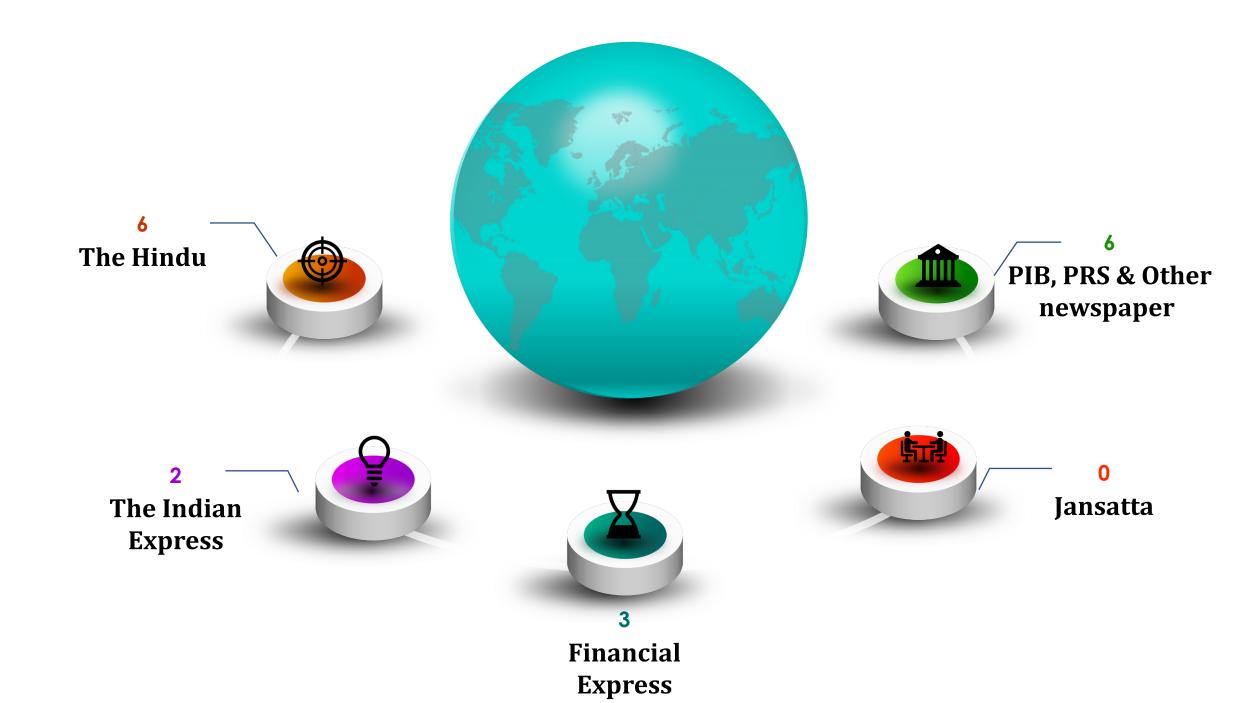
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IN BRIEF



'Cow vigilante' Monu Manesar held in Gurugram

GURUGRAM/JAIPUR A Bajrang Dal member and self-styled "cow vigilante", Mohit, alias Monu Manesar, was on Tuesday arrested by Nuh Police for a provocative post and by Rajasthan Police is a murder case. » PAGE 14

Opposition INDIA bloc panel to meet

the Opposition INDIA bloc will have its first meeting at NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar's

Nipah breaks out again in Kerala, claims 2 lives

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The Health Department district. A control room has been set up and people have been advised to wear here in the properties of th

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India's retail inflation eased slightly to 6.83% in August, from the 15-month high of 7.44% in July, but the rise in food prices re-mained elevated at around 10% and rural consumers of face over 7%.

Inflation eases

inflation.

The year-on-year rise in vegetable prices, which had soared 37.4% in July, eased a little, but was still high at 26.1% last month. Inflation in cereals moder-

many missing as flash floods hit Libya city

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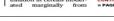
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The Hindu Bureau

KOZHIKODE/NEW DELHI

ipah scare returned to Kerala, with two deaths from the viral infection being reported from Kozhikode district.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya confirmed the deaths on Tuesday. Two more cases of the virus – transmitted from animals, such as bats or pigs, to humans and from human to human – have been confirmed.

The deaths of the two patients – aged 44 and 40 – were reported on August 30 and September 11, respectively. The nine-year-old child of the second patient and his 24-year-old relative are under treatment. The condition of the child is stated to be critical.



Warning signs: People wear masks at a medical college in Kerala's Kozhikode after the district was put on Nipah alert on Tuesday. PTI

The samples were tested at the National Institute of Virology, Pune.

A Central team of four experts has been sent to Kerala to assist the State government in surveillance and reduction in response time, Dr. Mandaviya said. The government medical colleges in Kerala were issued guidelines on

the precautions to be taken and provided with protective kits, he said. "This isn't a new virus, and we have some experience with this," he said. Deaths due to Nipah were reported in the district in 2018 and 2021. The symptoms of Nipah are fever, muscle pain, and respiratory problems. An infected person can be asymptomatic, but can be a carrier of Nipah.

Asked if India is looking at importing drugs to treat the patients, the Minister said "no such need has presented itself as of now". "The patients are being managed well but in case there is any requirement we will definitely look into it," he said.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, in a social media post, said there was no need to worry as most of those who were in close contact with the deceased were under treatment.

The Health Department has sounded an alert in the district. A control room has been set up and people have been advised to wear masks.

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What is Nipah virus?

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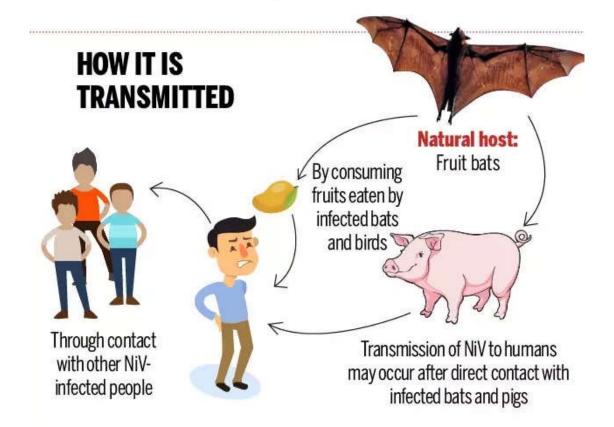
NIPAH VIRUS (NIV) INFECTION IS A NEWLY EMERGING ZOONOSIS THAT CAUSES SEVERE DISEASE IN BOTH ANIMALS AND HUMANS



NiV first identified in 1998 during an outbreak in Malaysia



Fruit bats are natural hosts of NiV



SYMPTOMS



Fever



Headache



Drowsiness



Disorientation



Mental confusion



Coma



No specific treatment for Nipah Virus

After exposure

and incubation

period of 5-14

presents with

and headache

other symptoms

3-14 of fever

followed by

days, illness



Potentially death

Primary treatment is intensive supportive care

Gurce: WHO & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US

FIRST NIPAH DETECTION IN MAHARASHTRA

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Nipah Virus (NiV) is on the top 10 pathogen list of WHO

First identified in Malaysia in 1998-99 during an encephalitis-like outbreak among pigs and pig handlers, with a case fatality rate (CFR) of 40%



Researchers test bats in Kozhikode in 2018

NIPAH IN INDIA

India has experienced four NiV outbreaks, with CFR ranging from 65 to 100%

2001 in Siliguri district, West Bengal

2007 in Nadia district in West Bengal

2018 in Kozhikode district in Kerala with 18 deaths

2019 in Kozhikode

The Disease

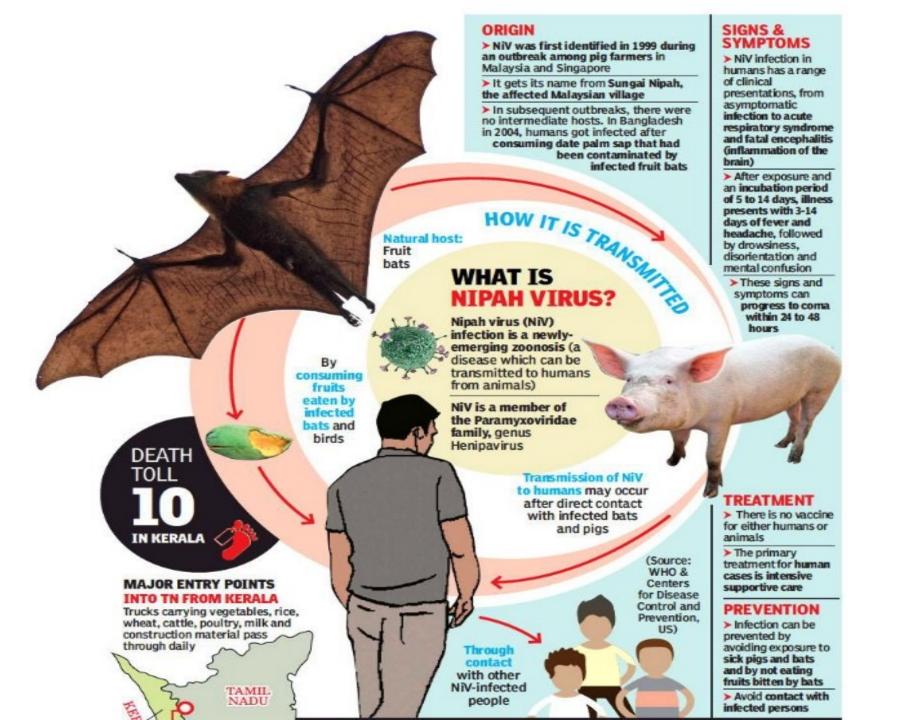
- Infected bats shed the virus in excretion & it can jump to humans
- NiV can be fatal, causing swelling of brain (encephalitis) after signs of respiratory illness

MAHABALESHWAR FINDINGS

- Large fruit-eating Pteropus medius bats said to be NiV reservoir in India
- ➤ 65 Rousettus leschenaultii (medium fruit-eating) bats and 15 (tiny, insectivorous) Pipistrellus pipistrellus

from a Mahabaleshwar cave tested in 2020

- Antibodies found in 33 leschenaultii and one Pipistrellus bat
- First report of possible NiV infection in R leschenaultii bats in India



National Institute of Virology

- The National Institute of Virology is one of the major Institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- It was established at Pune, Maharashtra in 1952 as Virus Research Centre (VRC) under the auspices of the ICMR and the Rockefeller Foundation (RF), USA.

- It was an outcome of the global programme of the RF for investigating the Arthropod Borne viruses.
- The RF withdrew its support in 1967 and since then the Institute is entirely funded by the ICMR, taking up intensive training and research in virology.

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The Bharatiya Nayay Sanhita needs a relook

t is important that the offences in any penal law are clearly defined. Thos who administer the law not occur. In Shreya Singhal v. Union of India (2015), the Supreme Court held Section 66A of the Information Technology Act as unconstitutional. It found the term "grossly offensive" in the Section to be vague and devoid of precision. Recently, the Central government introduced a few new offences in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Bill to deal sternly

Additions and omissions The number of sections in the Sanhita has been reduced, mainly because various sections pertaining to 'definition' have en merged into one section offences and punishments have been clubbed together, and offences of a similar nature brought under one section. A few omitted sections are unnatural omitted sections are unnatural offences (Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code), adultery (Section 497 of the IPC) and attempt to commit suicide (Section 309 of the IPC, though not completely). While the definition of 'terrorist act' in the Sanhita has been largely borrowed from the Unlawful Artivities (Exception 300 of USAPA).

Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) of 1967, the words 'to strike terror in the people' have been replaced with the words to intimidate the Parliamentary Standing general public'. Though less severe, these words do not change the gravamen of the section. The Committee must the gravamen of the section. The expression 'such as to destroy the political, economic, or social structure of the country' is vague. The explanation added to the section defining a 'terrorist' is at variance with the one who are checked. expressions are removed, appropriate commits a 'terrorist act'. Similarly, while terrorist organisations are notified in the First Schedule to the UAPA 'terrorist explanations added, and drafting errors the UAPA, 'terrorist organisation' is given a specific definition in the



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section. The only advantage of adding terrorism in the Sanhita (vis à vis the UAPA) is that the investigating officer would not require any sanction for prosecution from the government but at the same time, the

restrictive bail provision would also not apply to the accused. Another offence reintroduced with some charges with some changes (in place of sedition) is about 'acts and integrity of India. This appears more objective as it does not intend to punish criticism of or disaffection towards the order of the control of the con and integrity of India'. This the section appears incomplete and needs to be modified.

