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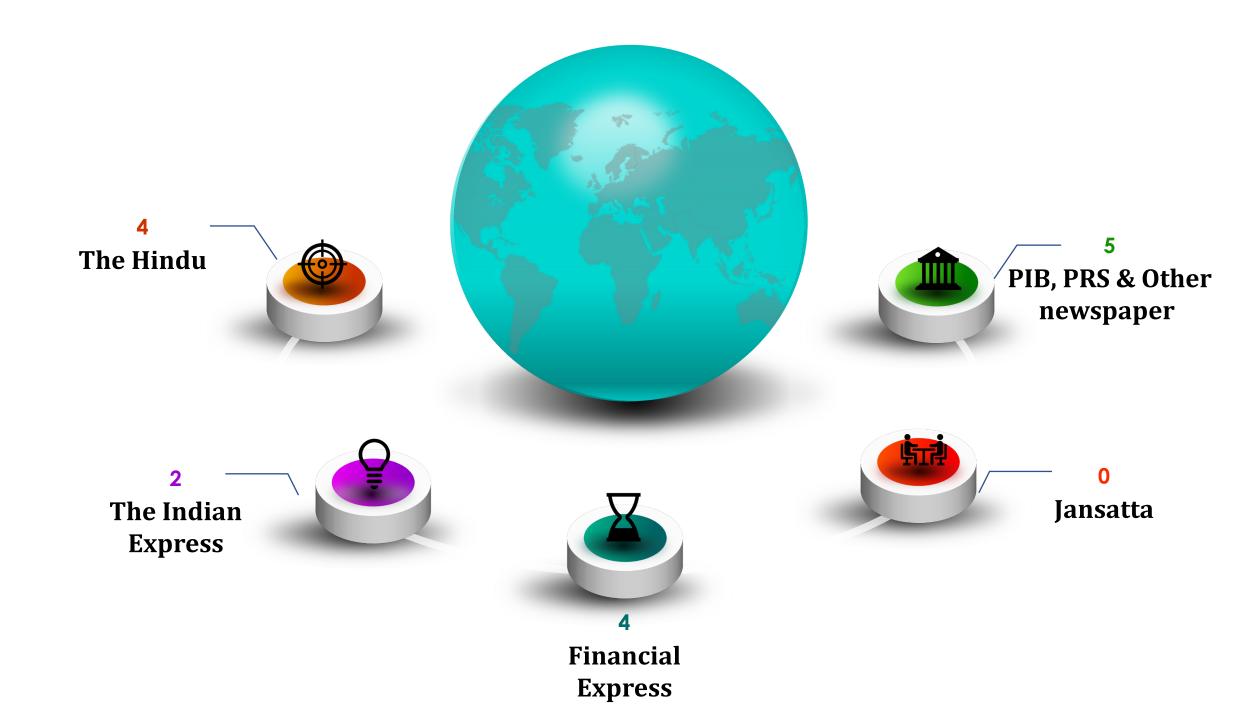








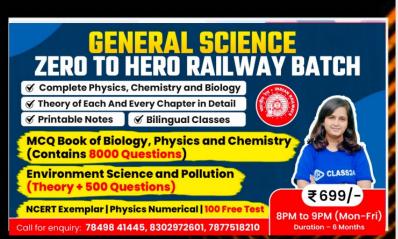


















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In the interest of cattle-rearers and farmers Rajasthan Government's scheme by

Hon'ble Chief Minister

Shri Ashok Gehlot

Mukhyamantri

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Bima Yojana

- In this scheme, maximum of two milch cattle per cattle-rearer family are insured up to ₹40,000 per animal.
- More than 1.10 crore families who have registered so far under this scheme in Mehangai Rahat Camps became beneficiaries.

"Our cattle-rearers have made Rajasthan number 1 in milk production in the country. It is the duty of our government to secure the future of cattle-rearers. After Dugdh Utpadak Sambal Yojana, free medicine and treatment to cattle, assistance of \$40,000 to cattle-rearers on death of bovine due to lumpy, subsidy to gaushalas and nandishalas, now Pashudhan Bima Yojana has been introduced."

– -Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister, Rajasthan –

Department of Animal Husbandry, Rajasthan

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## **Taking** G-20 to the last mile

India, Bharat and a host of implications Existing tradition is wise. constitutionally correct



Abbott recalls Digene Gel made at Goa unit

## 40 injured in protest over Army barricade in Manipur

Security personnel fire tear-gas shells to disperse 10,000 protesters who assembled in Bishnupur defying curfew; miscreants open fire and throw stones at Central forces; 3 RAF jawans injured

ore than 40 peo-ple were injured in a stampede in in a stampede in Bishmupur district of Manipur on Wednesday as security forces fired tear-gas shello to disperse over disperse o

(RAF), a specialised anti-riot force, were injured. The crowd had gathered

at two locations within a radius of 2 km at Phougakchao Ikhai and Kwakta in

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posed the placement of the barricade in a buffer zone on the Bishnupur-Chura-chandpur boundary. The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (CO-COMI), an influential Mei-tei group, had asked the youth and others to come

barricade further to the hill district of Churachand-pur. The group said the fai-lure of the Union and the State governments to re-move the barricade by Au-

## Editors' Guild journalists

The Supreme Court, in an urgent interim order on Wednesday, protected the Editors' Guild of India (EGI) president and three (EG) president and three senior journalists from ar-rest by the Manipur Police for their ground report concluding "bias" on the part of the local media in reporting the ethnic strife.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud listed the case for a detailed hearing on September II.



## ASEAN a key pillar of 'Act East' policy: Modi

east Asian Nations (ASEAN) east Asian Nations (ASEAN)
is an "important pillar" of
India's Act East policy, said
Prime Minister Narendra
Modi on Wednesday, as he
left for Indonesia to attend
the 20th ASEAN-India
summit and 18th East Asia
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Summit (EAS) in Jakarta. Mr. Modi will meet with leaders of the 10 ASEAN countries on Thursday, fol-lowed immediately by the EAS meeting, which inna, India, Japan, New Zea-land, South Korea, Russia,

While Mr. Modi will re While Mr. Modi will re-turn immediately after the summits so as to be in Del-hi in time for the arrival of guests of the G-20 Summit, many leaders present in In-donesia and Indonesian Delhi on Friday



## Text&Context

## THE細線和HINDU

**NEWS IN NUMBERS** 

The prices of oil skyrocket to a 10-month high

in \$ per barrel. Saudi Arabia and Russia have extended their production and export cuts until the end of the year. The basket of

PepsiCo's investment for its first manufacturing plant

in ₹ crore. PepsiCo will.
set up its first food
nanufacturing plant at
Nalbari, in Assam. The plant is proposed to
be operational in 2025 and aims to provide

Incentive offered by India to boost battery storage projects

in \$ million. India will offer such incentives to companies to boost the country's green energy capacity. Battery storage projects are critical to India's plan to expand its renewable energy. REVIERS Average global temperature in the past three months

The average global temperature in June, July and August surpassed the previous 2019 record of 16.48 degrees

The additional fund for an industrial development scheme

1,164 in € crore. The Cabinet approved additional funds for an industrial development scheme in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

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## How unemployment is measured

The question of unemployment has the potential to make or break any government. In order to successfully tackle it, it is important to understand how it is defined and measured in a developing economy like India

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Defining unemployment Unemployment is not synonymous wi joblessness. The International Labour Organization (ILO) defines Organization (ILO) defines unemployment as being out of a job; being available to take a job; and actively engaged in searching for work. Therefore an individual who has lost work but does not look for another job is not

not look for another job is not unemployed.

