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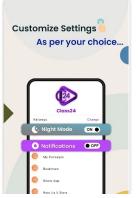


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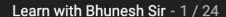






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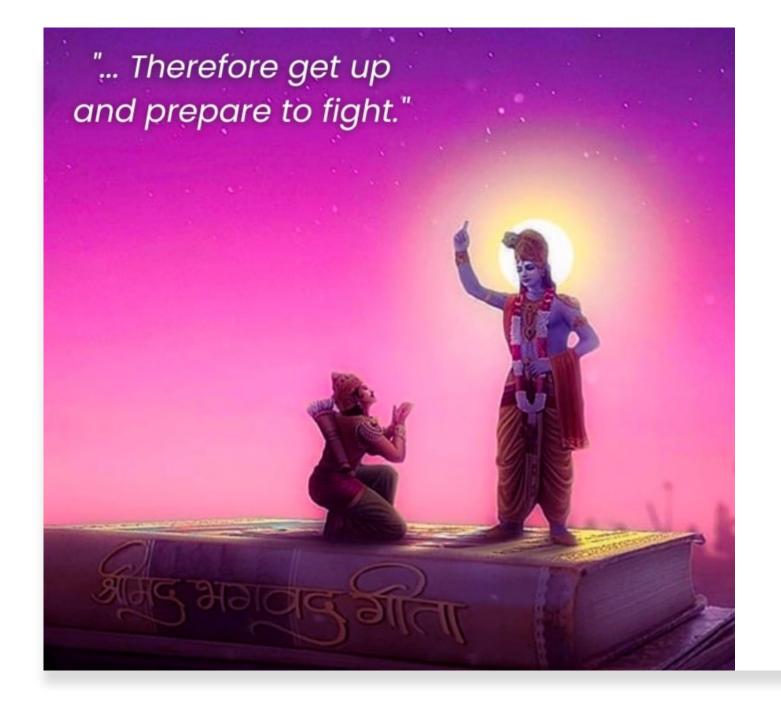
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Minister Li Shangfu

#### **Bhutan and China make** progress in border talks

They hold the 25th round of discussions which has been held up since the previous round in 2016, showing signs of progress in relations; Beijing pushes for diplomatic ties with Thimphu

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and Demarcation of the Bhutan-China Boundary", which had been agreed to

mething Bhutan has held out on thus far, as it does not have ties with any UN Security Council Perma-nent Member (P-5)

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A statement by the Chi-nese Foreign Ministry said Mr. Wang also expressed the hope that the two

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## Day after quitting IAS, Odisha CM's aide takes up key roles

#### Satyasundar Barik

**BHUBANESWAR** 

The Odisha government on Tuesday appointed V.K. Pandian, long-time private secretary of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Chairman of the 5T (Transparency, Technology, Teamwork, Time, and Transformation) Initiative and Nabin Odisha.

The appointment comes a day after his voluntary retirement as an IAS officer. Mr. Pandian, who has been given the rank of Cabinet Minister, will directly work under Mr. Patnaik.

The Department of Personnel and Training approved Mr. Pandian's voluntary retirement with waiver of the notice period as recommended by the State government. With a few months left for the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, his formal entry into the Biju Janata Dal



V.K. Pandian

(BJD) may be fast-forwarded, political observers say.

Mr. Pandian has served as the private secretary to Mr. Patnaik for 12 years, which is more than half his service period as an IAS officer.

The Tamil Nadu-born former Odisha-cadre IAS officer is widely believed to be the one-stop contact for politicians, officers, industrialists, and visitors seeking appointments with Mr. Patnaik. He has also served as 5T Secretary.

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## Text Context

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#### **NEWS IN NUMBERS**

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Gaza death toll climbs, Internal displacement as Israel launches 400 air strikes in a day

people were killed in attacks by Israeli strikes over the past day, as per Gaza's Health Ministry. This has forced medical facilities to close due to bombing damage. More than 5,700 Palestinians have been killed in the war so faz. "a

in Lebanon amid the war in Gaza

19,646 people. They have been internally displaced in south Lebanon and other regions, as fighting along the Israel-Lebanon border intensifies, as a result of the Gaza war. The fiscal deficit that India is aiming for this financial vear

in percentage. According to India's Finance Ministry in its monthly economic review for September, headline inflation

The United Kingdom sends extra aid to Gaza's civilians

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### How Olympic cities are selected

How were Olympic host cities initially selected? What are continuous and targeted dialogues and do they have a time limit? Which are the other countries apart from India interested in hosting the Games in 2036? What have been some of the large-scale sporting events that India has organised?

#### EXPLAINER

#### Uthra Ganesan

The story se fart into Minister Narendra Modi publicly declared India's intention to host the Olympic Games, preferably in 2036, during the Cames, preferably in 2036, the international Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Mumbal on October 14. He also mentioned India's ambient to host the Youth Olympics in 2029 although the quadrennial event is currently scheduled for 2030. Only three Asian countries have ever hosted the Olympics - China, South Korea and Japan, with Japan hosting the games twice in 1964 and 2020. With India throwing its hat into the ring, there are at least five confirmed countries interested in hosting the 2036 Games and nine others reportedly in various stages of preparations and discussions internally and with the IOC. If India does manage to outbid the competition, it will be the first big-ticket multi-discipline sporting event in the country since the rred Commonwealth

How was a host country initially selected?
In the older system of electing an Olympic in the older system of electing an Olympic on the older of the older of the older of the older of the older olde evaluated by the IOC. The second step of the process involved scrutiny from the IOC Evaluation Commission and a series of inspections of all venues before the final bids are put to vote at an IOC session, ending in a host being decided seven years in advance as per the Olympic Charter. It often led to excessive spending among the bidders, to secure rights, often ending in huge debts, corruptions and

However, after Thomas Bach took over However, after Thomas Bach tool over as the IOC president in 2013, he put in place the Olympic Agenda 2020, as a place to the Olympic Agenda 2020, as a Movement, approved by the 2014 IOC session. One part of the agenda dealt with a new process for host city selection, called the 'new norn', that was officially adopted during the 2019 IOC session in

What was the new approach? The new process placed emphasis on three main aspects – flexibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness – with the motto being 'The Games adapt to the region, the region does not adapt to

#### How has the process become more

With respect to flexibility, the seven-year rule was done away with and there has been greater flexibility in deciding the hosts – the IOC has said that the 2036 edition could be decided even as late as edition could be decided even as late as after 2030. In contrast, Paris and Los Angeles were selected through a tripartite agreement in 2017 that assured both countries hosting rights in 2024 and 2028 respectively, giving Los Angeles II years to prepare. Brisbane too was named host for the 2032 edition in 2021, II years ahead. the 2032 edition in 2021, II years ahead. There is now a two-stage process — a continuous dialogue and a targeted dialogue — without any fixed deadlines, to assess, discuss and guide potential hosts. The continuous dialogue is a non-committal stage not specific to any particular edition. It is basically a

The price of the Olympics

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or the torch: Illuminated Olympic rings in front of the Rainbow Bridge and the Tokyo Tower at night subjects 23, 2020 in Tokyo, Japan. GETTY INAGES

discussion between the IOC's Future discussion between the IOC's Future Hosts Commission (FHC) and interested parties about the hosts' vision for the Games, its purpose and long-term legacy. This is followed by putting together a master plan and working out logistical details, with every potential host free to work out their own template. Also, unlike

the nast, the Games can be planned to be the past, the Games can be planned to be held across cities or even in conjunction with another country. The FHC includes athletes, international federations, national Olympic committees and the international paralympic committee. Once there is seriouness in a bid to progress to the next level, it will enter the

'targeted dialogue' phase with the interested parties termed 'preferred host'. once rejected, would be discouraged from bidding again, now the other interested parties can continue continuous dialogue in a targeted dialogue, the bids become more determined. While there is again no more determined while there is again no anticipated to not exceed 12 months. It explores the proposals to host a specific edition of the Olympic Games and brings for detailed discussions. This is where for detailed discussions. This is where for detailed discussions. This is where each of the 'preferred hosts' answer the FHC's questions and provides guarantees on infrastructure, accommodation, security and public services among others and makes the final submission. The FHC hen prepares an advisory report for the xecutive board which has the power to either recommend a single host or shortlist more than one for elections by the IOC members

#### What about sustainability and n order to ensure the long-term

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using existing and temporary venues has led to an 80% decrease in the bid budgets for the 2026 Winter Games compared to the 2018 and 2022 editions. Los Angeles has claimed to not build any new Infrastructure for the 2028 Games while Paris has declared using 95% existing or temporary venues for 2024. The IOC also provides technical support and expertise to 'preferred host(s)' on marketing, venue development and sustainability to reduce

### Who are the other potential bidders apart from India for the 2036 Games Besides India, the other confirmed nations interested are Mexico (spread

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have previously hosted the Garnes in 1968. Other potential bidders include Egypt, Seoul, China, Qatar, Hungary, Italy, Denmark, Canada and Germany. While Qatar has been on a hosting spree for arge-scale events in recent times, with he football World Cup in 2022, and is cheduled to host the 2030 Asian Games Egypt will become the first African nation to host if it wins, as will Indonesia in South-East Asia. Although India has hosted several single-sport competitions including World Cups and World Championships over the years, the religious South Actan Games, the Gwas the control of the Championships over the Part of the World Cames, the Asian Cames (1951 and 1982) and the 2007 World Milliary Games. The Championships of the Champi South-East Asia, Although India has

