक संवैधानिक निकाय है और न ही एक वैधानिक निकाय, यह भारत सरकार के एक आदेश द्वारा स्थापित एक कार्यकारी निकाय है। इसका प्रमुख कार्य कानूनी सुधारों के लिए कार्य करना है।

आयोग एक निश्चित कार्यकाल के लिए स्थापित किया गया है और कानून और न्याय मंत्रालय के लिए एक सलाहकार निकाय के रूप में काम करता है।

इसकी सदस्यता में मुख्य रूप से कानूनी विशेषज्ञ शामिल हैं।

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**The Indian Code of Civil Procedure, the Indian Contract Act, the Indian Evidence Act, the Transfer of Property Act.** etc. are products of the first four Law Commissions.

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भारतीय नागरिक प्रक्रिया संहिता, भारतीय अनुबंध अधिनियम, भारतीय साक्ष्य अधिनियम, संपत्ति अधिनियम का हस्तांतरण। आदि पहले चार विधि आयोगों के उत्पाद हैं।

The Government of India established the First Law Commission of Independent India in 1955 with the then Attorney-General of India, **Mr M. C. Setalvad**, as its Chairman. Since then **twenty one more Law Commissions have been appointed, each with a three-year term.**

In 2020, the Union Cabinet has approved the constitution of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Law Commission of India for a period of three years.



भारत सरकार ने 1955 में स्वतंत्र भारत के पहले विधि आयोग की स्थापना की, जिसके अध्यक्ष भारत के तत्कालीन अटॉर्नी-जनरल श्री एम.सी. सीतलवाड़ थे। तब से इक्कीस और विधि आयोग नियुक्त किए गए हैं, जिनमें से प्रत्येक का कार्यकाल तीन साल का है।



2020 में, केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने तीन साल की अवधि के लिए भारत के 22वें विधि आयोग के गठन को मंजूरी दी है।



- The law commission of India has **submitted 277 reports** so far on various issues, some of the recent reports are:
  - **Report No. 277** – Wrongful Prosecution (Miscarriage of Justice): Legal Remedies
  - **Report No. 276** – Legal Framework: Gambling and Sports Betting Including in Cricket in India
  - **Report No. 275** – Legal Framework: BCCI vis-à-vis Right to Information Act, 2005
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  - **Report No. 272** – Assessment of Statutory Frameworks of Tribunals in India
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  - **Report No. 270** – Compulsory Registration of Marriages

- UCC

- Article 44 of the Constitution lays down that the state shall endeavour to secure a UCC for the citizens throughout the territory of India.
  - Article 44 is one of the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP).
  - DPSP as defined in Article 37, are not justiciable (not enforceable by any court) but the principles laid down therein are fundamental in governance.

- यूसीसी

- संविधान के अनुच्छेद 44 में कहा गया है कि राज्य भारत के पूरे क्षेत्र में नागरिकों के लिए यूसीसी को सुरक्षित करने का प्रयास करेगा।
- अनुच्छेद 44 राज्य नीति (DPSP) के निर्देशक सिद्धांतों में से एक है।
- DPSP जैसा कि अनुच्छेद 37 में परिभाषित किया गया है, न्यायसंगत नहीं है (किसी भी अदालत द्वारा लागू नहीं किया जा सकता है) लेकिन उसमें निर्धारित सिद्धांत शासन में मौलिक हैं।

- **Status of Uniform Codes in India:**

- Indian laws do follow a uniform code in most civil matters such as [Indian Contract Act 1872](#), Civil Procedure Code, Transfer of Property Act 1882, Partnership Act 1932, [Evidence Act, 1872](#) etc.
- States, however, have made hundreds of amendments and, therefore, in certain matters, there is diversity even under these secular civil laws.
  - Recently, several states refused to be governed by the [uniform Motor Vehicles Act, 2019](#).

- भारतीय कानून भारतीय अनबन्ध अधिनियम 1872, नागरिक प्रक्रिया संहिता, संपत्ति हस्तांतरण अधिनियम 1882, साझेदारी अधिनियम 1932, साक्ष्य अधिनियम, 1872 आदि जैसे अधिकांश नागरिक मामलों में एक समान कोड का पालन करते हैं।
- हालाँकि, राज्यों ने सैकड़ों संशोधन किए हैं और इसलिए, कुछ मामलों में, इन धर्मनिरपेक्ष नागरिक कानूनों के तहत भी विविधता है।
- हाल ही में, कई राज्यों ने समान मोटर वाहन अधिनियम, 2019 द्वारा शासित होने से इनकार कर दिया।

- **Implications of Uniform Civil Code on Personal Laws:**
- **Protection to Vulnerable Section of Society:**
- **Simplification of Laws:**
  - The code will simplify the complex laws around marriage ceremonies, inheritance, succession, adoptions making them one for all. The same civil law will then be applicable to all citizens irrespective of their faith.
- **Adhering to Ideal of Secularism:**
- **Gender Justice:**
- पर्सनल लॉ पर समान नागरिक संहिता के प्रभाव:
- समाज के कमजोर वर्ग को संरक्षण:
- कानूनों का सरलीकरण:
- कोड विवाह समारोहों, विरासत, उत्तराधिकार, गोद लेने के आसपास के जटिल कानूनों को सरल करेगा और उन्हें सभी के लिए एक कर देगा। एक ही नागरिक कानून तब सभी नागरिकों पर लागू होगा चाहे उनकी आस्था कुछ भी हो।
- धर्मनिरपेक्षता के आदर्श का पालन:
- लैंगिक न्याय:

### ISTANBUL Istanbul students protest despite ban after Erdogan win in election



Students and academics protested at Turkey's Bogazici University on Friday, defying a ban on the near 900-day strike imposed after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected. They turned their backs in front of the Erdogan-appointed rectifier's office for the 880th day on Friday — a protest that has been on since January 2021. — AP

### BELGOROD Two killed by shelling in Russia's border region as hundreds flee



Two civilians were killed on Friday in shelling on Russia's Belgorod region on the border with Ukraine. Two others were severely wounded by the shelling that hit a village in the Shebekino district. Governor Gladkov said 2,500 people were being put up in various temporary centres in the region. — AP

### JERUSALEM Palestinian toddler critically wounded in West Bank firing



A 3-year-old Palestinian boy was in critical condition at an Israeli hospital on Friday morning after being shot by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank. In a statement, the military said that gunmen opened fire late Thursday toward the West Bank settlement. It said soldiers at a guard post returned fire. — AP

### KARACHI Pakistan to engage in barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia



Pakistan has passed a special order to allow barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia for certain goods, including petroleum and natural gas, the Ministry of Commerce said on Friday. The order, called the Business-to-Business (B2B) Barter Trade Mechanism 2023 and dated June 1, lists goods that can be bartered. — AP

## No Ukraine truce without Russian pullback: Blinken

A cease-fire that simply freezes current lines in place is not a just and lasting peace, says the U.S. Secretary of State. Kyiv claims it shot down more than 30 Russian missiles and drones on Friday

Associated Press  
KIVY

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Friday that there can be no cease-fire in the war in Ukraine unless it is part of a "just and lasting" peace deal that includes Russia's military withdrawal.

Mr. Blinken said "a cease-fire that simply freezes current lines in place" and allows Russian President Vladimir Putin "to consolidate control over the territory he has seized, and re-arm, and re-attack — that is not a just and lasting peace."



Peace talks Secretary of State Antony Blinken (left) with Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto during a press conference in Helsinki on Friday. AP

Russia must also pay a share of Ukraine's reconstruction and be held accountable for launching its full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022. Mr. Blinken said that, including recent overtures from Chi-

na and Brazil, he said, but any peace agreement must uphold the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence. "The U.S. is a leading Western ally and supplier of arms to Kyiv to help it push back against the Kremlin's forces. In Ukraine, air defences shot down more than 30 Russian cruise missiles and drones on Friday in Mos-

### Ukraine war: China cites difficulties in holding talks

Agence France-Presse  
BEIJING

China's special envoy for Eurasian affairs said on Friday there remained "many difficulties" ahead before Ukraine and Russia can sit down for peace talks on ending the war.