Similarly, taking a cue from the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), 1999, a new offence called 'organised offence has been added with the has been added with the difference that three (instead of two) or more persons indulging it such activities would constitute as 'organised crime syndicate', Whil about a dozen categories of offences have been specifically included in the definition, offences such as 'cyber-crimes' havine sewere consequences'. having severe consequences appear vague. The new offence of petty organised crime' which starts with the vague expression starts with the vague expression any crime that causes general feeling of insecurity among citizens relating to theft... does not carry any barrometer to assess the constituents of 'organised crime or gang' are not specified. Further, while most offences relat to theft and are cognisable offences, petty organised crime offences, betty organised crime to complete the complete of the non-cognisable offence. Most surprisingly, while 'smatching' (a surprisingly, while 'snatching' (a type of theft) has been defined as

a separate offence with the same punishment as that of theft (though without any provision for subsequent conviction), it has been categorised as a non-cognisable offence.

factors such as race, community, sex, or language by a group of five or more has been diluted. Punishment varies from seven years to imprisonment for life, whereas the present provision provides for life imprisonment or death for every person acting with common intention. This clause common intention. This clause may not stand scrutiny of the constitutional courts as the differentiation is prima facie arbitrary and unreasonable. At the same time, punishment for a fatal accident could extend to 10 years if the accused does not report the incident to the police or escapes from the scene. from the scene.

'Sexual intercourse by

employing deceitful means' has been rightly made a separate been rightly made a separate offence with lesser punishment as offence with lesser punishment as with regard to 'marital rape', the constitutionality of which is under Court, has not been removed. The right to 'decent cremation or burial' (which is a part of right to many during the pandemic, has not been taken cognisance of by was noticed by many courts.

was noticed by many courts. While the addition of 'community service' as a form of punishment for petty offences is laudable, that a reformation approach to punishment finds no place in the 'statement of objects and reasons' seems regressive.

More deliberations
As the Sanhita will have a
far-reaching impact on the
criminal justice system, it needs
further deliberations. The
Parliamentary Standing
Committee must ensure that
inconsistencies are checked,
vague expressions are removed, appropriate explanations added, and drafting errors eliminated.

Decoding the BJP's sweep in Tripura

It is evident that the INDIA bloc needs the support of the Tipra Motha Party

Rahul Karmakar

afajjal Hossain of Trip-ura achieved on Sep-Haque Laskar of Assam did in 2016 – he became a Muslim MLA of the Bharatiya Janata Party in a north-eastern State. In keeping with the "tra-dition" of a party or alliance ruling at the Centre winning signo largely dependent on central funds, Mr. Hossain won from the Muslim-domi-nated Boxanagar Assembly out the spotlight on the al-leged practice of manipulating electoral outcomes. Muslim MLA of the Bharativa electoral outcomes.

Mr. Laskar went on to be-Mr. Laskar went on to be-come the Deputy Speaker in the Assam Assembly after creating history by winning the Sonai seat in Barak Valley in 2016 and becoming the only Muslim face of the BJP-led al-Muslim face of the BJP-led al-liance. Five years later, he lost Sonai to the All India United Democratic Front's Karim Ud-din Barbhuiya. The increasing religious divide and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's assertion that the BIP. Sarma's assertion that the BJP does not need Muslim votes were said to be the prime factors behind his defeat.

Religious polarisation in Bengali-majority Tripura is not as marked as it is in Assam, where Bengali-speaking Muslims are often viewed as Muslims are often viewed as Bangladeshis. Tripura's Mus-lims hardly face the 'Bangla-deshi' taunt due to the State's historic ties with Dhaka. But they are perceived to stand behind the Left Front and Congress due to aggres-sive Hindutva politics. Mr. Hossain's win from Boxanagar, as Chief Minister Manik Saha claimed, has changed



the parrative that the Muslims and the BJP distrust each

Mr. Hossain, 51, was the BJP Mr. Hossain, Sl, was the BP nominee from Boxanagar for the Assembly elections in Fe-bruary. He lost to the CPI(M)'s Samsul Haque. Haque's death on July 19 necessitated the by-poll in Boxanagar. Elections were also held in the Dhanpur constituency, which was va-cated by Union Minister Pratima Bhoumik of the BJP.

There was wide anticipa-tion that the BJP nominee, tion that the BJP nominee, Bindu Debnath, would win against the CPI(M)'s Kaushik Chanda in Dhanpur. The CPI (M), however, expected the bypoll, the first electoral battle tipes the formation of (**) bypoll, the first electoral battle since the formation of the IN-DIA alliance, to be a close con-test, and was therefore upset when Mr. Debnath won by se-curing 71% of the votes. To add to its woes, Mr. Hossain routed its candidate, Mizan Hossain, by securing 89% of the total votes polled.

Insisting that the results jus-tified its demand for countermanding the by-elections and holding fresh polls under strict supervision, the CPI(M) polithuro said, "These elec-tions have been reduced to a ging by the BPI in comivance with the administration and police... After having lost the Boxanagar seat to the CPI(M) in the Pebruary elections, it is cure 83% of the votes except through large-scale rigging." manding the by-elections and through large-scale rigging." Mr. Saha rejected the alle-

gation, attributing the BJP's "resounding victory" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's de-velopment-oriented policies for the State. "Our party work-ers reached out to the people with the accomposityments of vernments. The people res ponded positively, rejecting the divisive politics that had persisted for so long in Boxa-nagar, a minority-dominated area. This marks the begin area. This marks the beginning of a new chapter against divisive politics, isolating a particular class, and to the particular class, and to the first control of the particular class and the particular control of the particula

bypoll story was the role of the Tipra Motha Party (TMP) headed by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barman, whose Manikya Deb Barman, whose ancestors ruled the kingdom of Tripura that extended to parts of present-day Bangla-desh. In the Assembly polls, the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura, one. The BJP now has 33; the CPI(M) 10.

Ahead of the bypolls, the TMP and Congress declared they would not field candi-dates in the two seats to pre-vent the division of votes. Two days before the bypolls, the TMP announced it would more the BIP candidate, leaving the choice to the voters and party workers. Although not a part of INDIA, the support of er the tribal areas, would be crucial for the Opposition al-liance to win the two Lok Sabthey would not field candi liance to win the two Lok Sab-ha seats in Tripura in 2024.

Analysing where India stands in the G20

The country's performance in recent decades across select socioeconomic metrics has been poor compared to its fellow G20 members

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese

n September 9 and 10, In-dia hosted the 18th G20 cusing on the theme 'One Earth, One Family, One Future,' Food se-One Family, One Future: Food se-curity, climate change, energy, de-velopment, healthcare, and digi-talisation were deliberated upon at-cuss economic and financial mat-ters. The summit wrapped up suc-cessfully as India transferred the G20 Presidency to Brazil. This ana-lysis evaluates India's perfor-inguistic performance of the perfor-sion of the performance of the perfor-tance of the performance of the perfor-mancians or of economous metrics in various socioeconomic metrics in comparison to its fellow G20 mem-bers. The G20 is made up of India, Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the European Union (EU), Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Canada, the United States, South

Canada, the United States, South Africa, and Saudi Arabia. Chart 1 compares the GDP per capita (in S) of 19 regions (18 coun-tries plus the EU) between 1970 and 2022. GDP per capita (5) is the sum of gross value added by all resident producers in the economy divided by mid-year population. In 1970, with a GDP per capita of \$111.97, India ranked 18 out of the 19 regions analysed. While Indone-sia lagged behind India in 1970, it moved ahead by 2022, pushing In-dia to the last spot with a GDP per capita of \$2 388 62

capita of \$2,388.62.

Chart 2 compares the Human Development Index (HDI) of 19 countries between 1990 and 2021.

The HDI is a measure of life expectancy, access to education, and standard of living. HDI in the graph is measured on a scale of 0 (worst) to 1 (best). India's HDI im-2021. However, despite to provess to 2021. However, despite to provess 2021. However, despite its progress in absolute terms, India ranked at the bottom of the list.

India's performance has seen able sources. India ranked 13 out of the 20 regions analysed.

trics relating to health, even though there has been growth in absolute numbers. In 1990, the average life expectancy in India was 45.22 years, which was better than China's 33.27 years. By 2021, life expectancy rose to 67.24 years, ahead of South Africa, However, India's ranking remained the same, as China surpassed India. In 1990, with an infant mortality rate

1990, with an infant mortality rate of 88.8, India ranked at the bottom of the 20 regions analysed. In 2021, the infant mortality rate improved to 25.5 and India ranked 19, just ahead of South Africa (26.4). Drant 3 compares the labour force participation rate (LFPPO, gions 5 tween 1990, and 2021-22. In 1990, with an LFPR of 54.2%. In In 1990, with an LFPR of 54.2%, In-dia ranked 18, above Italy (49.7%) and Saudi Arabia (53.3%). In 2021-22, its rank slipped to 19, only ahead of Italy's (49.4%). Notably, India's LFPR also decreased to

India's LFPR also decreased to 49.5% in this period.

Chart 4 compares the share of women in Parliament of 19 regions (18 countries plus the EU) between (18 countries plus the EU) between seen several women in leadership positions, India's relative growth in the share of women in Parliament has been slow, with many countries and the EU outpacing in each of the EU outpacing in EU outpace almost doubled to 14.9% in 2022. But when compared to the 18 But when compared to the 18 countries and the EU, India's rank slipped from 15 in 1998 to 18 in

slipped from 15 in 1998 to 18 in 2022, just ahead of Japan 0.99%). Carbon emissions over the past three decades. It has been the low-est emitter of CO2 in 1999 and three decades. It has been the low-est emitter of CO2 in 1990 and bysed. However, its progress in adopting eco-triently energy has been relatively slow. Most G20 nations, excluding the U.S. and their electricity from renewables their electricity from renewables in 1990. By 2015, only 5.36% of In-dia's electricity came from renew-

Falling behind

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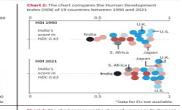
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GDP per capita 2022

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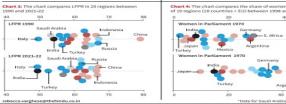


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EIETY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 13 1973

Ousted Chilean President commits suicide

Santiago (Chile), Sept. 12: The Chilean armed forces radio to-day officially announced the death of President Salvador Allende, A communique issued by the military junta said that the head of State's death by suicide had been confirmed by the coroner and that a private funeral was held to-day at noon attended private funeral was held to-day at noon attended by members of Dr. Allende's family. All activities do-day and it was difficult to bury the dead, although the military promised to adl persons properly identified who ask for help. Only one of the property dentified who ask for help. Only one was allowed by the millitary to see the body of the President lying on a sofa above a blood-scaled origin the runn of the Moneda presidential palace. The military junta closed the Congress. Numerous fatalities had been reported unofficially since the coup began yesterday. The new military authorities declined to give any figures on dead and injured. But, according to unofficial sources as many as 500 according to unofficial sources as many as 500 persons may have been killed in the revolt. Communications with the outside world, cut years are more according to the control of the contr without violence, and to re-establish the national economy", Chilean radio announced. The soldiers said that they had no intention of suppressing the country's institutions, which would be restored as soon as possible when "certain constitutional problems have been

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 13, 1923 Howrah bridge proposals

Calcutta, September 12: The Calcutta Carporation at their meeting to-day unanimously adopted the recommendations of the special committee appointed to consider and report on the proposals of the new Howrah Bridge Finance Committee with special reference to the proposed levy on the rate-payers of Calcutta and the neighbouring

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The G20 comprises India (●); Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea [East Asia and Pacific (●)]; France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey, U.K., EU [Europe and Central Asia (●)]; Argentina, Brazil, Mexico [Latin America and the Caribbean (●)]; Canada, U.S. [North America (●)]; South Africa [Sub-Saharan Africa (●)]; and Saudi Arabia [West Asia and North Africa (○)].

