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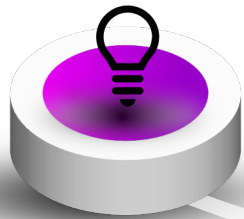


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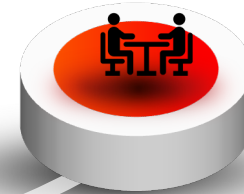


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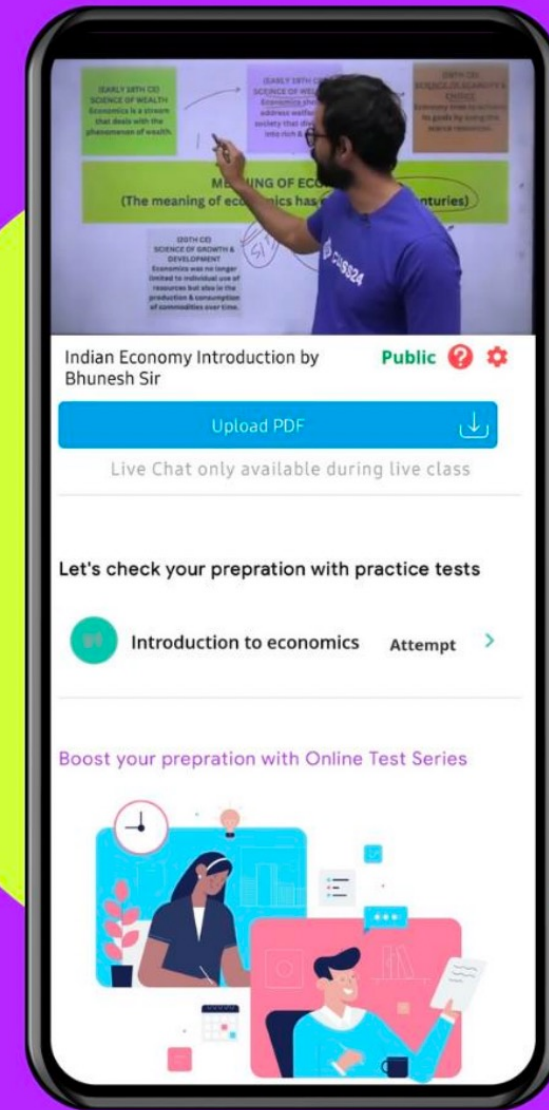
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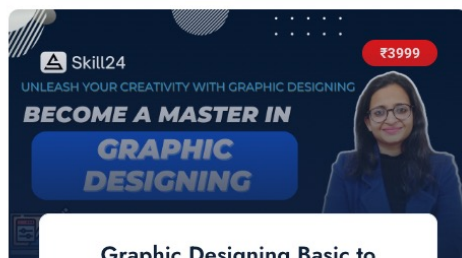
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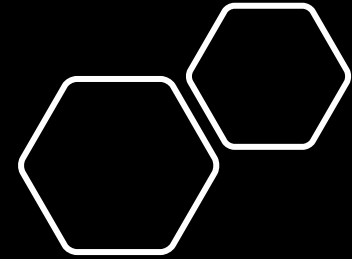
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Wrestlers suspend protest on Minister's assurance

Anurag Thakur tells protesters that police probe against WFI chief will be completed by June 15. FIRs registered against wrestlers on May 28 for rioting will be taken back, says Sakshi Malik

Samiyehi Tewari
Mehul Malani
NEW DELHI

After a six-hour meeting between the agitating wrestlers and Union Minister for Sports Anurag Thakur on Wednesday, a common ground has been found where the wrestlers have agreed to suspend their agitation till June 15, as the Minister assured them that the Delhi police would complete the probe by then and file a chargesheet



Anurag Thakur after meeting the wrestlers in New Delhi. SHY KUMAR PUSHPAK

in the case. The wrestlers have been demanding action against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is

facing sexual harassment charges. Olympic winners Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik met with Mr. Thakur at his official residence in New Delhi, after he invited them for a meeting, three days after Home Minister Amit Shah met them for a similar discussion. Mr. Thakur said he heard all their demands and assured them of full cooperation from the government.

BSNL gets ₹89,047-cr. package for 4G, 5G roll-out

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a third re-

vival package of ₹89,047 crore for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL), enabling the state-owned operator to receive spectrum in

the 26 GHz, 700 MHz, 2,500 MHz and 3,300 MHz bands. "With this allocation, BSNL will be able to provide pan-India 4G and

5G services," the government said in a release.

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Curfew imposed in Kolhapur after protest

18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan.

Tension prevailed in Kolhapur city of Maharashtra on Wednesday following a violent protest by right-wing outfits over some social media status messages reportedly glorifying Mughal emperor Aurangzeb and

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Govt. hikes kharif MSP; farmers demand more

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While the Centre said that its aim was to ensure reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers and encourage crop diversification, several farmers' organisations said the increase would not cover the rising input costs.

Food Minister Piyush Goyal told presspersons after the CCEA meeting that farmers would benefit from the MSP increase at a time when retail inflation was declining.

"In agriculture, we have been fixing MSP from time to time based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The increase in MSP of the kharif crops for this year is highest compared with the previous years," Mr. Goyal said.

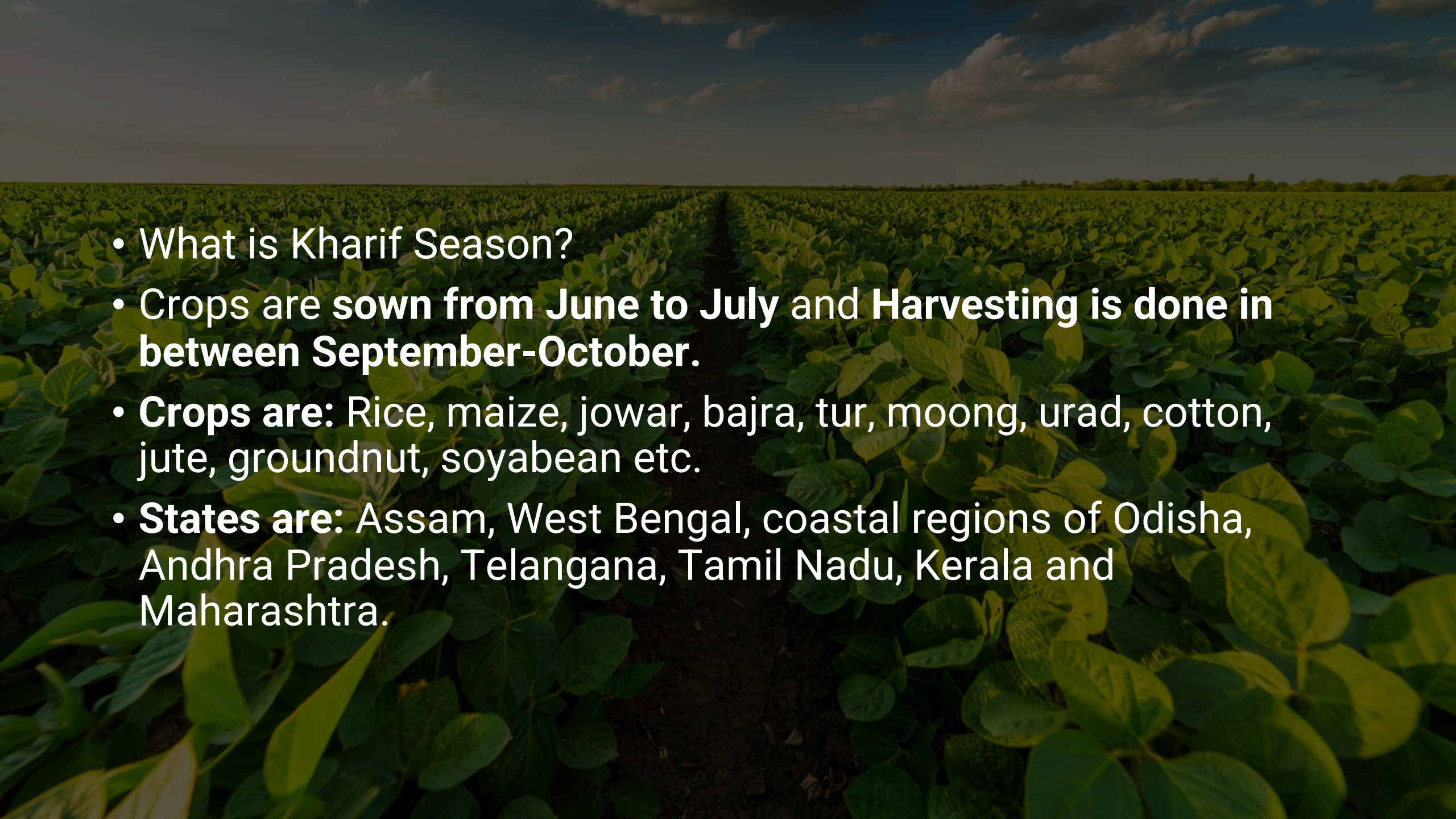
Apart from paddy, new MSPs have been set for major pulses. The MSP for moong is ₹8,558 a quintal, an increase of ₹803 from last year. The MSP for tur or arhar has been set at ₹7,000 a quintal, which is estimated to be 58% above the cost of production. This is in keeping with the Centre's promise to set MSPs which are at least one-and-a-half times the all-India weighted average cost of production.

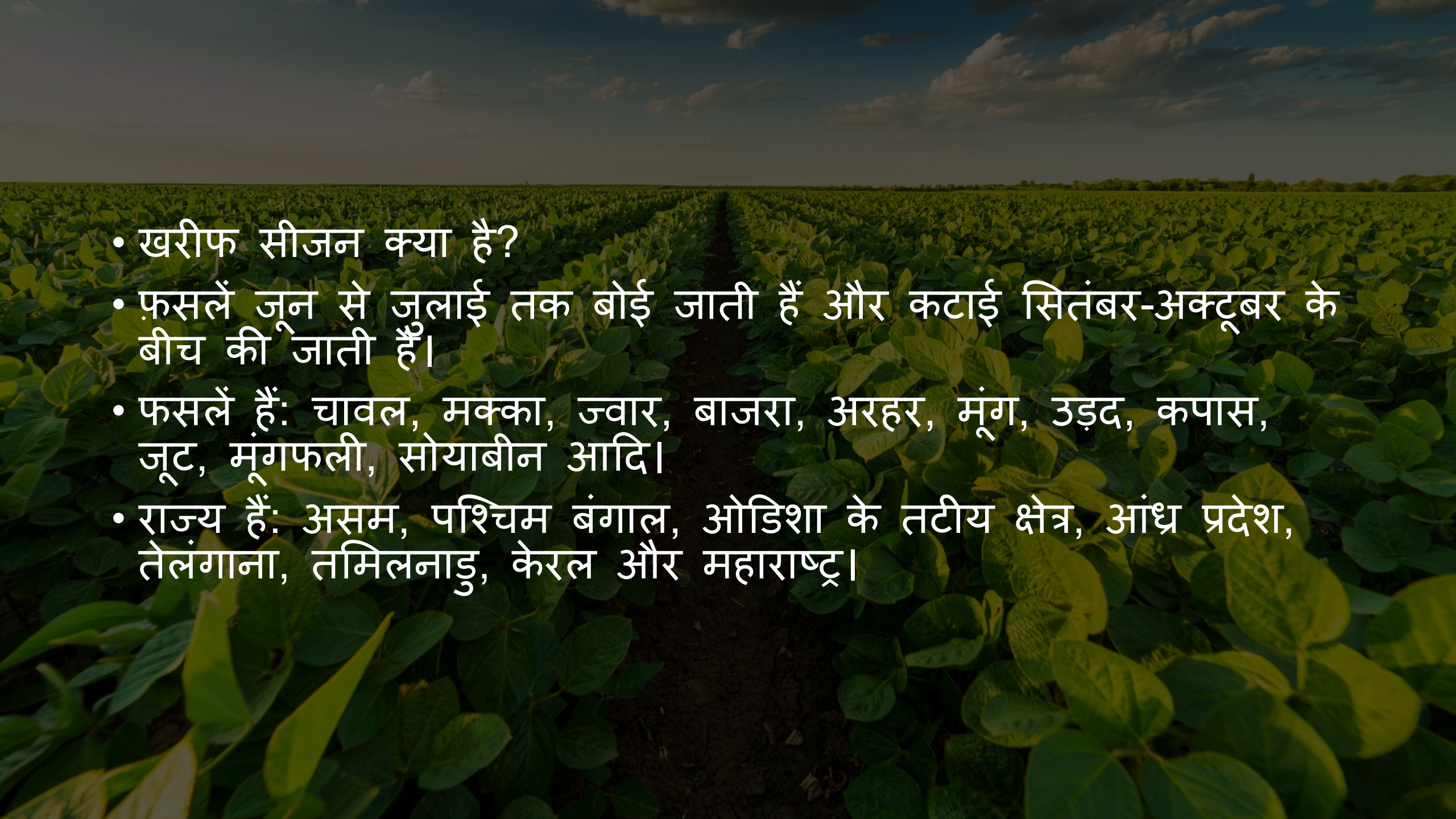
"The expected margin to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of bajra (82%) followed by tur (58%), soybean (52%) and urad (51%)," said an official statement.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR Kharif Marketing Season (IN Rs)



Crops	2022-23	2023-24	Increase (%)
Moong	7,755	8,558	10.35
Sesamum	7,830	8,635	10.28
Cotton (Long Staple)	6,380	7,020	10.03
Groundnut	5,850	6,377	9.01
Cotton (Medium Staple)	6,080	6,620	8.88
Jowar- Maldandi	2,990	3,225	7.86
Ragi	3,578	3,846	7.49
Jowar-Hybrid	2,970	3,180	7.07
Paddy -Common	2,040	2,183	7.01
Soybean (Yellow)	4,300	4,600	6.98
Paddy-Grade A	2,060	2,203	6.94
Maize	1,962	2,090	6.52
Bajra	2,350	2,500	6.38
Nigerseed	7,287	7,734	6.13
Tur/Arhar	6,600	7,000	6.06
Sunflower Seed	6,400	6,760	5.63
Urad	6,600	6,950	5.30

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- What is Kharif Season?
 - Crops are sown from **June to July** and **Harvesting is done in between September-October.**
 - **Crops are:** Rice, maize, jowar, bajra, tur, moong, urad, cotton, jute, groundnut, soyabean etc.
 - **States are:** Assam, West Bengal, coastal regions of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Maharashtra.