Speaking to journalists in Beijing following a tour of Europe that saw him visit Moscow and Kyiv, Li Hui said he believed "all parties support a political settlement" of the war. "There are currently many difficulties faced by the various parties in sitting down and engaging in talks," he said. But, he added, those fighting the war are "not without points of commonness".

## U.S. averts first-ever default with 11th-hour debt deal

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### Leading Pak. lawyer taken by armed men

Associated Press  
KARACHI

A leading Pakistani human rights lawyer in the southern port city of Karachi is missing after more than a dozen armed men snatched him from his car, his family said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Mr. Nasir's abduction and the police said they were investigating.

### DeSantis, Trump jab at each other on campaign trail

Associated Press  
GIMES

Former U.S. President Donald Trump kept at a steady drumbeat of criticism of his chief rival Ron DeSantis on Thursday, jumping immediately on remarks by the Florida Governor on the campaign trail to try to highlight his own strengths as the leading presidential candidate of Republican Party.

Their campaign appearances displayed an early tableau of the Republican primary that's just getting under way. Mr. Trump hammering Mr. DeSantis and promising to use a return to the White House to quickly undo his successor's work, while the Governor limits his replies and direct critics, pitching instead to rationalise his aggressive governing style.

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Democratic Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer added that the nation could “breathe a sigh of relief” after avoiding a “catastrophic” economic collapse.

“But, for all the ups and downs and twists and turns it took to get here, it is so good for this country that both parties have come together at last to avoid default,” he said.

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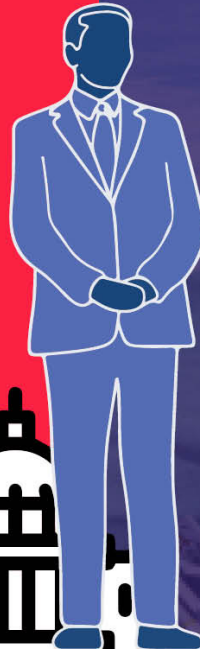
# WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The bill now **heads to the Senate**, which will enact the measure and get it to President Joe Biden's desk.



The bill must reach Biden's desk for his signature before **June 5**, when the federal government is expected to run out of money.

In the Senate, leaders of both parties said they hoped to move to enact the legislation before the weekend. But a potential delay over amendment votes could complicate matters.



**The last time the US came this close to overshooting its debt ceiling was in 2011.** The country saw a similar debt ceiling fight which was resolved when then-President Barack Obama agreed to spending cuts worth more than **\$900bn.**

# HOW DOES THE DEBT CEILING WORK?

When the debt soars, the **Treasury borrows more money** to pay for government spending.



Reaching the debt ceiling means that the Treasury is **unable to borrow any more money**.



In such a scenario, the **Congress votes to raise the debt ceiling** i.e. limit on borrowing.

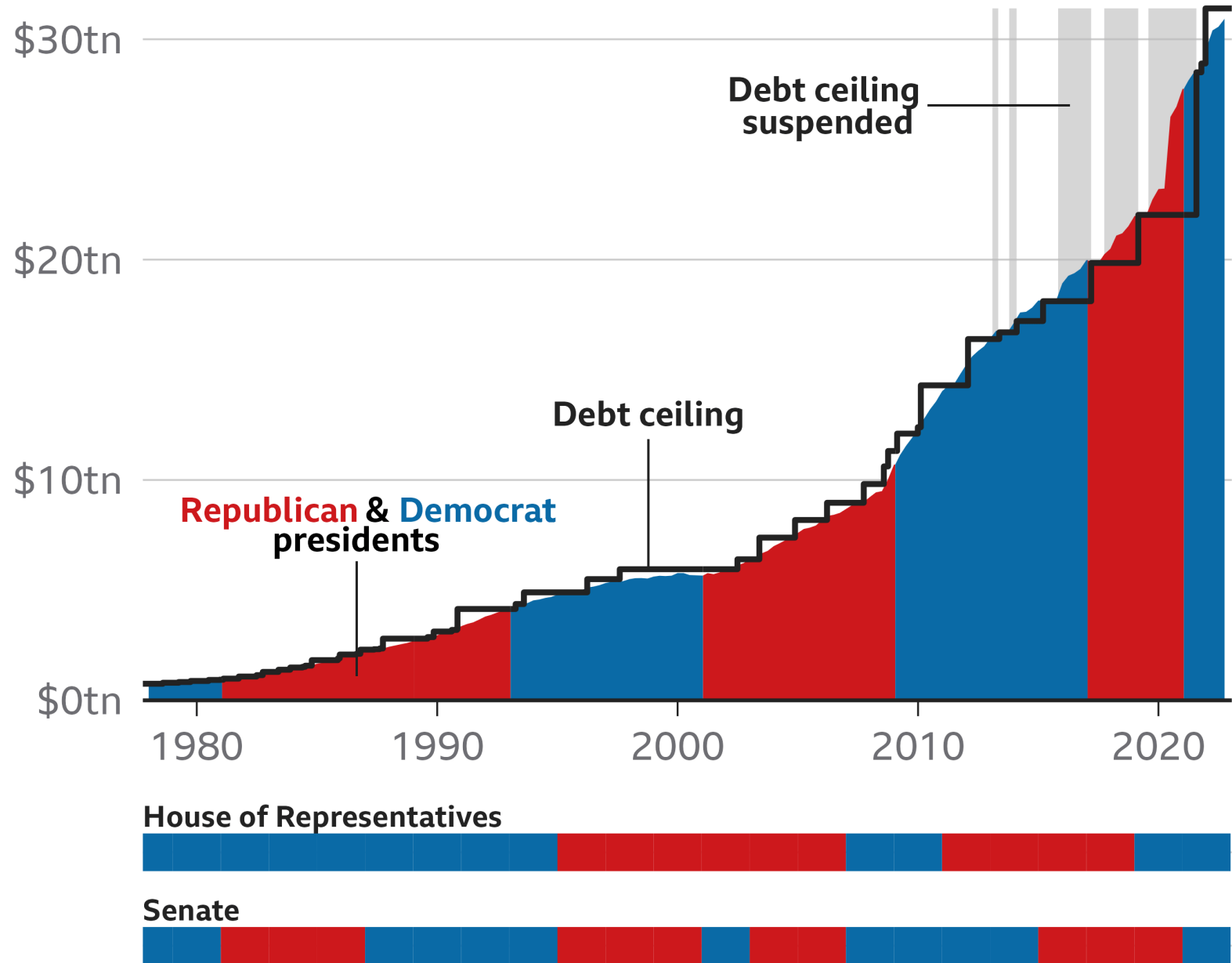


Any change to the debt ceiling requires **MAJORITY APPROVAL BY BOTH CHAMBERS OF CONGRESS.**





# US debt has risen regardless of administration





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IN BRIEF

Tata Motors unveils upgraded Nexon EV sport utility vehicle

Tata Motors has introduced the upgraded Nexon EV MAX NZ-LUX at a starting price of ₹18.79 lakh (ex-showroom, all India for 3.3 kW AC charger). Enhanced with a superior and high-tech feature upgrade, this top-of-the-line variant of the MAX has a 26.03 cm (30.25 inch) touchscreen infotainment system by Harman, high-resolution, high-definition (HD) display with slick response, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay over Wi-Fi and a high-definition, rear-view camera, the firm said.

Tanishq exchanged 1 lakh kg of gold for over 2-mn clients

Tanishq, a Titan Company property, on Friday said it exchanged 1 lakh kg of old gold to help more than two million customers upgrade jewellery to newer designs. The jewellery brand had revamped its gold exchange policy to cater to the evolving needs of customers amid volatile prices of the precious metal. This exchange policy would provide an opportunity for customers to upgrade old gold with newer and latest designs offered by Tanishq, the firm said.