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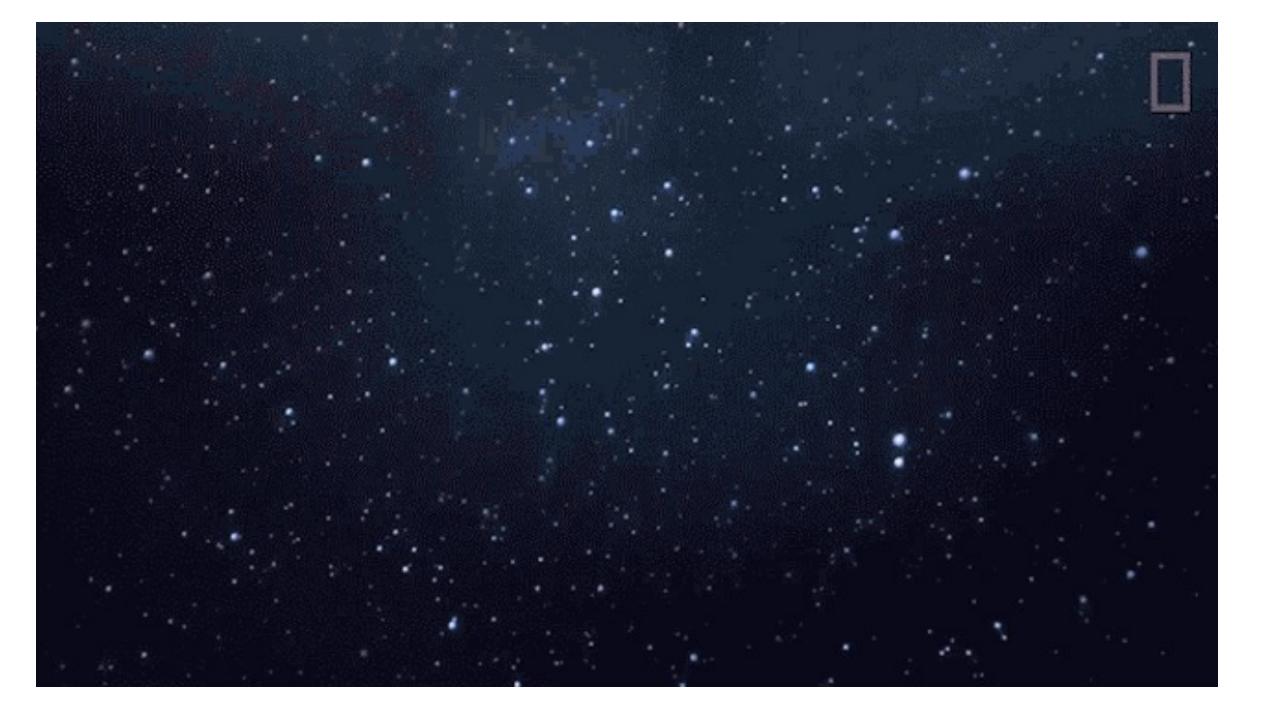
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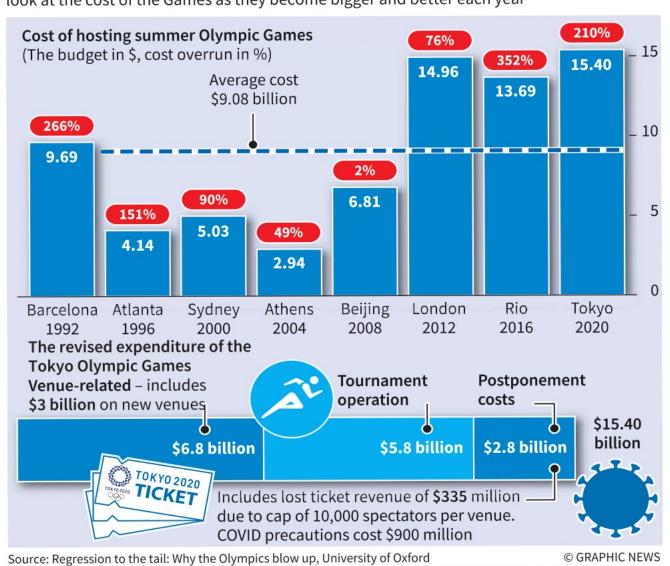
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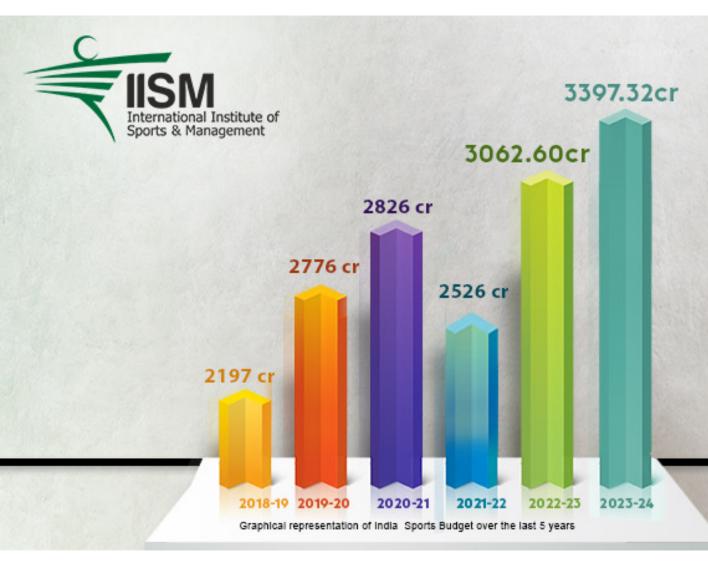
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# India's Highest ever Sports Budget in financial year 2023-2024

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#### **Bhutan and China make** progress in border talks

While India has said in the past it "very closely fol-lows" the talks as it pertains to its security, espe-cially near the trijunction point near Doklam, the ment on the Bhutan Foreign Minister's visit to Chi-ment on the Bhutane Foreign Minister's visit to Chi-ment on the Bhutanes MFA has not issued any sep-rent control of the ment of the particle of the particle of the ment of the particle of the with Mr. Wang on the boundary issue. Control with Mr. Wang on the boundary issue. The particle of the land in the particle of the particle of the particle of the Tahering had disclosed that the two countries were "inching towards the completion" of a three-step road map on boundary delineation, that in-tials on the table, visiting the sites along the de-marcated line on the ground, before finally and

marcated line on the ground, before finally and formally demarcating the boundary between them. "We hope to see a line being drawn – this side Bhutan and that side China. We don't have side Bhutan and that side China. We don't that right now," Dr. Tshering told *The Hindu* 

When asked about Bhutan's position on open-ing diplomatic ties with China, Dr. Tshering had been non-committal, saying, "Theoretically, how can Bhutan not have any bilateral relations with China? The question is when, and in what

'Firm determination' On Tuesday, Dr. Dorji met with Chinese Vice-Pre sident Han Zheng as well, and official media acssuent rian Zheng as well, and official media ac-counts quoted Mr. Han saying China was "willing the control of the country of the country of the fields viz. economy, trade, culture and tourism," adding that both sides share "firm determination and a sincere desire to demarcate their boundar-ion of the country of the country of the country of the date."

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Bhutan and China held 24 rounds of boundary talks between 1984 and 2016, a dozen rounds of expert group meetings that yielded the three-step road map, and earlier this year held their first team, indicating they are serious about an early conclusion of the process.

Experts in India have said any deal between Beijing and Thimphu that accedes to a "swap arrangement" between areas to the borth (jamparangement between the said of the process). The said of the said

imity to India's narrow "Siliguri corridor" that connects the northeastern States with the rest of

#### Odisha CM's aide quits IAS, takes up new roles

He started his career as the Deputy Collector of Dharmagarh in Kalahandi district and subse-Dharmagarh in Kalahandi district and subsequently assumed charge as District Magistrate of Mayurbhanj and Ganjam before his posting in the Chief Minister's Office in 2011. As Collector, his efforts to simplify processes in issuance of certificates for people with disabilities were widely 'ecognised.
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On May 29, 2012, Mr. Patnaik's adviser, Pyari Moham Mohapatra, a former bureaucrat, tried to dislodge him from the Chief Minister's post. With Mr. Mohapatra out, Mr. Patnaik needed someone Mr. Mohapatra out, Mr. Patnaik needed someone to count more on officials than his political col-leagues, and Mr. Pandian filled the vacuum and grew in confidence. Soon, the IAS officer had his imprint on all key

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for himself in achieving the BJD's promises through different government welfare pro-grammes. He was the key force behind conceptualising mega infrastructure projects such as con-verting SCB Medical College into an AIIMS-like tion, and fast-tracking long-pending irriga

#### District tours

His whirlwind tours of all districts since the se His whirfwind tours of all districts since the se-cond week of June had raised eyebrows with the Opposition accusing him of exceeding his limits as an official. Mr. Pandian had extensively used heli-copters, a rarity for a serving IAS officer, to con-duct grievance referess sessions in the State. He

duct grievance redress sessions in the State. He had elaborate meetings with BID MLAs and MPs. Mr. Pandian, who for the better part of his stim officer, indicated his arrival in public life, but the district tours were aimed at testing his acceptance level among the people. When the Opposition's at-level among the people. When the Opposition's at-clarifying that he was his representative. The Odisha Chief Minister, known as a man of few words, had to read out a four-page exhaustive clarification of the opposition of the oppositi

the people and party cadres could well be a challenge.

As an example, Aparajita Sarangi, a former Odisha-cadre IAS officer from Bihar, has successfully forayed into politics by becoming the Bhubanes-war MP on a BJP ticket. She is married to an Odia IAS officer, Santosh Sarangi.

#### Centre to introduce DNA, face matching systems at police stations across country

It will be implemented under the Criminal Procedure Identification Act which was passed last year; the law enables police and Central investigating agencies to collect, store, and analyse physical and biological samples, including retina and iris scan of arrested persons; NCRB to prepare the SOPs

ore than a year af-ter the Criminal Procedure Identi-fication Act was passed by Parliament, the Centre is all set to roll out "DNA and face-matching" systems at 1,300 police stations across the country.

The provisions of the Act are yet to be implemented entirely on the ground, There are logistic too, officials said.

The law enables the police and the Central investigating agencies to collect, store, and analyse physical and biological samples, in-cluding retina and iris scans of arrested persons.

The law was passed by
Parliament in April 2022

and the rules were notified in September last year. in September last year. The National Crime Re-cords Bureau (NCRB), a

Central organisation tasked with rolling out the Act, was assigned the task of finalising the standard operating procedures (SOP) to be followed by police officials. Though the Act and rules do not explicitly men-

tion the collection of DNA samples and face-matching procedure, the NCRB, in meetings with State police officials, informed them that the said measures would be rolled out in around 1,300 locations spread across police dis and special investigation headquarters. The Union Home Minis

try has constituted a Do-main Committee for the main Committee for the successful implementation of the Act with representa-tives from the State Police, Central law enforcement



Ministry will be the reposi-

ing the SOPs for capturing DNA as a measurement has also been constituted. asked to identify the loca

A Delhi Police official said they were recording measurements such as thumb and finger impres-sions and photographs of accused persons according to the old format and were where the measurement collection unit (MCU) may be established as suggest-ed by the NCRB. The Cen-tral body under the Home

stations and scanners have been put up at around 1,300 police stations. It has fingerprint details, a un-ique 10-digit number of more than one crore peo-ple, accused and convicts, across the country. This database is also being inte-grated with the Criminal Procedure Identification

Act. The Act replaced the 100-year-old Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 whose scope was limited to capturing finger impres-sions, footprints, and phosions, tootprints, and pho-tographs of conwicted pri-soners and a specific category of arrested and non-convicted persons un-der the orders of a

der the orders of a Magistrate. An official said the NCRB has cautioned against the misuse of data-

appropriate safeguards, adding that only designated officials must have ac

cess in real time.

A police official from northeastern State said training and resources were the teething pro blems. "The police are of ten short on funds, though the Home Ministry will bear the cost of hardware and others and the cost of a secure Internet line and other operating costs will

State," the official said. The NCRB has said the tools and systems used by the police should be techn ologically, legally, and fo

When the Act was intro-March 2022, the Opposition opposed the Bill, term ing it "unconstitutional"

#### By ignoring Manipur, PM cannot escape accountability

The Hindu Bureau

Questioning why Prime Mi-nister Narendra Modi had not visited Manipur, the Congress on Tuesday said Mr. Modi had "aban-doned" the State at a time when his intervention and outreach were needed the most.

most.
Congress general secre-tary Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, said it had been 175 days since violence broke out in Manipur. But five questions continue to be asked by the people of Manipur and by all those who want the process of reconciliation and trust-building to gather momen-

"The people of Manipur "The people of Manipur and the entire northeast are closely watching how the Prime Minister has abandoned the State of Manipur at a time when his in-tervention and outreach were needed the most. He cannot escape accounta-bility and responsibility by completely ignoring the crists," he said.

crisis," he said.

The Congress leader asked why the Prime Minister had not met the Chief Minister and MLAs of the State, most of whom

#### RSS chief cautions people against 'anti-India' feelings

The Hindu Bureau

Targeting anti-India forces for fuelling hatred in Mani-pur and attacking "cultural Marxists" and "woke ele-ments" for their "negative impact on India's educa-tion and culture", Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday cautioned people to remain alert to "anti-India" sentiments.

Speaking at the RSS headquarters in Nagpur on the occasion of Dasara. Mr.

the occasion of Dasara, Mr. Bhagwat asked the people of India to vote for the "best available option". He asked people to "control their tongue" as their words incited hatred within the country "For many years, Meitei and Kuki communities

"For many years, Metter The Thomas and the Metter have been living together in Manipur. How did the violence erupt all of a sud-of India. If conflict will crupt here, it will benefit external forces. Are exter-sible to the manipur of the stable, strong and proactive." Un-tracked the structure of the tracked the situation in Ma-nipur, he said: "Home Mi-nister Amit Shah went and stayed in Manipur for three



Mohan Bhagwat

days and many other Mi-nisters stayed 15 days to en-sure that tension is controlled."