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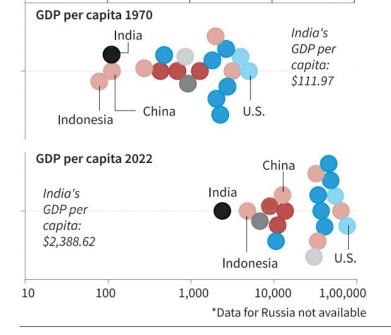


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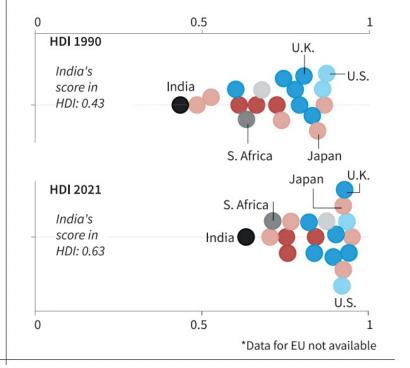
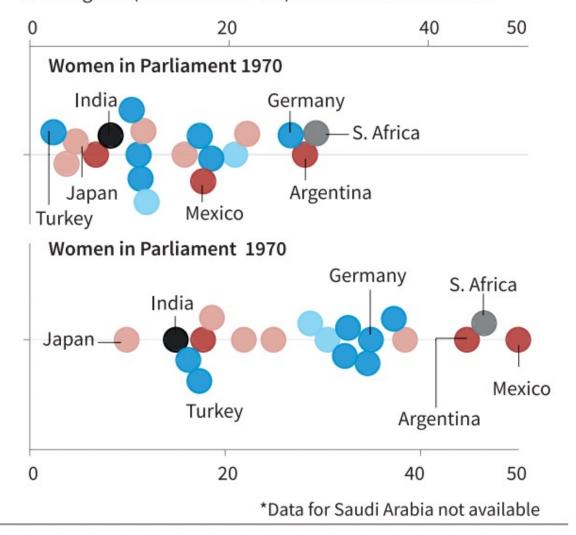


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Chart 4: The chart compares the share of women in Parliament of 19 regions (18 countries + EU) between 1998 and 2022



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From Page One

Nipah breaks out again in Kerala, claims 2 lives

Earlier in the day, State Health Minister Veena Ge-orge who reached the district, chaired a high-level meeting to evaluate the situation and said all pre-

cautionary steps are in place. The State Health Department formed core committees for surveillance, sample testing and

research management, contact tracing, and pa-tient transportation management, among others. The department has prepared a contact list of 168 persons. Of them, 158 are linked to the first patient and 10 are connected to the second patient The Minister said a fever survey was being under taken in Maruthonkara and Ayancheri gram par taken in Martinonkara and Ayancheri grain pan-chayats, from where the two deceased hail from. An isolation ward with 75 beds has been readied at the Government Medical College Hospital in

A bat habitate survey too is being planned in as-sociation with the departments of Forests and Wild Life and Animal Husbandry. An expert tous mon the Patidian Institute of An expert tous mir from the Patidian Council for Medical Research (ICMIR) are expected to reach Kozhikode on Wednesday. The NIV team will also set up a blo-safety level-3 mobile lab to enable testing of samples of suspected patients. The ICMR team will conduct an epidemiological inves-tigation into the genesis of the infection too.

ratio.
"Nipah virus infection can be transmitted through contaminated food or directly from per-son to person," WHO noted. (With PTI inputs)

Retail inflation eases: food prices still bite

However, with seven of the L food segments in in-terior in the seven of the L food segments in the food inflation remains on edge, cautioned Aditi Nayar, chief economist at REA.

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tion basket.
"Food inflation will remain a key monitorable for them because, if sustained, it can spill over to other components and steer the headline CPI in flation above the RBI's target. And this can constrain monetary policy as central banks do res pond to inflation when it starts becoming generalised." noted Crisil chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi

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in August, eased slightly from -16.8% to -15.3%. As many as 12 States recorded higher inflation than the national average of 6.83%, with Rajas than seeing the steepest price rise of 8.6%. Delhi, on the other hand, clocked the lowest inflation of 3% in August, possibly aided by the subsidised supply of tomatoes to people, reckoned Madan Sabnavis, Bank of Baroda's chief economist.

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"The recent measure to lower LPG cylinder
prices will have a 0.2%-0.25% impact on inflation
in September, but this will not be very comforting
yet for monetary policymakers," he said.



Overturned cars lay among other debris caused by flash floods in Dema, eastern Libya, on Monday. AFP

2.300 dead, several missing in Libva floods

Derna, 250 km east of Benghazi, is ringed by hills and bisected by what is normally a dry riverbed in summer, but which has turned into a raging tor rent of mud-brown water that also swept away

rent of mud-brown water that also swept away several major bridges. a might reach thousands; said Tamer Ramedan of the International Federa-tion of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, three of whose volunteers were also reported of information that the number of missing people is hitting 10,000 persons so far," Mr. Ramadan told reporters via video link from neighbouring

Two BJP MPs in West Bengal face protests

The Hindu Bureau

Two MPs of the Bharatiy Janata Party (BJP) in West Bengal on Tuesday faced protests on their home turf, triggering speculation ahead of the Lok Sabha

polls next year. Malda Uttar MP Khager Murmu faced protests a Murmu Iaceu piocam Mahanandtola gram pan-chayat in the Ratua Assembly constituency of Malda district. The villag-ers, displaced by erosion along the Ganga, are upset with the Centre's lack of ef-fort in their rehabilisation. In Bankura district, BJP MP and Union Minister of State for Education Subhas bils mome at the BJP narry

his room at the BJP party office at the district headomice at the district head-quarters. BJP supporters raised "go back" slogans directed at him. They al-leged that Mr. Sarkar was meddling in party appointments at the district level.
After nearly two hours, the
MP was rescued by the
police.

One jawan, militant killed, three injured in Rajouri encounter

A group of militants was encircled following a tip-off, reports say; Army says additional troops are in place to prevent militants from escaping

ne militant and an Army jawan were curity personnel – two Ar-my jawans and a J&K Polic-e's special police officer-counter in Rajouri district of the Pir Panjai valley on Tuesday.

Tuesday.

Preliminary reports on
Tuesday suggested that a
group of two or three militants was encircled following a tip-off by the police in the Narla area of Rajouri district. The gunfire that ensued between the mili-tants and the security forc-es continued till Tuesday ening. "One militant has been

killed," the police said.
Additional troops have
been rushed to the area to



Kent, the six-year-old female Labrador from 21 Army Dog Unit, who laid down her life while shielding her handler in J&K. ANI

thwart any attempt by hiding militants to escape from the encounter site. A Defence spokesper-son said a brave Army dog, a six-year-old female La-brador from 21 Army Dog Unit, also lost her life in the

unter while saving her

The demand for his ar-rest in the Nasir-Junaid murder case then snow-balled into a political con-troversy between the two States with Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlor, last month, alleging that the Haryana ballor were not conserved.

Sujaligala'. Kent was lead-ing a column of soldiers on ing a column of soldiers on the trail of the fleeing ter-rorists. They came down under heavy hostile fire. While shielding her han-dler, she laid down her life in the best traditions of the

'Cow vigilante' Monu Manesar held in Gurugram on multiple charges

 The court remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days, but the Rajasthan Police also arrested him in connection with the Nasir-lunaid murder case and took him on transit re-

Nub Superintendent of Nun Superintendent of Police Narendra Bijarniya told The Hindu that Monu was arrested from a Mane-sar market in Gurugram with a 0.45 bore pistol, another gun and three live



After the arrest by the Nuh Police, Monu Manesar was taken by the Rajasthan Police in a lynching case. FILE PHOTO during the procession and spread to parts of south Haryana, claiming six lives. The demand for his ar-

On the run in the Nasir-Junaid murder case for se-ven months, Monu Maneven months, Monu Mane-sar also posted a video on July 31, ahead of the Jalabh-ishek Yatra of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, announc-ing that he would be pre-sent in the procession. Later, clashes broke out ing with Rajasthan Police.
According to the FIR,
Monu allegedly posted a
provocative post on social
media to promote animosity between different relins and to disrupt public

gions and to disrupt public peace.

Shortly after the court passed the order for Mo-nu's judicial remand on Tuesday, the Rajasthan Police sought his custody for investigation in the Na-sir-Junaid murder case. The court accepted the ap-plication and granted his interim remand to the Raiasthan Police.

jasthan Police.
VHP joint general secretary Surendra Jain said the
arrest of Monu Manesar
was "unfortunate" and the
Haryana Police, instead of
arresting the "real culprits" had arrested Monu
who had no role in the
riors.

Cong. slams

opposed the lowering or import duty on American apples. The party said it would adversely affect ap-ple growers in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and

Addressing a press con-ference at the AICC head-

cut in duty

on apples from U.S.

sedition law to a Constitution Bench Sibal, appearing for

SC refers plea against

The Hindu Bureau

The Supreme Court on Tuesday referred petitions challenging Section 124A, challenging Section 1290, the provision for sedition in the Indian Penal Code (IPC), to a Constitution Bench while refusing to wait for Parliament's word wait for Parliament's word on the Bharativa Nyava Sanhita Bill, a draft law proposed to replace the British-made penal code of

ISSO.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud found no merit in a suggestion from the government to defer the case instead of referring it to a larger Bench of five Judges.

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani said a "sub-stantive hearing" of the

case immediately would be intimely as the Bharativa Nyaya Sanhita Bill was be fore a parliamentary stand-ing committee and may be tabled in the Winter Sestabled in the Winter Ses-sion along with the Bharti-ya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Bills, which are meant to replace the Code of Crimi-nal Procedure and the In-dian Evidence Act,

respectively. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, also for the Unon, urged the court not to 'pre-empt" Parliament.

'No retrospective effect' The court said its resolve The court said its resolve against postponing the case was based on a well-settled legal principle that a new penal law would ap-ply only prospectively. Pro-secutions under Section 124A, presently on hold fol-order in May 2022, would dersist even if the Bhratipersist even if the Bharati-ya Nyaya Sanhita Bill manges to pass muster in

Parliament.

"Assuming the new law does come into force, that does come into force, that law will govern only future cases. Insofar as pending prosecutions under Sec-tion 124A are concerned, they will continue... unless the new law says it has re-trospective effect or Parliament says all pending cas-es under Section 124A will the petitioners, said in court that the new clause proposed was

can avoid looking into the constitutionality of Section 124A on the ground that a new law may come," Chief Justice observed. Chandrachuc

observed.
Senior advocates Kapil
Sibal, Arvind Datar and
Gopal Sankaranarayanan,
accompanied by advocates
Vipin Nair, P.B. Suresh and
Prasanna S., have argued
for the petitioners that
"words or action conveywernment cannot necessawernment cannot necessaernment cannot necessa rily be treated as seditious in character in relation to the state. The state cannot be equated with the go vernment of the time".

Mr. Sibal said the new Mr. Sibal said the new clause proposed in place of Section 124A was "unfortu-nately worse". Section 150 in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill avoids using the term 'sedition', but de-scribes the offence as any act "endangering soveact "endangering sove reignty, unity and integrity

of India".

However, the court refused to comment on the Bill and its provisions.

Rai, for a petitioner, said a reference to a five-judge Bench was not warranted as the Centre, in an affida

as the Centre, in an athda-vit filed earlier, had cast doubts about the constitu-tionality of Section 124A. However, Chief Justice Chandrachud said any re-examination of Section 124A would have to consider a Constitution Bench judgment of 1962 in the Ke-dar Nath Singh versus State of Bihar case, which had upheld the legality of Section 124A though limiting its applicability to "activi-ties involving incitement to violence or intention to create disturbance of pu-

create disturbance of pu-blic peace".

The court also said the Kedar Nath judgment had to be re-evaluated taking into consideration the sub-stantial advancements made evolving new rights

Families of killed 'Maoists' say police staged encounter

The families of two villag-ers in Sukma who were gunned down and de-scribed as Maoists by the security forces last week, have alleged that the en-counter was "fake", while also questioning claims that they were members of any banned outfit in the first place. The Chhattis-garh Police, however, dis-missed the allegations.

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According to the police, around 6 a.m. on September 5, Sodhi Deva and Rava Deva were killed in retaliatory fire when they fired upon a party comprising a joint force of the District Secretary Certain Certain Company of the Certain Police Force (CRPF).

The families, making their first appearance in front of the media on Tuesday, rebutted each of these allegations as well as the

sequence of events.

Both the widows said that their husbands had that their husbands had left home on September 4 together to the nearby vil-lage of Timmapuram to collect some payment from one Muchaki Maana. Mr. Maana, who was pre-sent where the media inte-raction took place.



Different versions
From here on, the family's
account differs entirely
from that of the police.
Both women alleged that
when the duo was returnter home to Tachnette. ing home to Tadmetla they were taken by police men to the Chintalnar Police Station and shot dead around 8 p.m., that is nearly 10 hours before the time mentioned in the pol-ice statement. The families see statement. The families base their allegations on what they have heard from their fellow villagers. The Hindu asked the police if the initial post-mortem report confirmed the timing and was told the property of which is the families of the policy of the the policy of the policy the policy policy the policy the policy the policy the the policy the policy the the policy the policy the policy policy the policy policy the policy policy

Claiming that the two men were paddy farmers, the families also presented their Aadhaar and PAN cards as well as bank or vehicle ownership docu-ments to state that they worked within the purview of the official system. Sukma SP Kiran Chavan, however, dismissed all the

allegations and said that having identity documents in the core areas, that is, where the State and the Maoists are engaged in an intense battle, was not as intense battle, was not as unusual now as it had been in the past.