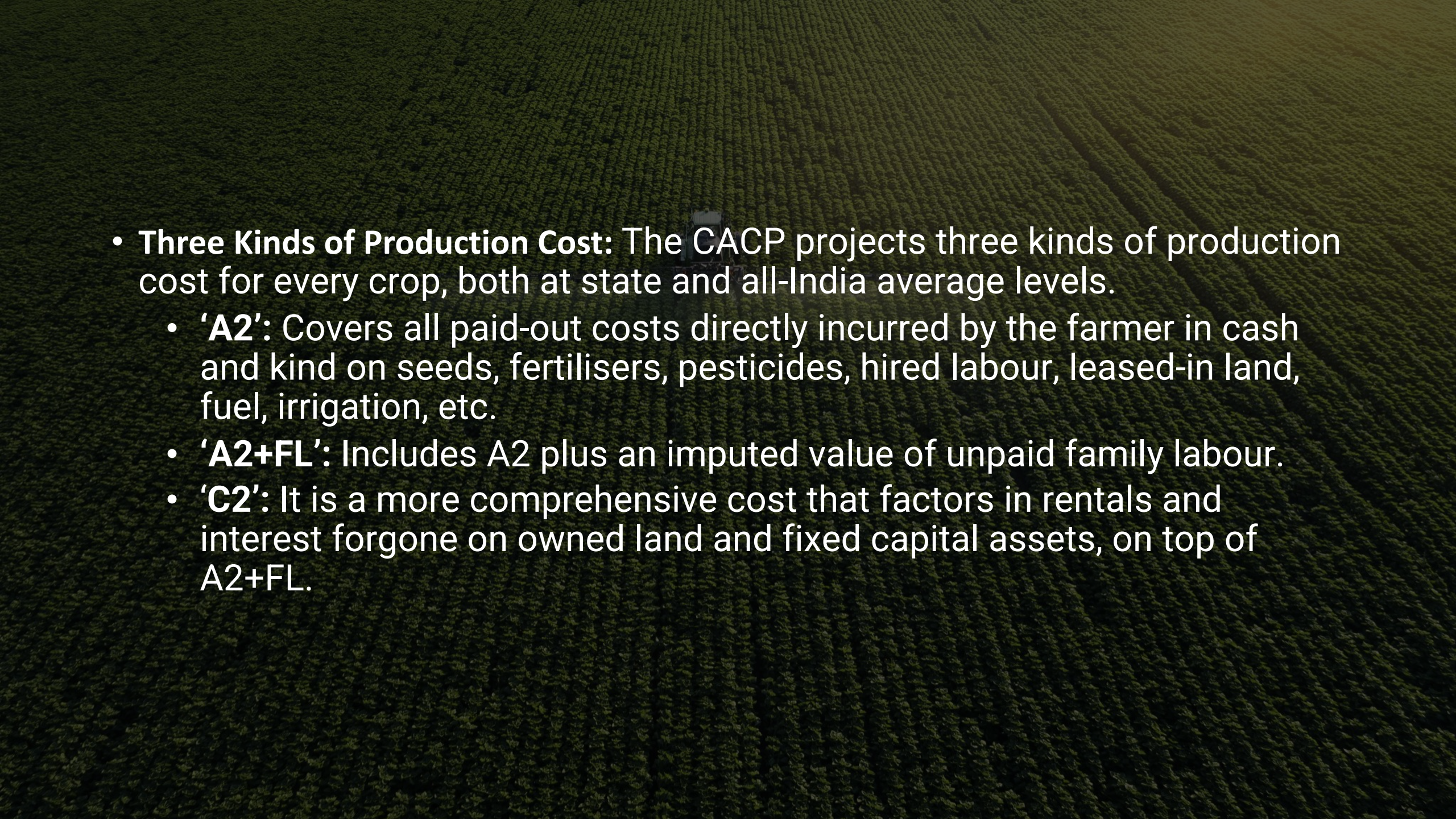
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The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACCP) recommends MSPs for **17 mandated crops** and **fair and remunerative price (FRP)** for sugarcane.

- CACP is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

कृषि लागत और मूल्य आयोग (CACCP) गन्ने के लिए 17 अनिवार्य फसलों और उचित और लाभकारी मूल्य (FRP) के लिए MSP की सिफारिश करता है।

CACP कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय का एक संबद्ध कार्यालय है।

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- **Three Kinds of Production Cost:** The CACP projects three kinds of production cost for every crop, both at state and all-India average levels.
 - **'A2':** Covers all paid-out costs directly incurred by the farmer in cash and kind on seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, hired labour, leased-in land, fuel, irrigation, etc.
 - **'A2+FL':** Includes A2 plus an imputed value of unpaid family labour.
 - **'C2':** It is a more comprehensive cost that factors in rentals and interest forgone on owned land and fixed capital assets, on top of A2+FL.

उत्पादन लागत के तीन प्रकार: सीएसीपी प्रत्येक फसल के लिए राज्य और अखिल भारतीय औसत स्तर पर तीन प्रकार की उत्पादन लागत का अनुमान लगाता है।

'ए2': किसान द्वारा सीधे नकद और बीज, उर्वरक, कीटनाशकों, किराए के श्रम, पट्टे पर दी गई भूमि, ईंधन, सिंचाई, आदि पर किए गए सभी भुगतान लागतों को कवर करता है।

'ए2+एफएल': इसमें ए2 प्लस अवैतनिक पारिवारिक श्रम का एक आरोपित मूल्य शामिल है।

'C2': यह एक अधिक व्यापक लागत है जो A2+FL के शीर्ष पर स्वामित्व वाली भूमि और अचल पूंजीगत संपत्तियों पर किराए और ब्याज को छोड़े जाने का कारक है।

- CACP considers **both A2+FL and C2 costs** while recommending MSP.
 - CACP reckons only A2+FL cost for return.
 - However, C2 costs are used by CACP primarily as benchmark reference costs (opportunity costs) to see if the MSPs recommended by them at least cover these costs in some of the major producing States.

- एमएसपी की सिफारिश करते समय सीएसीपी ए2+एफएल और सी2 दोनों लागतों पर विचार करता है।
- वापसी के लिए CACP केवल A2+FL लागत की गणना करता है।
- हालांकि, C2 लागतों का उपयोग CACP द्वारा मुख्य रूप से बेंचमार्क संदर्भ लागतों (अवसर लागतों) के रूप में यह देखने के लिए किया जाता है कि क्या उनके द्वारा अनुशंसित MSP कम से कम कुछ प्रमुख उत्पादक राज्यों में इन लागतों को कवर करते हैं।

- What are the Issues Associated with India's MSP Regime?

- **Limited Extent:**

- **Ineffectively Implemented:**

- **More of a Procurement Price**

- ~~**Makes Agriculture Wheat and Paddy Dominated**~~

- **Middlemen-Dependent:**

- भारत की MSP व्यवस्था से जुड़े मुद्दे क्या हैं?

- सीमित प्रसार:

- अप्रभावी रूप से कार्यान्वित:

- अधिक खरीद मूल्य

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IN BRIEF



Congress slams lathi charge on farmers at Kurukshetra

The Congress on Wednesday slammed the Manohar Lal Khattar government in Haryana for lathi-charging farmers who were protesting against their produce of sunflower seeds not being procured at the minimum support price (MSP). On Tuesday, protesting farmers blocked a highway at Kurukshetra in Haryana for over six hours. The police used water cannon and resorted to a lathi charge to disperse the agitators. Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said the BJP's "anti-farmer attitude" was coming to the fore again and again.

NIA questions key J&K religious scholar Rahmatullah

Jammu and Kashmir's top religious scholar Maulana Rahmatullah Mir Qasmi was summoned by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in an alleged illegal funding case on Wednesday in Srinagar. Official sources said the vocal preacher, who heads one of the biggest seminaries of the Valley, Darul Uloom Rahimpora, in Bandipora, was called to the NIA office in Srinagar and "questioned". Official sources said the questioning was part of the crackdown on the groups operating in Kashmir and raising funds illegally "for unlawful activities and radicalisation of the youth". Mr. Rahmatullah is an influential preacher and has been vocal on many issues.

Kaziranga mahouts arrested for consuming rare turtles

Three persons engaged as mahouts in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve have been arrested for capturing and consuming a rare species of freshwater turtle inside the habitat. Officials said there have been complaints about some employees under the Buraphar Range of the Kaziranga National Park consuming protected species. A search led them to three mahouts. "We found seven spotted pond turtles in the possession of Karan Bawri, Ram Nalk, and Sobhan Bawri. The turtles were seized and the three detained under relevant sections of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972," an official said. They denied having traded any of these reptiles.

CBI seeks recall of protection to ex-NCB officer Wankhede

The Central Bureau of Investigation recently moved the Bombay High Court to recall its earlier order granting interim protection from arrest to former Narcotics Control Bureau Mumbai Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede in a case of extortion and bribery in connection with the arrest of actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in a drug case. Last month, the CBI filed an FIR against Mr. Wankhede for allegedly demanding a bribe of ₹25 crore from Mr. Khan for not arresting his son. Mr. Wankhede had moved the HC seeking to quash the FIR and interim protection from any coercive action. A bench had directed him to appear before the CBI and granted interim protection from arrest to Mr. Wankhede.

Won't notify fact-checking unit till July 10: Centre to HC

Bombay HC is hearing a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the new IT Rules, which require social media intermediaries to remove fake content on government flagged by the unit

The Hindu Bureau MUMBAI

The Union government on Wednesday told the Bombay High Court that it would not notify the fact-checking unit (FCU) that is constituted under the new Information Technology (IT) Rules for identifying fake news against the government on social media until July 10.



We shall take up the petitions for final disposal from July 10 onwards. The Additional Solicitor-General says that the statement made earlier by the Centre shall stand extended till July 10. BOMBAY HIGH COURT

A Division Bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Neel Gokhale was hearing a petition filed by political activist Kanak Kamra challenging the constitutional validity of the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2023. The new Rules require social media intermediaries to censor or otherwise

modify content that relates to the Union government, if a government-mandated FCU directs them to do so. 'Arbitrary rules' On April 21, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology had said that it would not notify the FCU till July 5; this has now been extended to July 10. "Two new petitions have

also been filed by the Editors Guild of India and the Association of Indian Magazines, challenging the constitutional validity of the new Rules and calling them "arbitrary". The High Court on Wednesday said, "We shall take up the petitions for final disposal from July 10 onwards. The petitioners' counsel shall complete

Former Doordarshan news anchor Gitanjali Aiyar passes away

Anil Kumar NEW DELHI

One of the finest news anchors that the country has seen, Gitanjali Aiyar, passed away in Delhi on Wednesday. The 71-year-old had been ill for some time.



Gitanjali Aiyar

One of the prominent faces of Doordarshan's prime-time news for decades, Gitanjali, like many of her contemporaries on the public broadcaster, brought grace and dignity to television news. She read the news and reported on it with fluency and articulacy. Gitanjali excelled in education events as a student and walked into the news business as soon as she graduated from Kolkata's Loreto College.

Such was her popularity at her peak that the news programme was featured in commercials for Solitaire television and Marmite. The punch line of the Solitaire advertisement, "that seldom fails", went well with Gitanjali. After leaving Doordarshan, she dabbling in corporate communications.

Air India sends ferry flight to Russia for 216 passengers stranded after engine snag

Jacirli Chandran NEW DELHI

Air India sent a ferry flight on Wednesday to fly 216 passengers to San Francisco from Magadan in Russia, where they have been stranded after their snag-hit aircraft was diverted to the airport in the remote town of Magadan.

Air India's flight AI 195 took off from Mumbai at 1 p.m. local time, and will reach Magadan in Russia at 6 a.m. local time on Wednesday. Air India said in a statement that it had also dispatched one of its teams to provide support to the affected passengers and crew.

Russian authorities issued a permit to Air India for the arrival of a reserve aircraft at Magadan. The passengers were accommodated in a makeshift accommodation after AI 173 flying from Delhi to San Francisco was diverted to Magadan following a technical problem with its right engine. There were 16 crew members aboard the flight. "Given the infrastructural limitations around the remote airport, we can con-



Major hold-up: Air India flight passengers in a makeshift accommodation at a school in Magadan, Russia. PH: IIT

firm that all passengers were eventually moved to a makeshift accommodation after making sincere attempt to accommodate passengers in hotels local to Magadan. As we don't have an India staff based in the remote town of Magadan or in Russia, all ground support being provided is the best possible in this unusual circumstance through our round-the-clock liaison with the Consul General of India in Vladivostok. Ministry of External Affairs (Government of India), local ground handlers, and the Russian authorities," the

Mazagon Dock and German firm strike deal on submarines

Dinakar Peeri NEW DELHI

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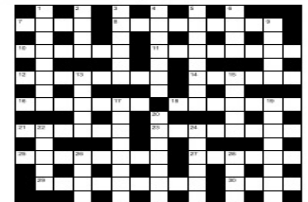
The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Amid communal tensions flaring up in Uttarakhand, a group of over 200 social justice organisations and NGOs on Wednesday wrote to President Droupadi Murmu, condemning the role of the government in the "hate-filled" campaign under way in the State and seeking immediate action to protect lives and properties.

Uttarakhand has been seeing communal tensions for the past few weeks, as the State government has continued its drive to evict encroachers, which activists have said disproportionately affects Muslim neighbourhoods. The alleged abduction of a minor girl in Pauri has also led to rising tensions.

With residents, trade union members and local businessmen gathered at several places in Uttarakhand to stage protests on Wednesday, the Uttarakhand Police were on their toes to maintain the law and order situation. In the letter, the group asked the President to direct the government to follow the rule of law and take action against hate speeches and campaigns.

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FAITH Sumitra is calm, composed

When Sumatra tells Dasaratha and Kaushalya that Rama has entered the forest with Sita and Lakshmana, the king and his chief queen are devastated. Kaushalya speaks harshly to Dasaratha, wondering how he could have been so cruel as to banish his own son to the forest, said Nuvak-pakkam Vasudevarchar in a discourse. How would Sita, who was accustomed to eating rich food survive on what was available in the forest? She wonders if Rama will get what is rightfully His, even after He returns from exile. Who but Kaikaly and Bharata can be happy with the present state of affairs, she wonders. Sumitra is also present, but is calm and composed. After all, her son Lakshmana too is no longer in the kingdom. In his case, he had not even been banished, but he had voluntarily chosen to accompany Rama to forest. Yet, Sumitra does not give way to emotions. Even when it had first been made known that Rama would have to go to the forest, it was Sumitra who had consoled Kaushalya, Lakshmana, who was kind hearted, was with Rama. He would serve Rama to the best of his ability. His role is to serve Rama, and when Rama has to go to the forest, it is only natural that the one who is born to serve Him must also go to forest. Lakshmana and Rama's paduka can be two characters in the Ramayana who had undertaken unusual vrata. Lakshmana never slept while in exile. His vrata was that of sleeplessness. Sandals are usually worn when a person is on the move. So sandals are hardly stationary. But Rama's padukas remained on the throne of Ayodhya for 14 years, thus going against the very nature of footwear.