The labour force is defined as the sum of the employed and the unemployed. Those neither employed nor unemployed - such as students and those engaged in unpaid domestic work – are considered out of the labour force. The unemployment rate is measured as the ratio of the unemployed to the labour force. The unemployment rate could also fall if an economy is not generating enough jobs, or if people decide not to search for work. In the U.S., the

employment-to-population ratio (EPR) in 2019 was 60.8, while the unemployment rate was 3.7%. In 2022, the EPR was 60, rate was 3.7%. In 2022, the EPR was 60, but the unemployment rate had fallen to 3.6%. Even though there were fewer jobs (as a proportion of the total population), the unemployment rate was lower because many individuals had exited the labour force.

Measuring unemployment in India The situation is complicated in a developing economy, because decisions to search for work are constrained by social norms. According to a 2009-10 survey undertaken by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), 33.3% of rural women and 27.2% of urban women aged 15 and above who were about the second of the second

jobs. Unlike developed economies, individuals do not hold one iob year-round. An individual may be employed this week, but may have worked as a casual labourer last month

worked as a casual labourer last month, and as a farmer for most of the year. Are they to be counted as unemployed? The NSSO adopts two major measures for classifying the working status of individuals in India – the Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) and the Current Weekly Status (CWS). And

## Analysing the job market

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2018-19	5%	7.7%	5.8%	8,4%	9.5%	8.8%
2019-20	496	796	4.8%	7.9%	1196	8.8%
2020-21	3.3%	6.7%	4.2%	6.5%	10%	7.5%
2021-22	3.3%	6.3%	4.1%	6%	8.3%	6,699
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individual's principal status, whether employed, unemployed or out of the labour force, is based on the activity in which they "...spent relatively long time..." in the previous year. A person who is not a worker, according to the principal status, would still be counted as employed according to the UPSS if they were engaged in some economic activity in a subsidiary role for a period "...not less than 30 days". Thus, an individual unemployed for five months and working for seven months in the previous year would be considered a worker according would be considered a worker according to the principal status, while an individual unemployed for nine months but working for three months would be counted as employed as per the UPSS. The CWS adopts a shorter reference period of a week. An individual is counted

as being employed if they have worked for "...at least one hour on at least one day during the seven days preceding the date during the seven days preceding the date of survey." UPSS unemployment rates will always be lower than CWS rates because there is a greater probability that an individual would find work over a year as

compared to a week. The low bar for classifying an individual as employed explains why unemployment rates are lower in rural unemployment rates are lower in rural areas than urban. In agrarian economie where individuals have access to family farms or some form of casual agrarian work, there is greater probability of finding some kind of work when compared to urban areas. These definitions may "underestimate" memployment, but they were largely designed to capture the extent of the 2020. According to the UPSS status, this individual would be considered employed, since they spent most of the previous year employed. If those individuals who lost jobs during the individuals who lost jobs during the lockdown find employment in a time less than six months, they would never be counted as unemployed by the UPSS. The CWS criterion, with a shorter reference period, would record higher unemployment rates. However, the

designed to capture the extent of the informal economy.

The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy classifies individuals based on their activity in the day preceding the interview. They, therefore, estimate a higher unemployment rate, but lower labour force participation rates. This is because in an informal economy, there is a lower chance of an individual having

a lower chance of an individual having work on any given day as compared to One cannot say which of the above frameworks is "ight" or "wrong" for this represents an unavoidable trade-off in a reference period, and one gets higher rates of the unemployed and lower of the employed, and vice versa. This dilemma does not arise in developed nations where work is largely regular over the year.

The lockdown effect

The lockdown announced in March 2020 was a profound disruption to the Indian ny. But this wasn't reflected in the PLFS unemployment rates, which covers a period between July of one year to June of the next. The lockdown would have of the next. The lockdown would have been covered in the last quarter of the 2019-20 PLFS, its after-effects seen in the 2020-21 PLFS. However, unemployment rates – measured both by the UPSS and CWS standards – Fell in 2019-20 and CWS STATISTICS CO. 2020-21.
Consider an individual with regular employment who loses work in March

imemployment rates. However, the measures presented in the PLPS report measures presented in the PLPS report conducted across the year. If those rendered jobless by the lockdown were able to find employment relatively rate for the lockdown period would show high imemployment, but not so for subsequent different periods, the CWS rate for the entire year would show a lower measure. Shows without CWS intemployment rates shows without CWS intemployment rates shows urban CWS unemployment rates on a quarterly basis. Unemployment spiked during the lockdown quarter, but

> unemployment over the year would not show such a high rise. show such a high rise. Unemployment is shaping up to be an important factor in the upcoming election. In order to successfully tackle it, it is important to understand how it is defined and measured in a devel ping

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## THE GIST

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# PepsiCo's investment for its first manufacturing plant

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## PepsiCo to set up 1st food plant in Assam

FE BUREAU New Delhi, September 6

PEPSICO INDIA ON Wednesday said that it will invest ₹778 crore to set up its first food manufacturing plant in Nalbari, Assam. The plant is proposed to be operational by 2025. Spread over 44.2 acre, the new plant aims to generate direct and indirect employment for 500 people, the company said in a statement.

PepsiCo India said it has also signed a tripartite MoU with Assam Skill Development Mission and Directorate of Employment and Craftsman training for fostering women empowerment and to enhance women employability in the region.

The plant targets to intake 100% diverse talent and aiming atleast 75% women representation, and intends to set up its

## **COMING UP**

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- ■The ₹778-cr plant to be operational by 2025
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first Community Learning Centre at Women's ITI campus, Nalbari, to upskill women over the next two years.

Pepsico also said it is also working with the farmer community and the new plant will further strengthen its efforts to assist and improve the livelihood of over 5,000 plus farmers over the next few years.

Founded	August 28, 1898; 125 years ago New Bern, North Carolina, U.S.
Founder	Caleb Bradham (for the Pepsi-Cola Company branch)
Headquarters	Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens, Harrison, New York, U.S.
Area served	Worldwide
Key people	Ramon Laguarta (Chairman & CEO) Hugh Johnston (Vice Chairman & CFO)
Products	See list of PepsiCo products
Revenue	▲ US\$86.4 billion (2022)
Operating income	▲ US\$11.5 billion (2022)
Net income	▲ US\$8.91 billion (2022)
Total assets	▼ US\$92.2 billion (2022)
Total equity	▲ US\$17.3 billion (2022)
Number of employees	315,000 (2022)







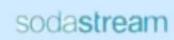










































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However, the economies of the U.S and India are very different. The former is more industrialised, while the latter is characterised by a large informal sector. As such, the methods used to measure unemployment are very different.

## Analysing the job market

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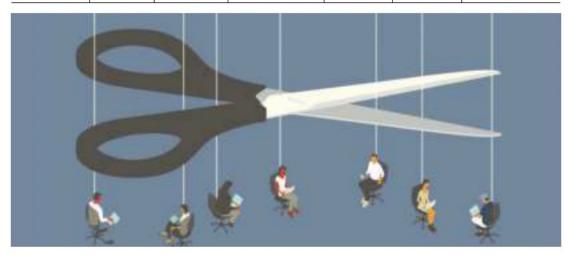
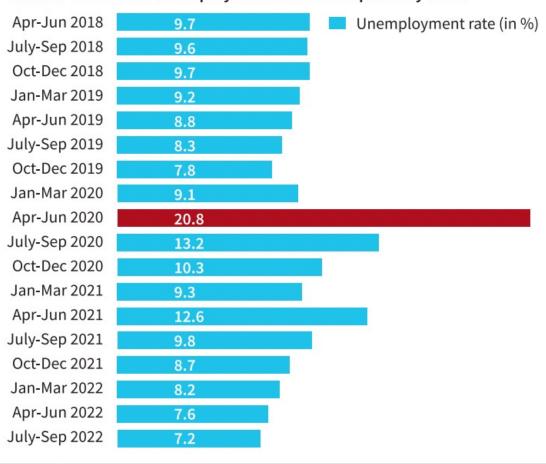


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- Unemployment Rate = Number of Unemployed Persons / Civilian Labor Force
- Or,
- Unemployment Rate = Number of Unemployed Persons / (Number of Employed Persons + Number of Unemployed Persons)

- Major Economic Events Impacting the Unemployment Rate in India in the Past
- **1.Global Financial Crisis (2008-2009):** The 2008 global financial crisis severely affected India's economy, leading to a slowdown in growth and reduced employment opportunities in various sectors.
- **2.Demonetisation (2016):** The government's decision to demonetise high-value currency notes in 2016 caused economic disruptions, particularly in the informal sector, resulting in temporary job losses.
- **3.Goods and Services Tax (GST) Implementation (2017):** The introduction of GST aimed to simplify the tax structure, but it initially caused short-term disruptions in the economy, affecting businesses and employment.