Swaraj unveils compact, lightweight tractor range

Mahindra Group's Swaraj Tractors has unveiled 'Swaraj Target', a compact, lightweight tractor offering performance, unique features and latest technology. The firm will initially debut two models in the 20-30 HP (14.91-22.37kW) category. The Swaraj Target 630 will initially be available through Swaraj's extensive dealer network in Maharashtra and Karnataka at prices starting from ₹5.35 lakh ex-showroom. The Swaraj Target 625 will be introduced in due course.

Netflix, Disney said to miss challenge to tobacco rules

Reuters

Streaming giants Netflix, Amazon and Disney on Friday privately discussed a possible legal challenge and other ways to stall India's new tobacco warning rules, amid fears they will need to edit millions of hours of existing web content, sources said. The rule is the latest headache for streaming majors in India, a top growth market. The health ministry this week ordered streaming platforms should within three months insert static health warnings during smoking scenes. Also, India wants at least 50 seconds of anti-tobacco disclaimers in each program.

India needs new skill sets to boost cybersecurity

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

India will witness a surge in new roles in the cybersecurity space, said a report released by Data Security Council of India on Friday. The demand for cybersecurity professionals follows its entry in India has increased 54% over the past year, but the country does not have enough people with the required skill sets, Jean-François Philippe, Executive Vice President, Microsoft said. "To address this, we must have robust programmes and partnerships among various stakeholders," he added.

IRDAI eyes insurance push in rural areas with 'Bima Vahak'

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The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

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SBI Life to take over Sahara insurance unit

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified SBI Life Insurance Company as the acquirer-insurer of the business of the beleaguered Sahara India Life Insurance Co. SILIC. "SBI Life shall take over the policy liabilities of the business, including the SILIC, backed by the policyholders' assets, with immediate effect," the regulator said in its June 2 order. The action was warranted to protect the interests

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of SILIC policyholders, it said in the order that chronicles developments over the past six years, including the appointment of an Administrator in 2017 to manage the business, the insurance company being stopped from underwriting new business and subsequently, the decision to transfer the business to another life insurer.

RBI issues draft on cybersafety for PSOs

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India has released the draft Master Directions on Cyber Resilience and Digital Payment Security Controls for Payment System Operators.



The draft covers governance mechanisms for the management of cybersecurity risks, including information security, traditional and emerging information systems and cybersecurity risks. The RBI has invited feedback from stakeholders by June 30, 2023.

U.S. employers boost hiring, nonfarm payrolls rise by 3.39 lakh

Reuters WASHINGTON

U.S. job growth accelerated in May, but a jump in the unemployment rate to a seven-month high of 3.7% suggested that labour market conditions were easing, which could give the Federal Reserve cover to forgo an interest rate increase this month.

The increase in the unemployment rate, from a 53-year low of 3.4% in April, reported by the Labor Department on Friday, was mostly driven by Blacks. It was also partly due to more people entering the labour force, an increase in supply that is reducing pressure on businesses to raise wages. Wage growth moderated last month, which should offer some comfort to Fed officials battling to bring inflation back to the U.S. central bank's 2% target. The closely watched employment report offered more evidence that the economy was far from a dreaded recession, despite weakness in the interest-rate sensitive manufacturing sector and the housing market. "American businesses are still aggressively hiring, likely to meet resilient consumer demand," said Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "However, the other areas of softness... suggests that the labour market is losing steam."

Nonfarm payrolls rose by 339,000 last month.

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Pharmexcil talks tough over eye drops

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

Pharmaceutical exporters body Pharmexcil has sought an explanation from Indiana Ophthalmics LLP in the wake of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health directing the company to recall eye drops as its usage was recently linked to eye infections in some people. Pharmexcil has set June 3 as a deadline for the Gujarat-based firm to furnish details of the licensee and importers to whom the drug was supplied as well as copies of the manufacturing licence. "Conduct probe" The small-scale manufacturer was also directed to investigate the reasons for the contamination of the product.

Mining major NMDC logs record output, sales in May

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

State-owned NMDC's iron-ore output rose 16% YoY in May to 3.71 million tonne (MT), while sales at 3.62 MT was 37% higher. Both production and sales were the best ever for the month of May since inception. In the first two months of the fiscal, iron-ore production totalled 7.22 MT, a 13.7% rise, while sales of iron ore rose 22% to 7.05 MT, NMDC said. "India's iron-ore production has been predicted to grow by about 8% in FY24," said CMD Amitava Mukherjee. "As the largest contributor, NMDC has set the momentum right with record production and sales."

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IndiGo to fly to Baku, Tbilisi, Nairobi in international push

Jagriti Chandra NEW DELHI

IndiGo on Friday announced flights to destinations in Africa, the Caucasus and Central Asia as part of a push to add direct flight routes to underserved international routes. The airline also plans to connect India with North America through Istanbul through its tie-up with Turkish Airlines. The new routes would be served with the help of IndiGo's A321neo aircraft. The airline would now have a total of 32 destina-



tions, up from 26, and also add 176 weekly flights. The airline also said that it would expand connectivity between West Asia and smaller Indian cities over the next few months. The airline currently has 25% of its capacity deployed on international flights, which would receive a further boost with the latest route additions. IndiGo's announcement is also expected to help reduce airfares for Indian travellers. "Travellers will find fares more affordable on these direct flights and the demand for these routes will certainly be good," said Gaurav Patwari, Vice President, Air, Cleartrip.

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- There is a large section of the population which is missing the facilities of financial aid and insurance.
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## Siddaramaiah announces rollout of five poll guarantees



CM Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

## SANATH PRASAD & KIRAN PARASHAR

BENGALURU, JUNE 2

THE CONGRESS government in Karnataka will be implementing the five guarantees, which the party had promised in its manifesto for the May 10 polls, in the current financial year, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said Friday.

Siddaramaiah made the announcement after he chaired a Cabinet meeting Friday morning. He said the five schemes will be rolled out in a phased manner after identifying the beneficiaries and processing the applications wherever required.

"We promised to deliver these guarantees soon after the Cabinet meeting and we will walk the talk on this promise,"

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## Law panel suggests hardening sedition law: Raise jail term to 7 yrs or life sentence

### APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

UNDERLINING THAT allegations of misuse do not warrant a repeal of Indian Penal Code Section 124A which criminalises sedition, the Law Commission of India has recommended that the provision be retained with procedural safeguards and enhanced jail terms.

This comes at a time when there is widespread criticism of the provision being retained with procedural safeguards and enhanced jail terms.

The Commission, in its 279th report, recommends amending Section 124A to qualify that the law penalise only those with a tendency to incite violence or cause public disorder, and proposed enhancing the jail term up to seven years or life imprisonment. The offence currently carries a jail term up to three years or life imprisonment.

## CHENNAI-BOUND Coromandel Express from Kolkata derailed near Balasore

# Derailment, collision in Odisha twin train tragedy: 50 feared dead, over 400 injured

Officials say toll likely to climb; Modi, Shah take stock, Naveen at accident site today

### SUJIT BISHOYI & AVISEKH G DASTIDAR

BHUBANESHWAR, NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

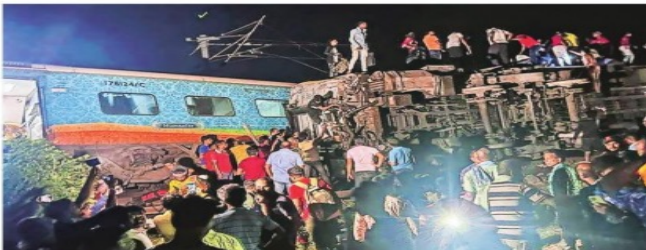
IN ONE of the worst train tragedies in recent years, at least 50 people were killed and more than 400 injured Friday evening near Balasore in Odisha when Coromandel Express derailed and fell on an adjacent track in the path of a train from Bengaluru headed in the opposite direction to Howrah.