Expressing concern ov-er the influence of "cultu-ral Marxists" and "woke elements" in "negatively impacting India's educa-tion and culture", he said the modus operandi of "destructive and divisive forces" involved "taking forces" involved "taking control of media and academia, and plunging education, culture, politics confusion, chaos, and corruption." Such an environment enables the confusion, confusion and hatred. A society that is divided and entangled in mutual conflicts and control enable confusion and hatred. A society that is divided and entangled in mutual conflicts and control enably and unknowingly falls prey to these destructive forces that are seeking the conflicts and conflicts and control enably and unknowingly falls prey to these destructive forces that are seeking the conflicts and con

#### Young World wins gold at WAN-IFRA media awards

The Hindu Bureau

The Hindu Young World won gold at the WAN-IFRA Asian Media Awards 2023 under the 'Best in New-spaper Marketing' catego-More than 10 campaigns

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delivering meaningful and high-quality content while making learning an engag-ing experience for our young audience. Receiving recognition for our efforts in engaging them is truly

rms of faith: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his visit to orward posts in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang on Tuesday. ANUPE

#### Rainath celebrates Dasara with troops along LAC in Tawang

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Marking Dasara, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday visited forward Tuesday visited forward desh where he interacted desh where he interacted with troops deployed in the frontline locations along the Line of Actual along the Line of Actual ed the festival with them. He also carried out onground assessment of the operational preparedness the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

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Mr. Singh performed

Shastra Puja with the
troops at Tawang where he
said that Dasara signifies the victory of good over evil and described the righteousness and dharma of the armed forces personnel as a living ment to the ethos of the festival of Vijayadashami, the statement said. "There is no option but to streng-then the country's security apparatus amid the cur-rent global scenario. The government is ensuring that all major weapons and platforms are made in India," he said addressing the

War memorial in Italy

in Perugia province which has been built to honour the contribution of Naik the contribution of Naik Yaswant Chadge and other Indian soldiers who fought in the Italian campaign to local World War. It can the World War. It can that not just Indians, but even Italian people pay their respects at the me-morial, which is proof that diers is recognised global-ly, according to the statement.

harta (self-reliance) in de-fence while noting that India used to rely on imports in the past to upgrade its

"But today, a number of major weapons and plat-forms are being manufac-Foreign companies are b ing encouraged to share their technology and produce the equipment in In-dia with domestic industry. Today, we are exporting defence equipment w thousands of crores," pointed out. The Minister also visited

the Tawang War Memorial where he laid a wreath and offered tributes to the peroffered tributes to the per-sonnel who laid down their lives during the 1962 India-China war. He also visited the 4 Corps headquarters

#### Though not elected, judges have vital role to play in evolution of societies: CJI

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## Centre to introduce DNA, face matching systems at police stations across country

It will be implemented under the Criminal Procedure Identification Act which was passed last year; the law enables police and Central investigating agencies to collect, store, and analyse physical and biological samples, including retina and iris scan of arrested persons; NCRB to prepare the SOPs

Vijaita Singh NEW DELHI

ore than a year after the Criminal Procedure Identification Act was passed by Parliament, the Centre is all set to roll out "DNA and face-matching" systems at 1,300 police stations across the country.

The provisions of the Act are yet to be implemented entirely on the ground. There are logistic and connectivity issues too, officials said.

The law enables the police and the Central investigating agencies to collect, store, and analyse physical and biological samples, including retina and iris scans of arrested persons.

The law was passed by Parliament in April 2022 and the rules were notified in September last year.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a

Central organisation tasked with rolling out the Act, was assigned the task of finalising the standard operating procedures (SOP) to be followed by police officials.

Though the Act and rules do not explicitly mention the collection of DNA samples and face-matching procedure, the NCRB, in meetings with State police officials, informed them that the said measures would be rolled out in around 1,300 locations spread across police districts, commissionerates, and special investigation State units at headquarters.

The Union Home Ministry has constituted a Domain Committee for the successful implementation of the Act with representatives from the State Police, Central law enforcement agencies, and other key stakeholders. A technical



**Keeping track:** The Act replaced the 100-year-old Identification of Prisoners Act, whose scope was limited. ISTOCKPHOTO

sub-committee for preparing the SOPs for capturing DNA as a measurement has also been constituted.

The States have been asked to identify the locations and prepare the sites where the measurement collection unit (MCU) may be established as suggested by the NCRB. The Central body under the Home

Ministry will be the repository of the database at the national level.

A Delhi Police official said they were recording measurements such as thumb and finger impressions and photographs of accused persons according to the old format and were also using the National Automated Fingerprint Iden-

tification System (NAFIS).

Under the NAFIS, another project maintained and managed by NCRB, workstations and scanners have been put up at around 1,300 police stations. It has fingerprint details, a unique 10-digit number of more than one crore people, accused and convicts, across the country. This database is also being integrated with the Criminal Procedure Identification Act.

The Act replaced the 100-year-old Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 whose scope was limited to capturing finger impressions, footprints, and photographs of convicted prisoners and a specific category of arrested and non-convicted persons under the orders of a Magistrate.

An official said the NCRB has cautioned against the misuse of data-

bases by ensuring identification and deployment of appropriate safeguards, adding that only designated officials must have access in real time.

A police official from a northeastern State said training and resources were the teething problems. "The police are often short on funds, though the Home Ministry will bear the cost of hardware and others and the cost of a secure Internet line and other operating costs will have to be borne by the State," the official said.

The NCRB has said the tools and systems used by the police should be technologically, legally, and forensically sound and accredited.

When the Act was introduced in Parliament in March 2022, the Opposition opposed the Bill, terming it "unconstitutional" and an attack on privacy.

#### INBRIEF



#### 3 killed in stampede at puja pandal in Bihar's Gopalganj

A five-year-old boy and two women were killed, while several others received riguries in a work of the control A five-year-old boy and two women were killed.

#### Leaders detained, not allowed to protest for Palestine: PDP

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Tuesday accused the Lieutenant-Governor's (L-G) administration in Jammu & Kashmir of denying the party permission to hold peaceful protests over civilian deaths in Palestine, and detaining over civilian deaths in Palestine, and detaining party leaders. "Our party general secretaries, party leaders." Our party general secretaries, been placed under house arrest. Several leaders, including elected members, have been either detained and asked to report to police stations in oppression in Palestine. The administration is denying us the space to carry out peaceful protests." PDP leader lithin Mufti said.

#### Nilesh, son of BJP leader Narayan Rane, quits politics

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former MP Nilesh Rane, the elder con of the land Narayan Rane on Tuesday announced his withdrawal from active politics. In a dramatic post on X, Nilesh, the ex-MP for the Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg constituency, said he was Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg constituency, said he was stepping down from politics as his mind was no longer in it. Some analysts feel the reason for Mr. Nilesh Rane stepping down could be that the BJP, which fervently adheres to an anti-dynastic stance, is keen to dispel notions of promoting dynastic politics given that the Rane family already have two elected members - Mr. Narayan Rane, and younger son Mr. Nitesh Rane.

#### Chirag Paswan hits out at the 'evil' of caste in Bihar

National president of Lok Janshakti Party (LJP-Ram Vilas) Chirag Paswan on Vijayadasami obliquely referred to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as the mythological demon king Ravan. Drawing attention to the festival of Dasara as symbolising the victory of good over evil, Mr. Paswan said that all evil in Bihar, in particular the caste system in the form of a Rayan, was holding back development in the State. Mr. Paswan has rejected the caste-based survey was released by the Bihar government on October 2, terming it a "political conspiracy". He has also alleged that the government inflated the population of some castes, and reduced the number of other castes

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#### Bindu Shajan Perappadan

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It added that the inclusion of QR code for the ac cessibility of information did not replace or negate the requirement to provide mandatory information on the product label, as pre-scribed by relevant

#### **I&B Ministry cancels** registration of 477 cable TV operators

Broadcasting Ministry has terminated the registration of 477 multi-system opera-tors (MSO), which run mul-tiple cable television systems, for violations and

The Ministry, in its or-der, said one of the terms

der, as dem er of the first man de ondeitions of the MSO registration was that they had to comply with the levision Networks (Regulation) Act.

Falling to do so, the permission granted is likely of the man de man tory for every distributor of channels to conduct an audit of their system once in a calendar year," the Mi-

observed that as per the in-formation shared by the ority of India (TRAI), the MSOs under scrutiny had not conducted audits of their systems for 2021 and/ or 2022. Taking into account the non-compliance, the Ministry marked the

Despite being classified "non-compliant", the Despite being classified as "non-compliant", the MSOs did not make any references to the Ministry for alternation of their status to "compliant". Subsequently, show-cause notices and to them seeking an explanation for the contraspentions mentioned

not provide the details within the stipulated period. A last opportunity, vide letters dated Septem-ber 20, was given to them, extending the deadline to October 10. As they did not respond or provide the de-tails, their registrations

#### SC uses rare power to help man fighting for postal job for 28 years

The Supreme Court has used its extraordinary constitutional power to do complete justice for a 50year-old man who fought for nearly three decades against the postal department's refusal to give him a job despite his name figur-

job despite his name figur-ing high on the merit list. Ankur Gupta had ever-ything going right in his endeavour to become a til the department ground-ed his hopes. He had even completed a 15-day induc-tion training when the de-taining when the de-da-da-taining when the de-taining when the de-

consider only candidates from the regular stream. A Bench of Justices Bela Trivedi and Dipankar Dat-ta, in a recent judgment exercising its rarely resorted powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, ordered the postal department to appoint Mr. Gupta as a pos-tal assistant on a probationary basis. He would have 10 years of service. The court held that while no one had any legal right to claim public employment, once the name of a person is in the merit list, he has limited right to be accorded a fair and non-The court said Mr. Gupta had been discriminated

selection".
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It held that a public em-ployer, which is a 'state' within the meaning of Arti-cle 12 of the Constitution, would have no authority to throw a candidate out from the range of appointment, without rhyme or reason.

#### Thress code, timings prevented Modi's visit to a temple in Sri Lanka in 2015'

#### Γ. Ramakrishnan

The strict dress code for men and rigid timings at the Nallur Kandaswamy temple came in the way of a plan of Indian diplomats in Sri Lanka to take Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ship on the Jaffna peninsu-la during his visit in March 2015. Recalling the sequence

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Coimbatore shortly, says the Nallur Devasthanam Executive Officer, Kumara-dasa Mappana Mudaliar, told Mr. Natarajan at a meeting that "the revolu tionary practice of equality has been maintained and it has been carried out to this day by the temple authori-ties. Therefore, there is no



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question of any flexibility in the timings of the shrine, and the devotees could enter the shrine only with bare chests."

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The former diplomat. who served in many coun tries such as Yemen, Spain, China, Indonesia, France, and Bhutan, regards as unique his stint in Sri Lanka,

where he spent six years at

'Miles of smiles' Describing Sri Lankans as an extraordinary people, Mr. Natarajan says, "In my six-year-long stay in Sri Lanka, I have never come across a person with a gloomy or frowning face. Nobody honks the horn on the road, urinates, defe-cates, or spits in public places. I have hardly heard anyone hurling abuse in public places or seen any public quarrels on the streets. Instead, I have seen only miles of smiles

esty of a former cadre of the Liberation Tigers of Ta-mil Eelam (LTTE), Mr. Natarajan says the former combatant, who was living in Vavuniya and was in his late 30s, had once narrated to him that he remained jobless as he was being shunned by society. The former diplomat had asked the former LTTE member the former LTTE member to meet him two weeks la-ter in Jaffna, which he did. At that time, he gave him 18,000 of Sri Lankan ru-pees in cash from his

former combatant contact-ed Mr. Natarajan and in-formed him that as he had bought a bicycle for 16,000 runees he wanted to rupees, he wanted to re-turn 2,000. Despite the former diplomat telling him not to trouble himself by coming to Jaffna from Vavuniya, a distance of 115 km, the latter turned up along with his four-year-old daughter to return the money. "I received the mo-ney with one hand and gave it to his daughter with the other," he says.

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#### FAITH

#### Lessons from the Gita

The Lord is attainable by devotion through observing dharma, acquiring knowledge, and renouncing attach-ment. Dharma includes the possession of qualities such as ment. Dharma includes the possession of qualities such as mercy and compassion. But the same should not be shown to an undesirable person at an inappropriate time, on an irrelevant matter, or at an unwanted place. Valaya-pettai Sri Ramachariar said in a discourse that Arjuna was overtaken by misplaced love and affection for his relatives after the declaration of war. He felt his righteous deed of fighting was unrighteous. Sri Alayandhar says in his work igning was thingmeous. Sri Alavanunai 1995 in the Sori Githartha Sangraha about this (Asthaneha - Karunyo Iharma - adharma - dhiyakulam).