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- **History of Project 75**

- In 1998, India negotiated a contract with French defense contractors DCNS to manufacture four Scorpene-class attack submarines. This formed the base of Project 75.
- However, in 1999, after the end of the Kargil War, the Government of India devised and approved a new plan for thirty years.

- प्रोजेक्ट 75 का इतिहास

- 1998 में, भारत ने चार स्कॉर्पीन श्रेणी की हमलावर पनडुब्बियों के निर्माण के लिए फ्रांसीसी रक्षा ठेकेदारों DCNS के साथ एक अनुबंध पर बातचीत की। इसने प्रोजेक्ट 75 का आधार बनाया।
- हालाँकि, 1999 में, कारगिल युद्ध की समाप्ति के बाद, भारत सरकार ने तीस वर्षों के लिए एक नई योजना तैयार की और उसे मंजूरी दी।

Self-reliance has been India's forte since Independence, and the new plan was conceived aligning with the same principle.

This plan saw two parallel production lines – one under the pre-existing **Project 75** and another under the new Project 75 India (more popularly known as **Project 75i**)

आजादी के बाद से ही आत्मनिर्भरता भारत की ताकत रही है और उसी सिद्धांत के अनुरूप नई योजना की कल्पना की गई थी।

इस योजना में दो समानांतर उत्पादन लाइनें देखी गईं - एक पहले से मौजूद प्रोजेक्ट 75 के तहत और दूसरी नई प्रोजेक्ट 75 इंडिया के तहत (प्रोजेक्ट 75i के रूप में अधिक लोकप्रिय)

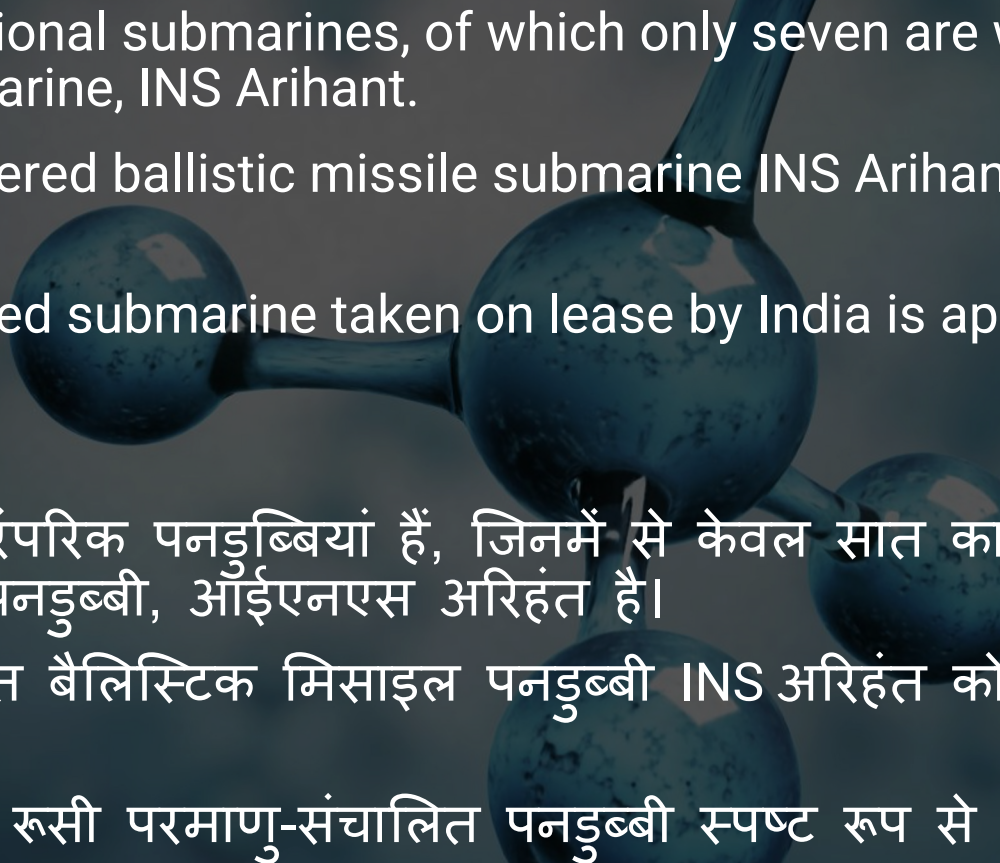
- **Project 75: 30-year Submarine Plan**

- In 1999, the Cabinet Committee on Security outlined a 30 years plan for submarine manufacturing. *The plan included designing and building 24 conventional submarines by the end of 2030.*

- प्रोजेक्ट 75: 30 साल की पनडुब्बी योजना

- 1999 में, सुरक्षा पर कैबिनेट समिति ने पनडुब्बी निर्माण के लिए 30 साल की योजना की रूपरेखा तैयार की। योजना में 2030 के अंत तक 24 पारंपरिक पनडुब्बियों का डिजाइन और निर्माण शामिल था।

- **Project 75 and Project-75i** are two sister projects under this plan.
- Project 75 aimed to build six conventional diesel-electric fuelled Scorpene-class attack submarines and was built by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL).
- These are meant to be the most modern conventional submarines.
- Of the 24 submarines, 18 will be conventional, while the remaining six will be nuclear-powered.
- इस योजना के तहत प्रोजेक्ट 75 और प्रोजेक्ट-75i दो सहयोगी प्रोजेक्ट हैं।
- प्रोजेक्ट 75 का उद्देश्य छह पारंपरिक डीजल-इलेक्ट्रिक ईंधन वाली स्कॉर्पीन-क्लास अटैक पनडुब्बियों का निर्माण करना था और इसे मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड (एमडीएल) द्वारा बनाया गया था।
- ये सबसे आधुनिक पारंपरिक पनडुब्बियां हैं।
- 24 पनडुब्बियों में से 18 पारंपरिक होंगी, जबकि शेष छह परमाणु ऊर्जा से चलने वाली होंगी।

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- India has about 14 conventional submarines, of which only seven are working, and only one nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant.
 - The only other nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine INS Arihant will soon be commissioned.
 - The Russian nuclear-powered submarine taken on lease by India is apparently on its way back home.
 - भारत के पास लगभग 14 पारंपरिक पनडुब्बियां हैं, जिनमें से केवल सात काम कर रही हैं, और केवल एक परमाणु संचालित पनडुब्बी, आईएनएस अरिहंत है।
 - एकमात्र अन्य परमाणु-संचालित बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल पनडुब्बी INS अरिहंत को जल्द ही कमीशन किया जाएगा।
 - भारत द्वारा पट्टे पर ली गई रूसी परमाणु-संचालित पनडुब्बी स्पष्ट रूप से घर वापस आ रही है।

SETS ON ITS FIRST SAIL FROM MUMBAI

The Navy's fifth Scorpene-class submarine, INS Vagir, which has advanced stealth features, was launched on Thursday at Mazagon Dock. The ceremony was partly virtual because of Covid, with the chief guest* attending it via video link from Goa

*Junior defence minister Shripad Naik

PROJECT-75

That's the name of the Navy's Scorpene programme at MDL. Following are its six submarines and their stages:

SUB	LAUNCH (FOR SEA TRIALS)	COMMISSIONING
Kalvari	Oct 2015	Dec 2017
Khanderi	Jan 2017	Sept 2019
Karanj	Jan 2018	Dec 2020*
Vela	May 2019	Dec 2021*
Vagir	Nov 12, 2020	Dec 2022*
Vagsheer	Being readied**	2023*

*Expected. **Being readied for 'boot together' (welding of sub's sections)

CLASS OF SIX

INS Vagir is the fifth of six Scorpene class submarines being built in India (at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, a PSU

DESIGNED BY | French naval defence company DCNS



CAPABILITIES | Anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, mine laying, and area surveillance

NAMING | Vagir is named after the sand fish, a deadly deep-sea predator of the Indian Ocean

THE 2ND VAGIR | The first Vagir, a sub from Russia, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1973 and decommissioned in 2001

STEALTH FACTOR



Scorpene-class submarines have: Advanced acoustic silencing techniques,

low-radiated noise levels, hydro-dynamically optimised shape. They can launch attacks using precision-guided weapons



2005 India signs Scorpene deal for \$3 billion

2009 Construction starts at Mazagon Dock

- **Project 75i**

- Project 75i, also known as the advanced submarine project, is a follow-on initiative to Project 75 undertaken by the Indian Navy. The project aims to build submarines larger than the Scorpene class attack submarines of Project 75 and enhance India's indigenous submarine building capabilities.

- परियोजना 75i

- प्रोजेक्ट 75i, जिसे उन्नत पनडुब्बी परियोजना के रूप में भी जाना जाता है, भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा शुरू की गई परियोजना 75 की अनवर्ती पहल है। इस परियोजना का उद्देश्य प्रोजेक्ट 75 की स्काॅर्पीन श्रेणी की हमलावर पनडुब्बियों से बड़ी पनडुब्बियों का निर्माण करना और भारत की स्वदेशी पनडुब्बी निर्माण क्षमताओं को बढ़ाना है।

Former Doordarshan news anchor Gitanjali Aiyar passes away

Anuj Kumar
NEW DELHI

One of the finest news anchors that the country has seen, Gitanjali Aiyar, passed away in Delhi on Wednesday. The 71-year-old had been ill for some time.

One of the prominent faces of Doordarshan's prime-time news for decades, Gitanjali, like many of her contemporaries on the public broadcaster, brought grace and dignity to television news. She read the news and read it well. Fluent and articulate, she belonged to an era when teachers asked students to listen to Gitanjali, Neethi Ravindran, and Rini Simon to improve their English and when anchors maintained a neutral tone.

Those were the days when teleprompters had not made their way into news studios and when they did, they would often develop a snag in the middle of the live broadcast. Unhassled, Gitanjali was known not just for her immaculate accent but also for her calm and poise.

Starting her career with All India Radio, Gitanjali joined Doordarshan in 1971 and was honoured as the best anchor four times dur-



Gitanjali Aiyar

ing her career with the channel. She also bagged the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for Outstanding Women in 1989.

Gitanjali excelled in elocution events as a student and walked into the news business as soon as she graduated from Kolkata's Loreto College.

She was cast in *Khandaan*, the popular Doordarshan teleserial that became quite a rage in the mid-1980s.

Such was her popularity at her peak that the news presenter was featured in commercials for Solidaire television and Marmite. The punch line of the Solidaire advertisement, 'that seldom fails', went well with Gitanjali.

After leaving Doordarshan, she dabbled in corporate communications.



NATO to put up biggest air deployment exercise

Associated Press

BERLIN

Germany is preparing to host the biggest air deployment exercise in NATO's history, a show of force intended to impress allies and potential adversaries, German and American officials said on Wednesday.

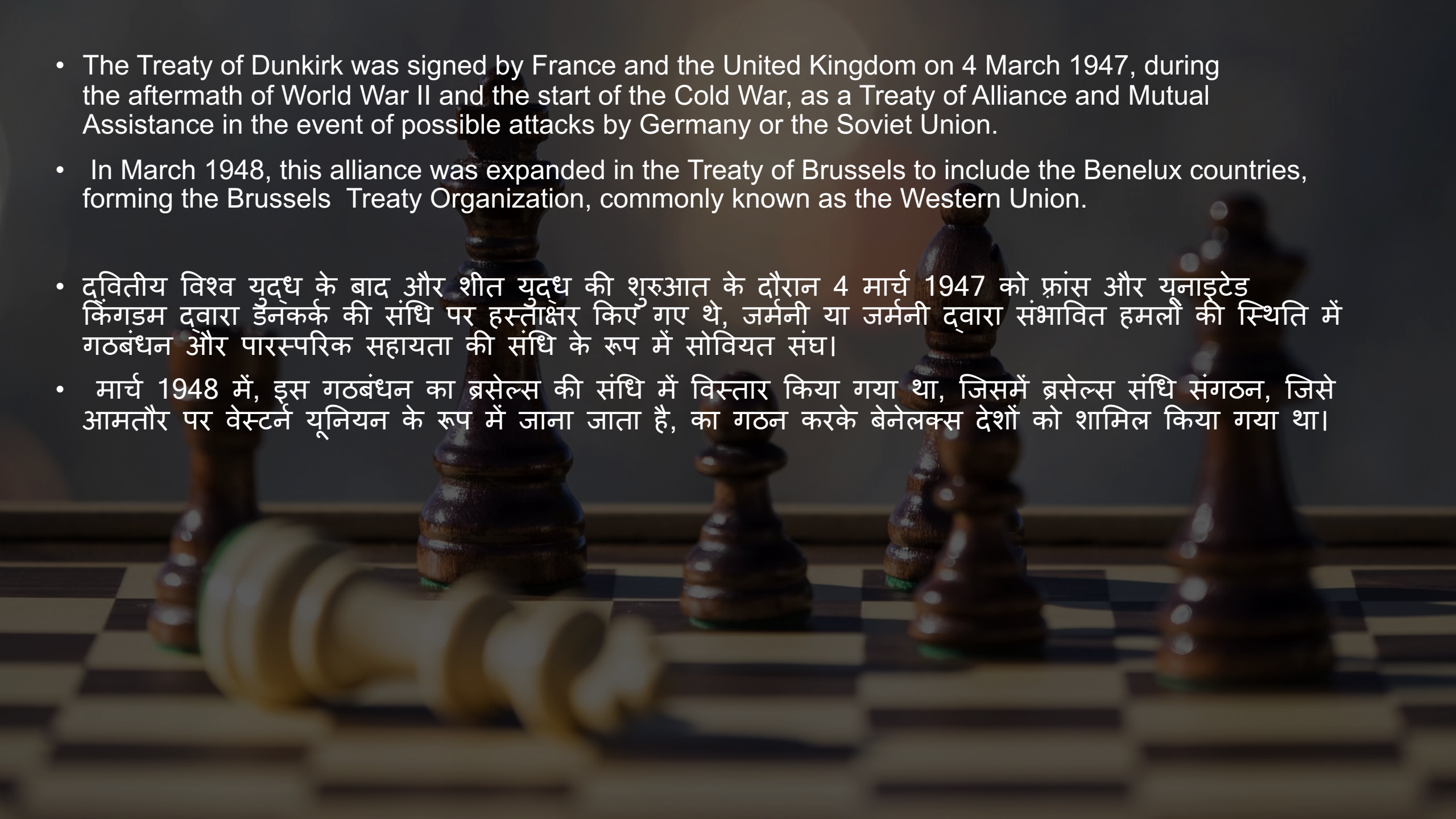
The Air Defender 23 exercise starting on June 12 till June 23 will see 10,000 participants and 250 aircraft from 25 nations respond to a simulated attack on a NATO member country. The U.S. alone is sending 2,000 U.S. Air National Guard personnel and about 100 aircraft to take part in the drill. Authorities have said the drill will cause some disruption to civilian flights in Europe during the period.