A massive rescue operation was underway Friday night at the accident site in Bahanga Bazar near Balasore to retrieve people trapped in the derailed coaches and carry them to hospitals. "It's a major accident and the toll could go up significantly. We have not started removing the bodies, yet as our priority at the moment is to shift the injured to hospital and give them necessary treatment," said a senior Balasore official. Multiple sources engaged in relief and rescue operations at the site indicated a number between 50 and 100 for those feared dead.

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## TRAIN FROM Bengaluru headed to Kolkata hits coaches on its path

## RESCUE OPERATIONS underway to retrieve trapped passengers



Rescue workers at site of the incident in Bahanga Bazar of Odisha's Balasore district on Friday. ANI

A spokesperson for the South Eastern Railway said: "Due to the tragic accident of Train No. 12841 (Coromandel Express), coach number B2 to B9, A1 & A2 capsized. Coach No. B1 & Engine got derailed. Coach H1 & G2 coach is on rail. In Train No. 12864 (Yesvantpur-Howrah Express), 1 G2 coach got damaged on rail. Rear side G2B (2) coach derailed."

**MAJOR TRAIN ACCIDENTS IN PAST**

<b>Balasore</b>	<b>JAN 13, 2022:</b> 9 killed after Bikaner-Guwahati Express derailed in West Bengal.
<b>Bahanga station (accident site)</b>	<b>AUG 18, 2017:</b> 23 killed, 60 injured after Puri-Hardwar Udaipur Express derailed in UP.
<b>Cuttack</b>	<b>NOV 20, 2016:</b> At least 150 killed after Indore-Patina Express derailed in Kanpur.

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## SEXUAL HARASSMENT FIRs AGAINST BRIJ BHUSHAN: DELHI POLICE RECORDS STATEMENTS OF 125

# 2 India wrestlers, 1 top referee, 1 state coach: 4 witnesses who corroborate

Coach said wrestler called him six hours after alleged incident; referee says was aware of allegations

### MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

ONE OLYMPIAN, a Commonwealth gold medalist, an international referee and a state coach have corroborated the allegations of at least three female wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh. The Indian Express has learnt.

They are four of the 125 potential witnesses across four states whose statements have been recorded by Delhi Police.

This comes after the Delhi Police, on April 28, registered two FIRs that, at the Indian Express reported Thursday, have at least two instances of demanding "sexual favours" in lieu of professional assistance; close to 15 incidents of sexual harassment that include 10 episodes of inappropriate touching, masturbation that includes running hands over breasts, touching the neck; several instances of intimidation including stalking.



The Indian Express's June 2 report detailed the two FIRs and a complaint against Brij Bhushan Singh.

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When asked about these four witnesses, Delhi Police spokesperson Suman Nalwa said: "We cannot comment on this."

### PRATYUSH RAJ

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

ALL THE members of the 1983 World Cup winning team Friday came out in support of the top Indian wrestlers who have been protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Singh, alleging sexual exploitation and harassment. Hours later, current BCCI president Roger Binny distanced himself from the statement denying that he had any involvement with any of them.

## Under fire, Brij Bhushan defers Ayodhya rally; DM says he was never approached

### MAALSHREE SETH

LICHCHYV, JUNE 2

UNDER FIRE for alleged sexual harassment of women wrestlers and misconduct, Wrestling Federation of India chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh announced Friday that a Jan Chetna Mahalaya, planned for June 5, will be postponed.



WFI chief's rally was planned for June 5.

June 5 in Ayodhya, was being postponed since "police are investigating the allegations" and



Statement issued by Kapil Dev was endorsed by colleagues including Sunil Gavaskar; Roger Binny distanced himself.

Kapil Dev, who was captain of the '83 team, and endorsed by him.

## Send back baby Ariha from foster care: India to Germany

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

CALLING IT her "inalienable right", the Government on Friday urged Germany to let Ariha Shah, a baby girl living in foster care in Berlin for over 20 months, return to India. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said it is important for the child to be in her "linguistic, religious, cultural and social environment". "We urge German authorities to do all that is necessary to send Ariha to India at the earliest, which is also her inalienable right as an Indian national. We remain committed to ensuring the return... to India," Bagchi said in a statement.

Ariha has been in foster care since September 23, 2021 when German authorities took over her custody after she suffered an accidental injury. She was just seven months old then. The German authorities alleged Ariha's parents had harassed her.

Bagchi said the government has made Germany aware of India's child protection system and also shared details of potential foster parents who are willing to bring up Ariha in her "own socio-cultural milieu".

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### SUKRITA BARUAH & JIMMY LEIVON

IMPHAL, CHURACHANDPUR, JUNE 2

THE MASS movement of Kuki-Zomi people from Manipur's valleys to the hills, and vice-versa for the state's Meitei residents, is being reflected in government services too, with employees seeking transfers and the state government acknowledging the demands. A Kuki employee of the cen-

Manipur divide plays out in govt services too: 'Told my boss transfer me'

partment, who had been posted in Imphal for the last two years is set to take up work in Aizawl; a Meitei doctor who had been posted in Churachandpur District Hospital is now on duty in Bishnupur district; a Kuki sub-inspector with the Manipur police in Imphal is currently in a relief camp in Bishnupur district; a Meitei teacher at a government college in the border town of Moreh is hoping to be transferred to a college in Imphal. All of them spoke on condi-



At Phayeng locality after a gunfight on Friday. Jimmy Leikon

ally made his way back to his family's home in Churachandpur on May 14 by flying to Aizawl and travelling to the town by road.

"I spoke to my boss in Imphal and at the headquarters and told them I want to be relocated. I had filed a request to transfer to Imphal but I will be able to have a direct connection by road in my family and won't have to travel through Imphal," he said, adding that he has now received a transfer order to Aizawl where he will shift next week.

posted at Churachandpur District Hospital for one-and-a-half years, also spent six days at a relief camp run by the Assam Rifles in the district.

"After the violence broke out on May 3, we were taken to the hospital in an ambulance and evacuated from there by the Assam Rifles. I finally reached Imphal five days later," he said. With fresh incidents of violence in Bishnupur district since last week, he has been called to offer his services at the district hospital there.



Dev Shah

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**UNITED STATES**

## Indian-origin boy is spelling bee champion

*Washington:* Dev Shah, a 14-year-old eighth-grader from Florida, who correctly spelled the word "psammophile" has won the 2023 Scripps National Spelling Bee, a prestigious contest where children of Indian origin have ruled the roost. Shah correctly spelled the word to win the 95th national bee and the USD 50,000 prize on Thursday. "It's surreal," Shah said onstage after the confetti fell on his head and he lifted the trophy high above. "I don't know if it's settled in. My legs are still shaking," he said at the competition in National Harbor, Maryland. **PTI**



## RBI slaps ₹2.2-cr penalty on IOB

THE RBI ON Friday imposed a penalty of ₹2.20 crore on Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) for non-compliance of income recognition and other deficiencies in regulatory compliance. This action is based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance, and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers, RBI said.

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<b>Revenue</b>	▲ ₹22,422.91 crore (US\$2.8 billion) (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Operating income</b>	▲ ₹5,840.81 crore (US\$730 million) (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Net income</b>	▲ ₹831.47 crore (US\$100 million) (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Total assets</b>	▲ ₹274,000.35 crore (US\$34 billion) (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Owner</b>	<a href="#">Government of India</a>
<b>Number of employees</b>	23,579 (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Capital ratio</b>	10.32% (2021) <sup>[1]</sup>

# Sustainable Aviation Fuel

The image is a composite background. On the left, there is a dark, silhouetted field of crops under a twilight sky. On the right, a car window reflects a landscape with several wind turbines and power lines against a bright, hazy sky. The text 'Sustainable Aviation Fuel' is centered over the image in a white, outlined font. The words 'Sustainable Aviation' are on the top line, and 'Fuel' is on the bottom line. Both lines of text are underlined with a double-line effect.