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#### Socialists and hard left reach coalition agreement in Spain



Spain's Socialist party and hard-left Sumar reached a deal to form a coalition government, a key step to reinstating acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez for another term. Spain is in political limbo since a July election which was won by the conservative Popular Party but without enough support to form a government. AFP

One dead, four missing after two cargo ships collide in North Sea



One person has died and four are missing from the crew of a cargo ship that sank after colliding with another vessel in the North Sea, German authorities said on Tuesday. The accident happened about 22 km southwest of the island of Helgoland. Several ships are currently involved in a rescue operation in the area. AFP

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Dozens of U.S. States sue Meta over profiting from 'children's pain'



Over 40 U.S. States accused Facebook and Instagram owner Meta of profiting "from children's pain," damaging their mental health and misleading people about its safety. Meta exploited young users by creating a business model designed to maximise time they spend on the platform despite harm to their health, they argued. AFP

Sriram Lakshman

Pakistan's Punjab govt. suspends Sharif's sentence in Al-Azizia case



Nawaz Sharif's seven-year sentence in the Al-Azizia case while two separate courts confirmed his bail in three different corruption cases, in a major legal relief to the former Premier after his return from London following four years of self-exile

#### France's Macron moots coalition against Hamas

French President Emma-nuel Macron proposed on-tional coaliston fighting against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria be widened to in-palestinian militant group Palmas in Gaza. Mr. Macron gave no de-dication of dozens of countries, of which Israel is not a member, could be

involved.

Speaking alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, Mr. Macron stressed that France and Israel shared terrorism as their

"France is ready for the international coalition against Daesh in which we are taking part for opera-tions in Iraq and Syria to also fight against Hamas," he told reporters, referring to

Islamic State. Mr. Macron, warned against the risks of a regional conflict, also said the fight against Hamas "must be without mer-

#### Israeli air strikes kill more than 700 people in one day

Israel said on Tuesday it had launched 400 air strikes over the past day; officials say medical facilities across Gaza Strip forced to close because of bombing damage and lack of power

Associated Press

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ple have been under in-creasing bombardment and running out of food, water and medicine since Israel sealed off the territory following the devastat-ing October 7 attack by Ha-mas militants on towns in



Gaza where Israel had told civilians to take shelter.
An overnight strike hit a four-story residential building in the southern city of Khan Younis, killing at least 32 people and wounding scores of others, according to survivors.

southern Israel.
On Tuesday, Israel said it had launched 400 airstrikes over the past day, killing Hamas commanders, hitting militants as they were preparing to they were preparing to launch rockets into Israel and striking command centers and a Hamas tun-nel shaft.

The previous day, Israel reported 320 strikes. Wit-nesses and health officials said many of the airstrikes hit residential buildings, some of them in southern

which Israel has ordered

The European Union's (EU) top diplomat Josep Borrell on Monday called tool top dipsoniar Joseph for a "humanitarian pause" to allow aid to enter "humanitarian pause" to allow aid to enter latest theater of war bet-ween Israel and Hamas The call comes ahead of an where leaders are report-edly plasming to back such a "trucks carrying relief material entered Gaza on San to the comment of the material entered Gaza on the UN entered that "hun-dreds" of trucks were still awaiting entry on the crossing, ide of the Barah crossing,

which Israel has ordered civilians to evacuate.

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cluding 30S children and 173 women. More than 5,700 Palesti-nians have been killed in the war, including some 2,300 minors, the ministry said, without giving a de-Egyptian side of the Rafah rossing.

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The figure includes the disputed toll from an explosion at a hospital last

Most of the Palestinians killed since October 7 were in the north and central areas of the enclave that Is-rael had told them evac-

## pause' to Israel-Hamas war

EU's top diplomat Borrell

calls for 'humanitarian

sign blame for the delays at the border, only saying Egypt is ready to facilitate their movement.

a "humanitarian pause" which he said was needed, "even for giving back the hostages". Israel has said that 222 individuals were being held captive by Ha-mas after the militant group conducted a series. group conducted a series of attacks in Israeli territo-

Writing in a blog post on londay, Mr. Borrell con-

Norms apply regardless of the identity of the victim or perpetrator Civilians in Gaza could not be held responsible collectively, for Hamas's actions

UN's call He said the Ministers would discuss the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres's call for

ry on October 7, setting off the current round of con-flict.

demned Hamas's attack on Israel but said Israel had to stick to the rules of war in

"Such norms apply re-gardless of the identity of the victim or perpetrator," he wrote, adding that civi-lians in Gaza could not be

Relief convoys U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday an-nounced an additional £20 million (\$24.5 million) in funding, or a total of £57 million (\$69.7 million) this year so far. He welcomed the movement of the initial relief convoys across the border, but said this was

#### China removes Defence Minister, ousts former Foreign Minister from Cabinet

Agence France-Presse

China on Tuesday re-moved Defence Minister Li Shangfu and ousted former Foreign Minister Qin Gang from its Cabinet, state media reported, as part of a major reshuffle of its top leadership.

The news comes after months of speculation about China's Cabinet, after Mr. Qin was abruptly re-moved from office without explanation in July, and with Mr. Li not having been seen in public for months.



Both Mr. Oin and Mr. Li are believed by experts to have been personally se-lected for their roles by state broadcaster CCTV anits regular evening bulle-tin, but did not give rea-sons for the ministers' fall from grace.

m grace. No replacement for Mr. Li as Defence Minister was Previously it had been reported that the U.S. go-vernment believed Mr. Li

was under investigation and had been stripped of his ministerial duties, but China had refused to comment on the matter

Mr. Li travelled to Russia in August to attend a secur-

cow on August 15. Two days later, the government of Belarus released handout photographs of Mr. Li meeting with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko in Minsk But since then, he has

cording to survivors.

The fatalities included 13 from the Saqallah fami-

13 from the Saqallah fami-ly, said Ammar al-Butta, a relative who survived the airstrike. He said there were about 100 people there, including many who had come from Gaza City,

vanished from public view Mr. Li's now confirmed val means there is no removal means there is no apparent host for China's regional security dialogue, the Xiangshan Forum, which takes place next

The U.S. Department of efence is due to send a delegation to the event

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#### Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

#### Meera Sriniyasan

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#### Several measures

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#### TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL) TENDER NOTICE

The last date for submission of the Technical Bid and Finan (online only) is 24/11/2023 up to 6:00 pm. and Techni (physical only) is 28/11/2023 up to 3:00 pm. Managing Director

## Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

#### Meera Srinivasan

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Tuesday waived visa fee for Indians and tourists from six other countries, as part of its efforts to boost tourist arrivals and help rebuild the island nation's battered economy following last year's financial crash.

India has remained Sri Lanka's top source market for many years. This year, over 2 lakh Indian tourists – constituting 20 % of the total tourist arrivals – have visited the island nation until September.

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this week, the Cabinet announced implementation of a pilot project to issue free tourist visas to tourists from China, India, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan until March 31, 2024.

#### **Several measures**

According to a statement on the weekly Cabinet decisions, published by the Department of Government Information, the move is part of "several new programmes" planned for the promotion of the Sri Lankan tourism industry, one of the chief foreign exchange earning

sectors for the country, apart from exports and worker remittances.

Sri Lanka's tourism sector is struggling to bounce back after three major setbacks in the last few years – the Easter Sunday terror attacks in 2019, the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 and 2021, and the unprecedented economic crisis in 2022.

Until now, Indian tourists were charged \$20 with their visa application online. The decision to issue free tourist visas is likely to boost tourist arrivals including from India, officials said.



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#### Vasanti makes it to the doubles quarterfinals

#### Sports Bureau

Vasanti Shinde and Arina Vasilescu of Romania made the doubles quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Diana Martynov and Marie Villet in the \$80,000 ITF women's tennis tourna-ment at Poitiers (France) on Tuesday.

## azio & Suhani Patil 6-0, 6-2.

80,000 ITF women, Poitiers,

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#### Australia will not risk taking the Netherlands lightly

Head, back from injury, is set to play and it will be interesting to see whether Marsh will be moved to No. 3; Men in Orange will be desperate to sort out their starting trouble

P.K. Ajith Kumar

athed in orange, the Netherlands Residency looks magnificent under the half-moon. On this pleasant night, on the sprawling lawns, Te-

ja Nidamanuru is speaking in Telugu to a lady in a saree; Aryan Dutt is having a lengthy chat with Kartik Murali, probably trying to pick the India spinnerturned-commentator's brains on the art of slow bowling; Max O'Dowd, his shoulder-length blond hair stiounder-sength bound nair glistening under lights, poses for a photograph for the unpteenth time. On the stage, the singer is ren-dering the John Denver classic 'Take Me Home, Country Roads'.

It was a night to unwind for the Netherlands players at the party hosted by their country's ambassador Mar-isa Gerards. They seemed



Gearing up: Smith had a hit at the nets on the eye of the match, PT

rence, jokes are being made on television shows about cricket being more of a nine-to-five job than a

or a nine-to-rive job than a competitive sport. Nobody, however, is tak-ing the Netherlands at this World Cup lightly, though it is ranked the lowest among the 10 teams. Not even its mighty opponent on Wednesday – Australia.

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The Aussie camp must
be relieved that Travis
Head is back from injury,
but Mitchell Marsh scored
a hundred and put on a record 259 for the opening
wicket with David Warner,

against Pakistan in the last match. It would be inter-esting to see if the team management would break that partnership and move Marsh to No. 3.

Marsh to No. 3. The Netherlands' pro-blem at the top of the order is entirely different; it needs a good start from O'Dowd and Vikramjit Singh. It could do with some runs from Nidama-nuru too. The spinners as well as the seamers have well as the seamers have delivered for the Dutch. As for Australia, it must be hoping Adam Zampa will continue his great run.



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### Low: 15°C

#### Happy to bat at three if and when Head comes in: Marsh

With scores like 96, 31, 52 and 121 over the last one month in India, Mitchell and the second of the second as an opener. After injured as an opener. After injured Travis Head joined the Aus-tralian team, there has been speculation if the partnership with David and the second of the partnership with David cord 259 in the last match against Pakistan, would be

on the eve of the World Cup match against the Netherlands, Marsh said he would be happy to go back to No. 3. "I mentioned to David Warner, maybe he can bat three, but I got a firm no from him - that is being sarcastic," Marsh

"I have obviously batted there a lot over the last couple of years, so I feel really comfortable at three. If and when Head comes back in, I think that's the best position for me to play for this team." He said the bilateral se-

ries against India just be-fore the World Cup helped.



nice to contribute to a cou-ple of wins in the last two games."

His father Geoff Marsh had several big opening partnerships with David Boon. "That partnership

to get that many (259)," he said. "My dad is a man of

#### The rest is history, says Vengsarkar on recommending Tendulkar's name for selection

Dilip Vengsarkar had a big role in two of Indian cricket's history-altering deci-sions. It was his input, along with a host of oth-ers', that led to Sachin Tenfulkar's selection into the Mumbai Ranji Trophy team back in 1988,

Vengsarkar also chaired the selection committee when M.S. Dhoni was chosen as India's skipper for the inaugural World T20 in 2007. On Tuesday at the launch of the book 'The Lords of Wankhede' here. the India great recalled both incidents.

"I was playing a Times Shield game at Parsee Gymkhana before my 100th Test and the late Va



Dilip Vengsarkar. K. MURALI KUMAR

look at a 14-year-old boy named Sachin in the Harris Shield final. I went during Tea and Sachin made a 300 in that match.