Member states shown in dark green

Abbreviation	NATO, <i>OTAN</i>
Formation	4 April 1949 (74 years ago)
Type	Military alliance
Headquarters	Brussels, Belgium
Membership	31 states [show]
Official language	English and French ^[1]
Secretary General	Jens Stoltenberg
Chair of the NATO Military Committee	Lt. Admiral Rob Bauer, Royal Netherlands Navy
Supreme Allied Commander Europe	General Christopher G. Cavoli, United States Army



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- The Treaty of Dunkirk was signed by France and the United Kingdom on 4 March 1947, during the aftermath of World War II and the start of the Cold War, as a Treaty of Alliance and Mutual Assistance in the event of possible attacks by Germany or the Soviet Union.
 - In March 1948, this alliance was expanded in the Treaty of Brussels to include the Benelux countries, forming the Brussels Treaty Organization, commonly known as the Western Union.
 - द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के बाद और शीत युद्ध की शुरुआत के दौरान 4 मार्च 1947 को फ्रांस और यूनाइटेड किंगडम द्वारा डैनकर्क की संधि पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए थे, जर्मनी या जर्मनी द्वारा संभावित हमलों की स्थिति में गठबंधन और पारस्परिक सहायता की संधि के रूप में सोवियत संघ।
 - मार्च 1948 में, इस गठबंधन का ब्रसेल्स की संधि में विस्तार किया गया था, जिसमें ब्रसेल्स संधि संगठन, जिसे आमतौर पर वेस्टर्न यूनियन के रूप में जाना जाता है, का गठन करके बेनेलक्स देशों को शामिल किया गया था।

Thousands flee homes after destruction of Ukraine dam

The UN nuclear watchdog says the breach poses 'no short-term risk' to the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant; Vladimir Putin, in his first public reaction, calls it a 'barbaric act'

Agence France-Presse

KHERSON

Thousands were fleeing their homes on Wednesday after the destruction of a frontline Russian-held dam in Ukraine flooded dozens of villages and parts of a nearby city, sparking fears of a humanitarian disaster.

Downstream from the breached Kakhovka dam, Ukrainian police and troops in the southern city of Kherson were bringing people out from inundated areas in inflatable boats, most clutching only a few documents and pets.

Despite the evacuations, officials said Russian forces have kept shelling the residential neighbourhoods.

Ukraine and Russia have traded blame for the dam being ripped open early Tuesday, prompting Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan to propose to both nations' leaders an international probe of the breach.



Brink of disaster: Flooded streets in Kherson on Wednesday after the walls of the Kakhovka dam collapsed. AP

The destruction has also raised fears of an environmental disaster and nuclear safety risks as it provides cooling water for Europe's largest Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.

The water was waist-deep in central streets of Kherson and ground floors of buildings were submerged.

A spokesperson for Ukraine's emergency services, Oleksandr Khorunzhyi, said that "currently there is

no information about the dead or injured".

While finger-pointing continued over the dam's destruction, Moscow accused Kyiv of blowing up a key pipeline that Russia used before the war to export ammonia and whose re-activation it has requested as part of grain deal talks.

The governor of the Kherson region, Oleksandr Prokudin, said 1,700 people had been evacuated so

far and reported that ongoing shelling was endangering rescuers and locals.

'Barbaric act'

Meanwhile, President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday called the attack on the Russian-occupied Kakhovka dam, which Moscow has blamed on Ukraine, a "barbaric act", in his first public reaction to the situation.

China expressed "serious concern" over the dam destruction, while EU chief Charles Michel called it a "war crime" and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg condemned it as "outrageous".

Russia has said the dam was partially destroyed by "multiple strikes" from Ukrainian forces and urged the world to condemn Kyiv's "criminal acts".

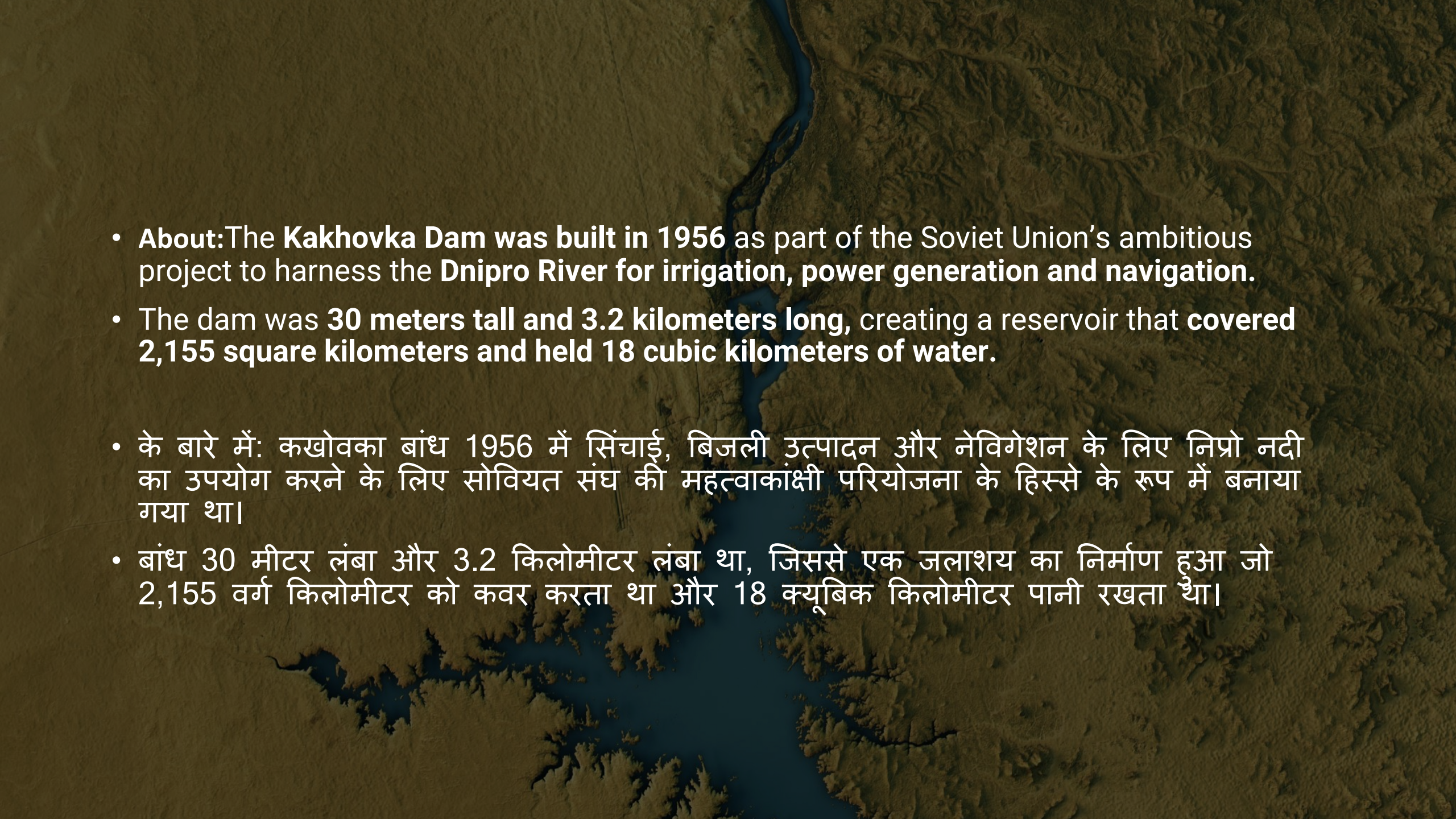
The UN nuclear watchdog agency said the dam break was posing "no short-term risk" to the plant.

The **Kakhovka Dam** was a major Hydroelectric plant and reservoir on the Dnieper River in southern Ukraine. It was destroyed on June 6th, 2023, in an explosion that caused massive flooding and a humanitarian crisis in the war-torn region.

Ukraine and Russia have blamed each other for the attack, which has escalated the tensions between the two countries.

कखोवका बांध दक्षिणी यूक्रेन में नीपर नदी पर एक प्रमुख पनबिजली संयंत्र और जलाशय था। यह 6 जून, 2023 को एक विस्फोट में नष्ट हो गया था, जिससे युद्धग्रस्त क्षेत्र में भारी बाढ़ और मानवीय संकट पैदा हो गया था।

यूक्रेन और रूस ने हमले के लिए एक-दूसरे को जिम्मेदार ठहराया है, जिससे दोनों देशों के बीच तनाव बढ़ गया है।

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- **About:**The **Kakhovka Dam** was built in **1956** as part of the Soviet Union's ambitious project to harness the **Dnipro River** for **irrigation, power generation and navigation**.
 - The dam was **30 meters tall and 3.2 kilometers long**, creating a reservoir that **covered 2,155 square kilometers and held 18 cubic kilometers of water**.
 - के बारे में: कखोवका बांध 1956 में सिंचाई, बिजली उत्पादन और नेविगेशन के लिए निप्रो नदी का उपयोग करने के लिए सोवियत संघ की महत्वाकांक्षी परियोजना के हिस्से के रूप में बनाया गया था।
 - बांध 30 मीटर लंबा और 3.2 किलोमीटर लंबा था, जिससे एक जलाशय का निर्माण हुआ जो 2,155 वर्ग किलोमीटर को कवर करता था और 18 क्यूबिक किलोमीटर पानी रखता था।



June 5th 2023

- Assessed as Russian-controlled
- Claimed as Russian-controlled
- Assessed Russian operations*
- Approx. Ukrainian advances

*Regions Russia has operated in or attacked, but does not control
 Sources: Institute for the Study of War; AEI's Critical Threats Project

Source: The Institute for the Study of War with AEI's Critical Threats Project
As of June 5th at 3p ET



RUSSIAN TROOP PRESENCE



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Rohit Rajpal retained India captain

DAVIS CUP

Sports Bureau

NEW DELHI

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has retained Rohit Rajpal as the captain of the Indian Davis Cup team till 2024.

“We are delighted to extend Rohit Rajpal’s tenure as the captain of our Davis Cup team. His leadership qualities, vast knowledge of the game, and ability to bring out the best in our players make him an invaluable asset. We have full faith in his capabilities and believe that he will continue to steer the team towards greater success in the upcoming ties”, said Anil Dhupar, the secretary general of AITA, in a release issued here on Wednesday.

India is scheduled to play Morocco in the Davis Cup World Group-2 tie at home in September.

Rohit was drafted as



Rohit Rajpal. R.V. MOORTHY

captain of the team in 2019, when Mahesh Bhupathi announced that the team would not travel to Pakistan. Eventually, the tie against Pakistan was played in Kazakhstan.

Rohit has continued to be the captain of the team thereafter for the ties against Croatia, Finland, Denmark and Norway. The only victory for India was a 4-0 verdict against Denmark on the grass courts of the Delhi Gymkhana Club in March last year.

The team lost the away tie to Denmark 2-3 in February this year, and thus got relegated to World Group-2.

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SIX-HOUR MEETING AFTER PUBLIC INVITE Wrestlers-Govt logjam breaks: protest on pause, police chargesheet by June 15

Anurag Thakur leads talks, assures wrestlers WFI election by June 30



Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur in New Delhi on Wednesday. Photo: Nishi Prasad

ANDREW AMSAN & MIHIR VASAVA
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JUNE 7

SIGNALING the first breakthrough in the protracted standoff between the wrestlers and the government over allegations of sexual harassment and intimidation by federation president and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the wrestlers agreed Wednesday to pause their protest until June 15.

This is the date by which, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

COMMON GROUND: KEY AGREEMENTS

- No protest until June 15
- Delhi Police to file chargesheet June 15
- FIRs against wrestlers to be withdrawn
- Two coaches to be added to WFI ad-hoc committee
- WFI to set up ICC headed by a woman
- Police protection for complainers

Olive branch: Clean-up in WFI, no Brij Bhushan; wrestlers to have a say

MIHIR VASAVA
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

ONE OF the most significant takeaways from the six-hour meeting between Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and the protesting wrestlers is the potential promise of a clean-up and power shift in the Wrestling Federation of India.

So far ruled by BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh — the man at the centre of the sexual harassment

allegations — along with his family members and close associates, for more than a decade, the WFI will see new leadership. It is learnt that the government assured the wrestlers that no one from Singh's family will be allowed to contest the upcoming WFI elections. And, more **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Got ICICI Bank board sanction to prosecute Kochhar: CBI to court

SADAF MODAK
MUMBAI, JUNE 7

THE ICICI Bank Board has granted sanction to prosecute its former Managing Director and CEO Chanda Kochhar under the Prevention of Corruption Act in connection with the Videocon loan case, a special court was informed by the CBI Wednesday.

The sanction to prosecute — it is required under the Act as a bank employee is deemed to be a public servant — was granted at the Board meeting held on April 22.

A chargesheet was filed by the CBI in April against Kochhar, her husband Deepak, Videocon chairman Venugopal Dheer and six others. The CBI had then said that it had sought sanction to prosecute Kochhar but was yet to receive it.

It is learnt that while the Board gave its go-ahead to prosecute Kochhar, it said that no wrongful loss was caused to the



Faces prosecution in Videocon loan case

bank in the loan transaction with Videocon.

The Board instead considered the transaction of Rs 64 crore, allegedly received by Deepak's firm Nipower Renewables from Videocon Industries Limited, while granting sanction under the anti-corruption Act.