The families of the de-ceased, and the villagers, are planning a protest on Wednesday.

President Joe Biden's bilat-eral with Prime Minister Modi ahead of the G-20 Summit in Delhi, the Centre announced the re-moval of additional duties on about half a dozen U.S. products, including ap-ples, walnuts, almonds

A magisterial probe has also been ordered.

Farmers to approach SC against Indo-U.S. deal on poultry

Dhanda said his organisa

ference at the AICC head-quarters, Congress spokes-person Supriya Shrinate alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was giving a "gift" to the United States by reducing import duty while harming the inter-ests of domestic apple growers.

ples, walnuts, almonds and lentils. On Monday, National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah and Peo-ple's Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti too urged the Centre

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Union government.
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NEW DELHI

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Talking to *The Hindu*, Poultry Federation of India's president Ranpal Dhanda said his organisation will move the Supreme Court against the unilateral decision of the Union government.

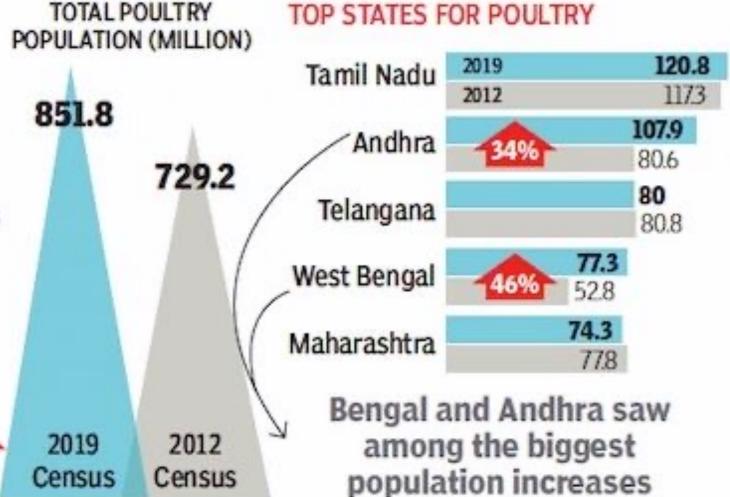
"This agreement is against the interest of poultry farmers in the country. Tonnes of chicken legs will now be imported, rather dumped, to our country. We are also keen to know if the U.S. authorities will certify that pork or beef are not used in the poultry feed. Beef and pork consumption is a sensitive issue in the country," Mr. Dhanda said.

He said the Centre is allowing big American companies to make profit at the cost of small and medium poultry outlets in the country.

POULTRY

Perhaps a sign of increased consumption of chicken and eggs, poultry posted some of the highest population growth numbers

Change



- Poultry farming is the practice of raising poultry, such as chickens, turkey, ducks, geese, as a subcategory of animal husbandry, for the purpose of farming meat or eggs for food.
- It requires small capital and provides small income and job opportunity for large number of rural population in the shortest possible time

- Indian poultry industry is booming and emerging as the world's second largest market.
- India is world's third largest egg producer and fifth largest meat producer.
- Meat industry is one of the fastest growing industries in India as compared to other industries.
- Meat is the cheapest source of protein in India which is affordable by masses.
- Egg and meat accounts for 75% of non vegetarian food consumption in India.

Current Scenario

- India has the world's largest population of livestock.
- India is the world's 3rd largest egg producer and 6th largest producer of broilers.
- The recent data of the year 2018 states that the egg production in India is 88.139 billion eggs (3rd in Egg Production)
- 75% of egg production is contributed by commercial poultry farms, remaining comes from household/backyard poultry billion and the broiler production is: 4.9 million MT (4th in Broiler Production).

Per Capita Consumption

Eggs		Meat		
Country Egg		Country	Meat(Kg)	
India	57	India	38	
China	348	Canada	34.8	
USA	250	USA	49	

Per Capita Production In India

Egg Production	Boiler Chicken			
6700 crore per year	50 lakh ton per year			

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Watching porn in one's privacy not an offence: HC

The Kerala High Court has held that watching a porn video in one's privacy without exhibiting it to others does not amount to an offence under to others does not amount to an offence under Section 292 of the IPC. Justice PV. Kunhikirishnan observed that a court cannot declare that watching a pornographic video on one's mobile watching a pornographic video on one's mobile offence for the simple reason that it is a private choice and interference amounts to an intrusion of his privacy. The court made the observations while quashing a criminal case registered against a youth in 2016 by the Aluva police for viewing a porn video on his phone on a street at night.

G-7 saved G-20 by agreeing to **Declaration: German envoy**

Ackermann credits Indian negotiators' skill, joint proposal by India, Indonesia, Brazil, South Africa

-7 countries were able to "save" the G-20 from an early demise by agreeing to the draft declaration, German Ambassador Philipp Ackermann said on Tuesday, re jecting statements from several countries, including Ukraine, which sug-gested that Western coun-tries, comprising the G-7 ries, comprising the G7
and the Darropean Union,
had totally compromised" their stand on Russia and Ukraine.
On the contrary, Mr.
Ackerman said, the German delegation had left
Delhi "highly satisfied"
with the outcome.

with the outcome.

He credited "skilful Indian negotiations", as well as a joint proposal by Indonesia, India, Brazil and South Africa, presented to the rest of the G-20 as a fair accompli hours before the Leaders' Summit began, for the breakthrough in

talks. As The Hindu reported on Saturday, the joint pro posal by the four consecu-tive hosts of the G-20, all belonging to "emerging mies", contained the



G-20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi on Sunday. PT

G-20 Leasers: Summit in New Del declaration, word for word, without any change-ses. The paragraphs under-net, People, Peace and Prosperity", which was al-so used in the document, he Ball G-20 declaration that directly criticised Rus-sia for the war in Ukraine. For the Ball G-20 declaration that directly criticised Rus-sia for the war in Ukraine. Portant forum. It is one of the last fora that has ever-yone around the table and ration would have meant

ration would have meant death to the G-20," Mr. Ack-erman told journalists.

"And it would have made it very difficult for Brazil to pick it up next year."

He said the ultimatum
was delivered by the Indian G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant on September 8 over-night, asking other delega-tions to "take it or leave it", and if they had a problem emerging economies had come up with, to "have their leader to speak to Prime Minister Narendra Modi". The account match-es with statements made ber of interviews. dian G-20 Sherma Amitabh ber of interviews.
On Monday, Mr. Kant thanked the "Sherpas who

helped us clinch the geo-political paras and arrive at consensus", naming the Sherpas of Brazil, Indone-sia and South Africa specifically. Eventually, all countries

agreed to the formulation, the German Ambassador

and China, not the West-ern bloc, that needed to be

convinced.

"Russia was completely, completely isolated," Mr. Ackermann said, countering comments by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavroy, who had claimed diplomatic win as Russia was not named directly for conflict in

"Yes, Ultraine would have loved to see Russia condemned more explicit, and for the war 'in' Ukraine to be described as a (Germany) would have liked that, too. But one must see what is feasible. Unlike Ball, where two countries Russia and Chinave a text that is agreed to by all the countries," Mr. "Yes. Ukraine would by all the countries," Mr. Ackermann said. On Sunday, Ukraine's

Foreign Ministry had react-ed angrily, noting that the New Delhi Declaration was isinesses." He said South Korean "nothing to be proud of", indicating that the Ukraine government was disap pointed that President Vo-lodymyr Zelenskyy had not been invited to the G-20 as he had requested in a letter to the Indian Prime Minis-

South Korea keen on joining Quad, says envoy Chang Jae-bok

South Korea is keen on joining the Quad and the ball is now in the grouping's court to decide on ex pansion, Chang Jae-bok, the South Korean envoy in India, said on Tuesday.

On the bilateral front, he said India and South Korea were negotiating expan-sion of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and had so far held 10 rounds of dis-cussions, but there were cussions, but there were lots of unresolved issues. He said that after the bilat-eral meeting between the two leaders on the side-lines of the G-20 summit, there was some

Ease of doing business On ease of doing business, the envoy, in a press inte-raction, said, "We wish In-

dian authorities would work harder to make the business environment more friendly to Korean

President Yoon Suk Yeol raised the issue of more friendly conditions and doing business in India dur-ing the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We hope India will respond positively, he



Elaborating on negotia tions to upgrade CEPA, Mr. Chang said the CEPA was agreed in 2009 and became effective from 2010 Five or six years later, both sides realised that it needs to be upgraded. From 2016-17, there were nego-tiations which were 2016-IF, there were nego-itations which were stopped during the pan-demic. "We have had to gotiations between Minis-try of Commerce of Korea and Ministry of Trade of In-dia. We still have lot of is-tance of the Ministry of India. We still have lot of is-tance of the Ministry of India. We still have lot of is-tance of the Ministry of India. We still have lot of is-tenders, we have some mo-mentum to go on. Thope as negotiations will be com-negotiations will be com-

sues," he said. On the Delhi Declara-tion at the G-20 summit and the compromise over the language on Russia, he said as India and China were members of G-20, there has to be some com-

Rajnath lays foundation stone for Nyoma airfield near the LAC in eastern Ladakh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday virtually laid the foundation stone for the Nyoma airfield in eastern Ladakh near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and also inaugurated the crucial Nechiphu tunnel on the axis to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

In all, he inaugurated 90 infrastructure projects built by the Border Roads sation (BRO) at a cost of over ₹2,900 crore, across II States and Union Territories, which include Territories, which include two revamped airfields in Bagdogra and Barrackpore in West Bengal, two heli-pads, 22 roads and 63 bridges. Of these 90 projects, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh; 26 in Ladakh; II in Jammu



Rajnath Singh inaugurating the Devak Bridge, which is constructed by the BRO in Jammu on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

& Kashmir; five in Mizo-ram; three in Himachal Pradesh; two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal; and one each in Nagaland. Rajasthan and Andaman & Nicobar Is-lands, a Defence Ministry statement said.

statement said.
"The Nyoma airfield, to
be developed at a cost of
approximately ₹200 crore,
will boost air infrastructure in Ladakh and aug-

ment the IAF's capability along the northern border. The Defence Minister exuded confidence that the airfield, which will be one of the world's highest would prove to be a game-changer for the armed forces," the statement said.

Once completed, in about two years, the run-way will be able to accom-modate all fighter jets of the IAF.

Farmers are *anna daatas*, protect their rights and future, says President

President Droupadi Mur-mu on Tuesday called for concrete steps to conserve traditional seed varieties and eco-friendly farming

practices. She was inaugurating a global seminar organised here by the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Re-sources for Food and Agriculture and the Food and Agriculture Organisation on farmers' rights

on farmers' rights,
Ms. Murmu said farmers
were anna daatas (providers of food) and they needed to be saluted. She said it
was the duty of everyone
to protect farmers' rights

to protect farmers' rights and future. Union Agriculture Mi-nister Narendra Singh To-mar, who also addressed the symposium, said the rich agricultural heritage of the country had flour-ished owing to the efforts



of farmers, who had careof farmers, who had care-fully nurrured and deve-loped numerous plant va-rieties. These varieties, veilhood but also a living testimony of the deep con-nection between nature and culture.

Ms. Murmu said farmers had tolled, developed and

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conserved landraces, wildconserved landraces, wild-relatives and traditional va-rieties of crops, and pro-vided the building blocks of the conserved of the con-breeding programmes and thus ensured food and nu-tritional security for hu-man beings and livestocks alike. The treaty was signed in 2001 to conserve,

use, and manage plant ge netic resources for food and agriculture. "My coun and agriculture. "My coun-try provides a range of rights to farmers including use, re-use, save, share and sell the unbranded seeds of a registered variety. Be-sides, farmers can register their own varieties which get protection," she said.

Centre to start Avushman Bhav health scheme today

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

With the Ayushman Bhav campaign, which will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu on Wed-nesday virtually from the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Union Health Ministry aims to provide healthcare services to every village

and town in the country.

The campaign, initiated
by the Health Ministry, is aimed at providing a com-prehensive nationwide prehensive nationwide healthcare initiative to sat

healthcare initiative to sat-urate coverage of health-care services, reaching ev-ery village and town.

The Ministry will also baunch Ayushman Apke Dwar 3.0 programme, which will allow eligible beneficiaries eurolied un-der the PM-JAY scheme to download their health card on their own.