**4. Covid-19 Pandemic (2020):** The Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown measures profoundly impacted the Indian economy, resulting in a surge in unemployment as businesses closed and economic activities came to a standstill.



**5. Inflationary Pressures:** India has also faced inflationary pressures over the years, influencing the current unemployment rate in India.

## What is the Periodic Labour Force Survey?

Considering the importance of the availability of labour force data at more frequent time intervals, the **National Statistical Office (NSO),** Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation launched the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** in April 2017.

## Types of unemployment

## Supply side factors

## Frictional

(in between jobs)

## Real wage

wages above equilibirium

## Voluntary

People choosing to stay on benefits.

## Structural

Immobilities in labour market, e.g. wrong skills

## Geographical

Geographical immobility of labour

## Seasonal

Less work in 'off-season'

## Demand-deficient

Unemployment arising from economic slowdown and less demand in the economy

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## BSI gets patent for reusable straw made from bamboo

The patent office of the Government of India has granted a patent to the Botanical Survey of India for 'reusable straw and its manufacturing'. The straw is developed from a species of endemic bamboo plant which is found on the Andaman naminoo paant winch is touting of the Annaman and Nicobar Islands. The bamboo species Schizostachyum andamanicum was discovered on the Island about three decades ago and now its economic potential has got a new boost with this patent. Lal Ji Singh, regional head and scientist at the BSFs Andaman and Nicobar Regional Courte said the practice of bamboo was

## Former RAW Secretary provided Z-category security

Former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Samant Kumar Goel has been accorded Z-category security by the Union Home Ministry, and the Company of the Company of the Company of the 30, will be provided proximate security cover by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), a senior government official said. Nearly 20 trained commandos will provide the security cover. Goel, a close confidant of National Security. Adviser Ajit Doval, was given two extensions within one year each after completing his two-year fixed tenure in 2021. His tenure saw extensive action being taken against Sikh extremists in India and abroad.

## NIA says searches in U.P. to thwart CPI(Maoist) revival

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday said its searches across five districts of Uttar Pradesh were to thwart an alleged attempt by the leaders and members of the ned CPI(Maoist) to revive its operations Several digital devices, including mobile

phones, laptops, pen drives, compact discs and memory cards, were seized during the searches, along with SIM cards. Naxal literature, books.

## Slapping of Muzaffarnagar student: SC seeks report

The Supreme Court on Wednesday leased notice to the Uten Prodesh given removed on a plea by activist Tushar Gandhi for a time-bound investigation into a video that allegedly shows a Muzaffarmagar school teacher gooding her Muzaffarmagar school teacher gooding her continuation of the Communication of th investigation. The court scheduled the next hearing on September 15. Mr. Gandhi has urged the court to formulate guidelines for preventive and remedial measures within school systems in relation to violence committed against children

## Retired judges write to G-20 to repatriate children

The Hindu Bureau

A group of retired judges from the Supreme Court and the High Courts have written to the G-20 on the issue of Indian children re-moved from their parents' care by state child protec-tion receives in section tion agencies in western Europe, the U.K., North America, Australia, and New Zealand. The judges have asked to initiate a discussion to find a "compas-sionate solution" to repa-triate the children for kinship care in their home countries. Removed from parental

care on the "grounds of abuse, neglect of harm", these children of expatriate Indians, the judges' letter said, "are placed with foster carers who are native to the country of re-sidence and without any ethnic or cultural links ethnic or cultural links with the child's country of origin. These children lose their identity and are un-able to develop any bonds with their country of origin or their extended families."

## India drops tariffs on U.S. lentils, almonds ahead of Biden's visit

During his state visit to the U.S. in June, Narendra Modi and the Biden administration had agreed to resolve six bilateral trade disputes

wo days before U.S. President Joe Biden arrives in New Del-hi for a bilateral meeting and the G-20 Summit, Inand the G-20 Summit, In-dia has dropped the reta-liatory customs tariffs it had imposed on imports of some American goods such as almonds and len-tils, effective September 6. India raised import du-ties on 28 products from the U.S. in June 2019, after the latter had increased its customs duties on certain steel and aluminium products. In a notification isducts. In a notification is-sued on September 5, the Finance Ministry dropped some of these tariff in-creases "on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do". During his state visit to the U.S. in June, Prime Mi-



bilateral trade disputes that were pending at the World Trade Organization and unwind the tariff hikes imposed on some U.S. pro-ducts, including walnuts, almonds, and apples. The Almond Board of Califor-nia (ABC) welcomed the

'Bharat' were retained as

names of the newly inde

stitution to align contrast

stitution, which had simply read "India shall be a Un-ion of States".

For some Members of the Constituent Assembly, the name 'India' retained a

sense of continuity and fa-miliarity, especially among foreign nations.

'Union of India'
'India has been known as
India throughout history
and throughout all these
past years," B.R. Ambedkar, who headed the committee drafting the Consti-

nendent nation in the Con-

to India will now go back to ₹35 a kg on in-shell and ₹100 a kg of kernels. India had raised the applied ta-riff rates on U.S. almonds to ₹41 a kg on in-shell and ₹120 a kg on kernels. "We are very happy to

see the retaliatory tariffs removed, which will both

help increase demand in India and reduce the cost to consumers there," said Julie Adams, vice-presi-dent for technical and reg-ulatory affairs at the ABC. "The almond industry has been working hard along with government officials to reduce the impediments for exports of California al-monds to India, which is our largest export destina-tion. We continue to distion. We continue to dis-cuss further opportunities to improve export condi-tions related to tariffs and technical barriers," Ms. Adams noted.

## CDSCO issues alert after pharma firm recalls antacid syrup

The Hindu Bureau

The Central Drugs Standard Control Crganisation (CDSCO) has alerted healthcare professionals, controlled the controlled C

The public notice issued by the apex drug controller on its website said: "The impugned product may be unsafe and its use may re-sult in adverse reaction." The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), who heads the CDSCO, also advised the doctors and advised the doctors and healthcare professionals to carefully prescribe and educate their patients to discontinue the use and to report any adverse drug reactions arising from the consumption of Digene

consumption.

Gel.

The drug controller's notice said the company initially withdrew one batch of its product availa-

Firm's spokesperson noted that the antacid medicine was recalled after isolated complaints

ble in mint flavour and four batches in orange flavour after receiving a complaint about a product that was white and had a bitter taste and pungent smell in early

Within a week the com Within a week the com-pany recalled all batches of its Digene syrup sold in mint, orange, and mixed-fruit flavours manufac-tured at its Goa facility. CDSCO urged distributors and users to discontinue

there is no need to panic. The drug is known to re lieve acidity and its symp toms such as heartburn stomach discomfort, abdo minal pain and gas

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Abbott India spokesper-son noted that the compa-ny had voluntarily recalled the medicine due to isolat-ed customer complaints on taste and odour.