The CBI had alleged that this showed that Kochhar had "dishonestly" abused her official position in disbursing a loan to Videocon on September 2, 2008, as on the very next day Rs 64 crore was received by her husband's firm from the company.

The CBI while arresting Kochhar in December 2022 had **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



Passengers wait to board the Coromandel Express at Kolkata's Shalimar station on Wednesday. Swooty Kumar

5 days after crash, Coromandel gets back on track: 'This train is our life'

SWEETY KUMARI
BANGALORE, JUNE 7

SHEIKH MURIDDIN has taken the 1284 Coromandel Express so many times that he has become a regular. The 38-year-old resident of West Bengal's Bhadrak travels

every week to Chennai, where he works as a daily wage.

But Wednesday was the first time he prayed before he got on board.

Five days after the Coromandel Express was involved in an accident that killed 288 in Odisha's Bahanga, the

train left on its usual route from Shalimar in West Bengal to the Tamil Nadu capital, carrying around 1,500 jittery travellers.

Murididin said he was supposed to be on board the ill-fated train on Friday. "Seventeen of my relatives and I were supposed to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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J&K terror shift: Valley dominates court but bigger strikes in Jammu

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

SINCE 2021, three districts of Jammu region — Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu — have seen fewer but bloodier and more high-visibility terror attacks when compared to the strikes in the Valley.

Data for the last three years, accessed by The Indian Express, show that between January 2021 and May 30 this year, 24 security personnel and 75 civilians



were killed on either side of the Pir Panjal mountain range in the

Union Territory of J&K.

Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu are part of the larger Jammu region and are to the south and west of the Pir Panjal that separates them from the districts in the Valley.

Of the 253 'terrorist-initiated' incidents in J&K since 2021, 15 were in the three districts of Jammu region and 236 in the Valley. While the three Jammu districts saw 2, 10 and 3 incidents in 2021, 2022 and 2023 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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AAP's Chadha loses bungalo he got above his grade, takes RS Sect to court

Obtains stay, says act reeks of political bias

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 7

THE RAJYA Sabha Secretariat allotted a Type-VII bungalow in New Delhi — a bungalow in this category is usually meant for MPs who are former Union Ministers, Governors or Chief Ministers — to AAP MP Raghu Chadha last year before cancelling the allotment in March this year, prompting the first-time MP to move court and get a stay against disposition of the property. The Indian Express has learnt.

As a first-time MP, Chadha is entitled to a Type-V accommodation in the normal course, according to the Rajya Sabha Members Handbook released in April 2022. The handbook says MPs who are former Union Cabinet Ministers, former Governors or former Chief Ministers and former Lok Sabha Speakers, are entitled to Type-VII, the second largest category available to Rajya Sabha MPs.

The handbook, however, says that the House Committee chairman is authorised in "exceptional circumstances/special cases" to allot accommodation that is bigger than the entitlement of a member.

The current House Committee, chaired by BJP MP C M Baruah, was constituted on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

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Tata Group tops \$25 bn in brand value in 2023

Retains title of India's most valuable brand

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, June 7

THE TATA GROUP has retained its title of India's most valuable brand at \$26.4 billion in 2023, growing at 10.3% over last year, said brand valuation firm Brand Finance in its latest ranking of the country's leading brands.

This is the first time that an Indian brand has breached the brand value mark of \$25 billion to feature in the top 100 of the Brand Finance Global 500 2023 list, an annual ranking of the world's top 500 most valuable brands, the UK-based brand valuation firm said.

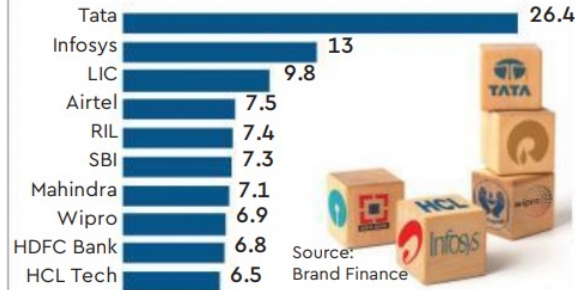
Amid the post-pandemic landscape and the ongoing geopolitical uncertainties, India's top 100 most valuable brands collectively exhibited growth, with their total value approaching \$2 trillion since the last valuation on January 1, 2022, Brand Finance said.

"Over the last two years, the Tata Group has undergone a significant strategic transformation, embracing digitalisation and harnessing the power of technology across its diverse portfolio," Savio D'Souza, director, Brand Finance, said.

Infosys and LIC also retained their positions as the second and third most-valuable brands at \$13 billion and \$9.8 billion each, the report said. While Infosys' brand value grew 2%

TOP 10 INDIAN BRANDS

(\$ bn) (for 2023)



versus over year, LIC's brand value declined 12% in comparison to last year.

Airtel swapped positions with Reliance Industries (RIL) to emerge as the fourth most-valued brand at \$7.5 billion in 2023 (it was fifth last year). RIL was valued at \$7.4 billion in 2023, down 14% versus last year. SBI retained its sixth position on the list in 2023 at \$7.3 billion, while the Mahindra Group leaped into the seventh slot on India's most-valuable brand list, up 15% over last year at a brand value \$7.1 billion.

Wipro, HDFC Bank and HCL Tech completed the top 10 list at \$6.9 billion, \$6.8 billion and \$6.5 billion in brand value for 2023. In addition to measuring the overall brand value, Brand Finance also evaluates the relative strength of brands, based on factors such as marketing investment, familiarity, loyalty, staff satisfaction and corporate reputation. According to these criteria, hotel chain Taj Group, with a brand value of \$374 million, became India's strongest

brand for the second year in a row, according to Brand Finance.

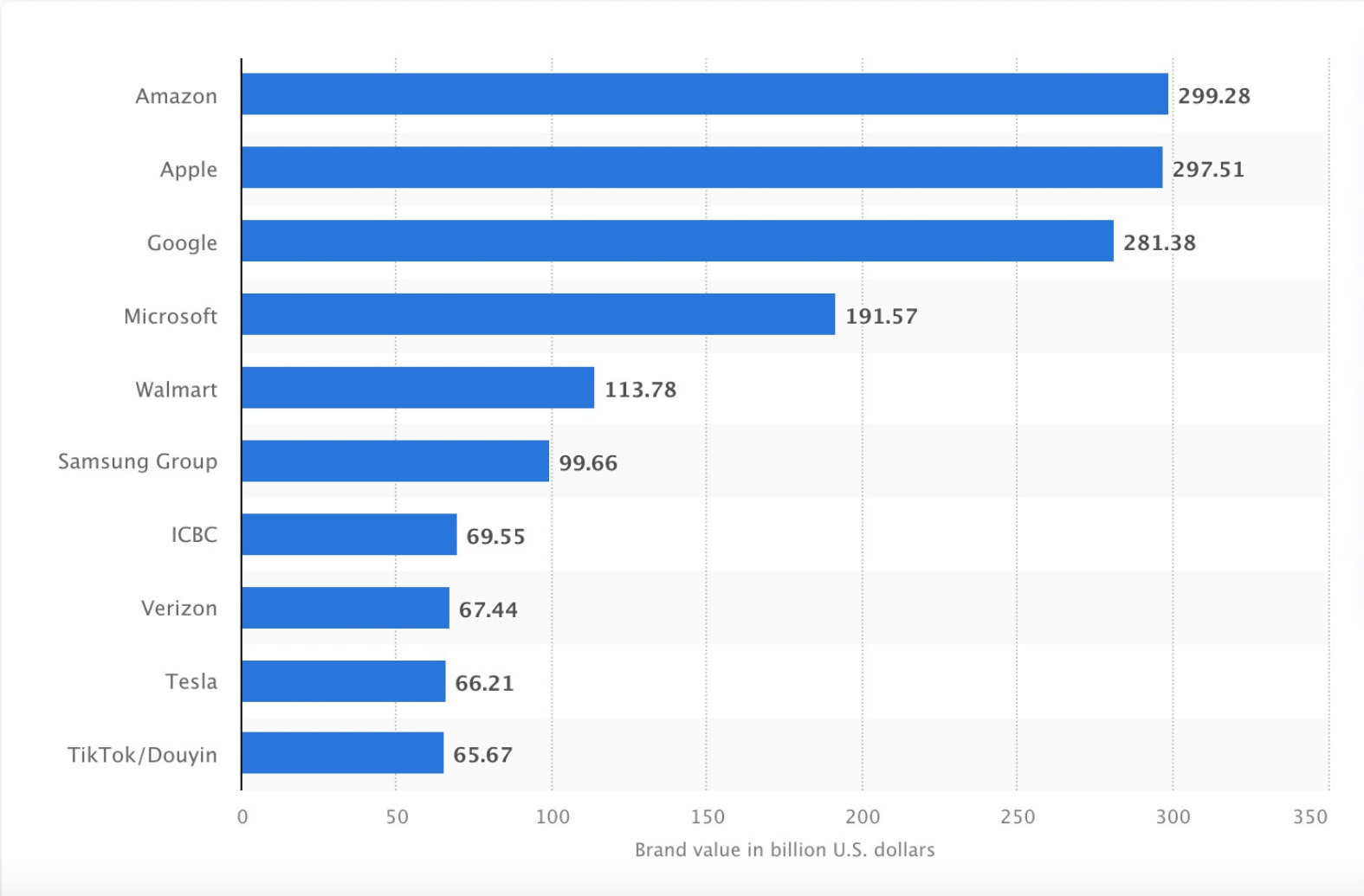
Brands in the metals sector, such as Tata Steel, Hindalco and Vedanta, clocked robust growth in 2023, on the back of a revival in infrastructure and greenfield investments in India over the past year, Brand Finance said.

Mahindra Auto, Tata Motors and Maruti Suzuki clocked double-digit brand value growth, driven by the impetus towards an electric revolution in India and the emergence of pent-up demand following the pandemic, the brand valuation firm said.

"For the past decade, brands from India have embraced the 'Made in India' tag with pride, actively contributing to their own brand building, while simultaneously nurturing the nation's brand identity. As a result, formidable brands such as Tata, Infosys, SBI, Airtel, Reliance, Mahindra, Taj Hotels, Airtel continue to punch well above their weight," Ajimon Francis, MD, Brand Finance India, said.

Most valuable brands worldwide in 2023

(in billion U.S. dollars)



Brand strength index (BSI)



Brand strength expressed as a BSI score out of 100.

Brand 'Royalty rate'



BSI score applied to an appropriate sector royalty rate range.

Brand revenues



Royalty rate applied to forecast revenues to derive brand values.

Brand value

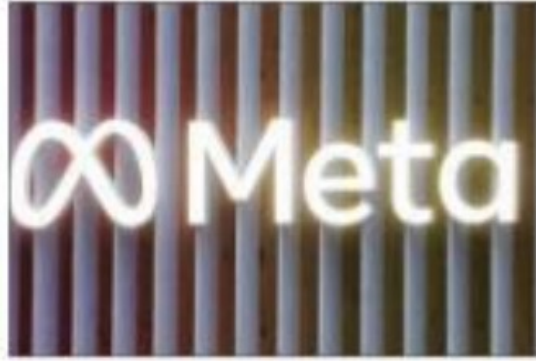


Post-tax brand revenues are discounted to a net present value (NPV) which equals the brand value.

Meta to let users verify Insta, FB accounts at ₹699/month in India

META ON WEDNESDAY expanded its verified subscription service to India, under which it would let iOS and Android users get a verified badge for their Instagram and Facebook profiles at ₹699 a month.

Along with a verified badge, Meta will provide protection from impersonation with proactive account monitoring for impersonators, and help for common account issues, with the subscription. The company will soon launch a web subscription purchase



option for verified at ₹599 a month.

“At the moment, support is available in English only, but it will be extended to include Hindi as well in the coming months, Meta said, adding that verified badge will give

confidence to users that the accounts they are interacting with, are safe.

In order to get Meta verified, applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Applicants are then required to submit a government ID that matches the profile name and photo of the Facebook or Instagram account they’re applying for. Meta Verified subscriptions will include proactive monitoring for account impersonation, the company said in a blog. **FE BUREAU**

Mumbai most costly Indian city for expats

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 7

MUMBAI HAS BEEN ranked as the most expensive city in India for expatriates, followed by New Delhi and Bengaluru in the second and third place, respectively, according to a report. According to Mercer's 2023 Cost of Living survey, which includes 227 cities from across five continents, Mumbai, positioned at 147 in the global ranking, retains the top spot as India's most expensive city for expats, while Hong Kong topped the global chart.

According to the rankings, Mumbai has been positioned at 147 in the global ranking, New Delhi at 169, Chennai (184), Bengaluru (189), Hyderabad (202), Kolkata (211), and Pune (213). Mercer's Cost of Living survey measures the comparative cost of more than 200 items in each location, including housing, transportation, food, clothing, household goods and entertainment. The data collected



provides all of the key information employers need to design efficient and transparent compensation packages for international assignees. It helps international employers design efficient and equitable compensation packages for over 400

assignment locations worldwide. Globally, Hong Kong, Singapore and Zurich are the most expensive cities for international employees this year.

The least expensive locations in the ranking include Havana, which dropped 83 spots, due in

part to strong currency devaluations mid-last-year, and two cities in Pakistan — Karachi and Islamabad. Among Indian cities, besides Mumbai, the other surveyed cities -- Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Pune -- offer accommodation costs that are

over 50% lower than Mumbai. Among these cities, Kolkata claims the lowest cost of expatriate accommodation, providing a more affordable option for residents and expatriates, the report said.

"We have observed a change in the relative positioning of Indian cities in the global ranking, which can be attributed to multiple factors." In particular, the shifting order is partly influenced by currency volatility and the inflationary increase in prices of goods and services in other regions, such as Europe, that has played a role in pushing down the overall rankings of Indian cities," said Rahul Sharma, India Mobility Leader, Mercer.

The report noted that Indian cities, such as Mumbai (147) and Delhi (169), offer a cost-efficient destination for global MNCs looking to set up operations overseas, with a lower cost of living and expat accommodation costs compared to major cities in the Asia Pacific region.

ELEANOR HAMBY AND DR SANDRA HAZELIP TRAVELLED FROM ICY SHORES OF ANTARCTICA TO GRAND CANYON IN 80 DAYS

Never too late: Two friends around the world in 80 days — at 81

JENNIFER HARLAN
JUNE 7

WHEN ELEANOR Hamby and Dr Sandra Hazelip met more than two decades ago, it was best friends at first sight. They never imagined that, one day, their friendship would be featured on news shows, get joked about on *Saturday Night Live* and stop people in their tracks in a Tokyo train station to say, “Oh my God, you’re the TikTok traveling grannies!”