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Recently, India has expressed its reservations regarding the global mandates for [Sustainable Aviation Fuel \(SAF\)](#) with a target year of 2050, asserting that it is "too early."

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The 41<sup>st</sup> [ICAO \(International Civil Aviation Organisation\)](#) Assembly in South Korea adopted a **Long-Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG)** for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 in support of the [UNFCCC Paris Agreement](#).

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हाल ही में, भारत ने 2050 के लक्षित वर्ष के साथ सस्टेनेबल एविएशन फ्यूल (SAF) के लिए वैश्विक जनादेश के संबंध में अपनी आपत्ति व्यक्त की है, यह कहते हुए कि यह "बहुत जल्दी" है।

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दक्षिण कोरिया में 41वीं ICAO (अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नागरिक उड्डयन संगठन) विधानसभा ने UNFCCC पेरिस समझौते के समर्थन में 2050 तक शुद्ध-शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानन के लिए एक दीर्घकालिक वैश्विक आकांक्षात्मक लक्ष्य (LTAG) अपनाया।

- What is India's Stance on SAF Mandates?
  - India believes that each country should be allowed **to develop its strategy according to its national plans.**
  - India has sought support from the **ICAO** in achieving its carbon net-zero goals, while also addressing other priorities in the aviation sector, **such as meeting the growing aspirations of passengers.**
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- SAF जनादेश पर भारत का रुख क्या है?
  - भारत का मानना है कि प्रत्येक देश को अपनी राष्ट्रीय योजनाओं के अनुसार अपनी रणनीति विकसित करने की अनुमति दी जानी चाहिए।
  - भारत ने यात्रियों की बढ़ती आकांक्षाओं को पूरा करने जैसी विमानन क्षेत्र में अन्य प्राथमिकताओं को संबोधित करते हुए अपने कार्बन शुद्ध-शून्य लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में आईसीएओ से समर्थन मांगा है।



SAF, also referred to as **Bio-Jet Fuel**, is created using **domestically developed methods** using cooking oil and **oil-rich seeds from plants**.

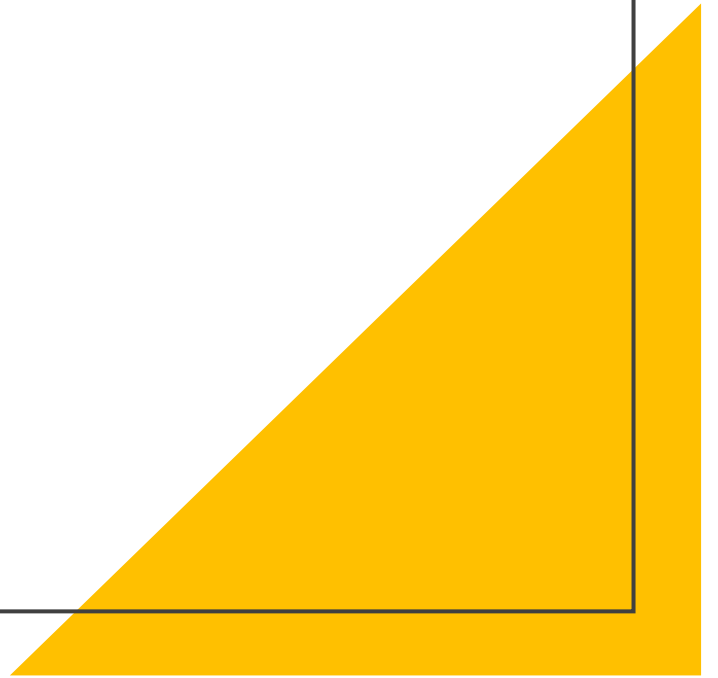
SAF, जिसे बायो-जेट फ़्यूल भी कहा जाता है, खाना पकाने के तेल और पौधों से तेल युक्त बीजों का उपयोग करके घरेलू रूप से विकसित विधियों का उपयोग करके बनाया जाता है।

- What are India's Climate Commitments and Global Efforts?
- **India's Commitments Net-Zero:**
  - India has pledged to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 and reduce the carbon intensity of its **economy by less than 45% by 2030.**
  - Additionally, India has urged developed countries **to provide climate finance of USD 1 trillion at** the earliest, since India needs support and resources from developed nations to achieve these ambitious targets.
- भारत की जलवायु प्रतिबद्धताएं और वैश्विक प्रयास क्या हैं?
- भारत की प्रतिबद्धता नेट-जीरो:
- भारत ने 2070 तक शून्य उत्सर्जन हासिल करने और 2030 तक अपनी अर्थव्यवस्था की कार्बन तीव्रता को 45% से कम करने का संकल्प लिया है।
- इसके अतिरिक्त, भारत ने विकसित देशों से जल्द से जल्द 1 ट्रिलियन अमरीकी डालर का जलवायु वित्त प्रदान करने का आग्रह किया है, क्योंकि भारत को इन महत्वाकांक्षी लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए विकसित देशों से समर्थन और संसाधनों की आवश्यकता है।

- In April 2023, the European Union reached an agreement to set binding targets for airlines within Europe, requiring increased usage of SAF.
  - The deal mandates that 2% of fuel supplies at EU airports be SAF by 2025, reaching 6% in 2030, 20% in 2035, and 70% in 2050.
- अप्रैल 2023 में, यूरोपीय संघ यूरोप के भीतर एयरलाइनों के लिए बाध्यकारी लक्ष्य निर्धारित करने के लिए एक समझौते पर पहुंचा, जिसके लिए SAF के बढ़ते उपयोग की आवश्यकता थी।
- सौदा अनिवार्य है कि यूरोपीय संघ के हवाई अड्डों पर 2025 तक ईंधन की आपूर्ति का 2% एसएएफ होगा, जो 2030 में 6%, 2035 में 20% और 2050 में 70% तक पहुंच जाएगा।



# Direct-Seeding Method



Farmers in leading rice-growing states are adopting the **direct-seeding method** as a solution to **delayed rains and labor shortages**.

प्रमुख चावल उत्पादक राज्यों में किसान बारिश में देरी और श्रमिकों की कमी के समाधान के रूप में सीधी बुआई पद्धति को अपना रहे हैं।

- What is Direct-Seeding Method?

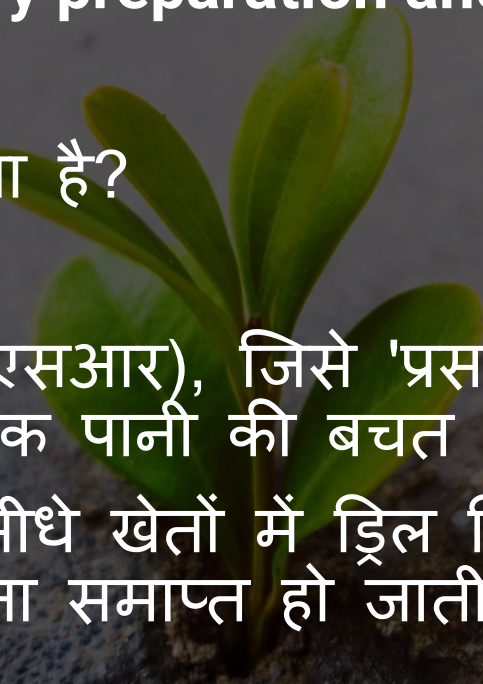
- **About:**

- Direct Seeded Rice (DSR), also known as the '**broadcasting seed technique,**' is a **water-saving method of sowing paddy.**
- In this method, **seeds are directly drilled into the fields,** eliminating the **need for nursery preparation and transplantation.**

- डायरेक्ट-सीडिंग विधि क्या है?