## Aditya 'Dicky' Singh, prominent wildlife photographer, dead

Noted wildlife photogra-pher and conservationist Adiya 'Dicky' Singh, known for developing a forest reserve on the out-skirts of the Ranthambore skirts of the Ranthambore National Park in Rajas-than's Sawai Madhopur district, died of a heart at-tack at his home on Wed-nesday. He was 57. He is survived by his wife, Poo-day, and the same of the Market of the same of the district of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same of the same of the same of the Market of the same of the same

Administrative Service in 1998 and shifted to Ran-thambore to pursue his passion for wildlife photography and work on docu mentaries and conserva mentaries and conserva-tion projects. He worked as a field assistant for wildlife documentaries produced for BBC, National Geo-graphic, NHK Broadcasting Service and several other institutions

institutions.

Mr. Singh leased a government property and purchased about 40 acres of the adjacent farmland, where he created a forest cultivate the forest on the



boundary of Ranthambore National Park stopped woodcutting and illegal mining in the area. The re-serve continues to be a non-commercial property.

He was also operating a homestay, called Rantham-bore Bagh, on the outskirts of the tiger reserve. He co-authored a book, 'Noor: Queen of Ranthambore', Queen of Ranthambore', throwing light on aspects of the life of a tigress Noor through a collection of photographs and stories. He was known for his abili-ty to identify each tiger in the landscape of both Ran-thambore and Mukundra tiger reserves.

tiger reserves. Wildlife enthusiasts and conservationists across the country have condoled Mr. Singh's

## NEWS ANALYSIS Krishnadas Rajagopal Constituent Assembly de-bates show that 'India' and

stitution to align contrast-ing thoughts voiced by its makers in 1948.

The debate in the Con-stituent Assembly hap-pened while discussing the draft Article 1(I) of the Con-titution which but dispose.

that India should be known as the 'Union of In-dia'. He reasoned that the name of the country was 'India' as a member of the United Nations. All agreements had been signed un-der the name. But there were others

who believed that giving the country an ancient name would not queer the

name would not queer the march forward. Member Seth Govind Das said that by supporting the name 'Bharat', he was not, as how Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and oth-er Members believed, looking backwards.

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'Befitting our history' He was opposing an mendment to Article 1(1)

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## India has been known as India throughout history and throughout all these past years the name of the member of the United Nations All agreements have been signed under the name

and I also want that there should be scientific inven-tions in this country. By naming our country as Bharat, we are not doing anything which will pre-vent us from marching for-want. We should indeed

ward. We should indeed give such a name to our country as may be befitting our history and our cul-ture," he said. He said even the Chi-

'India' and 'Bharat' retained to align

varied views in Constituent Assembly

nese traveller Hiuen-Tsang had called this country 'Bharat' in his book.

Varied amendments Likewise, Member Shibban Lal Saxena had moved an amendment to change the name of the Union to 'Bha-

wanted "Hindi written in the Devanagari script to be the national language of Bharat".

The debates ended with the addition of 'Bharat' to Article I(I). The Article cur-

rently reads 'India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of

A row over the name of + the country had erupted with a G-20 dinner invita-

"States" in Article 1 to be re-

placed with 'Pradesh'. But Pandit Nehru had But Pandit Nehru had objected, saying, "Pradesh is a word which has no de-finition. No one knows what it means... It is a very good word, and gradually it may begin to get a signif-icance, and then of course it can be used either in the Constitution or otherwise. At the present moment, the normal use of the word varies in hundreds of different ways and the word 'State' is infinitely more precise, more definite, not only for the outside world. but even for us."

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21 Prepared chop suey without using egg at first in movie (6) 23 Shed old university coat finally in front of hospital next to river

20 C'mon! Use mixture and eat (7)

- 25 Harvests crops due to be cut (8) 27 South African student loves new watering hole in the West (6)
- 29 Copper made from pecan oil around beginning of May (9) 1 Great! Croon about ground food... (8)
- 3 Psychoanalyst is near the French forest (6) 4 God's eye moved for survey of earth (7) 5 Wild promise around end of December to ge That lady has love for footwear (4)
- Belief in god residing in Erode is magical (5)
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- Water control device containing 50% copper compound kept in store (8)
- First rapper's band (5)
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## Pancharatra Jayanthi

It is sometimes asked why Krishna's birth is celebrated with vrath on two different days by devotees. It is based on certain calculations, said Thirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh. Saivites observe Gokulashtami on the Krishna Paksha Saivites observe Gokulashtami on the Krishna Paksha ashtami of the shravana month. Vaishnavatres observe ashtami and the Tamil star Rohini come together during sunrise in the Tamil month of Avani. If that does not happen in a certain year, they observe the warfs on the day Krishna Paksha Navami and Rohini star come together at sunrise in the month of Avani. There are also other ways by which the auspicious day is selected by different sects

Whatever be the day, Krishna's avatar is celebrated by first observing fast and performing puja at midnight. Peo ple who observe the fast will receive manifold blessings ple who observe the fast will receive manifold blessings. The Bhagavatham marrates the birth of Krishna, the recital or reading of which is extremely beneficial. The Purana Bohini was in the ascendant and all other stars and planets were in a beneficial disposition, peaceful silence reigned in all the quarters. At such a time, in the pitch darkness of midnight, Mahavishnu, the resident in the hearts of all, was born of the divinely beautiful Devald... ...

## Warning second in command and soldiers (4)

- Due up electrical appliance not having safety wire (9)
- stipning monarch behind a school (6

SM (SM)

11 / 12 Medals for girl in trouble? (6,2,8)

14 No item transported is not delayed (2,4)

## Aditya 'Dicky' Singh, prominent wildlife photographer, dead

## **The Hindu Bureau**

**JAIPUR** 

Noted wildlife photographer and conservationist Adiya 'Dicky' Singh, known for developing a forest reserve on the outskirts of the Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur district, died of a heart attack at his home on Wednesday. He was 57. He is survived by his wife, Pooand 11-year-old nam, daughter, Nyra.

Mr. Singh left the Indian Administrative Service in 1998 and shifted to Ranthambore to pursue his passion for wildlife photography and work on documentaries and conservation projects. He worked as a field assistant for wildlife documentaries produced for BBC, National Geographic, NHK Broadcasting Service and several other institutions.

Mr. Singh leased a government property and purchased about 40 acres of the adjacent farmland, where he created a forest reserve. His initiative to cultivate the forest on the



Aditya 'Dicky' Singh

boundary of Ranthambore National Park stopped woodcutting and illegal mining in the area. The reserve continues to be a non-commercial property.

He was also operating a homestay, called Ranthambore Bagh, on the outskirts of the tiger reserve. He coauthored a book, 'Noor: Queen of Ranthambore', throwing light on aspects of the life of a tigress Noor through a collection of photographs and stories. He was known for his ability to identify each tiger in the landscape of both Ranthambore and Mukundra tiger reserves.

Wildlife enthusiasts and conservationists from across the country have condoled Mr. Singh's death.

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THIS IS G20 FOR WE, THE PEOPLE IME MINISTER

## SC sets aside Ladakh poll process, rules in favour of IKNC symbol

ANANTHAKRISHNANG

SUPREME Court esday set aside the "entire election process, initiated pur-suant to" the August 2 notifica-tion issued by the Ladakh administration for elections to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) and directed that a fresh notifica-tion be issued within seven days.

The bench of Justices Viki while imposing a cost of Rs 1 akh on the Ladakh administraion, also dismissed its appeal against an August 14 order of a neld an interim order by a sin-judge bench for grant of the ugh poll symbol to the amu and Kashmir National

Conference (JKNC).