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- 14 Face the advantage by replacing Democrat with Republican (10) Is on-site in a mess thus loudest? (8)
- 18 Say uranium and plutonium require people wearing steel contraption (8)
 19 Andaman and Nicobar lads sin badly (7)
- 21 Inclined to rule over north and east (6)
 22 Function is without issue at this place (6)
 24 Half of the rescued were old (4)

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Durvodhana's apprehension The Kaurayas win all the wealth of the Pandayas through a

game of dice. But eventually, Dhritarashtra gives back to the Pandavas all that they had lost, and sends them to their kingdom unharmed. Dushasana cannot bear the thought that the Pandavas, who had been humiliated in court, and who had lost everything they had, should go back and rule their land. He criticises Dhritarashtra's deci-

court, and who had lost everything they had, should go court, and who had lost everything they had, should go sion, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. He says that by this act, Dhritarashtra has deprived the He says that by this act, Dhritarashtra has deprived the Green that had happened, that wealth no longer belonged to the Pandavas. In belonged to the Kauravas, and once that had happened, that wealth no longer belonged to the Pandavas. In belonged to the Kauravas, and once that had happened, that wealth no longer belonged to the Pandavas. How could Dhritarashtra. He reproaches his father for his decision. Duryodhana with his brother Dushasana. He goes to meet Dhritarashtra. He reproaches his father for his decision. Duryodhana was looking at his bow library with the manual that had been also been decision. The says the was the same breather that the same process of the Pandavas, that wherever he turned, he sees the bumpy there of Arjuna.



ICCR to organise festival of democracy on September 15

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) will hold a festival of democracy in Nalanda University, Bihar. The 'Vaishali' festival of democracy will be held on September 15. The festival of democracy comes close on the heels of an exhibition titled "Bharat: mother of democracy", organised by the Union Culture Ministry in 'Bharat Mandapam' as part of the side events of the G-20 Summit. The exhibition was aimed at highlighting the democratic ethos of India. "The Vaishali festival of democracy holds significant historical and cultural importance, as it commemorates the birthplace of democracy and celebrates the enduring values of democratic governance," a senior official in the ICCR said.

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Rajnath lays foundation stone for Nyoma airfield near the LAC in eastern Ladakh

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday virtually laid the foundation stone for the Nyoma airfield in eastern Ladakh near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and also inaugurated the crucial Nechiphu tunnel on the axis to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

In all, he inaugurated 90 infrastructure projects built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost of over ₹2,900 crore, across 11 States and Union Territories, which include two revamped airfields in Bagdogra and Barrackpore in West Bengal, two helipads, 22 roads and 63 bridges.

Of these 90 projects, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh; 26 in Ladakh; 11 in Jammu



Rajnath Singh inaugurating the Devak Bridge, which is constructed by the BRO in Jammu on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

& Kashmir; five in Mizoram; three in Himachal Pradesh; two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal; and one each in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, a Defence Ministry statement said.

"The Nyoma airfield, to be developed at a cost of approximately ₹200 crore, will boost air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment the IAF's capability along the northern border. The Defence Minister exuded confidence that the airfield, which will be one of the world's highest, would prove to be a gamechanger for the armed forces," the statement said.

Once completed, in about two years, the runway will be able to accommodate all fighter jets of the IAF. Sport

Pakistan adds Dahani and Zaman as back-up for Rauf and Naseem



Pakistan pacers Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah's participation in the remainder of the Asia Cup is doubtful after the two were injur during the Super 4s clash against India. Fast bowlers Shahna Dahani (in pic) and Zaman Khan have been included.

PULLING ONE BACK Markram and Coetzee shine as



Aiden Markram (102 n.o.) and Gerald Coetzee (four for 50) beloed Aiden Markram (182 n.o.) and Gerald Coetzee (but sor say neiped South Africa pull one back in the five-match series by winning the third OOI by 111 runs in Potchefstroom on Tuesday. The scores: South Africa 388/6 in 50 overs (de Kock 82, Markram 102 n.o.) bt Australia 227 in 34.3 overs (Warner 78, Coetzee 4/50).

ITIA bans Halep for four years for doping violations



one Halen has been suspended from professional tennis for four Simona Halep has been suspended from professional tennis for four years for doping violations, the International Tennis Integrity Agency said Tuesday. She had been accused of two doping offences — failing a drug test during the 2022 US Open and for irregularities in her Athlete Biological Passport. Halep said she will appeal the ban.

India-Morocco Davis Cup draw at UP CM's residence on Friday



The draw ceremony for the Davis Cun World Group-2 tennis tie

Kuldeep in the thick of it again as India wins the spin test

The left-armer's spell and Jadeja's two wickets eclipse Wellalage and Asalanka's efforts as Rohit's men emerge victorious by 41 runs on a turning track and book a spot in the final. Men in Blue lose all 10 wickets to the tweakers for the first time

ASIA CUP

Amol Karhadkar

he pitch was dry. Dunith Wellalage, could not put a flort wrong-time of spin and spin and to the party; so did Indias more accomplished tweakers. But in a low-scoring affair, it was india's opening combination with the bat be the difference between be the difference between

the two sides.

Riding on captain Rohit
Sharma and Shubman Gill's
80-run stand and a fiery
spell from Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj up front, the Men in Blue broke Sri Lanka's I3-match unbeaten streak with a con-vincing 41-run victory. The win put India in Sunday's Asia Cup final with two games remaining in the Super 4s stage. As a dry surface was of-

As a dry surface was of-ferred adjacent to the one used for India's clash against Pakistan, both aware pakistan, both with spinners. Shardal Tha-kur was replaced by Axar Patel in India's XI. Axar did have the properties of the run mark with some sensi-ble batting towards the end but had it not been for Ro-hit's charge in the Power-struggled to get anywhere struggled to get anywhere near the total it reached.

Rohit's lazy elegance was on display time and again, be it in a crisp drive off Kasun Rajitha in the straight six over the pacer's head that helped the vete test to 10,000 ODI runs (241

innings) after Virat Kohli (205). He went after Dasun Shanaka, welcoming him into the attack with four boundaries, and then sent Matheesha Pathirana's Matheesha short ball over the ropes. In the 12th over, Shanaka took himself off and brought on

The left-arm spiner struck once in each of his first once in each of his first hosts back into the game. He got rid of Shubman Gill (undone in flight), Virat Kohli (the ball stuck into flick was caught at short mikwickely and Rohit (skid-ded and kept low). The vis-ture struck into struggled to excentive. late runs thereafter. Wellalage added two scalps to become the youngest Sri Lankan (20 years) to bag a five-wicket haul in ODIs while Asalanka ran through

was bowled out for 213.

nanjaya de Silva found an able ally in Wellalage, the duo giving the largest tur-

ship was broken, thanks to Gill's sharp catch at mid-on to send back Dhananjaya.



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showed their class by strik-ing thrice in the PowerPlay. Both were virtually un-playable, with the former claiming two wickets. Kub-deep Yadews strike including the wicket of the fluent Sa-deera Samarawickrama. When Ravindra Jadeja enticed an edge off Shana-intended in edge off Shana-basid to 99 for six. But Dha-sid to 99 for six. But Dha-nanjaya de Silva found an showed their class by strik-

nout a glimmer of hope and a lot of energy. But the 63-run partner-

Kuldeep ran through the tail to hand India a comfor-table win.



In good nick: Robit scored his third half-century of the tournament while crossing the 10,000-run mark in ODIs. AFP

INDIA
Rohit Sharma Wellalage 53 (48b, 7zet, 2zel), Shubman Gil b
Wellalage 19 (25b, 2zel), Wrat Kohli c
Shanaka b Wellalage 3 (12b), Ishan Kishan c Wellalage b Asalanka 35 (61b, 1zet, 1zel), K.L.
Rahul c & b Wellalage b (44b, 1zel) Rahul c & b Wiellalage 39 (44b, 2xd,) Hardik Pandya c Mendis b Wellalage 5 (2 8b), Ravindra Jadeja c Mendis b Asalanka 4 (19b), Axar Patel c Samarawickrama b Theekshana 26 (36b, 1xX), Jasprit Burnah b Asalanka 5 (12b), Bumrah b Asalanka 5 (121b), Kuldeep Yadav c Dhananjaya b Asalanka 0 (10), Mohammed Siraj (not out) 5 (23b); Extras (lb-1, w-20): 21; Total (in 49.1 overs): 213.

FALL OF WICKETS

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India's 10,000-run club in ODIs

A tweak in action works wonders for Kuldeep

"Even after I stop playing cricket, I will remember this night for having taken deep Yadav after weaving his magic around the Pa-kistan batters on Monday night.

Over the last 18 months, Ower the last 18 months, Kuldeep has unveiled a new avatar. Kuldeep 2.0 has been attacking the stumps more, with minor technical adjustments, and this has resulted in his emerging as India's pre-mier spinner in limited ov-

five-month injury layoff starting in the latter half of 2021 turned out to be a

blessing in disguise.
"It has not happened overnight. It took me some time to get it right. Many people had suggested this change and I also never



wanted to lose my zip, nip and drift. When I complet-ed my rehab of three months for the complet-ted for the complete said on Monday night. After twisting his right knee badly during a train-ning session during the In-dian Preview League Kildeep underwent a sur-

Kuldeep underwent a sur-gery that ruled him out for

gery that rused aim out for five months. Kuldeep said that Ashish Kaushik, then physiothera-pist at the National Cricket Academy, advised him against "putting too much load on the knee" "Keeping that in mind, I tried to bowl faster. I tried

put any foot wrong, espe-cially in India's Blues. Having emerged as In-

dia's highest wicket-taker in 2023, Kuldeep will be ex-pected to end the year on a high over the next two

If he succeeds, he will mories to be cherished ov-

FIH withdraws Olympic qualifiers from Pakistan

Uthra Ganesan NEW DELHI

Pakistan's hopes of hosting international hockey after more than two decades ended abruptly with the International Hockey Fed-eration (FIH) withdrawing the hosting rights of the Olympic qualifiers from the country.

The surprise decision The surprise decision came on Tuesday and was confirmed by the FIH to The Hindu. The FIH can confirm that it has informed the Pakistan Hockey Federation of its decision to withdraw the hosting of the men's FIH Olympic Qualifier tourna-

"This is primarily due to the recent developments in the governance situation of the Federation," the statement read, adding that "a new host for this tournament will be announced shortly". Pakistan last hosted an

FIH event in 2004 and has struggled to get back into the fold since then. Hosting

the fold since then. Hosting the qualifiers in Pakistan had come under criticism from many quarters. With the event with the event with currently ranked World No. 15, will have to win the Asian Games or wait for confirmation of a spot in the qualifiers elsewhere. Pakistan failed to qualify for the last two editions.

With just 10 days to go for the inaugural MotoGP Bha-rat, a significant landmark was achieved with the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, Uttar

> gated for the premier mo-torcycle racing event. The circuit hosted three 2011 to 2013 and will welcome the premier motor-cycling championship next

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Revamped Buddh Circuit set to host MotoGP Bharat

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"We have also increased gravel on the exit of turns 3. 4 and 5 to make it safer the international media 3, 4 and 5 to make it safer for bikes. The inner loop is also ready for bikes in turns 9 and 10. Turn 12, the penultimate corner, had the barriers pretty close to

All the turns have been changed in some way to make this circuit safer for motorcycle racing, Rider safety is the priority, and there is no compromise," Srivastava explained. Recently, some riders had expressed reserva-tions about the fence out-

tions about the tence out-side the last corner and said it would be challeng-ing to go racing with that. However, Srivastava as-sured, "Everything was in our plan to move the fence

been resurfaced, apart from some changes to kerbs to make it safe for bikes. Another significant change to the layout is that the track and has been moved back quite a bit to make it safer for the bikes

turns five and six have been made as one corner. It has one of the longest straights on the calendar measuring 1006 metres measuring 1006 metres, and there is an expectation that bikes can hit a top speed of close to 370 kmph. Brad Binder of Red Bull

KTM set the top-speed re-cord earlier this year at Mugello, Italy, where he

Mugello, Italy, where he clocked 366.1 kph. Carlos Ezpeleta, chief sporting officer of Dorna Sports, added, "The changes made to the Buddh In-ternational Circuit are truly



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Tendulkar	463	452	18,426	200*	44.83	86.23	49/96
Kohli	279	268	13,027	183	57.38	93.79	47/65
Ganguly	308	297	11,221	183	40.95	73.65	22/71
Dravid	340	314	10,768	153	39.15	71.18	12/82
Dhoni	347	294	10,599	183*	50.23	87.13	9/73
Rohit	248	241	10,031	264	48.93	90.27	30/51

*Records pertain to ODIs for India

■ Ganguly and Dhoni have also played for Asia XI while Dravid has played for Asia XI & ICC World XI



US SPACE ENDURANCE

Astronaut Breaks Spaceflight Record

NASA astronaut Frank Rubio now holds the record for the longest US spaceflight. Rubio surpassed the US space endurance record of 355 days Monday at the International Space Station. — AP