- के बारे में:

- डायरेक्ट सीडेड राइस (डीएसआर), जिसे 'प्रसारण बीज तकनीक' के रूप में भी जाना जाता है, धान बोने की एक पानी की बचत विधि है।
- इस विधि में, बीजों को सीधे खेतों में ड्रिल किया जाता है, जिससे नर्सरी तैयार करने और रोपाई की आवश्यकता समाप्त हो जाती है।



- **Benefits:**

- **Reduction in Labor:**

- With the use of drum seeders, only two laborers are required to sow seeds on one acre, compared to 25-30 laborers needed in traditional methods.
  - This significantly **reduces labor costs and eases the burden on farmers.**

- फ़ायदे:

- श्रम में कमी:

- ड्रम सीडर के उपयोग से एक एकड़ में बीज बोने के लिए केवल दो मजदूरों की आवश्यकता होती है, जबकि पारंपरिक तरीकों में 25-30 मजदूरों की आवश्यकता होती है।

- यह श्रम लागत को महत्वपूर्ण रूप से कम करता है और किसानों पर बोझ कम करता है।

- **Time and Resource Savings:**

- By eliminating the need for nursery cultivation, farmers save **approximately 30 days in the crop cycle.**
  - This allows them to start the rabi season early and avoid untimely rains during the harvesting phase.

- **Water Conservation:**

- The direct-seeding method reduces water requirements by around 15% as water logging occurs only after a month. This is especially beneficial in areas where rainfall is delayed.

- समय और संसाधन की बचत:

- नर्सरी की खेती की आवश्यकता को समाप्त करके, किसान फसल चक्र में लगभग 30 दिन बचाते हैं।

- इससे उन्हें रबी सीजन जल्दी शुरू करने और कटाई के चरण के दौरान बेमौसम बारिश से बचने में मदद मिलती है।

- जल संरक्षण:

- सीधी बिजाई विधि पानी की आवश्यकता को लगभग 15% कम कर देती है क्योंकि जल जमाव एक महीने के बाद ही होता है। यह उन क्षेत्रों में विशेष रूप से लाभकारी है जहां वर्षा में देरी होती है।

- **Challenges:**

- **Weed Growth:**

- Weed growth becomes a challenge as **seeds are sown directly into the fields.**

- **Extreme climate:**

- High temperatures and deficient rainfall can **affect seed germination and crop growth.**

- **Operational challenges:**

- Closed canals, erratic electricity supply, and issues with weed control and pest management.

- चुनौतियां:

- खरपतवार वृद्धि:

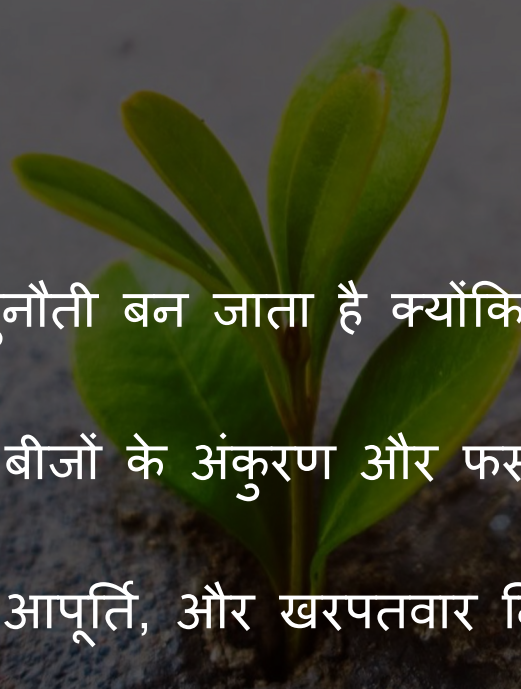
- खरपतवारों का विकास एक चुनौती बन जाता है क्योंकि बीज सीधे खेतों में बोए जाते हैं।

- चरम जलवायु:

- उच्च तापमान और कम वर्षा बीजों के अंकुरण और फसल के विकास को प्रभावित कर सकती है।

- परिचालन चुनौतियां:

- बंद नहरें, अनियमित बिजली आपूर्ति, और खरपतवार नियंत्रण और कीट प्रबंधन के मुद्दे।



- **Successful Implementations:**

- The direct-seeding method has gained traction in various regions, including **Punjab, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh**.
- In Andhra Pradesh alone, an NGO has implemented this method on approximately 4,000 hectares, resulting in significant cost savings.

- सफल कार्यान्वयन:

- पंजाब, तेलंगाना, और आंध्र प्रदेश सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में प्रत्यक्ष-सीडिंग विधि ने कर्षण प्राप्त किया है।
- अकेले आंध्र प्रदेश में, एक एनजीओ ने लगभग 4,000 हेक्टेयर में इस पद्धति को लागू किया है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप महत्वपूर्ण लागत बचत हुई है।

# National Electricity Plan 2022-32

Source: PIB



The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has notified the [National Electricity Plan \(NEP\)](#) for the period of 2022-32.

केंद्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (सीईए) ने 2022-32 की अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय विद्युत योजना (एनईपी) को अधिसूचित किया है।

- The **CEA** (Ministry of Power, GoI) must create a NEP in line with the National Electricity Policy, according to the **Electricity Act 2003**, to –
  - **Create** short-term (every 5-year) and perspective plans (15-year)
  - **Assesses** India's current electricity needs, projected growth, power sources, and challenges
  - **Coordinate** the efforts of different planning agencies to ensure that resources are used optimally
  - **Support** the needs of the country's economy.
- सीईए (विद्युत मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार) को विद्युत अधिनियम 2003 के अनुसार, राष्ट्रीय विद्युत नीति के अनुरूप एक एनईपी बनाना चाहिए, ताकि -
- अल्पकालिक (प्रत्येक 5-वर्ष) और परिप्रेक्ष्य योजनाएँ (15-वर्ष) बनाएं
- भारत की मौजूदा बिजली की जरूरतों, अनुमानित विकास, बिजली के स्रोतों और चुनौतियों का आकलन करता है
- यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए विभिन्न नियोजन एजेंसियों के प्रयासों का समन्वय करें कि संसाधनों का इष्टतम उपयोग किया जाता है
- देश की अर्थव्यवस्था की जरूरतों का समर्थन करें।

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The 1st National Electricity Plan was published in 2007, the 2nd in 2013, and **the third (2018)** includes the detailed Plan for 2017–22 and the perspective plan for 2022–27.