While the "general principle", the bench said, is that tutional courts do not in-e once an election process is set in motion, they may be 'duty-bound' to do so 'where is-sues crop up, indicating unjust executive action or an attempt to disturb a level-playing field be-tween candidates and/or politi-cal parties with no justifiable or

## COMMITTED TO DELIVER BIG THINGS TOGETHER: U.S. NSA

## **Biden-Modi talks tomorrow, India looks** to invite Quad leaders as R-Day guests

Xi absence will not affect negotiations for consensus communique: laishankar

SHUBHAJIT ROY

AS THE United States confirmed Wednesday that President Joe Biden will hold a bilateral meetlearnt that the government is considering inviting leaders of the Quad grouping for the Republic Day celebrations next year. A final call, sources said, will

A final call, sources sard, win be taken only after ascertaining the availability of the leaders — President Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

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leaders. Sources said the Indian side is

Sources said the industriace all three leaders of the Quad group-ing will be here for the G20 Summit. It is India's turn to host the Quad Leaders' Summit next year. As of now, the three leaders have busy schedules ahead. Biden will be heading towards an election year by the end of 2024, and January will be his last State of the Union address before the country goes to polls. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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## White House: If China wants to play spoiler, that option is available to it

ITTS for China to decide what role it plays at the G20 Summit in New Delhi, a top US official has said, as-Delhi, a top US-official has-said, as-serting that if Beijing wants to come in and be a "spoiler", that option is available to it. US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan was responding to a question at a White House

ARIIN JANARDHANAN

WHEN WORLD leaders gather

this weekend at Bharat Mandapam, they will come face-

to face with a magnificent statue of Nataraja, Lord Shiva in his cos-mic dance, and at 27 feet, tower-

ing over the venue for the G20 Summit.

of Tamil Nadu, the Nataraja statue,



The Indian Express, 61-year-old Srikanda Sthapathy, who made

the statue with his brothers

Radhakrishna Sthapathy and Swaminatha Sthapathy, said

affecting the Summit – re that's up to China. If China w that's up to China. If China wants to come in and play the role of spoiler, of course, that option is available to them," he said. "What I think the Chair, India, will course the thorn to be under

The Nataraja statue at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 Summit in New Delhi. Tashi Tobgyaf

## Signal to

WITH DELHI planning to invite the Quad leaders to the next Republic Day, the grouping is sending a clear message on cooper-ation in a range of robbers.

## Counter, expose Opp remarks on Sanatan Dharma, PM tells ministers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PRIME MINISTER Narendra noting that it has been the coun-try's ancient name, sources said

Modi spoke on the issues during his interaction with the Union Council of Ministers in the national capital during the mega exercise and discharge any duty assigned to them to ensure that visiting dignitaries are not put to any inconvenience.

On the political row over DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's remarks calling for the "eradication" of Sanatan



FIR AGAINST UDHAYANIDHI. PRIYANK KHARGE

statements should be exposed and the truth brought before

## Sonia writes to PM on special session, flags Manipur, caste census for discussion

BIP targets Cong leader, says parties never consulted in advance on session

o Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday over the Parliament special session called Parliament special session called on September 18, flagging nine issues which her party wanted discussed in the House, includ-ing the Chinese incursion in Ladakh, Manipur violence, price rise and the allegations against the Adani Group. The decision that she would

a meeting of floor leaders of the INDIA alliance on Tuesday,



that there will be no ques

## Manipur: Protesters' plan to 'push Army back' ends in violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MPHAL, GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 6

TENSIONS ESCALATED once ishnupur and Churachandpur istricts as protesters tried to "push back" the armed forces ho retaliated with the use of

According to sources in the se-curity establishment, several members of the crowd were in-jured in a stampede that followed the deployment of tear gas. Starting Wednesday mornILLEGAL ARMS: SC ASKS MANIPUR TO FILE REPORT

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Manipur government to clamp down on illegal arms and file a status report on its August 7 direction to take stock of the arms looted or ng and to formulate

## THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW ANURAG THAKUR

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SPG CHIEF ARUN

## Sexual harassment case: Services like Whatsapp, Google SIT contradicts claims by Harvana Minister

Crafted by master sculptors from Cauvery's special

bend, Nataraja towers at Summit venue entrance

SAURABH PARASHAR

THE CHANDIGARH Police has crime for more than an hour



the case was registered. The court has asked Singh to submit his reply by September 16. Singh,

Minister for Printing and tionery, filed an anticipatory

should not be regulated under the telecom Bill, The Indian

## Meet not your remit: IT to DoT

Fears DoT may ask such services to share revenues with telcos

A DIFFERENCE OF opinion has emerged between the emerged between the Information Technology Ministry and the Department of nunications over the munication services such as WhatsApp and Google Meet in

rnt to have gone back to the swing board to reframe portions of the Bill which regulated

forms such as Whatsapp as to

## Ready to grow roots: Saplings from 17 countries await G20 leaders

## HARIKISHAN SHARMA

(Cinnamomum camphora) from China and Japan to Cockspur Coral (Erythrina crysta-galli) from Argentina to Ghaf from the United Arab Emirates, India has mported saplings from at least 7 countries, which are to be planted by visiting G20 leaders in the national capital on occasion of the summit this

weekend. It is learnt that saplings of na-tive plants have been imported from 10 G20 member countries

latifolius) from South Africa: latifolius) from South Africa; Winterlinde(Tilia Condata) from Germany: Cockspur Coral (Erythrina crysta-galli) from Argentina; Camphor Laurel (Cinnamonum camphora) from China and Japan; and Golden Wattle (Acacia pycnantha) and Northern Black Wattle (Acacia auriculiformis) from Australia.

About a dozen Winterlinde saplings have been imported from Germany, while seven Olive plants have been imported from Turkey, five Real Yellowwood plants have been imported from South Africa and imported from South Africa and six Date Palm plants have also been imported from Saudi Arabia, it is learnt.

Among the invitee countries, saplings of Ghaf tree (Prosopis (Boswellia sacra) from Oman Frangipani (Plumeria obtusa) from Mauritius: mango tree (Mangifera indica) from Bangladesh; African Mahogany

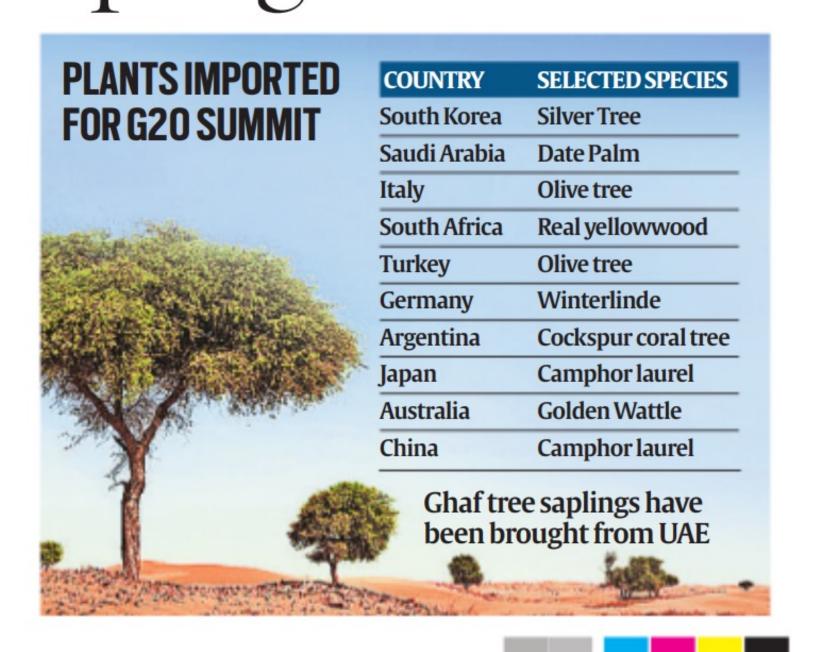


Camphor laurel

Nigeria; Doum/Date Palm (Hyphaene thebaica/Phoenix (Hyphaene thebaica/Phoenix diffuse tree from Spain, it is learnt. It is learnt that these saplings have been imported over the past two moents and have now been kept at a post-entry quar-artine facility at ICAR-National

antine facility at ICAR-National
Bureau of Plant Genetic Sycamore/Chinar (Plataus oriettalilo) plant has been sourced to 
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Nations and Parijat (Nyctanthe arbortristis) for the Internation Monetary Fund and World Ban



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## Man behind country's first police website, SPG chief Arun Sinha dies

## **SHAJU PHILIP**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 6

SPECIAL PROTECTION Group (SPG) Director and Kerala-cadre IPS officer Arun Kumar Sinha, 61, who died in Gurgaon on Wednesday after a prolonged battle with cancer, had heralded modernisation in the Kerala Police and launched several initiatives during his stint with the BSF.