Vasu sir then insisted "Vasu sir then insisted that Sachin be brought to the Indian nets and I was like 'he is too young.' But he came and batted so con-fidently against the likes of Kapil Dev, Arshad Ayub and others. That same day Mumbai was picking the Ranji Trophy team and asked them to select Sachin. Even if not in the XI, but at least to groom him.

"He scored a century on debut against Gujarat. Then century in Duleep Trophy. Then century in Irani Trophy and then he went to Pakistan. Rest is About Dhoni, the deci-

sion appeared more straightforward, for the charismatic cricketer was already part of the Indian

set-up.
"He was very aggressive "He was very aggressive and of extremely positive mindset, and everyone readily agreed," Vengsar-kar said. "He had not led his state or East Zone, but we made the choice."

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Sarabjot Singh wins Olympic

#### Govt. Model SSS, Chandigarh prevails after thrilling shootout



SUBROTO CUP U-17

#### Sports Bureau NEW DELHI

Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 37-B. Chandigarh had to dig deep before prevailing 5-3 on pe-nalties to defeat Amenity Public School, Rudrapus Uttarakhand after th teams were tied goalless at the end of regulation time and claim the 62nd Subroto The match was a battle of attrition with both teams or attrition with both teams fighting for midfield posses-sion and using long balls to clear the field go upfront. With a tight defence negat-ing any half-chances, the sides struggled to find any openings to score. Chandi-garh came close towards the end of the first half but

kar Stadium on Monday.

The second half saw both teams missing chanc-es with wayward shooting.

again had a golden chance but Bobby Singh missed a sitter, then penalties before Chandigarh finally pre-valled. The winner received a cheque of ₹3,50,000 while the runner-up got ₹2.00.000

The results (final) The results (final): Govt. Model SSS, Chandigarh 0 drew with Amenity PS, Rudrapu 0 (Govt. Model SSS won 5-3 on penalties). Best Player of the Tournament: Boinao Singh (Rudrapur). Best Goalkeeper: Rohit (Chandigarh). Fair Play Trophy: Mother International School (Ranchi)

#### Odisha hammers Maziva

#### AFC CUP

#### Press Trust of India

Recreation of Maldives at the Kalinga Stadium here on Tuesday. After defeats against

Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Bashundhara Kings, Odisha finally got points in Group D, keeping its hopes of progression to the knockout stage alive.

After a breathless endto-end start to the game to-end start to the game, the match endured a cal-mer period and it was only after half-time the intensity picked up once again.

The result: Odisha 6 (Lalthathanga Khawlhring 3, Carlos Delgado 15. Mourtada Fall

#### Verstappen seals 50th Formula 1 win

Red Bull's triple world champion Max Verstappen took the 50th win of his Formula One career, and record-equalling 15th of the season, at the U.S. Grand Prix on Sunday while Lewis Hamilton was disqualified from second

after post-race checks.
Ferrari's Charles Le-clerc, who finished sixth, was also excluded for excessive wear of the manda-tory wooden plank under the car's floor. The victory the car's floor. The victory was Verstappen's third in a row at Austin's Circuit of the Americas and equalled, with four races to spare, the record the Dutch 26-year-old set last year for most wins in a sin-

The results: 1. Verstappen (Red Bull) 1:35:21:367; 2. Norris (McLaren) +10.7303; 3. Sainz Jr. (Ferrari) 15:134; 4. Perez (Red Bull) 11:460; 5. Russell (Mercedes) 24:999; 6. Gasly (Alpine) 47:996; 7.



Max Verstappen, REUTERS

Hulkenberg (Haas) 89.964; 12. Bottas (Alfa Romeo) 98.601; +1 lap: 13. Zhou (Mfa Romeo); Magnussen (Haas); 15. Ricciardo (Alpha Tauri); 16. Aloreso (Aston Martin); 0MF: Piastri (McLaren); Ocon (Alpine); DSQ: Hamilton (Mercedes); Leclerc (Fernari).

Standings: Drivers: 1. Verstappen 466; 2. Perez 240; 3. Hamilton 201; 4. Alonso 183; 5. Sainz 171



quota in air pistol

Ouite surprisingly, none five different countries, with his better score of 26x of the Indian women air pistol shooters made the final. Rhythm Sangwan was the best with 577 and mis-sed the final by two points.

(inner 10s).

It was the eighth Olym-pic quota for Indian shoot-ing for the Paris Games, and the first in the pistol and the first in the pistol section.
Rudrankksh Patil, Swap-nil Kusale, Bhowneesh Mendiratta, Mehuli Ghosh, Sift Kaur Samra, Akhil She-oran and Rajeshwari Ku-guota earlier in the World Championships. The results: 10m Air pistol:



In junior women's air pistol, Sainyam won the gold and the team silver along with Drishti Sang-wan and Suruchi Singh.

#### Tomar 578; Saurabh Chaudhary 569. Team: 1. China 1750; 2. Korea 1746; 3. Vietnam 1736; 4. India 1734.

173s.

Women: 1. Oh Ye Jin [Kor] 244.1 [582]; 2. Jiang Ranxin (Chn] 241.8 [580]; 3. Thu Vinh Trinh (Yel) 219.7 [581]; 11. Rhythm Sangwan 577; 15. Saurbhi Rao 575; 25. Palak Gulia 579; RPO: Esha Singh 576; Ruchta Vinerkar 577.

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240.6 (578); 2. Jin Bohan (Chri)
240.2 (572); 3. Yao Qiansun (Chri)
219.4 (571); 7. Drighti Sangwan
137.1 (574); 10. Lakshita 570; 12.

#### Manay and Diya emerge victorious



#### UTT M.R. Praveen Chandran THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A. Sharath Kamal squan-dered a match point to lose the final against se-cond seed Manav Thakkar 2-II, 11-7, 11-6, 2-II, 4-II, 14-

2-11, 18-7, 11-5, 2-11, 4-11, 4-1 2-11, 18-7, 11-5, 2-11, 4-11, 4-1 10-11, 18

The results (finals): Men: Manav Thakkar (PSPB) bt A. Sharath Kamal (PSPB) 2-11, 11-7, 11-6, 2-11, 4-11, 14-12, 11-8. Women: Diya Chitale (RBI) bt Sreeja Akula (RBI) 11-8, 5-11, 11-5, 11-9, 14-12. U-19: Boys: Ankur Bhattacharje

# The Lords of Wankhede book launched

#### N. Sudarshan

BENGALURU

Former India cricketer W.V. Raman and senior journalist R. Kaushik have set about exploring the evolution of Indian cricket in the years between 1983 and 2011 in the book *The Lords of Wankhede*, which was unveiled at a star-studded function, graced by the likes of Dilip Vengsarkar, VVS Laxman, and Venkatesh Prasad, among others, at the Century Club here on Tuesday.

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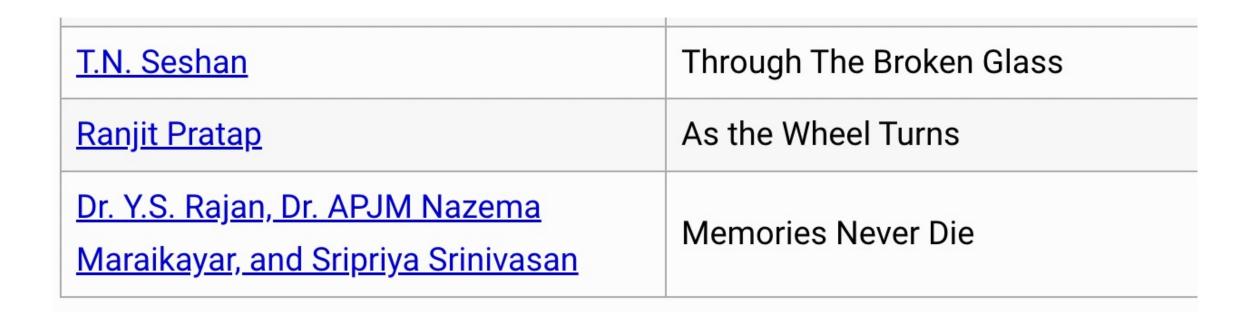
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Shri Apurva Chandra	eBook-"People's G20	
Election Commission of India (ECI)	Chacha Chaudhary aur Chunavi Dangal'	
IAS officer Sonal Goel	Nation Calling"	
Stephen Ross and Bradford Jordan	"Introduction to Corporate Finance (sixth edition)".	

Shri Rishi Raj	Kargil: Ek Yatri Ki Jubani	
Abhay K	Monsoon	
PS Sreedharan Pillai	Heritage Trees of Goa	
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#### UNSC MINISTERIAL MEETING

#### No one above law: UN chief on Gaza bombing; Israel says resign

in Mumbai or unjustifiable: US

#### YOSHITA SINGH

UN CHIEF Antonio Guterres or Tuesday asserted that no party to narmed conflict is above international humanitarian law as he expressed deep alarm over the relentless bombardment" of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip by Israeli forces and appealed to all to "pull back from the brink" before the olence escalates even further.

The Security Council minis-terial meeting, held under the Brazilian President of the ouncil, was attended by US cretary of State Antony inken, Israel's Minister for CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Terror acts by LeT Hospitals collapsing, no Hamas in Kibbutz water, electricity, body bags: UN agency in Gaza

#### NITED NATIONS, OCTOBER 24 SHUBHAJIT ROY

BORN IN the Gaza Strip, Adnan Abu Hasna, spokesperson of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, survived an air strike in which the UNRWA building in Gaza City was damaged. He has since moved to Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. Speaking to The Indian Express, Abu Hasna, in his 50s, said at least 35 UNRWA staff have been killed since October 7.

Edited excerpts:



Adnan Abu Hasna, UNRWA spokesperson

It's really difficult. You can see everything is collapsing, it is lack of everything. First of all, there is no electricity in Gaza, We had electricity outage four days ter... People are drinking directly from the wells, without any wa-ter treatment, because there is

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#### Dussehra In Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attends a Dussehra event in New Delhi on Tuesday. Resulta Puri REPORT, PAGE

#### VIJAYADASHAMI ADDRESS IN NAGPUR

### **RSS chief: Ram temple** idol consecration Jan 22, hold events everywhere

In run-up to 2024, cautions against 'cultural Marxists, woke'

#### VIKAS PATHAK &

IN HIS last Vijayadashami addres before the 2024 Lok Sabha elec tions, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat Tuesday called for programmes across the country on January 22 when the idol of Ram Lalla will be consecrated in the sanctum sanctorum of the tem-

ple in Ayodhya. Speaking at the annual RSS



Bhagwat in Nagpur, PTI

poser Shankar Mahadevan, Bhagwat said, "Our Lord Ram,

original copy of our Constitution on January 22. We won't be able to attend the ceremony because of security reasons. We will g some other time. But in our ter ples everywhere, we can buil an atmosphere of religiosity an oneness in the whole nation. W can do this by organising smal programmes... creating an at mosphere of affection, responsi bility and goodwill in society."

Cautioning RSS volunteer: that debates will now get po larised since elections are ap proaching, he said, "Keep a coo

### In Telangana campaign, one silence: Burning trash, choking air: How Mumbai civic

#### APURVA VISHWANATH HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 24

November 30 election picks up steam in Telangana, there is one issue on which there's hardly any traction: the manner in which the state applies its stringent preventive detention law to address law and order — and deny bail. So what if the Supreme Court has reneatedly red-flagged it calling "a callous exercise of excep-ional power" and "a pernicious

#### law can do

ARTICLE 22 of the Constitution prescribes to the state the power to make preventive detention laws. Court rulings on the Telangana law show a pat tern that the law is often in-woked to circumvent bail — against an accused already n jail, preventing release or bail under ordinary law.