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high, factory output shows uptick Inflation set to rise but deflation at

wholesale level may provide relief AANCHAL MAGAZINE

INDIA'S RETAIL inflation rate eased to 6.83 per cent in August from a 15-month high of 7.44 per cent in July 2023, mainly due to a slide in prices of food items, espe-cially vegetables, data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Tuesday showed. The in-flation print, however, continued to remain above the upper limit INDIA'S RETAIL inflation rate

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Violence at UK

Kareena's caution on social media: Be strong and say, this is it, I can't get carried away

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"AFTER THE pandemic, people want to go out and enjoy them-selves. If a film is well-made, it is going to make money and kill it at the box-office. It has always been like that. Having that per-fect masala entertainer with a good script that will engage the audience," said actor Kareena Kapoor Khan, referring to the reent success of films such as

thoan and Jawan. Kapoor Khan, who is making Kapoor Khan, who is making her streaming debut this month with the Sujoy Ghosh-directed thriller Joane Joan, was the chief guest at The Indian Express Adda in Mumbai on Monday. The film,



Actor Kareena Kapoor in conversation with The



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mission: NIA identifies 15, look-outs next

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

MORE THAN two months after releasing photos of 45 people who were allegedly involved in the violence at the Indian High protest on March 19, th National Investigation Agenc (NIA) has identified 15 of then

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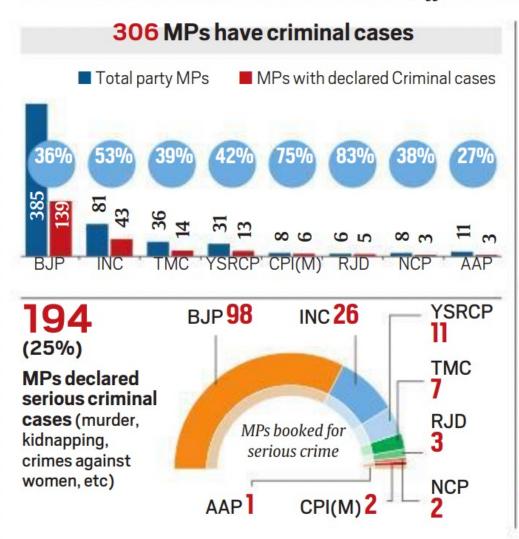
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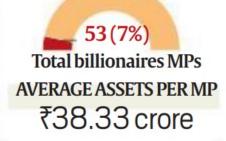


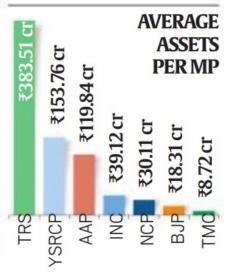
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763 MPs have total assets worth ₹29,251 crore





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Gadkari mentions tax on diesel vehicles: why is the fuel under pressure?

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

ROAD TRANSPORT Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday that people needed to move away from fuels such as petrol and diesel, and that if the use of diesel-run vehicles (and equipment such as diesel-run generators) continued, he might consider proposing to the Finance Minister that an additional 10% GST be imposed on these vehicles as "pollution tax".

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Auto stocks plunged immediately after the announcement. This is because, despite the clarification, the minister's statement was broadly in line with the pushback in policy circles against diesel, and came a little over three months after a committee appointed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas recommended a ban on diesel four-wheel vehicles by 2027 in cities with a population of more than 1 million.

The government already imposes a 28% tax on diesel cars, plus an additional cess depending on the engine capacity, taking the total tax to almost 50%.

Why is there a pushback against diesel?

Gadkari's comments and the panel's report follow the government's stated aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to produce 40% of India's electricity from renewables as part of its goal to achieve net zero emissions by 2070.

Diesel accounts for about 40% of India's petroleum products consumption, according to estimates by the Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell, the official data source for the hydrocarbon sector.

Around 87% of total diesel sales are to the transport segment, with trucks and

buses accounting for about 68% of diesel sales in the country. Three states — Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Haryana — account for almost 40% of the diesel sold in India.

And what about diesel-run cars?

Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest carmaker, stopped making diesel vehicles from April 1, 2020, and has signalled that it does not plan to re-enter this segment. Tata Motors, Mahindra, and Honda no longer produce 1.2-litre diesel engines; diesel variants are available only for 1.5-litre or bigger engines. While diesel variants are still available from Korea's Hyundai and Kia, and Japan's Toyota Motor has its Innova Crysta range, most carmakers have substantially moved to deleverage their diesel portfolios since 2020. As a result, the contribution of passenger vehicles to overall diesel demand has

fallen to 16.5% currently, from 28.5% in 2013.

Why are carmakers moving away from diesel?

The higher compression ratio of diesel engines means increased emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), which is one of the main drawbacks of diesel engines versus petrol.

Globally, the biggest blow to diesel was the Volkswagen scandal of 2015 — the German automaker was found to be activating emissions controls in its diesel engines during lab tests while allowing them to emit dozens of times more NOx in actual driving — which led to a rise in the negative perception about diesel.

Also, the reason why carmakers announced an exit from the diesel segment was the rollout of the new BS-VI emission norms from April 1, 2020, and the prohibitively high cost of upgrading their diesel engines to meet the new standards. The manufacturers have argued that the government's decision to leapfrog directly from BS-IV to BS-VI made the retention of diesel in their portfolio unviable.

Why do some users prefer diesel?

The higher fuel economy of diesel engines compared with petrol is a factor. Diesel has greater energy content per litre, and diesel engines are inherently efficient. Diesel engines do not use high-voltage spark ignition (spark plugs), and use less fuel per kilometre as they have higher compression ratios. This makes diesel the fuel

of choice for heavy vehicles.

Also, diesel engines offer more torque (rotational or turning force), and are less likely to stall as they are controlled by a mechanical or electronic governor, thereby proving to be better for haulage.

For individual car owners too, there is the issue of the cost of running the vehicle. Indian carbuyers' romance with diesel powertrains lasted nearly a decade — and in 2013, diesel cars accounted for 48% of passenger vehicle sales in the country. The main reason for this was the significantly lower price of diesel compared to petrol — at its peak, the difference was a yawning Rs 25 per litre.

But this changed when the decontrol of fuel prices started in late 2014. The price difference is now around Rs 7 per litre — the closest the two fuels have been in price since 1991. Diesel cars accounted for less than 20% of overall passenger vehicle sales in 2021-22.

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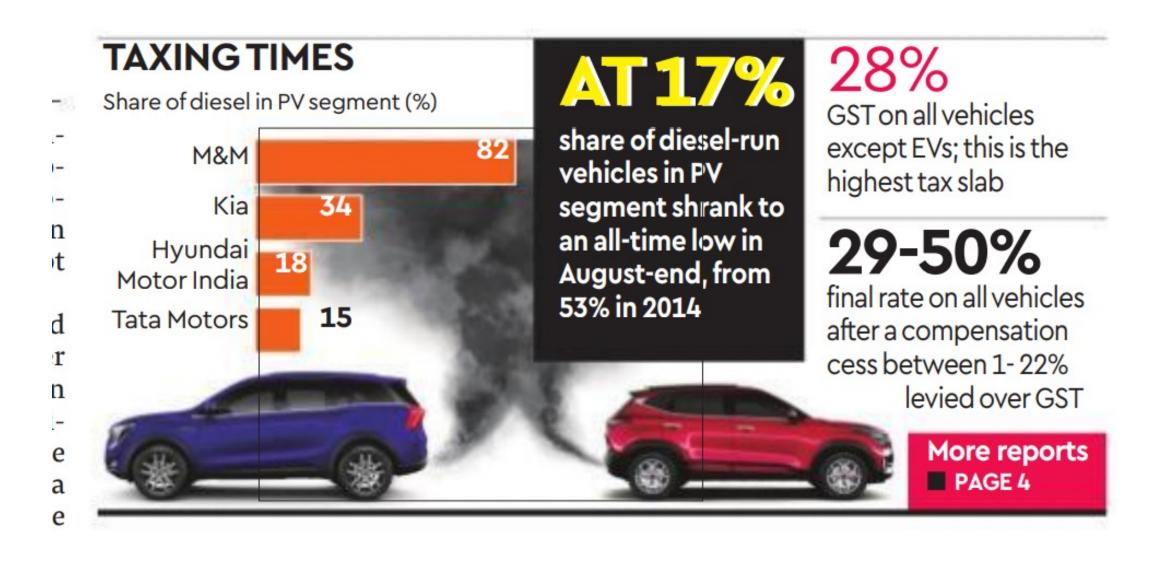
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For individual car owners too, there is the issue of the cost of running the vehicle. Indian carbuyers' romance with diesel powertrains lasted nearly a decade — and in 2013, diesel cars accounted for 48% of passenger vehicle sales in the country. The main reason for this was the significantly lower price of diesel compared to petrol — at its peak, the difference was a yawning Rs 25 per litre.

But this changed when the decontrol of fuel prices started in late 2014. The price difference is now around Rs 7 per litre — the closest the two fuels have been in price since 1991. Diesel cars accounted for less than 20% of overall passenger vehicle sales in 2021-22.



OUTWARD DIRECT INVESTMENT BY INDIAN FIRMS

Singapore, US, UK top the outbound investment list, includes 3 tax havens

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SINGAPORE WAS the largest beneficiary of outward direct investment (ODI) by Indian firms with the country getting Rs 2.03 lakh crore (\$ 24.48 billion) or 22.3 per cent of the total ODI during the financial year 2023. Total outward direct investment by Indian firms rose by 19.46 per cent to Rs 9.11 lakh crore (\$ 109 billion) in FY2023 as against Rs 7.62 lakh crore last year, data from a Reserve Bank of India study shows.

The US received Rs 1.24 lakh crore (13.6 per cent share) and the UK got Rs 1.16 lakh crore (12.8 per cent) as ODI from India in FY2023. The top ten countries accounted for as much as 85 per cent of the ODI. Switzerland received Rs 28,228 crore (\$ 3.40 billion).

Significantly, three jurisdictions known for tax benefits are in the top ten countries that received Indian ODI. Bermuda received Rs 12,582 crore (\$ 1.51 billion), Jersey Rs 11,661 crore (\$1.40 billion) and Cyprus Rs 9,985 crore

OUTWARD DIRECT INVESTMENT FROM INDIA

COUNTRY	2022	2023	SHARE
Singapore	₹182,200 cr	₹203,233 cr	22.3%
USA	₹102,078 cr	₹124,123 cr	13.6%
UK	₹84,075 cr	₹116,398 cr	12.8%
Netherlands	₹97,723 cr	₹106,395 cr	11.7%
UAE	₹55,608 cr	₹87,459 cr	9.6%
Mauritius	₹70,392 cr	₹76,881 cr	8.4%
Switzerland	₹26,130 cr	₹28,228 cr	3.1%
Bermuda	₹11,515 cr	₹12,582 cr	1.4%
Jersey	₹13,198 cr	₹11,661 cr	1.3%
Cyprus	₹10,142 cr	₹9,985 cr	1.1%
Other Countries	₹1,09,591 cr	₹1,34,124 cr	14.7%
All Countries	₹7,62,652 cr	₹9,11,069 cr	100.0%

(\$1.20 billion), RBI data shows. Bermuda, for example, imposes no taxes on profits, income, dividends, or capital gains. It has no limit on the accumulation of profit, and has no requirement to distribute dividends, according to a PWC report.

Meanwhile, the US was the largest source of inward foreign direct investment (FDI) in India in fiscal year 2023, followed by

Mauritius, the UK and Singapore with the top ten countries accounting for over 90 per cent of the flows.

According to RBI data, the US brought in Rs 8.58 lakh crore (\$103 billion) FDI in FY23 as against Rs 8.05 lakh crore in the previous, accounting for 17.2 per cent of the share. FDI from Mauritius was Rs 7.43 lakh crore (Rs 7.79 lakh crore) accounting for

Tax havens for Indian investors

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a share of 14.9 per cent and the UKRs 7.08 lakh crore (Rs 5.83 lakh crore).

While the total FDI flow in FY2023 was Rs 49.93 lakh crore (\$601 billion) as against Rs 46.72 lakh crore a year ago, other major FDI contributors included Singapore (Rs 6.59 lakh crore, Netherlands (Rs 5 lakh crore) and Japan (Rs 3.98 lakh crore). Of this, Rs 47.75 lakh crore was by way of

equity and the balance was debt.

The data is from the RBI's annual census on foreign liabilities and assets (FLA) covering crossborder liabilities and assets of the entities (companies, limited liability partnerships, alternative investment funds and partnership firms) with inward/outward direct investment (DI). Out of the 38,689 entities, which responded in the latest census round, 33,850 reported FDI and ODI in their balance sheet as at end-March 2023.