Sinha was made SPG Director in 2016. On May 30, this year, a day before his retirement, the term of the 1987-batch officer was extended for another year.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan expressed condolences on Sinha's demise, saying he was an efficient officer who had executed many responsibilities in the state police.



SPG Director Arun Kumar Sinha was 61

Sinha, who hailed from Hazaribagh in Jharkhand, began his career as assistant superintendent of police at Mananthavady in Kerala's Wayanad in 1989. Later, he was posted as SP in various sensitive districts and also served as the Commissioner of Police in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi. He had been IG for South Zone and the Police Administration at the headquarters. Sinha had been credited with successfully heading various crime investigation teams and solved many cases.

A science graduate, Sinha had

introduced the famous "Crime Stopper System (1090)" in Kerala Police that was later implemented in other states. He established the computer network in Kerala Police and created the country's first ever police website. He was also behind establishing the first cyber police station and the coastal police unit in Kerala. He also worked extensively in community policing.

In 2009, he moved to the central deputation and headed BSF's Gujarat Frontier for five years. Under his leadership, the BSF gained access to once inaccessible Harami Nala area and established posts there due to which intrusion of Pak nationals in the area was restricted. He created the Amphibious Commando Team known as Creek Crocodile to conduct specialised operations in the creek

area. Under his guidance, the first Marine Battalion of BSF was raised in BSF's Bhuj Sector.

In SPG, Sinha fine-tuned all close protection drills and introduced numerous specialised training apparatus/programmes to strengthen professional acumen of the SPG officers. Under his guidance, the SPG constructed a state-of-the-art residential complex for its personnel.

"Sinha learnt new things and used technology to improve policing. He changed the functioning of the police wherever he was posted," said former DGP Rishiraj Singh.

Former Kerala DGP Jacob Punnoose said Sinha played a crucial role in development of the BSF frontier in Gujarat. "Sinha was a silent officer and maintained good relations with all officers," Punnoose said.

## California lawmakers vote to ban caste discrimination, first in US

## **ADAM BEAM**

SACRAMENTO, SEPTEMBER 6

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS on Tuesday voted to outlaw discrimination based on caste, adding protections for people of South Asian descent who say they have been left out of traditional American safeguards for fairness in employment and housing.

The bill — the first of its kind in the US — now heads to Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom, who must decide whether to sign it into law. Newsom's office said in an email that "the Governor will evaluate



South Asians have been pushing for caste protections in the US. Many universities have added caste to their non-discrimination policies, including the University of California and California State University systems. In February, Seattle became the first city to ban castebased discrimination.

the bill in its merits when it reaches his desk."

On Tuesday, the state Senate voted 31-5 to approve a bill that would redefine "ancestry" to include "lineal descent, heritage, parentage, caste, or any inherited social status." The bill was authored by state Senator Aisha Wahab, the first Muslim woman elected to the state Legislature.

California could become the first state ban caste discrimination. The bill passed Legislature, with only a few dissenting votes. A public hearing on the bill this summer lasted hours as people lined up around the Capitol to testify for and against the bill. AP

## SUMMER 2023 WAS HOTTEST ON RECORD

## With an average temperature of

16.8°C

the three-month period from June through August surpassed previous records by a large margin, according to data from the European Union Climate Change Service released on Wednesday.

■ Last month was the also the hottest August globally, the third month in a row to set such a record after June, July.

## ISRO team in JU to find ways to curb ragging

## **ENS&PTI**

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 6

WEEKS AFTER a 17-year-old Jadavpur University (JU) student died allegedly after he was ragged, a team of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Wednesday visited the university in Kolkata and took stock of the security measures on the campus.

Following the student's death, Governor CV Ananda Bose, in his capacity as chancellor of the state university, had sought ISRO's help to stop ragging on the campus.

"They deliberated on beefing up security with the use of remote sensing technology. They also discussed ways to prevent the entry of outsiders into the campus and monitor the movement of people so that narcotic substances are not consumed. They will give inputs to our security team," said interim vice-chancellor Buddhadeb Sau. adding the ISRO team discussed ways to prevent ragging in the hostels through surveillance but without intruding into the private space of students. "It is a databased project in which experts from both ISRO and JU are participating. They will tell us about their observations and we will share ours with them. The university will take follow-up steps accordingly," Sau said.

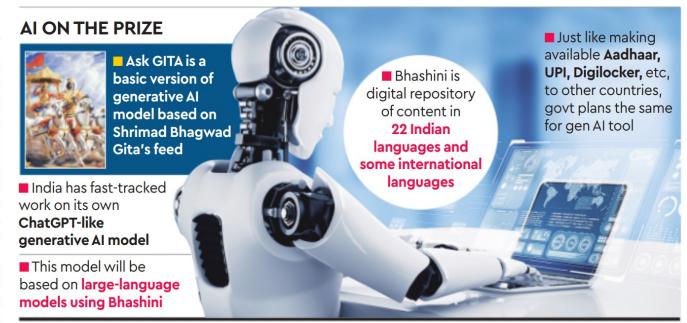
Sources said the ISRO team may suggest the use of artificial intelligence to curb ragging on the campus.

## India ready to build ChatGPT-like GenAI model

JATIN GROVER New Delhi, September 6

WITH THE ASK GITA (Guidance, Inspiration, Transformation and Action) generative AI interface, which is ready to be showcased at the upcoming G20 Summit, India is set to take its first step to build own generative AI model like ChatGPT. Based on the GPT-4 model, Ask GITA is a basic version of generative AI model which will answer questions related to life, based on the feed from the Shrimad Bhagwad Gita, according to government officials.

With the government planning to roll out its Ask GITA tool for general public use, officials said India has fast-tracked work on its own ChatGPT-like generative AI model that will be based on large-language models (LLMs) using Bhashini, its digital repository of digital content in 22 Indian languages as well as some international languages. Just like making available its digital public infrastructure like Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Digilocker, etc to other countries, the plan is to make generative AI tool available as a digital public good



once it is developed, officials said.

"The National Programme on Artificial Intelligence is working towards that (generative AI model). To build a generative model of your own and foundation model of your own, it requires a lot of effort. Hopefully, we will be there very soon," an official said, adding that currently the foundational integration is with Bhashini.

In March, communications and

IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had talked about India's plans to build its own version of ChatGPT.

Even as several technology companies like Amazon, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, TCS, Wipro, HCLTech, etc, have announced generative AI models to benefit their customers, the government's intent is to come out with a trusted and reliable generative AI application. Lately, UK-

headquartered CoRover.AI announced its generative AI model BharatGPT, which supports more than 12 Indian languages and over 120 foreign languages, through text, voice and even video. The company is yet to launch its solutions.

According to technology investment platform Recognize, 52% of 500 organisations surveyed in the US expressed security concerns in using

generative AI. Further, 46% predict AI will lead to significant use cases that drive productivity.

In October, ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) will also be organising the Global IndiaAI 2023. The conference is poised to cover a wide spectrum of topics, including Next Generation Learning and Foundational AI models, AI's applications in healthcare, governance, and nextgen electric vehicles, future AI research trends, AI computing systems, investment opportunities, and nurturing AI talent.