Hamby, 81, and Dr Hazelip, 82, have inspired people all over the globe with their project “Around the World in 80 Days:

At 81 and Still on the Run,” named in homage to Jules Verne’s 19th-century adventure novel. Their travels earlier this year took them from the icy shores of Antarctica to the rocky majesty of the Grand Canyon, and racked up more than a million likes from thousands of followers along the way.

“We totally, totally were not expecting this,” Hamby said.

The women first crossed paths in their late 50s at a Christian medical mission in Zambia where Hamby, a documentary photographer, was the director and Dr Hazelip, a recent widow, had come as a visiting

physician. Five years later, Hamby’s husband also died, unexpectedly. Hazelip was looking to move her medical practice to Abilene, Texas, where Hamby lived, but didn’t want to fully relocate. So, Dr Hazelip made her friend an offer.

“She said, ‘If you’ll give me a bed two nights a week, I’ll take you out to eat,’” Hamby recalled.

It was during those weekly visits that they discovered a shared love of travel. “One day, I said: Ellie, I’ve always wanted to ride the trans-Siberian train. Do you think that’s something we could go on as a trip together?” Dr Hazelip recalled.



Eleanor Hamby (left) and Dr Sandra Hazelip in Bali. *NYT*

That was their first big adventure, in 2008, and trips to Southeast Asia and the Middle East followed in 2010 and 2011.

On their first few trips, the pair used a blog to keep their friends and family updated. For the 80-day tour, a friend helped them set up accounts on Instagram and TikTok, and soon thousands of followers around the world were along for the ride.

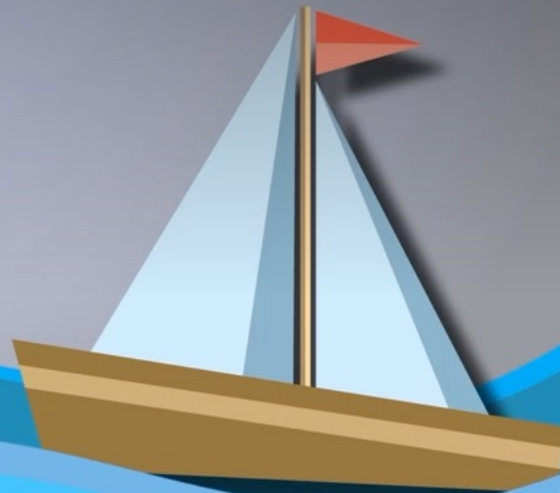
“People kept saying how much we were an inspiration — an inspiration for a good friendship, an inspiration to get out and do things,” Ms. Hamby said. The whole experience “has definitely been a life changer.” And they’re

not stopping.

The friends can’t travel all the time — they both still work, Dr Hazelip at a hospice center and Hamby for the medical mission — but their next trip, around South America, is already in the works for 2024, Dr Hazelip said. “And our theme will be: ‘We Are 82, and Travel We Can Do.’”

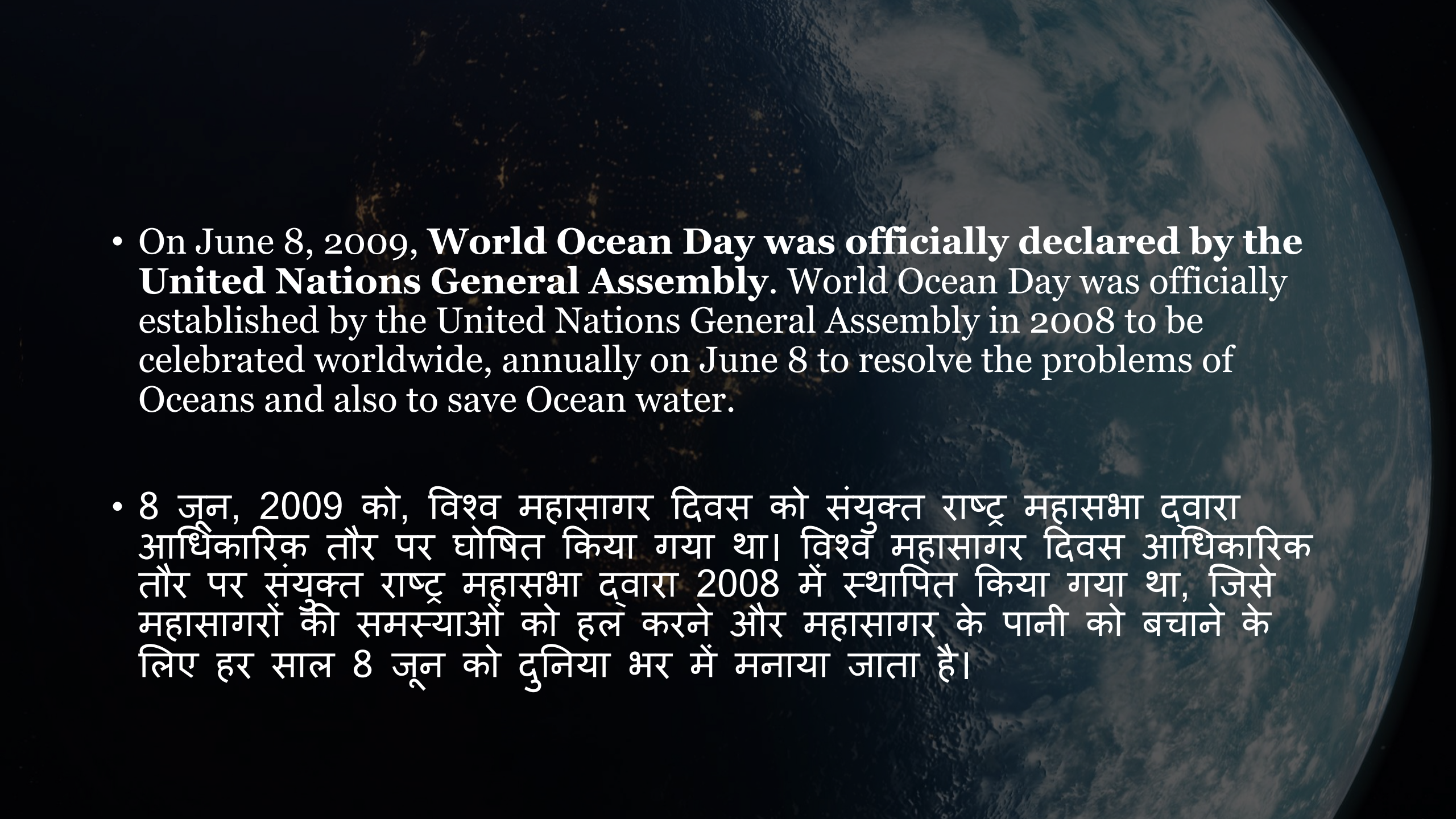
“Trust in people, because they’re basically good. Just reach out and smile. Seriously, a smile will bring friendship. It will knock the barrier or make that person more likely to help. I guarantee you’ll have a much happier trip and you’ll meet a lot more people if you’re smiling,” Hamby said. *NYT*

World Ocean Day is observed every year on June 8



The theme for World Oceans Day 2023 is "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing". This theme aims to raise awareness of the importance of the ocean and the need to protect it.

विश्व महासागर दिवस 2023 की थीम "प्लैनेट ओशन: टाइड्स आर चेंजिंग" है। इस विषय का उद्देश्य महासागर के महत्व और इसकी रक्षा की आवश्यकता के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाना है।

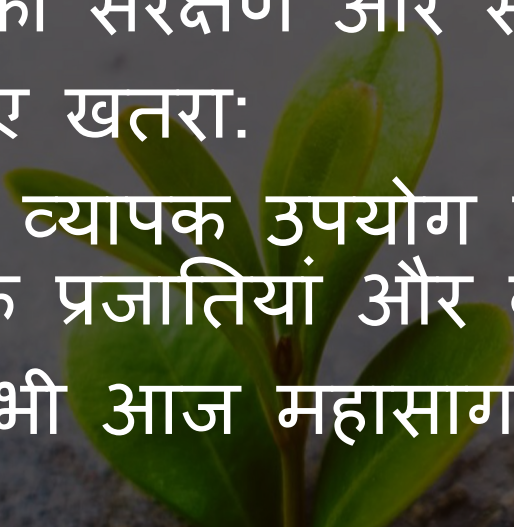
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- On June 8, 2009, **World Ocean Day** was officially declared by the **United Nations General Assembly**. World Ocean Day was officially established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008 to be celebrated worldwide, annually on June 8 to resolve the problems of Oceans and also to save Ocean water.
 - 8 जून, 2009 को, विश्व महासागर दिवस को संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा द्वारा आधिकारिक तौर पर घोषित किया गया था। विश्व महासागर दिवस आधिकारिक तौर पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा द्वारा 2008 में स्थापित किया गया था, जिसे महासागरों की समस्याओं को हल करने और महासागर के पानी को बचाने के लिए हर साल 8 जून को दुनिया भर में मनाया जाता है।

- What is the Need to Protect Oceans?
- **Supports the Livelihoods:**
- **Mitigates Climate Change:**
- **Economic Importance:**

महासागरों की रक्षा करने की क्या आवश्यकता है?

- आजीविका का समर्थन करता है:
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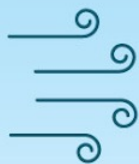
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- The Sustainable Development Goal 14 is 'Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development'.
 - **Threats to Oceans:**
 - Pollution, overfishing, invasive species, and rising ocean acidity due to the extensive use of fossil fuels.
 - Plastic waste is also one of the biggest threats faced by the oceans today.

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- सतत विकास लक्ष्य 14 'सतत विकास के लिए महासागरों, समुद्रों और समुद्री संसाधनों का संरक्षण और सतत उपयोग' है।
 - महासागरों के लिए खतरा:
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 - प्लास्टिक कचरा भी आज महासागरों के लिए सबसे बड़े खतरों में से एक है।

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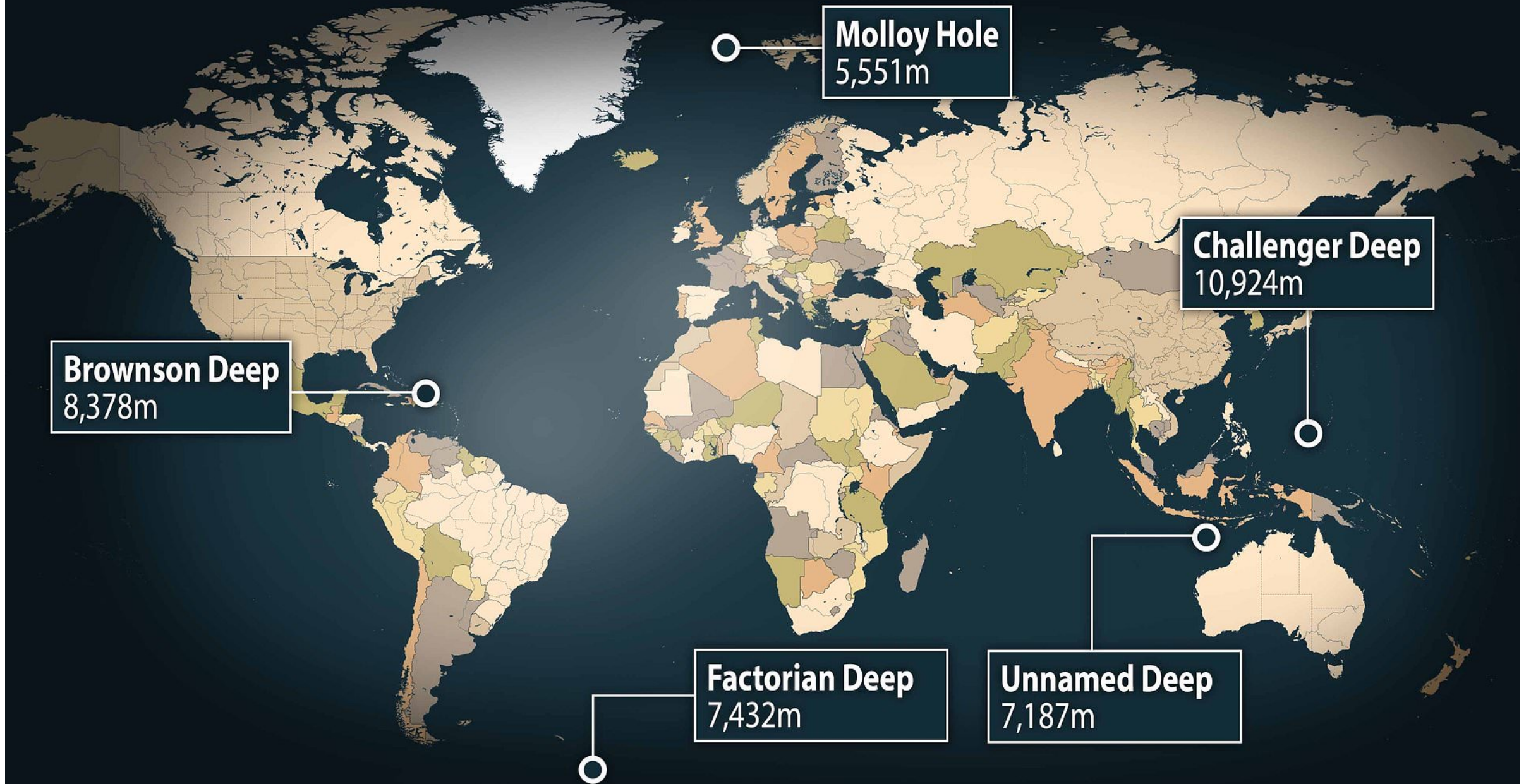


MEDICINE

Many medicinal products come from the ocean, including ingredients that help fight cancer, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, and heart disease.



THE DEEPEST POINTS IN EARTH'S FIVE OCEANS





India-US Relations



India and the United States have agreed to initiate negotiations for a '**Security of Supply**' (SoS) arrangement and a '**Reciprocal Defence Procurement**' (RDP) agreement, aiming to promote **long-term supply chain stability** and enhance security and defense cooperation between both countries.