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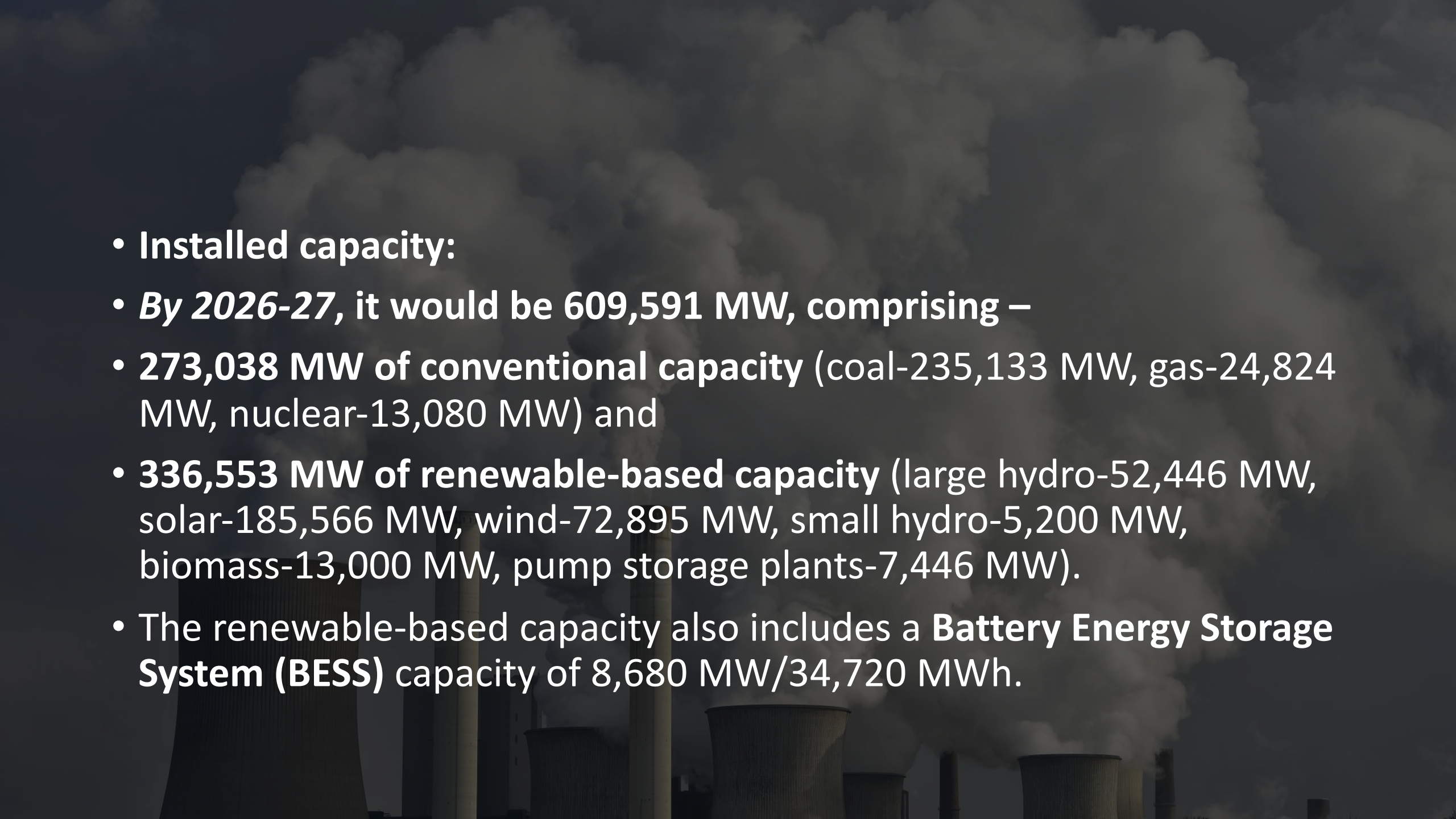
**The NEP 2022-32:** The plan document includes the **review** of the last five years (2017-22), a detailed plan for the next five years (**2022-27**) and the **prospective plan** for the next five years (2027-32).

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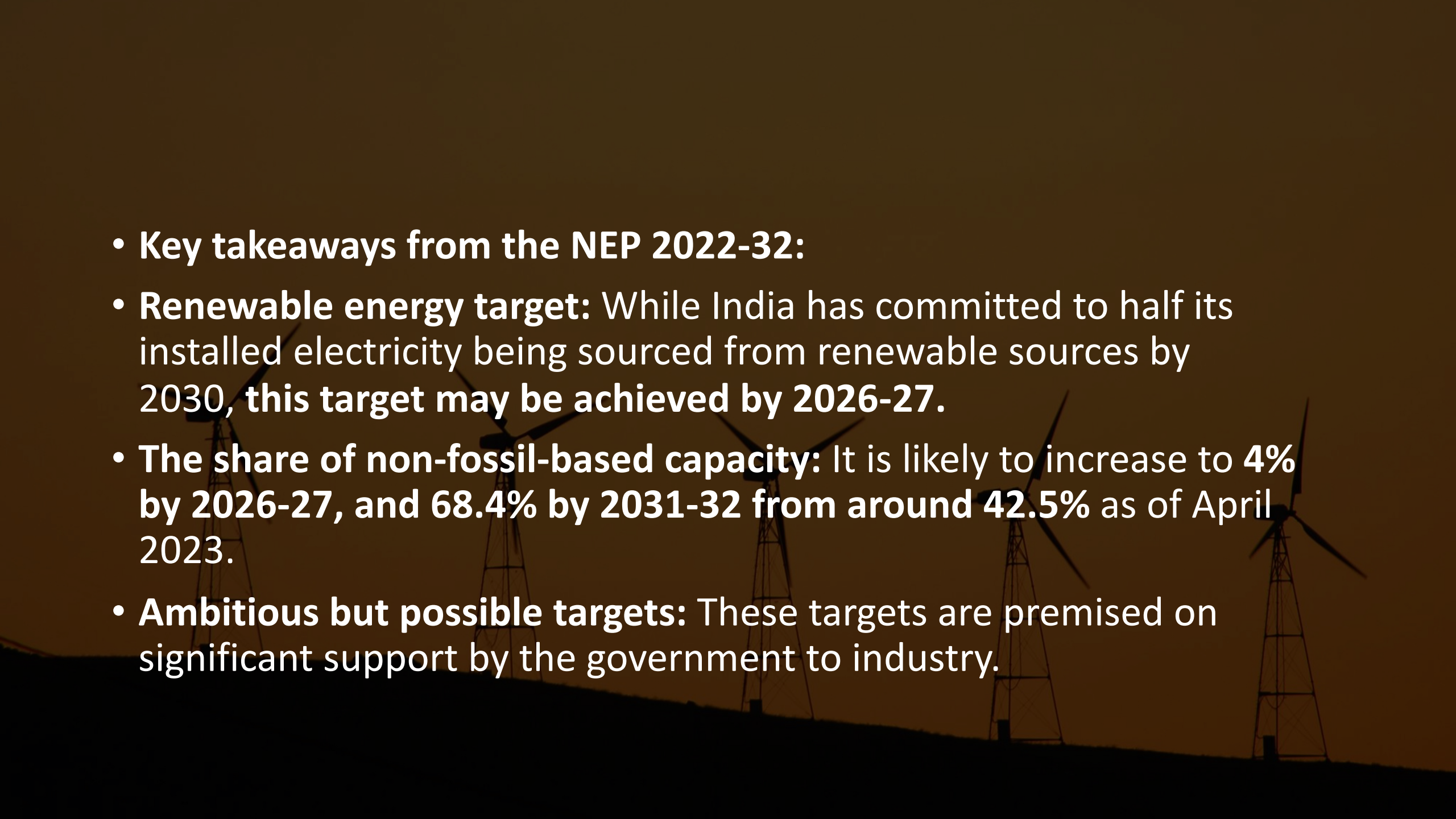
पहली राष्ट्रीय विद्युत योजना 2007 में प्रकाशित हुई थी, दूसरी 2013 में और तीसरी (2018) में 2017-22 की विस्तृत योजना और 2022-27 की संभावित योजना शामिल है।

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एनईपी 2022-32: योजना दस्तावेज़ में पिछले पांच वर्षों (2017-22) की समीक्षा, अगले पांच वर्षों (2022-27) के लिए एक विस्तृत योजना और अगले पांच वर्षों (2027-32) के लिए संभावित योजना शामिल है। .

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- **Installed capacity:**
  - **By 2026-27, it would be 609,591 MW, comprising –**
  - **273,038 MW of conventional capacity** (coal-235,133 MW, gas-24,824 MW, nuclear-13,080 MW) and
  - **336,553 MW of renewable-based capacity** (large hydro-52,446 MW, solar-185,566 MW, wind-72,895 MW, small hydro-5,200 MW, biomass-13,000 MW, pump storage plants-7,446 MW).
  - The renewable-based capacity also includes a **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)** capacity of 8,680 MW/34,720 MWh.