At the upcoming G20 Summit, from September 8-10, the government will showcase its Digital India Experience Zone, featuring its flagship programmes like Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, Bhashini, etc. For G20 delegates, the government has also designed an interactive Whats App bot called Bhashini Jugalbandi, where they can get information related to G20 as well as tourism, among others, in their own languages just by typing their query, officials said.

Further, there is also a G20 India app for delegates to get updated information about the summit.

## hagavad Gita Quotes To Understand Life Better

- 1. Because an original is always better than a copy!
- Peace begins when expectation ends.
- Bad actions bring bad endings.
- Love, tolerance and selflessness should be practiced.
- This one's for all those times you made an excuse for not accomplishing your goals.
- 6. Be the change you wish to see.





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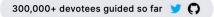




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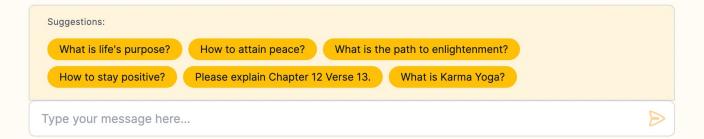
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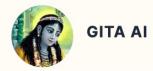
## **GITA AI**

Radhey Radhey, I am Gita AI, a repository of knowledge and wisdom. Allow me to assist you by answering any inquiries you may have. Ask me anything.





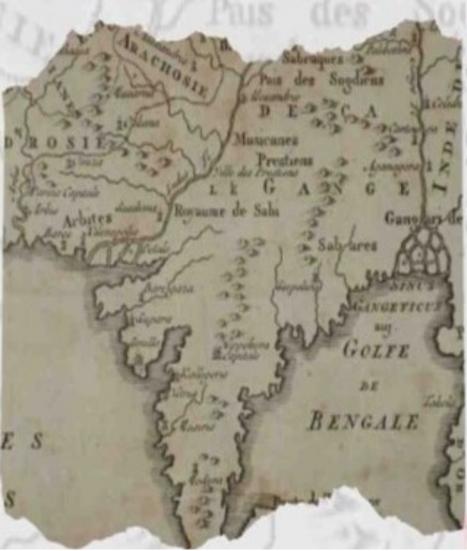
What is life's purpose?



Life's purpose is to realize the divine within oneself and to live in harmony with the divine will. This is the path to liberation and true happiness. Radhey Radhey!

Note: The answer may not be factually correct. Please do your own research before taking any action.

# THE MANY NAMES OF I N D I A



MELUHA

Appears in ancient texts of Mesopotamia to refer to the Indus Valley Civilization

2 BHARAT/ BHARATVARSHA

Appears in Puranas as the land between the 'sea in the south and the abode of snow in the north'.

3 ARYAVARTA

Appears in the Manusmriti as the land occupied by the Indo-Aryans

JAMBUDVIPA

Appears in Vedic texts and is still used in a few Southeast Asian countries to describe subcontinent

5 HIND/HINDUSTAN

First used by Persians to refer to the land across river Sindhu.

6 INDIA

First used by the Creeks, who transliterated 'Hind' as 'Indus'

## SOME COUNTRIES THAT RENAMED THEMSELVES

2022

Turkiye Previous Name



2019

Myanmar Previous Name Burma



2018

Eswatini Previous Name



2002

Timor-Leste Previous Name East Timor



1997

Congo DRC Previous Name Zaire



1972

Sri Lanka Previous Name Ceylon



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# Central Bank Digital Currency

- Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor has highlighted the potential of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or E-rupee in improving cross-border payments' efficiency.
- RBI is gradually expanding its CBDC pilots to include more banks, cities, diverse use cases, and a broader audience.
- The RBI launched pilots for digital rupee in the wholesale in November 2022 and in the retail segment in December 2022.

- CBDCs are a digital form of a paper currency and unlike cryptocurrencies that operate in a regulatory vacuum, these are legal tenders issued and backed by a central bank.
- It is the same as a fiat currency and is exchangeable one-to-one with the fiat currency.
- A fiat currency is a national currency that is not pegged to the price of a commodity such as gold or silver.



- The digital fiat currency or CBDC can be transacted using wallets backed by blockchain.
- Though the concept of CBDCs was directly inspired by Bitcoin, it is different from decentralised virtual currencies and crypto assets, which are not issued by the state and lack the 'legal tender' status.

#### Objectives:

- The main objective is to mitigate the risks and trim costs in handling physical currency, costs of phasing out soiled notes, transportation, insurance and logistics.
- It will also wean people away from cryptocurrencies as a means for money transfer.

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#### Global Trends:

- Bahamas has been the first economy to launch its nationwide CBDC Sand Dollar in 2020.
- Nigeria is another country to have roll out eNaira in 2020.
- China became the world's first major economy to pilot a digital currency e-CNY in April 2020.

- With reference to Central Bank digital currencies, consider the following statements: (2023)
- 1. It is possible to make payments in a digital currency without using US dollar or SWIFT system.
- 2. A digital currency can be distributed with condition programmed into it such as a time-frame for spending it.
- 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



Adopt a Heritage 2.0 and e-Permission Portal Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) launched the "Adopt a Heritage 2.0" program to come forward and help in better upkeep and rejuvenation of India's rich cultural heritage, in line with the vision of 'Virasat Bhi, Vikas Bhi'.

An easy-to-use mobile application called 'Indian Heritage' has been introduced, alongside the launch of an e-permission portal.

#### Indian Heritage App:

- It will showcase the heritage monuments of India.
- The app will feature state-wise details of monuments along with photographs, a list of public amenities available, geo-tagged locations, and feedback mechanism for citizens.

#### e-Permission Portal:

- An e-permission portal is for obtaining permission for photography, filming, and developmental projects on monuments.
- The portal will fast-track the process of obtaining various permissions and solve operational and logistical bottlenecks.

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What is the Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme?

The programme is a revamped version of the earlier scheme (Adopt a Heritage Scheme) launched in 2017 and clearly defines the amenities sought for different monuments as per the **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR), 1958.** 

The stakeholders can apply for adopting a monument or specific amenities at a monument through a dedicated web portal that contains details of monuments sought for adoption.

- Adopt a Heritage 2.0 programme seeks to foster collaboration with corporate stakeholders through which they can contribute to the preservation of these monuments for the next generations.
  - The term of the appointment will be for a period of five years initially, which may be further extended up to five years.

What is the Adopt a Heritage Scheme?

About:

It is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture ASI, and State/UTs governments.

It was launched on 27 September 2017 (World Tourism Day) by the President of India.



# Malaviya Mission: Teacher Training Program for Higher Education

- The Union Minister for Education unveiled the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme initiated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.
- The program aims to enhance the quality of education by providing customised training for teachers in higher educational institutions.
- It aspires to equip 15 lakh teachers across India with the skills needed to meet the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP).

 Renaming of Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs) as Madan Mohan Malaviya Teachers' Training Centres was also announced.



#### **Journalist:**

- As a journalist, he started a **Hindi weekly**, **Abhyudaya in 1907** and made it a daily in 1915 and also **Hindi monthly**, **Maryada in 1910**.
- He started an English daily- Leader in 1909.
- Malaviya was the editor of Hindi weekly, the Hindustan and Indian Union.
- He was also the **Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hindustan Times** for many years.

**Death:** He died on **12**<sup>th</sup> **November, 1946,** at the age of 84.

#### Awards and Honours:

In 2014, he was posthumously conferred with Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award.

In 2016, the Indian Railways started the Varanasi-New Delhi Mahamana Express in the leader's honour.



The Mizoram Assembly unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023, "to protect the rights and interest of the people of Mizoram".

The Nagaland Assembly will also face strident demands to pass a resolution against the Amendment.

Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 2023

The amendment allows the diversion of forest land for roads, railway lines or "strategic linear projects of national importance and concerning national security" within 100 km of India's international borders or lines of control, without a forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA) 1980.