भारत और संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका 'आपूर्ति की सुरक्षा' (एसओएस) व्यवस्था और 'पारस्परिक रक्षा खरीद' (आरडीपी) समझौते के लिए बातचीत शुरू करने पर सहमत हुए हैं, जिसका उद्देश्य लंबी अवधि की आपूर्ति श्रृंखला स्थिरता को बढ़ावा देना और दोनों के बीच सुरक्षा और रक्षा सहयोग को बढ़ाना है। देशों।

- **A SoS agreement is a bilateral or multilateral agreement between countries** aimed at ensuring the availability and stability of critical supplies, particularly in the field of defense and security.
- **An RDP agreement is a bilateral agreement between countries in the field of defense procurement.** It is designed to **facilitate reciprocal procurement of defense items and promote cooperation** in research, development, and production of defense equipment.
- एसओएस समझौता देशों के बीच एक द्विपक्षीय या बहुपक्षीय समझौता है जिसका उद्देश्य विशेष रूप से रक्षा और सुरक्षा के क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण आपूर्ति की उपलब्धता और स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करना है।
- आरडीपी समझौता रक्षा खरीद के क्षेत्र में देशों के बीच एक द्विपक्षीय समझौता है। इसे रक्षा वस्तुओं की पारस्परिक खरीद को सुविधाजनक बनाने और रक्षा उपकरणों के अनुसंधान, विकास और उत्पादन में सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है।

- **Assembling Electric Jets in India:**

- Both sides discussed the deal for assembling **General Electric GE-414 jets** in India, which is yet to be finalized.

- **Defence Industrial Cooperation:**

- The roadmap for 'Defence Industrial Cooperation' has been concluded between India and the US, guiding their **policy direction for the next few years.**

- भारत में इलेक्ट्रिक जेट असेंबल करना:

- दोनों पक्षों ने भारत में जनरल इलेक्ट्रिक GE-414 जेट को असेंबल करने के सौदे पर चर्चा की, जिसे अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।

- रक्षा औद्योगिक सहयोग:

- अगले कुछ वर्षों के लिए उनकी नीति दिशा का मार्गदर्शन करते हुए, भारत और अमेरिका के बीच 'रक्षा औद्योगिक सहयोग' का रोडमैप पूरा हो गया है।

- **US-India Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X):**

- The US-India Business Council will launch the INDUS-X initiative to advance **cutting-edge technology cooperation between US and Indian companies**, investors, start-up accelerators, and academic research institutions.

- यूएस-इंडिया डिफेंस एक्सेलरेशन इकोसिस्टम (इंडस-एक्स):

- यूएस-इंडिया बिजनेस काउंसिल यूएस और भारतीय कंपनियों, निवेशकों, स्टार्ट-अप त्वरक, और शैक्षणिक अनुसंधान संस्थानों के बीच अत्याधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए इंडस-एक्स पहल शुरू करेगी।

- **Economic Relations:**

- The **U.S. has emerged as India's biggest trading partner in 2022-23** on account of **increasing economic ties** between the two countries.

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- The bilateral trade between India and the U.S. has increased by **7.65% to USD 128.55 in 2022-23** as against **USD 119.5 billion in 2021-22**.
 - Exports to the U.S. rose by 2.81% to USD 78.31 billion in 2022-23 as against USD 76.18 billion in 2021-22, while imports grew by about 16% to USD 50.24 billion.

- आर्थिक संबंध:

- दोनों देशों के बीच बढ़ते आर्थिक संबंधों के कारण 2022-23 में अमेरिका भारत का सबसे बड़ा व्यापारिक भागीदार बनकर उभरा है।
- 2022-23 में भारत और अमेरिका के बीच द्विपक्षीय व्यापार 7.65% बढ़कर 128.55 अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया, जबकि 2021-22 में यह 119.5 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर था।
- 2022-23 में अमेरिका में निर्यात 2.81% बढ़कर 78.31 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया, जबकि 2021-22 में यह 76.18 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर था, जबकि आयात लगभग 16% बढ़कर 50.24 बिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर हो गया।

Call for a New Treaty for Outer Space



- The **UN** has recently released a policy brief titled "**For All Humanity – The Future of Outer Space Governance,**" recommending the development of a new treaty to ensure **peace, security, and the prevention of an arms race** in outer space.

- संयुक्त राष्ट्र (यूएन) ने हाल ही में "सभी मानवता के लिए – बाहरी अंतरिक्ष शासन का भविष्य" शीर्षक से एक नीति संक्षिप्त जारी किया है, जिसमें बाहरी अंतरिक्ष में शांति, सुरक्षा और हथियारों की दौड़ की रोकथाम सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक नई संधि के विकास की सिफारिश की गई है।

The recommendations come ahead of the upcoming **UN Summit of the Future, scheduled for September 2024, in New York.**

The summit aims to facilitate multilateral solutions and strengthen global governance to address future challenges.

ये सिफारिशें न्यूयॉर्क में सितंबर 2024 में होने वाले आगामी संयुक्त राष्ट्र शिखर सम्मेलन से पहले आई हैं।

शिखर सम्मेलन का उद्देश्य बहुपक्षीय समाधानों को सुविधाजनक बनाना और भविष्य की चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए वैश्विक शासन को मजबूत करना है।

- **Increasing Satellite Launches:**

- There has been an exponential increase in **satellite launches over the past decade**, driven by both government and private sector participation.

- In 2013, there were **210 new launches, which increased to 600 in 2019 and 1,200 in 2020** and 2,470 in 2022.

- बढ़ता उपग्रह प्रक्षेपण:

- पिछले एक दशक में सरकारी और निजी क्षेत्र दोनों की भागीदारी से संचालित, उपग्रहों के प्रक्षेपण में तेजी से वृद्धि हुई है।

- 2013 में, 210 नए लॉन्च हुए, जो 2019 में बढ़कर 600 और 2020 में 1,200 और 2022 में 2,470 हो गए।

- Countries like the United States, China, India, and Japan are **leading the way in space activities**, including manned missions, lunar exploration, and resource exploitation.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** , through its **Artemis** mission, **plans to land the first woman and the next man on the Moon.**
- Minerals on the Moon (has rich deposits of helium 3, which is rare on Earth), asteroids (abundant deposits of valuable metals, including platinum, nickel and cobalt) and planets can be attractive for countries.

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका, चीन, भारत और जापान जैसे देश अंतरिक्ष गतिविधियों में आगे बढ़ रहे हैं, जिनमें मानवयुक्त मिशन, चंद्र अन्वेषण और संसाधनों का दोहन शामिल है।

नेशनल एरोनॉटिक्स एंड स्पेस एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन (NASA), अपने आर्टेमिस मिशन के माध्यम से, पहली महिला और अगले पुरुष को चंद्रमा पर उतारने की योजना बना रहा है।

चंद्रमा पर खनिज (हीलियम 3 का समृद्ध भंडार है, जो पृथ्वी पर दुर्लभ है), क्षुद्रग्रह (प्लैटिनम, निकल और कोबाल्ट सहित मूल्यवान धातुओं के प्रचुर भंडार) और ग्रह देशों के लिए आकर्षक हो सकते हैं।

The treaties commonly referred to as the "**five United Nations treaties on outer space**" are:[The Outer Space Treaty 1967](#): Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

Rescue Agreement 1968: Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

आमतौर पर "बाह्य अंतरिक्ष पर पांच संयुक्त राष्ट्र संधियों" के रूप में संदर्भित संधियां हैं: बाह्य अंतरिक्ष संधि 1967: चंद्रमा और अन्य आकाशीय पिंडों सहित बाह्य अंतरिक्ष की खोज और उपयोग में राज्यों की गतिविधियों को नियंत्रित करने वाले सिद्धांतों पर संधि।

बचाव समझौता 1968: अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों के बचाव, अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों की वापसी और बाहरी अंतरिक्ष में लॉन्च की गई वस्तुओं की वापसी पर समझौता।

- **Liability Convention 1972:** Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects.
- **The Registration Convention 1976:** Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space.
- **The Moon Agreement 1979:** Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.
- India is a signatory to **all five of these treaties but has ratified only four. India did not ratify Moon agreement.**
- उत्तरदायित्व समझौता 1972: अंतरिक्ष वस्तुओं द्वारा होने वाले नुकसान के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय उत्तरदायित्व पर सम्मेलन।
- पंजीकरण सम्मेलन 1976: बाहरी अंतरिक्ष में शुरू की गई वस्तुओं के पंजीकरण पर सम्मेलन।
- द मून एग्रीमेंट 1979: चंद्रमा और अन्य खगोलीय पिंडों पर राज्यों की गतिविधियों को नियंत्रित करने वाला समझौता।
- भारत इन सभी पाँचों संधियों का हस्ताक्षरकर्ता है, लेकिन उसने केवल चार का अनुसमर्थन किया है। भारत ने मून समझौते की पुष्टि नहीं की।

Cyclone "Biporjoy" Threatens Arabian Sea



- **Cyclonic Storm "Biporjoy" intensifies in the Arabian Sea, posing significant risks and uncertainties for the affected regions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reports the storm's rapid development, expecting it to strengthen into a severe cyclonic storm with winds reaching 115-125 kmph and gusts of 140 kmph on June 8, 2023.**
- The name 'Biparjoy' (meaning calamity or disaster) was given by Bangladesh.
- अरब सागर में चक्रवाती तूफान "बायपोरजॉय" तेज हो गया है, जिससे प्रभावित क्षेत्रों के लिए महत्वपूर्ण जोखिम और अनिश्चितताएँ पैदा हो गई हैं।
- भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (IMD) ने तूफान के तेजी से विकास की रिपोर्ट दी है, इसके 8 जून, 2023 को 115-125 किमी प्रति घंटे और 140 किमी प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से चलने वाली हवाओं के साथ एक गंभीर चक्रवाती तूफान में मजबूत होने की उम्मीद है।
- 'बिपरजॉय' (जिसका अर्थ है आपदा या आपदा) नाम बांग्लादेश द्वारा दिया गया था।

- The **formation of Cyclone "Biporjoy" in June is unusual**, and the increasing sea surface temperatures in the Arabian Sea, attributed to climate change, play a significant role.
- These higher temperatures, reaching 30-32 degrees Celsius, favour the intensification of cyclones.
- जून में चक्रवात "बिपोरजाँय" का बनना असामान्य है, और जलवायु परिवर्तन के कारण अरब सागर में समुद्र की सतह का बढ़ता तापमान एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है।
- 30-32 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक पहुंचने वाले ये उच्च तापमान, चक्रवातों की तीव्रता के पक्ष में हैं।

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Tribal 'green warrior': Damodar Kashyap

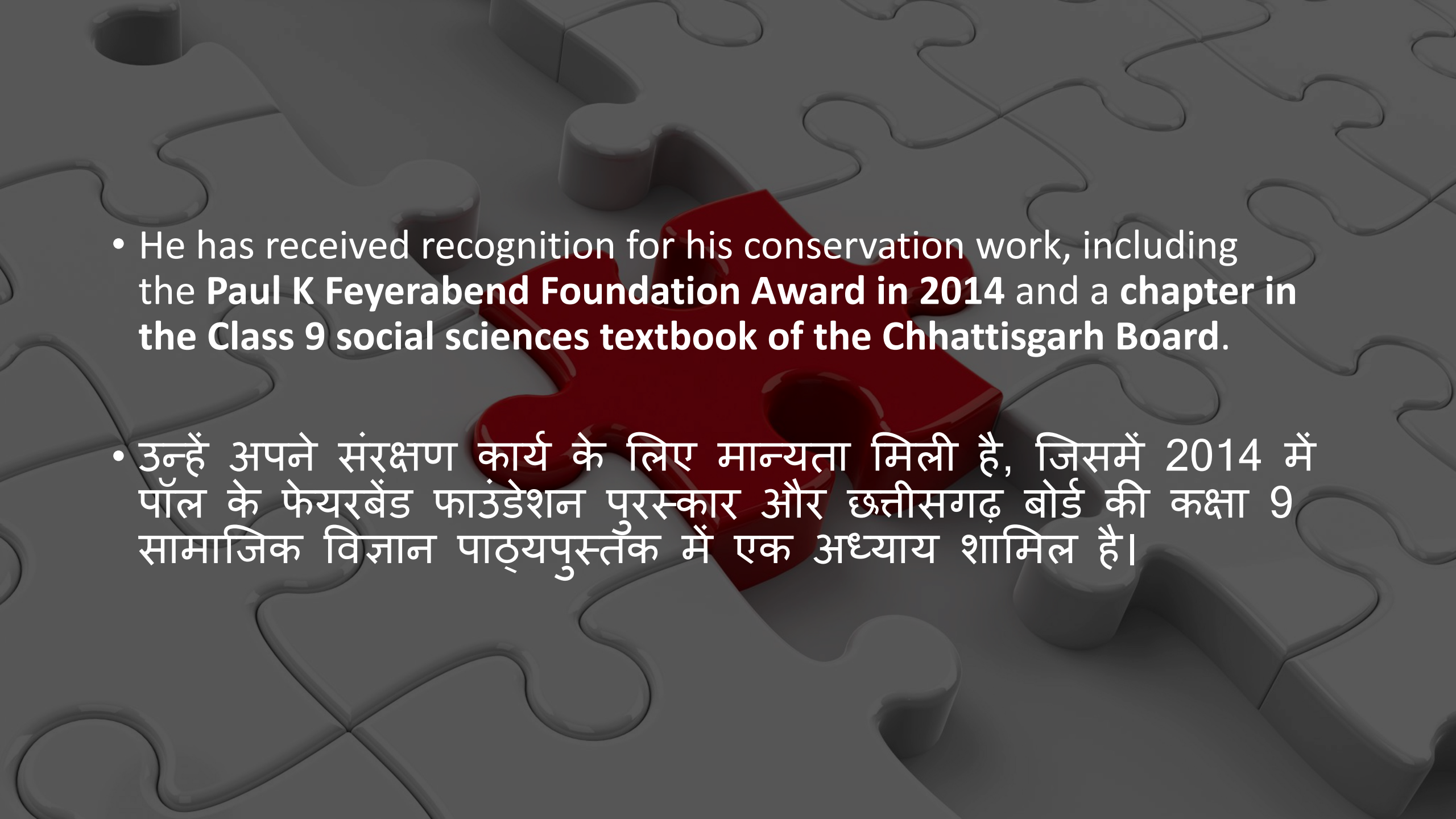
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Damodar Kashyap, a 74-year-old tribal farmer in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, has transformed **400 acres of land** in his village into a flourishing forest through a community-based approach to conservation.