#### the first indication: The

Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities of BootLeggers, Dacoits, Drug-Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Land-Grabbers, Spurious Seed Offenders, Insecticide Offenders Fertiliser Offenders, Food CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

EXPLAINED

### a draconian, 'callous' detention law agencies took their eyes off waste mountain



#### MUMBAL OCTOBER 24

NO MARSHALS to monitor garbage dumping, no segregation of waste in slum clusters and non-gated societies, no lo-calised bio-methanation plants, and no penalty for burning garbage – inaction by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on several fronts over the last couple of much before the onset of winter. The BMC's Mumbai Air Pollution Mitigation Plan (MAPMP) released in March this year has identified garbage and

solid waste burning in the open as one of the top five sources of air pollution. The other four are: dust arising from construction site and construction debris. road dust and its displacement, usage of unclean fuels in restau-rants, dhabas, bakeries and roadside eateries, and a range of in-

#### **BREATHLESS IN** MUMBAI

BY GUFRAN BEIG

BEHIND MUMBAI'S POOR AIR



## 'India to outpace Japan to become second-largest economy by 2030'

#### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

INDIA'S GROSS domestic product (GDP) is expected to rise to \$7.3 trillion by 2030 and it will surpass Japan to become the second largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, S&P Global Market Intelligence said in a recent article.

By 2030, India's GDP is also forecast to surpass Germany. At the end of 2022, the size of Indian GDP had already become larger than the GDP of the UK and also France, it said. India is now the third-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region and the fifthlargest in the world.

"India's nominal GDP measured in USD terms is forecast to rise from \$3.5 trillion in 2022 to \$7.3 trillion by 2030. This rapid pace of economic expansion would result in the size of the Indian GDP exceeding Japanese GDP by 2030, making India the second largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region," S&P Global Market Intelligence said in an article published on October 20.

by strong growth in domestic demand," the article said. The acceleration of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India over the past decade reflects the favourable long-term growth outlook for the Indian economy, helped by a youthful demographic profile and rapidly rising urban household incomes, it said.

The long-term outlook for the Indian economy is supported by a number of key growth drivers, with its large and fast-growing middle class being an important factor which is helping to drive consumer spending, the article said.

It said that the rapidly growing Indian domestic consumer market as well as its large industrial sector have made the country an increasingly important investment destination for a wide range of multinationals in many sectors, including manufacturing, infrastructure and services.

The digital transformation of India that is currently underway is expected to accelerate the growth of e-commerce, changing the retail consumer market landscape over the next decade.

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India is expected to continue to be one of the world's fastest growing economies over the next decade, which will make it one of the most important longterm growth markets for multinationals in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing industries such as autos, electronics and chemicals to services industries such as banking, insurance, asset management, health care and information technology, it said.

The article said that after two years of rapid economic growth in 2021 and 2022, the Indian economy has continued to show sustained strong growth during the 2023 calendar year. The country's GDP growth rate rose to a pace of 7.8 per cent year-onyear in April-June of 2023, compared with growth of 6.1 per cent in the January-March quarter of 2023. The strong growth rate was despite high base year effects after GDP growth of 13.1 per cent y/y in the April-June quarter of 2022.

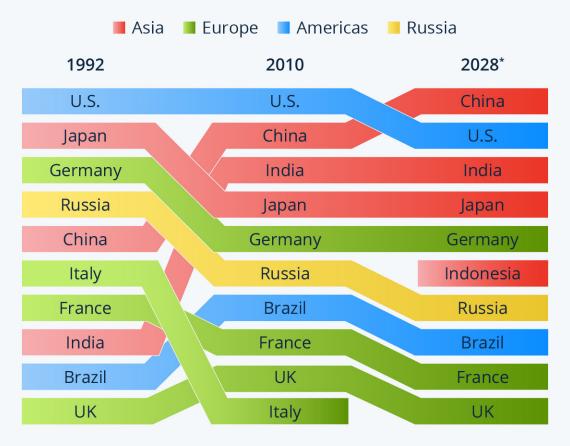
"The near-term economic outlook is for continued rapid expansion during the remainder of 2023 and for 2024, underpinned Iandscape over the next decade. This is attracting leading global multinationals in technology and e-commerce to the domestic market.

By 2030, 1.1 billion Indians will have internet access, more than doubling from the estimated 500 million internet users in 2020. The rapid growth of ecommerce and the shift to 4G and 5G smartphone technology will boost home-grown unicorns like online e-commerce platform Mensa Brands, logistics startup Delhivery and the fast-growing online grocer BigBasket, whose e-sales have surged during the pandemic, it said. The large increase in FDI inflows to India that has been evident over the past five years is also continuing with strong momentum evident even during the pandemic years of 2020-2022.

India's strong FDI inflows have been boosted by large inflows of investments from global technology MNCs such as Google and Facebook that are attracted to India's large, fast-growing domestic consumer market, as well as a strong upturn in foreign direct investment inflows from manufacturing firms, it said.

## Continental Shift: The World's Biggest Economies Over Time

Countries with the highest GDP on Earth in 1992, 2010 and 2028



Based on purchasing power parity, intl. dollars \* projection

Source: IMF









The majority of global economic activity In 2022, India overtook the comes from just a handful of countries, United Kingdom to become the world's fifth-largest economy. with the U.S., China, Japan, Germany, and India making up the top five. ledoJAPAN 4.3T CHINA 18.3T **U.S.** 25.0T INDIA 3.5T **GERMANY** 4.0T TAIWAN 0 CANADA 2.2T BRAZIL 0.8T FRANCE 2.8T SWITZERLAND RUSSIA **REST OF WORLD** S. KOREA 2.1T 16.2T POLAND 0.7T SPAIN UK 3.2T TURKEY 0.9T SWEDEN 0.6T economy in this slice INDONESIA IRAN 2.0T **6** Belgium \$590B AUSTRALIA ITALY 2.0T economy in this slice SAUDI ARABIA **(a)** ARGENTINA NETHERLANDS MEXICO Tuvalu \$0.06B

Top 5 economies and GDP growth in 2023.

- 1. USA \$26.8 trillion (2.1% 1)
- 2. China \$19.3 trillion (3% 1)
- 3. Japan \$4.4 trillion (1.1% 1)
- 4. Ger. \$4.3 trillion (1.9% 1)
- 5. India \$3.7 trillion (7.2% 1)

### Emerging markets will dominate the world's top 10 economies in 2050 (GDP at PPPs)

	2016	2050	
China	1	1	China
US	2	2	India
India	3	3	US
Japan	4	4	Indonesia
Germany	5	5	Brazil
Russia	6	6	Russia
Brazil	7	7	Мехісо
Indonesia	8	8	Japan
UK	9	9	Germany
France	10	10	UK

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## **EXPERTS OPTIMISTIC ON INDIA TRAJECTORY**

## Market valuations taper

Nifty trading at P/E multiples cheaper than 1-year, 5-year, 10-year averages

SIDDHANT MISHRA & KISHOR KADAM
Mumbai, October 24

THE RECENT MELTDOWN notwithstanding, Indian markets continue to be one of the most expensive in the world, with the Nifty50 trading at a trailing 12-month (TTM) price-to-earnings (P/E) multiple of 22.22 as of October 23 — the fourth highest in the world. The good news: It is still cheaper than the 5-year or 10-year average of the index, and even the one-year average.

The one-year average of 22.72 continues to be lower than the 5-year and 10-year average P/E of 24.67 and 22.85, respectively,







according to Bloomberg data.

Currently, only the Nasdaq (US) at 36.45, NZX 50 (New Zealand) at 26.26, and Nikkei 225 (Japan) at 24.67 are more expensive.

Market watchers predictably aren't too worried. "It is too early to speak about the months ahead, but

the fact is that valuations in India have corrected today from what they were a few months ago, and this was due sooner or later," said Nilesh Shah, MD and CEO of Kotak Mutual Fund.

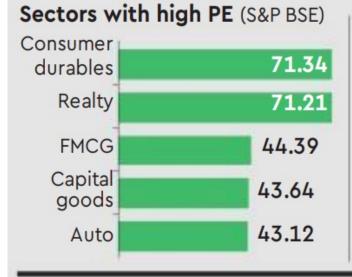
He said earnings in the first half usually come out well, and in Q2

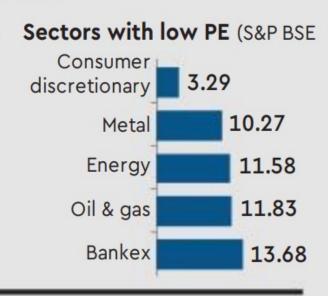
they were more in line with expectations. He said there is no story like India nowadays, which is why even foreign investors won't stay away and will eventually come back despite the sell-off in September.

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## INDIA A 'STRUCTURAL STORY'





# CYCLONE HAMOON INTENSIFIES, ODISHA TO ESCAPE IMPACT



CYCLONIC STORM
'HAMOON' has
intensified into a severe
cyclone, but no major

impact is expected in Odisha, as it crosses the state's coast from a distance of about 200 km, the Met Department said.

AGENCIES

# New SIM card sale rules now from Dec 1

## Earlier deadline of October 1 extended

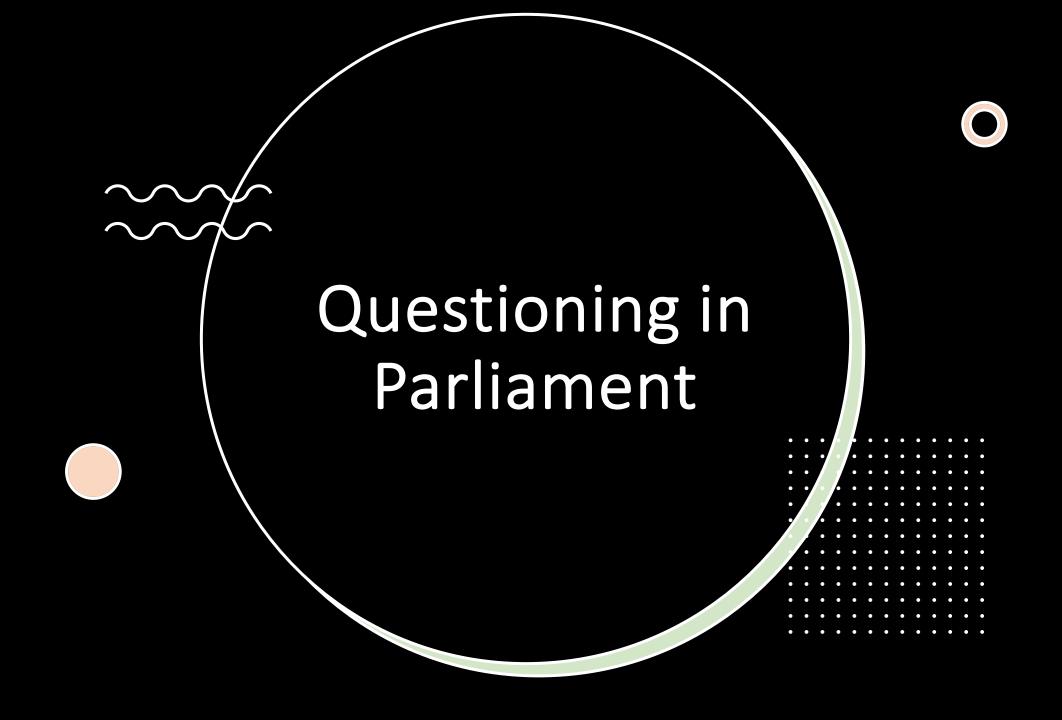
JATIN GROVER New Delhi, October 24

THE DEPARTMENT OF telecommunications (DoT) has given an additional two months' time to telecom operators for complying with the new SIM card sale rules that were notified by the government in August, according to officials aware of the matter.

## FRAUD CHECK



- As per the new rules, telcos will be penalised to the tune of ₹10 lakh if they allow SIM card sellers to operate without registration
- The ruleswill kick in from **December 1**
- The government has so far blacklisted close to 70,000 dealers indulged in fraudulent SIM card activities, and lodged 300 FIRs against those involved in cyberfrauds



Recently, one of the Member of Parliaments (MPs) has been questioned by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee, in her alleged involvement in 'cash for query' allegations.