Most of India's Northeast falls in this 100 km range.

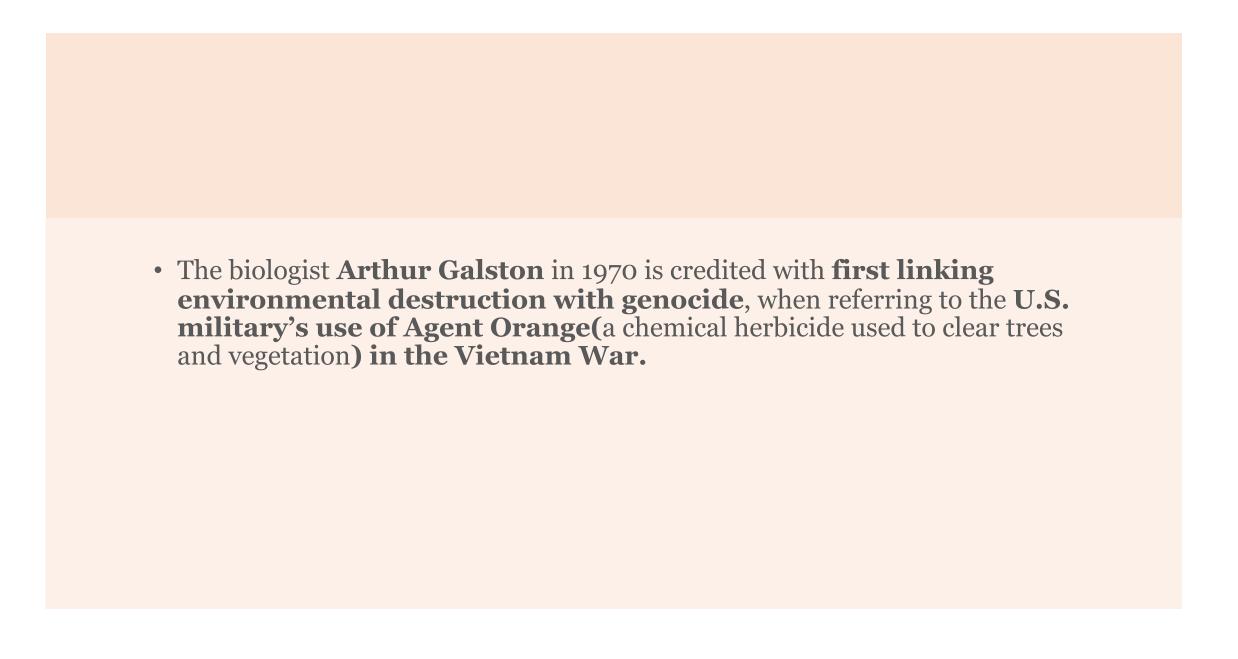
#### Applicability to the Northeast

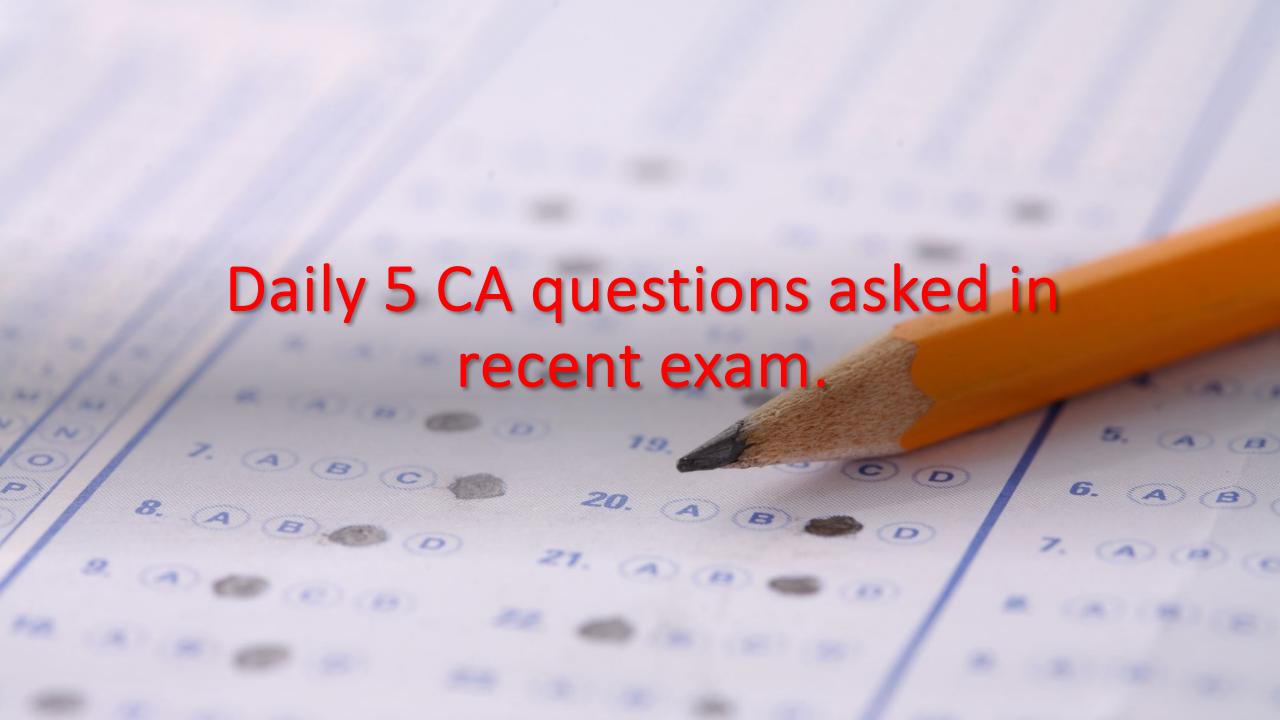
- Special constitutional protections, such as **Article 371A for Nagaland and 371G** for Mizoram, prohibit the application of any law enacted by Parliament that impinges on Naga and Mizo customary law and procedure, and ownership and transfer of land and its resources.
  - Such laws can be extended to these States only if their Legislative Assemblies decide thus in a resolution.

# Ecocide

• Mexico's 'Maya train' project has been criticised as a "megaproject of death" causing an ecological disaster in the region.







# SSC CGL TIER1 2023 Date-17.july.2023 shift 1 and shift 2 current affairs

# Which of the following countries won the highest number of gold medals in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

Australia

India

China

**USA** 

China

# Which of the following countries has hosted the three Asian Games?

South Korea
Philippines
Japan
India

**South Korea** 

# In January 2022, who was named for the Rechel Heyhoe Flint trophy for icc women's Cricketer of the year?

Mithaliraj Elyse perry Lizelle lee Smriti Mandhana

### **Smriti Mandhana**

# President of India Droupadi Murmu presented the \_\_\_\_ of the digital India award.

8<sup>th</sup> edition

5<sup>th</sup> edition

7<sup>th</sup> edition

6<sup>th</sup> edition

7<sup>th</sup> edition

# Which of the following countries never hosted the Paralympic Games?

Isreal

Japan

South korea

India

India

# On 20 July 2021, the Supreme court struck down certain provisions of part IX B was related to:

Panchayats
Municipalities
Co-operative Societies
Sub-ordinate court

## **Co-operative Societies**

In December 2021, Aanchal Thakur was in news for winning a bronze medal at an International event. Which sport is she associated with?

Alpine Skiing
Biathlon
Billiards
Figure Skating

**Alpine Skiing** 

The Mana Ooru – Mana Badi programme was formally launched by the \_\_\_\_\_ government in march 2022 to introduce English Medium in Government school.

Odisha West Bengal Andhraprasesh Telengana

**Telengana** 

# Banganga festival takes place annually at which of the following place in Maharashtra?

Pune

Nashik

Mumbai

Nagpur

Mumbai













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