The manufacturing sector continued to attract the largest share of FDI equity, both at market value as well as at face value. Among services, information & communication and financial & insurance activities were the major FDI recipient sectors.

"Over 97 per cent of the responding DI entities were unlisted in March 2023 and they accounted for a bulk of the FDI equity capital in India," according to the RBI report. Non-financial companies retained the lion's share of the FDI equity at face value. The market value of FDI in unlisted firms surpassed that in listed companies.

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1	British Virgin Islands	13	Bahamas
2	Luxembourg	14	Western Samoa
3	Hong Kong	15	Gibraltar
4	Jersey	16	Monaco
5	Bermuda	17	Seychelles
6	Cyprus	18	Belize
7	Taiwan	19	Guyana
8	Malta	20	Liberia
9	Mauritius	21	Marshall Islands
10	Cayman Islands	22	St Vincent and the Gren.
11	Lichtenstein	23	Nauru
12	Curaçao	24	Anguilla













The Tax Havens Attracting the Most Foreign Profits

Countries with the most artificially shifted profits from high-tax countries in 2017



In current USD

Some notable tax havens such as British Virgin Islands are not included due to insufficient data.

Source: missingprofits.world









Environmental sustainability takes spotlight as Apple reveals new iPhones, Watch series

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APPLE INC on Tuesday announced its new iPhone 15 series as well as the new Apple Watch Series 9 and Ultra 2 at its special "Wonderlust" event where the company's environmental sustainability efforts took the centre-stage.

For the first time in a smartphone, the iPhone 15 Pro series will stand out for its Grade 5 titanium chassis, and the new 3nanometer A17Pro silicon which the company claims can take on even desktop computers. This makes the phone lighter and more durable. The new iPhone 15 will come in 6.1 and 6.7 Inch sizes, and also come with thinner edges on the display. According to Apple, these models are also more repairable than its predecessors and has recycled aluminium structure inside. The iPhones will also feature a new cus-



iPhone 15 gets Dynamic Island and a 48MP main camera.

tomisable Action Button to access a favourite feature with one tap. The new iPhone 15 will have the dynamic island feature that debuted last year in the Pro models, a 48MP camera and will now be charged with USB-C. Apple claimed the new sensor with advanced computa-

tional photography powered by the A16 Bionic will bring in new camera capabilities to the iPhone 15. The phone will also usher in new voice calling features, while its emergency SOS features via satellite are coming to more countries. The iPhone 15 will come with recycled cobalt in the battery and other carbon natural material too.

In the Apple Watch segment, Series 9 comes with the latest Apple Silicon S9 with 18hour battery life. Now, Siri requests can be processed on device and thus are unaffected by network connection. This also brings in ability to access to health data with just voice. Apple has also introduced double-tap, a new gesture to do things on the Watch without touching the device itself. Apple Watch Ultra 2 will also be powered by the new S9 chip and will come with the same features like gestures and ondevice Siri. The device will come with 95 per cent recycled titanium and will also be carbon neutral. During the event, the company underlined its Apple 2030 efforts to become carbon neutral across all its business.

(The author is in Apple Park on the invite of Apple Inc)

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LOCALLY MADE MOTHERBOARDS TO COST LESS

Sahasra set to launch first indigenous motherboard

Firm to also bring made-in-India LED driver chips

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NOIDA-BASED SAHASRA Electronic Solutions, a part of Sahasra Group, plans to bring its first made-in-India computer motherboard to the market in November.

The motherboard, which will be designed around the latest Intel 13th generation chipset, is currently undergoing trials, said Amrit Manwani, chairman and managing director of the group. "We are the first company who has designed the motherboard in India. Up until now, they were either being designed in China or Taiwan," Manwani told *FE*.

The group's semiconductor business has also started production of the first made-in-India memory chips from this

DOMESTIC BOOST ■ At present, India is almost entirely dependent on imports for motherboards, designed mostly in China and Taiwan ■Sahasra's made-in-India motherboards will be 10-15% ■ Sahasra cheaper than comparable will also begin Chinese brands production of made-in-India ■This is in line with the govt's **LED driver** push to manufacture electronic chips hardware domestically

month. Sahasra Semiconductor, its chip-making business, is a part of the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS), under which it is eligible for 25% financial incentive on capital expenditure. Sahasra's made-in-India motherboards

will be priced 10-15% lower than comparable Chinese brands that are currently imported by Indian companies.

"Typically, a motherboard is available for ₹6,000-7,000, it depends on the features, so it can vary from ₹5,500-8,000. We would be at the lower end of the price point," Manwani said.

As a contract electronics manufacturer, Sahasra is already in talks with original equipment manufacturers in India, mostly small and medium-sized enterprises, to sell its Made-In-India desktop motherboards.

At present, India is almost entirely dependent on imports for motherboards. "So far, we have been doing screwdriver assembly in the PC industry, so designing motherboards in India would definitely be a big step in local value addition," said Prachir Singh, senior research analyst at Counterpoint Research.

This is in line with the government's push to manufacture electronic hardware domestically and increase local value addition in the electronics supply chain. Sahasra will also begin production of madein-India LED driver chips, which has been designed by a Bengaluru-based startup. These chips are largely used in lights and display backlighting.



Recently, in Maharashtra, the demand for reservations in educational institutions and government jobs by the Maratha community has once again taken center stage.

हाल ही में महाराष्ट्र में मराठा समुदाय द्वारा शैक्षणिक संस्थानों और सरकारी नौकरियों में आरक्षण की मांग ने एक बार फिर जोर पकड़ लिया है. History: The Marathas are a group of castes comprising peasants and landowners among others constituting nearly 33% of the state's population.

 While most Marathas are Marathi-speaking, not all Marathi-speaking people belong to the Maratha community.

Historically, they have been identified as a 'warrior' caste with large land holdings.

- इतिहास: मराठा जातियों का एक समूह है जिसमें किसान और ज़मींदार समेत अन्य लोग शामिल हैं जो राज्य की आबादी का लगभग 33% हैं।
- जबिक अधिकांश मराठा मराठी भाषी हैं, सभी मराठी भाषी लोग मराठा समुदाय से नहीं हैं।
- ऐतिहासिक रूप से, उनकी पहचान बड़ी भूमि जोत वाली 'योद्धा' जाति के रूप में की गई है।

- Therefore, they have been demanding reservation in government jobs and educational institutions under the category of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC).
- इसलिए, वे सामाजिक और शैक्षणिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्ग (एसईबीसी) की श्रेणी के तहत सरकारी नौकरियों और शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में आरक्षण की मांग कर रहे हैं।

- Status of the Maratha Reservation Demand:
- 2017:
- A 11-member commission headed by Retired Justice N G Gaikwad recommended Marathas should be given reservation under Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC).
- 2018:
- Maharashtra Assembly passed a Bill proposing 16% reservation for Maratha community.

- मराठा आरक्षण मांग की स्थिति:
- 2017:
- सेवानिवृत्त न्यायाधीश एन जी गायकवाड़ की अध्यक्षता वाले 11 सदस्यीय आयोग ने सिफारिश की कि मराठों को सामाजिक और शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े वर्ग (एसईबीसी) के तहत आरक्षण दिया जाना चाहिए।
- 2018:
- महाराष्ट्र विधानसभा ने मराठा समुदाय के लिए 16% आरक्षण का प्रस्ताव वाला विधेयक पारित किया।

• 2018:

- The Bombay High Court while upholding the reservation pointed out that instead of 16% it should be reduced to 12% in education and 13% in jobs.
- 2020:
- The Supreme Court of India stayed its implementation and referred the case to the Chief Justice of India for a larger bench.

- 2018:
- बॉम्बे हाई कोर्ट ने आरक्षण को बरकरार रखते हुए कहा कि इसे 16% के बजाय शिक्षा में 12% और नौकरियों में 13% किया जाना चाहिए।
- 2020:
- भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने इसके कार्यान्वयन पर रोक लगा दी और मामले को एक बड़ी पीठ के लिए भारत के मुख्य न्यायाधीश के पास भेज दिया।

2021:

- Supreme Court struck down the Maratha reservation in 2021 citing the 50% cap on total reservations it had set in 1992.
 - The Maratha reservation of 12% and 13% (in education and jobs) had increased the overall reservation ceiling to 64% and 65%, respectively.

• 2021:

- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने 1992 में निर्धारित कुल आरक्षण पर 50% की सीमा का हवाला देते हुए 2021 में मराठा आरक्षण को रद्द कर दिया।
- 12% और 13% (शिक्षा और नौकरियों में) के मराठा आरक्षण ने कुल आरक्षण सीमा को क्रमशः 64% और 65% तक बढ़ा दिया था।

- The Supreme Court said that there were no "exceptional circumstances" or an "extraordinary situation" in Maharashtra for the state government to breach the limit.
 - In addition, the court ruled that the state had no authority to accord socially and economically backward status to a community: only the president can tweak the central list of socially and backward classes, said the court.
 States can only make "suggestions".

- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कहा कि महाराष्ट्र में राज्य सरकार द्वारा सीमा का उल्लंघन करने की कोई "असाधारण परिस्थिति" या "असाधारण स्थिति" नहीं थी।
- इसके अलावा, अदालत ने फैसला सुनाया कि राज्य के पास किसी समुदाय को सामाजिक और आर्थिक रूप से पिछड़े का दर्जा देने का कोई अधिकार नहीं है: अदालत ने कहा, केवल राष्ट्रपति ही सामाजिक और पिछड़े वर्गों की केंद्रीय सूची में बदलाव कर सकते हैं। राज्य केवल "सुझाव" दे सकते हैं।

- The Bench unanimously upheld the constitutional validity of the 102nd Constitution
 Amendment but differed on the question of whether it affected the power of states to identify SEBCs.
- The Supreme Court highlighted that a separate reservation for the Maratha community violates Articles 14 (right to equality) and 21 (due process of law).
- बेंच ने सर्वसम्मित से 102वें संविधान संशोधन की संवैधानिक वैधता को बरकरार रखा, लेकिन इस सवाल पर मतभेद था कि क्या इससे एसईबीसी की पहचान करने की राज्यों की शक्ति प्रभावित होगी।
- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला कि मराठा समुदाय के लिए अलग आरक्षण अनुच्छेद 14 (समानता का अधिकार) और 21 (कानून की उचित प्रक्रिया) का उल्लंघन करता है।

• 2022:

 In November 2022, after the SC upheld the 10% quota for the Economically Weaker Sections, the state government said that until the issue of Maratha reservation is resolved, economically weaker members of the community can benefit from the EWS quota.

• 2022:

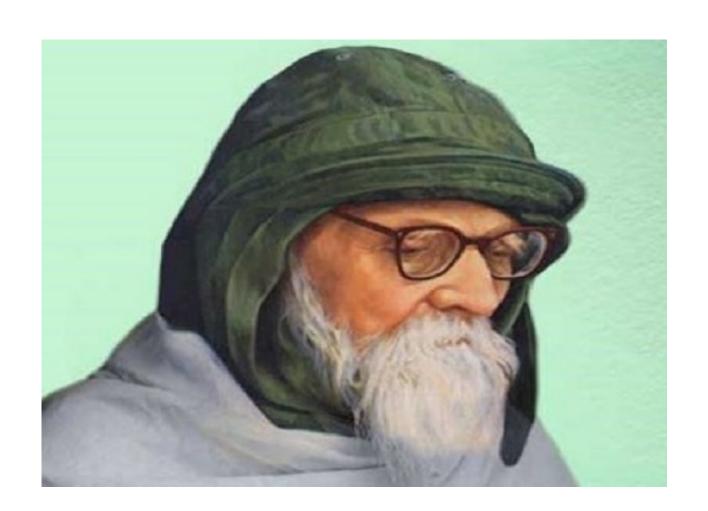
• नवंबर 2022 में, SC द्वारा आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों के लिए 10% कोटा बरकरार रखने के बाद, राज्य सरकार ने कहा कि जब तक मराठा आरक्षण का मृद्दा हल नहीं हो जाता, तब तक समुदाय के आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर सदस्य EWS कोटा से लाभ उठा सकते हैं।

- 102nd Amendment Act of 2018
- It introduced Articles 338B and 342A in the Constitution.
- Article 338B deals with the newly established National Commission for Backward Classes.
- Article 342A empowers the President to specify the socially and educationally backward communities in a State.
- It says that it is for the Parliament to include a community in the Central List for socially and backward classes for grant of reservation benefits.