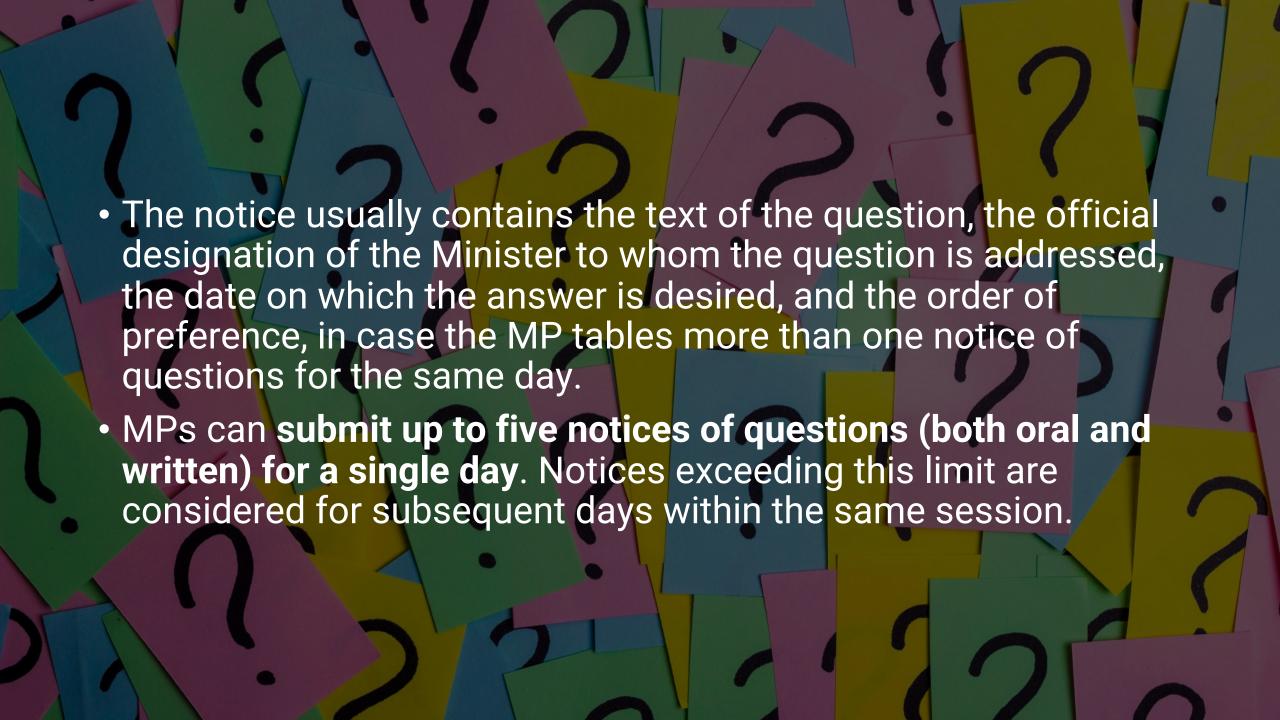
The member had allowed an individual to use her parliamentary login and password to post questions on her behalf in the Lok Sabha with the intention of furthering a particular agenda or receiving compensation for doing so.

हाल ही में, एक संसद सदस्य (सांसद) से केंद्रीय जांच ब्यूरो (सीबीआई) और लोकसभा आचार समिति द्वारा 'पूछताछ के बदले नकद' आरोपों में उनकी कथित संलिप्तता के मामले में पूछताछ की गई है।

सदस्य ने किसी विशेष एजेंडे को आगे बढ़ाने या ऐसा करने के लिए मुआवजा प्राप्त करने के इरादे से लोकसभा में अपनी ओर से प्रश्न पोस्ट करने के लिए एक व्यक्ति को अपने संसदीय लॉगिन और पासवर्ड का उपयोग करने की अन्मति दी थी।

- Procedure:Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha:
- The procedure for raising questions is governed by Rules 32 to 54 of the "Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha" and Directions 10 to 18 of the "Directions by the Speaker, Lok Sabha".
  - To ask a question, an MP has to first give a notice addressed to the lower house's Secretary-General, intimating their intention to ask a question.

- प्रक्रिया: लोकसभा में प्रक्रिया और कार्य संचालन के नियम:
- प्रश्न उठाने की प्रक्रिया "लोकसभा में प्रक्रिया और कार्य संचालन के नियम" के नियम 32 से 54 और "अध्यक्ष, लोकसभा के निर्देशों" के निर्देश 10 से 18 द्वारा शासित होती है।
- प्रश्न पूछने के लिए, एक सांसद को पहले निचले सदन के महासचिव को संबोधित एक नोटिस देना होता है, जिसमें प्रश्न पूछने के अपने इरादे की जानकारी देनी होती है।



- नोटिस में आमतौर पर प्रश्न का पाठ, जिस मंत्री को प्रश्न संबोधित किया गया है उसका आधिकारिक पदनाम, वह तारीख जिस पर उत्तर वांछित है, और यदि सांसद एक से अधिक प्रश्नों के नोटिस देता है तो वरीयता क्रम शामिल होता है। उसी दिन।
- सांसद एक दिन में प्रश्नों की अधिकतम पांच सूचनाएं (मौखिक और लिखित दोनों) जमा कर सकते हैं। इस सीमा से अधिक की सूचनाओं पर उसी सत्र के अगले दिनों के लिए विचार किया जाता है।

### Notice Period:

- Typically, the notice period for a question is not less than 15 days.
  - MPs can submit their notices either through an online 'Member's Portal' or by using printed forms from the Parliamentary Notice Office.
  - The Speaker of Lok Sabha reviews the notices and determines their admissibility based on established rules.
- नोटिस की अवधि:
- आमतौर पर, किसी प्रश्न के लिए नोटिस की अवधि 15 दिन से कम नहीं होती है।
- सांसद अपने नोटिस या तो ऑनलाइन 'सदस्य पोर्टल' के माध्यम से या संसदीय सूचना कार्यालय से मुद्रित प्रपत्रों का उपयोग करके जमा कर सकते हैं।
- लोकसभा अध्यक्ष नोटिसों की समीक्षा करते हैं और स्थापित नियमों के आधार पर उनकी स्वीकार्यता निर्धारित करते हैं।

## **Conditions for Question Admissibility:**

Questions must not **exceed 150 words** and should avoid containing arguments, defamatory statements, or references to personal conduct, except in an official or public capacity.

Questions that pertain to broad policy issues are not admissible due to the impracticality of addressing complex policies within a brief answer.

- प्रश्न की स्वीकार्यता के लिए शर्तें:
- प्रश्न 150 शब्दों से अधिक नहीं होने चाहिए और आधिकारिक या सार्वजनिक क्षमता को छोड़कर, तर्क, मानहानिकारक बयान या व्यक्तिगत आचरण के संदर्भ से बचना चाहिए।
- संक्षिप्त उत्तर में जिटल नीतियों को संबोधित करने की अव्यवहारिकता के कारण व्यापक नीतिगत मुद्दों से संबंधित प्रश्न स्वीकार्य नहीं हैं।

• In Rajya Sabha, the admissibility of questions is governed by Rules 47-50 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States. Among various norms, the question "shall be pointed, specific and confined to one issue only".

• राज्यसभा में, प्रश्नों की स्वीकार्यता राज्यों की परिषद में प्रक्रिया और कार्य संचालन नियमों के नियम 47-50 द्वारा नियंत्रित होती है। विभिन्न मानदंडों के बीच, प्रश्न "स्पष्ट, विशिष्ट और केवल एक मुद्दे तक ही सीमित होना चाहिए"।

- What are the Categories of Questions?
- Starred Question:
  - A starred question is asked by an MP and answered orally by the Minister-incharge. Each MP is allowed to ask one starred question per day. When a question is answered orally, supplementary questions can be asked thereon.
- प्रश्नों की श्रेणियाँ क्या हैं?
- तारांकित प्रश्न:
- एक तारांकित प्रश्न एक सांसद द्वारा पूछा जाता है और प्रभारी मंत्री द्वारा मौखिक रूप से उत्तर दिया जाता है। प्रत्येक सांसद की प्रतिदिन एक तारांकित प्रश्न पूछने की अनुमति है। जब किसी प्रश्न का उत्तर मौखिक रूप से दिया जाता है तो उस पर पूरक प्रश्न पूछे जा सकते हैं।

## UnStarred Question:

- The MP seeks a written answer, which is deemed to be laid on the table of the House by the concerned minister and supplementary questions cannot be followed.
- अतारांकित प्रश्न:
- सांसद एक लिखित उत्तर चाहता है, जिसे संबंधित मंत्री द्वारा सदन के पटल पर रखा गया माना जाता है और पूरक प्रश्नों का पालन नहीं किया जा सकता है।

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### Question to Private Member:

- A question can be addressed to a private member under Rule 40 of Lok Sabha's Rules of Procedure, or under Rule 48 of Rajya Sabha's Rules, provided that the question deals with a subject relating to some Bill, resolution or other matter for which that member is responsible.
- निजी सदस्य से प्रश्न:
- एक प्रश्न लोकसभा के प्रक्रिया नियमों के नियम 40 के तहत, या राज्यसभा के नियमों के नियम 48 के तहत एक निजी सदस्य को संबोधित किया जा सकता है, बशर्ते कि प्रश्न किसी विधेयक, संकल्प या अन्य मामले से संबंधित विषय से संबंधित हो जिसके लिए वह सदस्य है। जिस्मेदार।

- The Parliament of India exercises control over the functions of the Council of Ministers through (2017)
- 1. Adjournment motion
- 2. Question hour
- 3. Supplementary questions
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- (a) 1 only

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



- Recently, an Agniveer passed away on duty at the Siachen glacier, which sparked
  a controversy regarding the entitlement of pensions and Compensation for the
  families of Agniveers.
  - In 2022, the government unveiled the Agnipath Scheme for recruiting soldiers (Agniveers) across the Three services (Army, Navy and Airforce).
- हाल ही में, सियाचिन ग्लेशियर में इयूटी के दौरान एक अग्निवीर की मृत्यु हो गई, जिससे अग्निवीरों के परिवारों के लिए पेंशन और मुआवजे की पात्रता को लेकर विवाद खड़ा हो गया।
- 2022 में, सरकार ने तीनों सेवाओं (सेना, नौसेना और वायु सेना) में सैनिकों (अग्निवीरों) की भर्ती के लिए अग्निपथ योजना का अनावरण किया।

- What Compensation is Promised After the Demise of an Agniveer?
- Seva Nidhi:
- An Agniveer's family is entitled to several forms of compensation, including a non-contributory insurance sum of Rs 48 lakh, Rs 44 lakh as compensation, and 30% of Seva Nidhi contributed by the Agniveer, with an equal matching contribution by the government.
- अग्निवीर की मृत्यु के बाद किस मुआवज़े का वादा किया जाता है?
- सेवा निधि:
- अग्निवीर का परिवार कई प्रकार के मुआवजे का हकदार है, जिसमें 48 लाख रुपये की गैर-अंशदायी बीमा राशि, मुआवजे के रूप में 44 लाख रुपये और अग्निवीर द्वारा योगदान की गई सेवा निधि का 30%, सरकार द्वारा समान योगदान शामिल है।

## **Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund:**

• The family also receives pay for the remaining tenure from the date of death, amounting to over Rs 13 lakh, as well as a contribution of Rs 8 lakh from the Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund.

## **Army Wives Welfare Association:**

• To provide immediate financial assistance, the Army Wives Welfare Association offers Rs 30,000 to the next of kin.



- परिवार को मृत्यु की तारीख से शेष कार्यकाल के लिए 13 लाख रुपये से अधिक का भुगतान भी मिलता है, साथ ही सशस्त्र बल युद्ध हताहत कोष से 8 लाख रुपये का योगदान भी मिलता है।
- सेना पत्नी कल्याण संघ:
- तत्काल वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए, आर्मी वाइव्स वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन निकटतम परिजनों को 30,000 रुपये की पेशकश करता है।

What is the Agnipath Scheme?

### About:

- It allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the Armed Forces for a period of four years. Youth will be able to be recruited into the army for a short duration.
- Under the new scheme, around 45,000 to 50,000 soldiers will be recruited annually, and most will leave the service in just four years.