As the village sarpanch, he implemented **strict rules and fines for forest destruction** and **deployed villagers** to patrol and guard the forest. Kashyap also utilized **local beliefs** and practices to **emphasize the sacredness of the forest**.

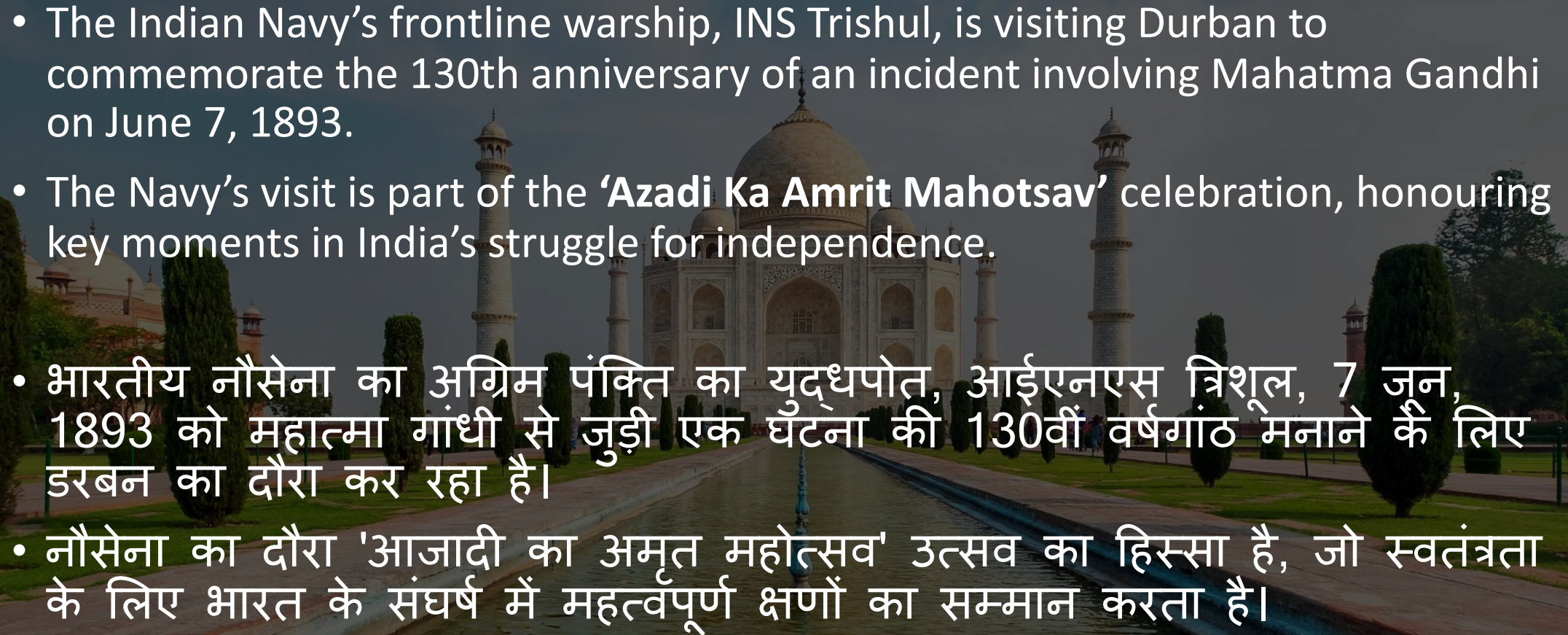
छत्तीसगढ़ के बस्तर जिले के 74 वर्षीय आदिवासी किसान दामोदर कश्यप ने संरक्षण के लिए एक समुदाय-आधारित दृष्टिकोण के माध्यम से अपने गांव की 400 एकड़ भूमि को एक फलते-फूलते जंगल में बदल दिया है।

गांव के सरपंच के रूप में, उन्होंने वन विनाश के लिए सख्त नियम और जुर्माना लागू किया और ग्रामीणों को गश्त और जंगल की रखवाली करने के लिए तैनात किया। कश्यप ने जंगल की पवित्रता पर जोर देने के लिए स्थानीय मान्यताओं और प्रथाओं का भी इस्तेमाल किया।

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- He has received recognition for his conservation work, including the **Paul K Feyerabend Foundation Award in 2014** and a **chapter in the Class 9 social sciences textbook of the Chhattisgarh Board.**
 - उन्हें अपने संरक्षण कार्य के लिए मान्यता मिली है, जिसमें 2014 में पॉल के फेयरबैंड फाउंडेशन पुरस्कार और छत्तीसगढ़ बोर्ड की कक्षा 9 सामाजिक विज्ञान पाठ्यपुस्तक में एक अध्याय शामिल है।



130 Years of Gandhi's Rail Incident in South Africa

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- The Indian Navy's frontline warship, INS Trishul, is visiting Durban to commemorate the 130th anniversary of an incident involving Mahatma Gandhi on June 7, 1893.
 - The Navy's visit is part of the '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' celebration, honouring key moments in India's struggle for independence.
 - भारतीय नौसेना का अग्रिम पंक्ति का युद्धपोत, आईएनएस त्रिशूल, 7 जून, 1893 को महात्मा गांधी से जुड़ी एक घटना की 130वीं वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए डरबन का दौरा कर रहा है।
 - नौसेना का दौरा 'आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव' उत्सव का हिस्सा है, जो स्वतंत्रता के लिए भारत के संघर्ष में महत्वपूर्ण क्षणों का सम्मान करता है।

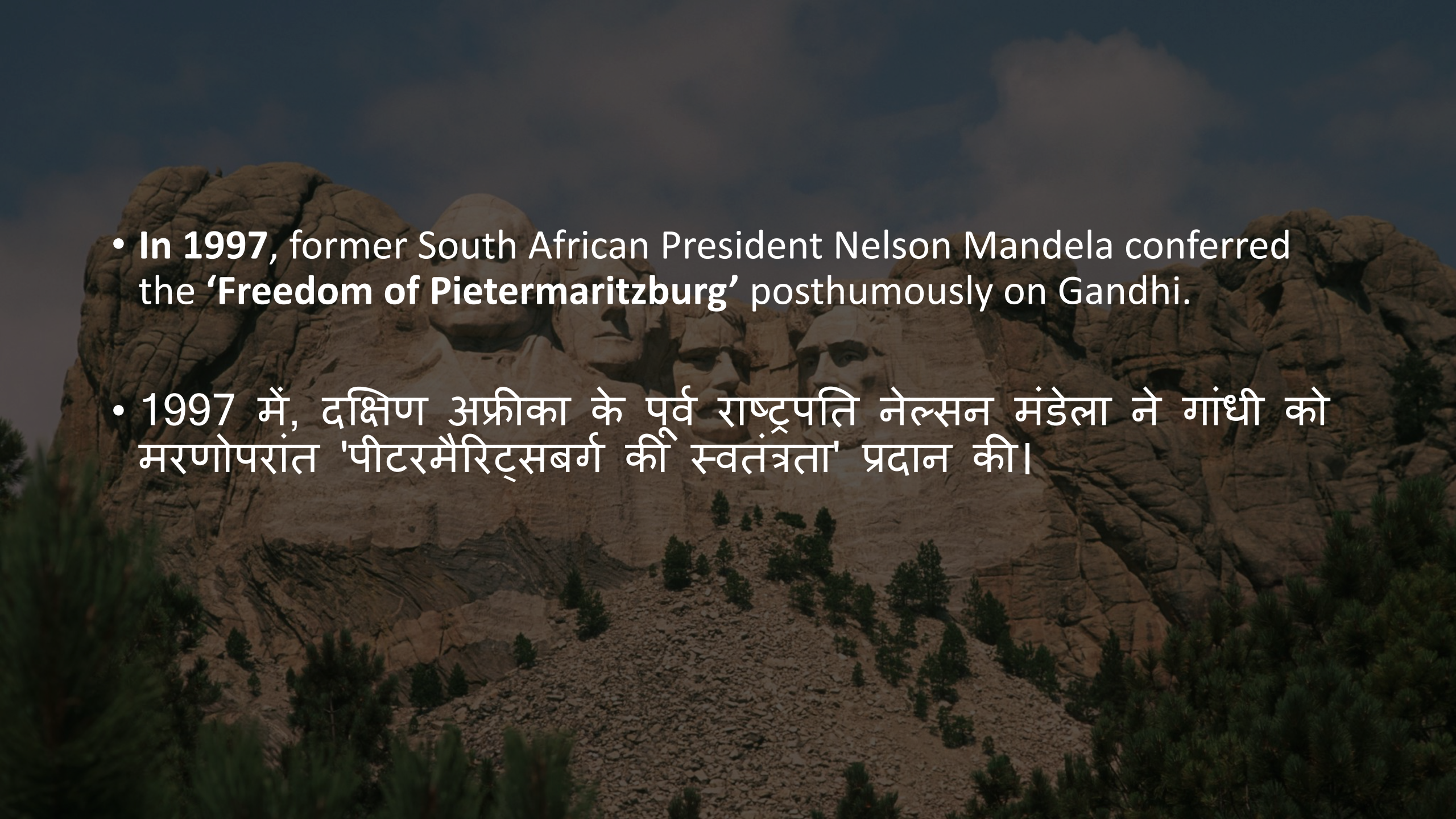
- **About the incident:**

- **The Pietermaritzburg Railway Station** incident occurred on June 7, 1893, when Mahatma Gandhi, a young lawyer at the time, was evicted from a **first-class train compartment** in South Africa.

The incident was a result of **racial discrimination**, as **non-whites** were not allowed in **first-class compartments**.

- घटना के बारे में:

- पीटरमैरिट्जबर्ग रेलवे स्टेशन की घटना 7 जून, 1893 को हुई थी, जब उस समय के एक युवा वकील महात्मा गांधी को दक्षिण अफ्रीका में प्रथम श्रेणी के ट्रेन के डिब्बे से बाहर निकाल दिया गया था। यह घटना नस्लीय भेदभाव का परिणाम थी, क्योंकि प्रथम श्रेणी के डिब्बों में गैर-गोरों को अनुमति नहीं थी।

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- In 1997, former South African President Nelson Mandela conferred the 'Freedom of Pietermaritzburg' posthumously on Gandhi.
 - 1997 में, दक्षिण अफ्रीका के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति नेल्सन मंडेला ने गांधी को मरणोपरांत 'पीटरमैरिट्सबर्ग की स्वतंत्रता' प्रदान की।

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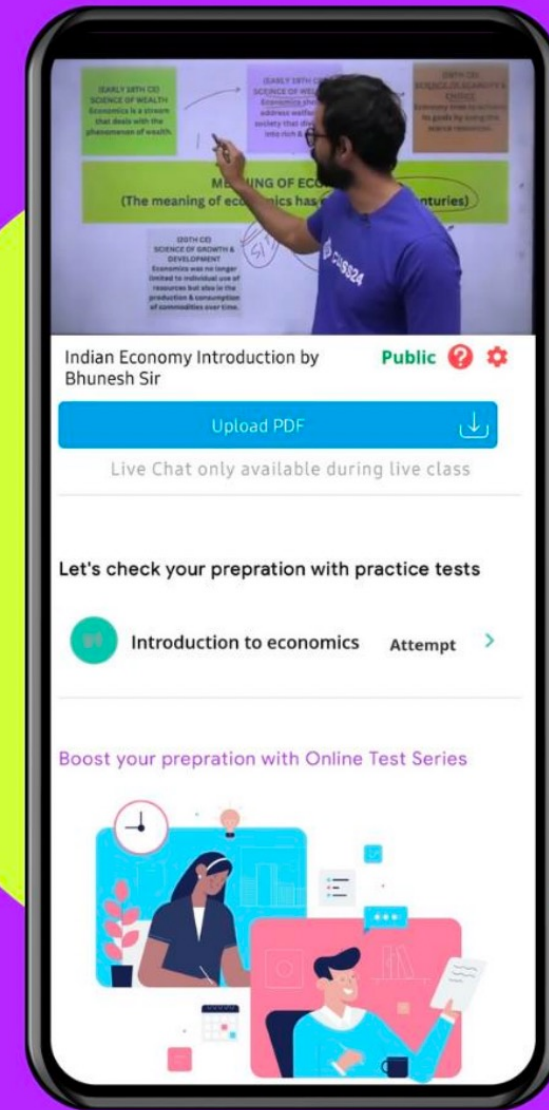
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- **With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, consider the following statements:**

1. A coastal state has the right to establish the breadth of its territorial sea up to a limit not exceeding 12 nautical miles, measured from baseline determined in accordance with the convention.
2. Ships of all states, whether coastal or land-locked, enjoy the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea.
3. The Exclusive Economic Zone shall not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

- **Which of the statements given above are correct?**

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

- समुद्र के कानून पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र सम्मेलन के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिये:
- एक तटीय राज्य को अपने प्रादेशिक समुद्र की चौड़ाई को 12 समुद्री मील से अधिक की सीमा तक स्थापित करने का अधिकार है, जिसे सम्मेलन के अनुसार निर्धारित आधार रेखा से मापा जाता है।
- सभी राज्यों के जहाजों, चाहे वे तटीय हों या भूमि-बंद, प्रादेशिक समुद्र के माध्यम से निर्दोष मार्ग के अधिकार का आनंद लेते हैं।
- विशिष्ट आर्थिक क्षेत्र उस आधार रेखा से 200 समुद्री मील से अधिक का विस्तार नहीं करेगा जिससे प्रादेशिक समुद्र की चौड़ाई मापी जाती है।
- ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन से सही हैं?
- (ए) केवल 1 और 2 (बी) केवल 2 और 3 (सी) केवल 1 और 3 (डी) 1, 2 और 3

Consider the following statements: (2020)


In the case of all cereals, pulses and oil-seeds, the procurement at Minimum Support Price (MSP) is unlimited in any State/UT of India.

In the case of cereals and pulses, the MSP is fixed in any State/UT at a level to which the market price will never rise.

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

- निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें: (2020)
- सभी अनाजों, दालों और तिलहनों के मामले में न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (एमएसपी) पर खरीद भारत के किसी भी राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में असीमित है।
- अनाज और दालों के मामले में, एमएसपी किसी भी राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश में एक स्तर पर तय किया जाता है, जहां तक बाजार मूल्य कभी नहीं बढ़ेगा।
- ऊपर दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सही है/हैं?
- (a) केवल 1
- (b) केवल 2
- (c) 1 और 2 दोनों
- (d) न तो 1 और न ही 2

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Thank you
guys, see you
at 9 am