- 2018 का 102वां संशोधन अधिनियम
- इसने संविधान में अन्च्छेद 338बी और 342ए पेश किया।
- अनुच्छेद 338बी नव स्थापित राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग से संबंधित है।
- अनुच्छेद 342ए राष्ट्रपति को किसी राज्य में सामाजिक और शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े समुदायों को निर्दिष्ट करने का अधिकार देता है।
- इसमें कहा गया है कि आरक्षण लाभ देने के लिए सामाजिक और पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए किसी समुदाय को केंद्रीय सूची में शामिल करना संसद का काम है।

Acharya Vinoba Bhave

- Recently, the Prime Minister of India paid homage to Acharya Vinoba Bhave on his birth anniversary.
- Vinayak Narahari Bhave was born on September 11, 1895, in Gagode, Bombay Presidency (Maharashtra).



- Vinoba Bhave was a prominent nonviolence activist, freedom fighter, social reformer, and spiritual teacher who followed Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence and equality.
- He was the inaugural recipient of the international Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1958 and posthumously received the Bharat Ratna in 1983.
- विनोबा भावे एक प्रमुख अहिंसा कार्यकर्ता, स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, समाज सुधारक और आध्यात्मिक शिक्षक थे, जो महात्मा गांधी के अहिंसा और समानता के सिद्धांतों का पालन करते थे।
- वह 1958 में सामुदायिक नेतृत्व के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय रेमन मैग्सेसे पुरस्कार के उद्घाटन प्राप्तकर्ता थे और 1983 में उन्हें मरणोपरांत भारत रत्न प्राप्त हुआ।

- He actively participated in the non-cooperation movement and encouraged the use of Khadi.
- Vinoba worked to eradicate social inequalities and championed the cause of Harijans (Dalits).
 He initiated the Sarvodaya movement, which included the Bhoodan (Gift of the Land)
 Movement.
- उन्होंने असहयोग आंदोलन में सक्रिय रूप से भाग लिया और खादी के उपयोग को प्रोत्साहित किया।
- विनोबा ने सामाजिक असमानताओं को मिटाने के लिए काम किया और हरिजनों (दलितों) के हितों की वकालत की। उन्होंने सर्वोदय आंदोलन की शुरुआत की, जिसमें भूदान (भूमि का उपहार) आंदोलन भी शामिल था।



- India's Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is extending its reach to the UK after successful operations in Middle Eastern countries like Oman, Kuwait, UAE, and Bahrain.
 - Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the UK will benefit from this system, enabling them to pay bills conveniently through multiple payment methods.
- भारत की भारत बिल भुगतान प्रणाली (बीबीपीएस) ओमान, कुवैत, यूएई और बहरीन जैसे मध्य पूर्वी देशों में सफल संचालन के बाद यूके तक अपनी पहुंच बढ़ा रही है।
- यूके में अनिवासी भारतीयों (एनआरआई) को इस प्रणाली से लाभ होगा, जिससे वे कई भुगतान विधियों के माध्यम से बिलों का भुगतान आसानी से कर सकेंगे।

- BBPS serves as an interoperable and accessible one-stop ecosystem for various bill payments, including electricity, water, gas, telephone, DTH, and insurance.
- The BBPS is a Reserve Bank of India conceptualised system driven by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- India is showcasing its digital payment infrastructure(DPI) to attract international delegates' attention.
- बीबीपीएस बिजली, पानी, गैस, टेलीफोन, डीटीएच और बीमा सहित विभिन्न बिल भुगतानों के लिए एक इंटरऑपरेबल और सुलभ वन-स्टॉप इकोसिस्टम के रूप में कार्य करता है।
- बीबीपीएस भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की अवधारणा प्रणाली है जो नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एनपीसीआई) द्वारा संचालित है।
- भारत अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतिनिधियों का ध्यान आकर्षित करने के लिए अपने डिजिटल भुगतान बुनियादी ढांचे (DPI) का प्रदर्शन कर रहा है।



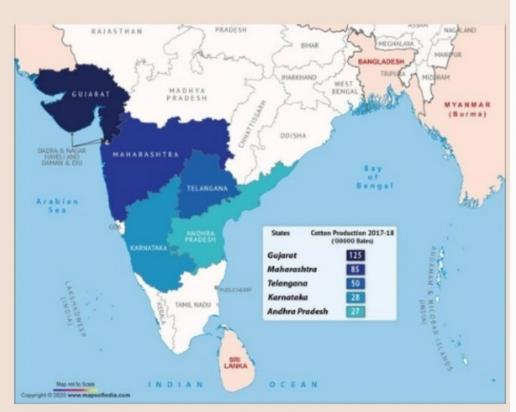
India's falling cotton production

 Cotton is a versatile crop known for its white fluffy fibre, oil-rich seeds, and protein-rich seed cake.
 It has various uses, including textiles, cooking oil, and livestock feed.



Cotton

- Type: Kharif Crop
- Climate: 21-30 degree C and minimum of 180 frost-free days
- Rainfall: 50-100 cm (nearly 65% of cotton cropped area is rain-fed)
- States: Guj> MH> Telangana> Andhra> RJ
- India's position: 2nd (China is largest cotton producer)
- Soil: Black cotton soil (high water retention)
- Species of Cotton (all four are grown in India): Asian Cotton (Gossypium arboream and G. herbaceum); Egyptian Cotton (G. barbadense); American Upland Cotton (G. hirsutum)



*Maps - For representation purpose only.



- Significance of Cotton in India:
- **Triple Role:** Cotton in India provides food, feed, and fibre, making it a crucial crop for agriculture and the textile sector.
- Cotton Components: After harvesting cotton (Kapas), the breakdown is approximately 36% fibre, 62% seeds, and 2% waste.
 - Cottonseed is essential for vegetable oil and feed cake production.
 - भारत में कपास का महत्व:
 - ट्रिपल भूमिका: भारत में कपास भोजन, चारा और फाइबर प्रदान करता है, जिससे यह कृषि और कपड़ा क्षेत्र के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण फसल बन जाती है।
 - कपास के घटॅक: कपास (कपास) की कटाई के बाद, टूटेने में लगभग 36% फाइबर, 62% बीज और 2% अपशिष्ट होता है।
 - बिनौला वनस्पति तेल और चारा केक उत्पादन के लिए आवश्यक है।

- Market Contribution: Cottonseed oil is the third-largest domestically produced vegetable oil in India, following mustard and soyabean. It also ranks second in feed cake production, with soybeans leading.
- **Textile Dominance:** Cotton is the dominant fibre in **India's textile industry**, accounting for about two-thirds of the total consumption.

- बाज़ार योगदान: सरसों और सोयाबीन के बाद कपास का तेल भारत में तीसरा सबसे बड़ा घरेलू उत्पादित वनस्पति तेल है। यह फ़ीड केक उत्पादन में भी दूसरे स्थान पर है, जिसमें सोयाबीन अग्रणी है।
- कपड़ा प्रभुत्व: भारत के कपड़ा उद्योग में कपास प्रमुख फाइबर है, जो कुल खपत का लगभग दो-तिहाई है।

- Significant Boost in Production and Yield: Between 2000-01 and 2013-14, Bt cotton led to a remarkable increase in cotton production, from 140 lakh to 398 lakh bales, and a doubling of lint yields per hectare from 278 kg to 566 kg.
 - **Lint** is the fluffy, white fibre of cotton that is used for textiles and fabric production.
- Subsequent Yield Decline: However, post-2013-14, cotton production and yields started declining, reaching about 343 lakh bales and 447 kg/hectare by 2022-23.

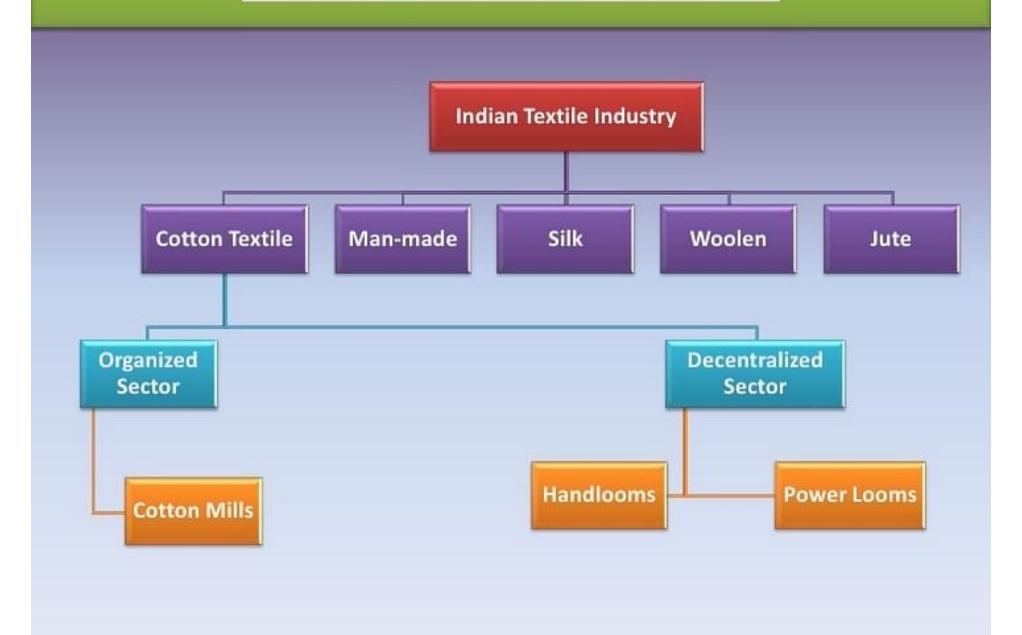
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- लिंट कपास का फूला हुआ, सफेंद रेशा है जिसका उपयोग कपड़ा और कपड़ा उत्पादन के लिए किया जाता है।
- बाद में उपज में गिरावट: हालांकि, 2013-14 के बाद, कपास के उत्पादन और पैदावार में गिरावट ९ शुरू हो गई, जो 2022-23 तक लगभग 343 लाख गांठ और 447 किलोग्राम/हेक्टेयर तक पहुंच गई।

Reasons for the decline of cotton Production in India:

Reason	Impact on Cotton Production in India
Development of Pink Bollworm (PBW) Resistance to Bt Cotton	Initially, Bt cotton protected against pests like the American bollworm and pink bollworm. But by 2014, pink bollworms developed resistance to Bt proteins, causing widespread infestations and yield reductions.
Shift from Non-Bt Cotton Cultivation	Decreased diversity in cotton varieties increased the scale of infestation.
Pest Infestation Discouraging Farmers	Farmers in some states, like Punjab, avoid cotton cultivation.
Ineffectiveness of Traditional Insecticides	Conventional insecticides had limited efficacy against PBW larvae, affecting lint quality and yields.

- The textile sector in India:
- India is one of the largest consumers and producers of cotton and jute in the world. 95% of the world's hand-woven fabric comes from India. It is the 2nd largest employment provider after agriculture.
- India is 2nd largest manufacturer of PPE and producer of polyester, silk and fibre in the world.
- भारत में कपड़ा क्षेत्र:
- भारत दुनिया में कपास और जूट के सबसे बड़े उपभोक्ताओं और उत्पादकों में से एक है। दुनिया का 95% हाथ से बुना हुआ कपड़ा भारत से आता है। यह कृषि के बाद दूसरा सबसे बड़ा रोजगार प्रदाता है।
- भारत दुनिया में पीपीई का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा निर्माता और पॉलिएस्टर, रेशम और फाइबर का उत्पादक है।

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Padmaja Reddy, who was conferred the Padma Shri in 2022, id renowned for which of the following dance forms?

Kuchipudi Odissi bharatnatyam Kathak

Kuchipudi

The biennial tri-services amphibious exercise, AMPEX 2023 was conducted in ------from 17 to 22 January 2023.

Bihar Telengana Odisha Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh

"we have wings" associated with which of the following sports events?

Paralympic 2020 Olympic 2016 Olympic 2020 Winter olympic 2020

Paralympic 2020

On 29 july 2021, the Government of India launched Vidhya pravesh, a preschool preparation programme for ----- student preparing children for school.

Nursery

Pre nursery

First class

kindergaten

First class

Under which policy has the Union Ministry of power launched a scheme for procurement of aggregate power of 4500 MW for five years?

Urja sanchaya policy Shakti policy Nai Urja Policy Gatishakti Policy

Shakti policy

The MITRA Scheme wasfirst announced in the union budget for 2021-22 to set up world class infrastructure in which sector?

Automobiles

Textile Industry

Defense Manufacturing Textile Industry

Pharmaciuticals

As per national family health survey (NFHS 5) 2019-21, what percentage of women have a bank or saving account that they thenselves use?

68.3%

78.6%

87.7%

58.5%

78.6%



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