- **संस्थापित क्षमता:**
- 2026-27 तक, यह 609,591 मेगावाट होगी, जिसमें शामिल हैं -
- 273,038 मेगावाट की पारंपरिक क्षमता (कोयला-235,133 मेगावाट, गैस-24,824 मेगावाट, परमाणु-13,080 मेगावाट) और
- 336,553 मेगावाट अक्षय-आधारित क्षमता (बड़ी हाइड्रो-52,446 मेगावाट, सौर-185,566 मेगावाट, पवन-72,895 मेगावाट, छोटी हाइड्रो-5,200 मेगावाट, बायोमास-13,000 मेगावाट, पंप भंडारण संयंत्र-7,446 मेगावाट)।
- नवीकरणीय-आधारित क्षमता में 8,680 MW/34,720 MWh की बैटरी एनर्जी स्टोरेज सिस्टम (BESS) क्षमता भी शामिल है।

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- The background of the slide features a series of wind turbine silhouettes against a dark, gradient sky. The turbines are arranged in a line across the horizon, with their towers and blades clearly visible. The overall tone is dark and professional.
- **Key takeaways from the NEP 2022-32:**
  - **Renewable energy target:** While India has committed to half its installed electricity being sourced from renewable sources by 2030, this target may be achieved by 2026-27.
  - **The share of non-fossil-based capacity:** It is likely to increase to 4% by 2026-27, and 68.4% by 2031-32 from around 42.5% as of April 2023.
  - **Ambitious but possible targets:** These targets are premised on significant support by the government to industry.

- एनईपी 2022-32 की मुख्य बातें:
- नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा लक्ष्य: जबकि भारत ने 2030 तक नवीकरणीय स्रोतों से अपनी आधी स्थापित बिजली प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध किया है, यह लक्ष्य 2026-27 तक प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
- गैर-जीवाश्म-आधारित क्षमता का हिस्सा: 2026-27 तक इसके 4% और 2031-32 तक 68.4% तक बढ़ने की संभावना है, जो अप्रैल 2023 तक लगभग 42.5% थी।
- महत्वाकांक्षी लेकिन संभावित लक्ष्य: ये लक्ष्य उद्योग को सरकार द्वारा महत्वपूर्ण समर्थन पर आधारित हैं।

**Times of India's (TOI) 'Saving  
Our Stripes' initiative**  
**Source: TOI**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the Times of India group for their efforts in highlighting the significance of tiger conservation through their initiative '**Saving Our Stripes**'.



As a part of the initiative, TOI launched a **video of India's first Tiger Anthem- a song and short film on a Tigress and her cub.**



By targeting children, the initiative encourages the **younger generation to embrace the ethical values of environmental stewardship** and conservation.

प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने अपनी पहल 'सेविंग अवर स्ट्राइप्स' के माध्यम से बाघ संरक्षण के महत्व को उजागर करने के प्रयासों के लिए टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया समूह की सराहना की है।

पहल के एक हिस्से के रूप में, टीओआई ने भारत के पहले टाइगर एंथम का एक वीडियो लॉन्च किया- एक बाघिन और उसके शावक पर एक गीत और लघु फिल्म।

बच्चों को लक्षित करके, यह पहल युवा पीढ़ी को पर्यावरण प्रबंधन और संरक्षण के नैतिक मूल्यों को अपनाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करती है।

# Mekedatu dam project

Source: IE

The [Mekedatu dam project](#), located in the **Ramanagaram district of Karnataka**, has sparked a long-running dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

कर्नाटक के रामनगरम जिले में स्थित मेकेदातु बांध परियोजना ने कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के बीच लंबे समय से चल रहे विवाद को जन्म दिया है।



The project aims to build a **dam and reservoir on the Cauvery River** to supply drinking water to Bengaluru and replenish groundwater. It also aims to generate **400 MW of power**. The Karnataka government approved the project in 2017.

**Reasons for Opposition**

Tamil Nadu opposes any project in the upper riparian without Supreme Court approval. Tamil Nadu argues that the project is **unauthorized and could harm its interests**, violating the orders of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Supreme Court.

## Cauvery River

It is the **third largest river** – after **Godavari and Krishna** – in southern India, and the largest in the state of Tamil Nadu, known as **‘Ponni’** in Tamil. Originates in Karnataka (Talakaveri in the **Brahmagiri range in the Western Ghats**, Kodagu district), flows through Tamil Nadu and drains into the Bay of Bengal through Pondicherry.

**Tributaries:** tributaries include Harangi, Hemavati, Kabini, Bhavani, Lakshmana Tirtha, Noyyal, and Arkavati.

## The Dispute

The dispute dates back to **agreements in 1892 and 1924** and revolves around the principle that the **upper riparian state (Karnataka) must obtain the consent of the lower riparian state (Tamil Nadu)** for any construction activities on the river. In 1990, the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was established to resolve the matter, and in 2007, it issued its final order on water sharing. The Supreme Court of India **upheld the order in 2018**, reducing Karnataka's allocation of water to Tamil Nadu.

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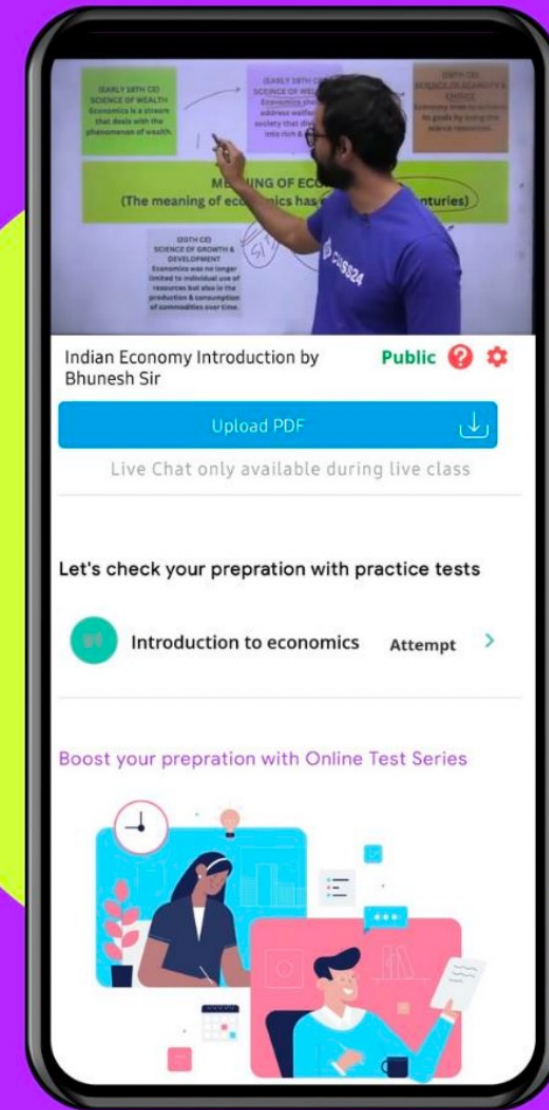
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- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has notified the [National Electricity Plan \(NEP\)](#) for the period of ?
  - केंद्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (सीईए) ने कब तक के लिए राष्ट्रीय विद्युत योजना (एनेईपी) अधिसूचित की है?
- 
- A) 20 years
  - B) 10 years
  - C) 30 years
  - D) 40 years

- About \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of the eligible population, the 'missing middle', are deprived of health insurance solutions?
- पात्र आबादी का लगभग \_\_\_\_\_ प्रतिशत, 'लापता मध्य', स्वास्थ्य बीमा समाधान से वंचित हैं?
- A) 20
- B) 40
- C) 30
- D) 50



- Who launched 'Saving Our Stripes initiative ?
- सेविंग अवर स्ट्राइप्स पहल किसने शुरू की?

- A) The Hindu
- B) TOI
- C) HT
- D) FE




• , India has expressed its reservations regarding the global mandates for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) with a target year of \_\_\_\_\_?

• , भारत ने \_\_\_\_\_ के लक्ष्य वर्ष के साथ सस्टेनेबल एविएशन फ्यूल (SAF) के लिए वैश्विक शासनादेश के बारे में अपनी आपत्ति व्यक्त की है?

- A) 2050
- B) 2070
- C) 2080
- D) 2090



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

Thank you  
guys, see you  
at 9 am

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