अग्निपथ योजना क्या है?

के बारे में:

यह देशभक्त और प्रेरित युवाओं को चार साल की अवधि के लिए सशस्त्र बलों में सेवा करने की अनुमति देता है। युवा कम अवधि के लिए सेना में भर्ती हो सकेंगे।

नई योजना के तहत, सालाना लगभग 45,000 से 50,000 सैनिकों की भर्ती की जाएगी, और अधिकांश केवल चार वर्षों में सेवा छोड़ देंगे। Aspirants between the ages of 17.5
years and 21 years will be eligible to
apply.

• 17.5 वर्ष से 21 वर्ष की आयु के अभ्यर्थी आवेदन करने के पात्र होंगे।

## Objectives:

- It aims at providing an opportunity to the patriotic and motivated youth with the 'Josh' and 'Jazba' to join the Armed Forces.
- It is expected to bring down the **average age profile of the Indian Armed Forces** by about 4 to 5 years.
- The scheme envisions that the average age in the forces is 32 years today, which will go down to 26 in six to seven years.

## • उद्देश्य:

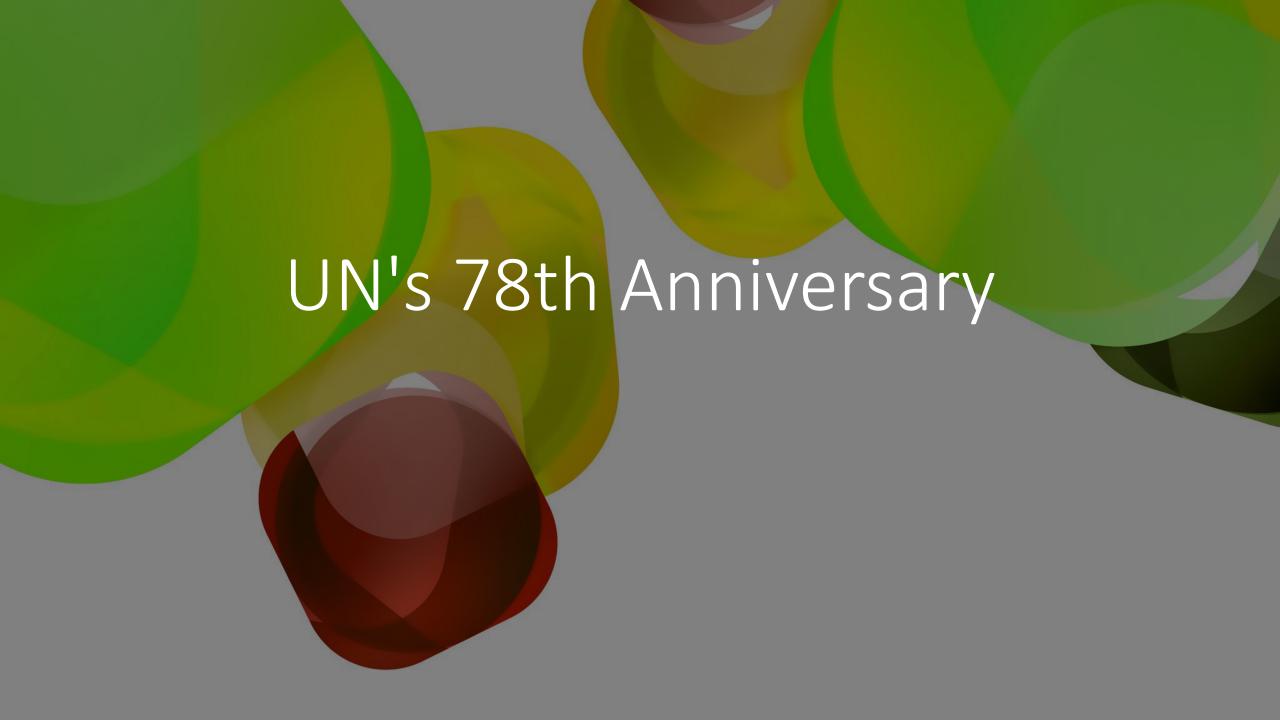
- इसका उद्देश्य 'जोश' और 'जज्बा' वाले देशभक्त और प्रेरित युवाओं को सशस्त्र बलों में शामिल होने का अवसर प्रदान करना है।
- इससे भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों की औसत आयु प्रोफ़ाइल में लगभग 4 से 5 वर्ष की कमी आने की उम्मीद है।
- योजना की परिकल्पना है कि आज बलों में औसत आयु 32 वर्ष है, जो छह से सात वर्षों में घटकर 26 वर्ष हो जाएगी।

# Exercise MILAN 2024

- The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) of MILAN 24 (Multilateral Naval Exercise 2024), to be hosted by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam during Feb 2024, was conducted by the Eastern Naval Command (ENC).
- MILAN is a biennial multilateral naval exercise incepted by Indian Navy in 1995 at Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- फरवरी 2024 के दौरान विशाखापत्तनम में भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा आयोजित मिलन 24 (बहुपक्षीय नौसेना अभ्यास 2024) का मध्य योजना सम्मेलन (एमपीसी) पूर्वी नौसेना कमान (ईएनसी) द्वारा आयोजित किया गया था।
- मिलन एक द्विवार्षिक बहुपक्षीय नौसैनिक अभ्यास है जिसकी शुरुआत 1995 में अंडमान और निकोबार कमान में भारतीय नौसेना दवारा की गई थी।

 Starting with the participation of only four countries, viz Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand, in the 1995 edition, the exercise has since transitioned leaps and bounds in terms of number of participants and complexity of exercises. • 1995 के संस्करण में केवल चार देशों, अर्थात इंडोनेशिया, सिंगापुर, श्रीलंका और थाईलैंड की भागीदारी के साथ शुरू हुए इस अभ्यास में तब से प्रतिभागियों की संख्या और अभ्यास की जटिलता के मामले में

तेजी से बदलाव आया है।



- Recently, the World has celebrated the 78th anniversary of the United Nations (UN) on 24th October 2023.
- United Nations Day is an annual event that commemorates the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. It is celebrated on 24th October to promote awareness and understanding of the UN's goals and achievements.
- हाल ही में, विश्व ने 24 अक्टूबर 2023 को संयुक्त राष्ट्र (यूएन) की 78वीं वर्षगांठ मनाई है।
- संयुक्त राष्ट्र दिवस एक वार्षिक कार्यक्रम है जो 1945 में संयुक्त राष्ट्र चार्टर के लागू होने की वर्षगांठ का जश्न मनाता है। यह संयुक्त राष्ट्र के लक्ष्यों और उपलब्धियों के बारे में जागरूकता और समझ को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 24 अक्टूबर को मनाया जाता है।

Headquarters	760 United Nations Plaza, Manhattan, New York City, United States (international zone)
Official languages	Arabic Chinese English French Russian Spanish <sup>[1]</sup>
Туре	Intergovernmental organization
Membership	193 member states 2 observer states
Leaders	
Secretary-General	António Guterres
Deputy Secretary- General	Amina J. Mohammed
<ul> <li>General Assembly President</li> </ul>	Dennis Francis
<ul> <li>Economic and Social Council President</li> </ul>	Lachezara Stoeva
<ul> <li>Security Council Presidency</li> </ul>	Brazil (October 2023)
Establishment	
UN Charter signed	26 June 1945 (78 years ago)
Charter entered into force	24 October 1945 (78 years ago)
Population • 2023 estimate	8,005,176,000

#### **UN General Assembly**

Deliberative assembly of all UN member
 states —



- May resolve non-compulsory recommendations to states or suggestions to the Security Council (UNSC);
- Decides on the admission of new members, following proposal by the UNSC;
- Adopts the budget;
- Elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC; all members of ECOSOC; the UN Secretary-General (following their proposal by the UNSC); and the fifteen judges of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Each country has one vote.

#### **UN Secretariat**

Administrative organ of the UN —



- Supports the other UN bodies
   administratively (for example, in the organization of conferences, the writing of reports and studies and the preparation of the budget);
- Its chairperson—the UN Secretary-General
   —is elected by the General Assembly for a five-year mandate and is the UN's foremost representative.

#### **International Court of Justice**

Universal court for international law —



- Decides disputes between states that recognize its jurisdiction;
- Issues legal opinions;
- Renders judgment by relative majority. Its fifteen judges are elected by the UN General Assembly for nine-year terms.

#### **UN Security Council**

For international security issues —



- Responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security;
- May adopt compulsory resolutions;
- Has fifteen members: five permanent members with veto power and ten elected members.

#### **UN Economic and Social Council**

For global economic and social affairs —



- Responsible for co-operation between states as regards economic and social matters;
- Co-ordinates co-operation between the UN's numerous specialized agencies;
- Has 54 members, elected by the General Assembly to serve staggered three-year mandates.

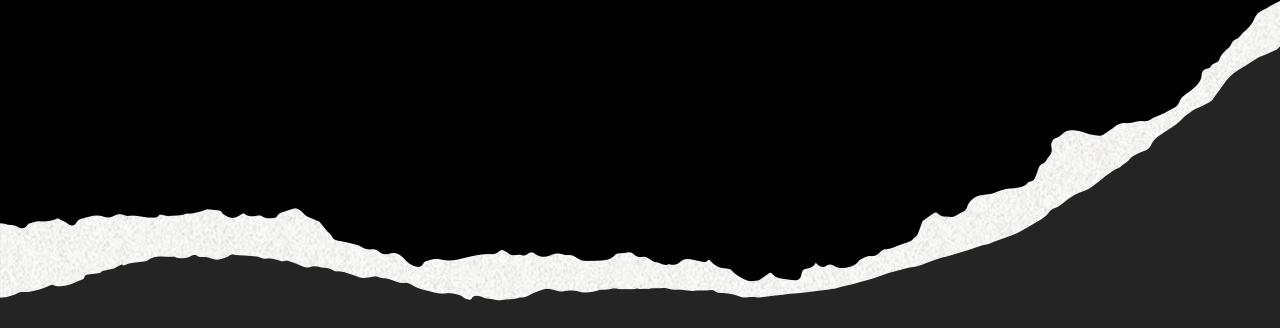
#### **UN Trusteeship Council**

For administering trust territories(currently inactive) —



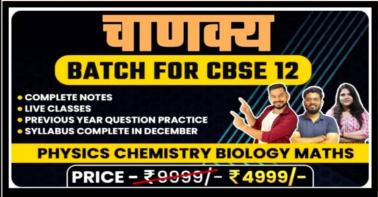
- Was originally designed to manage colonial possessions that were former League of Nations mandates;
- Has been inactive since 1994, when Palau, the last trust territory, attained independence.

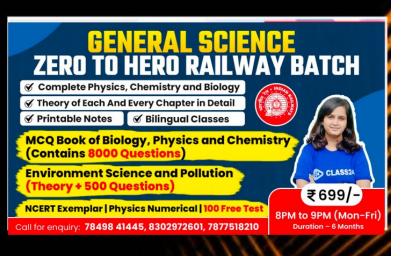
## Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023



- The joint bilateral training exercise between India and Malaysia, "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023," commenced at Umroi Cantonment, featuring a Battalion of the Rajput Regiment from the Indian contingent and Malaysian Army's 5th Royal Battalion.
- भारत और मलेशिया के बीच संयुक्त द्विपक्षीय प्रशिक्षण अभ्यास, "व्यायाम हरिमो शक्ति 2023," उमरोई छावनी में शुरू हुआ, जिसमें भारतीय दल और मलेशियाई सेना की 5 वीं रॉयल बटालियन से राजपूत रेजिमेंट की एक बटालियन शामिल थी।













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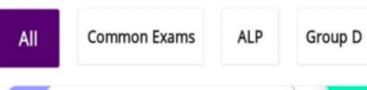
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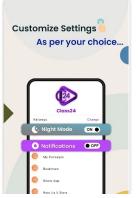


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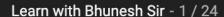






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