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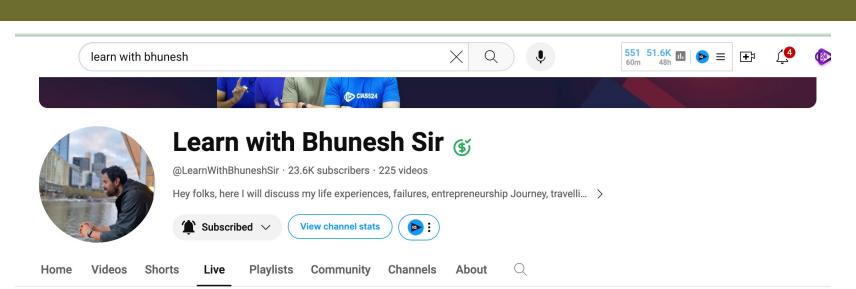








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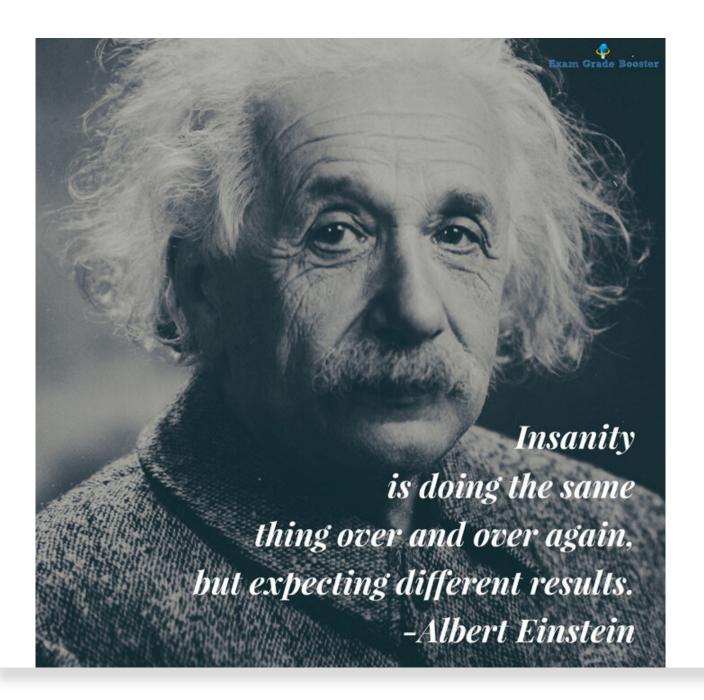
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### Additional frisking for Air India passengers

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Passengers boarding Air In dia flights from Delhi and Punjab will undergo additional security frisking, ac-cording to a Bureau of Civil Aviation Security order is sued on Monday following the release of a new video by designated terrorist Gur-patwant Singh Pannun, founder of the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ). The SFJ chief on Sunday

released a video warning Sikhs against flying on Air India aircraft as their lives could be "in danger". Pas-sengers will be put through a "secondary ladder point check", under which the airline staff frisks travellers and their hand luggage af-ter security clearance from the CISF and just before boarding the aircraft. Entry of visitors to the terminal building of Delhi's IGI Airport and sale of entry tickets for visitors will also be banned.

## Battle begins



All the 40 seats in

 MNF's Aizawi East-I, ZPM's Laiduhoma from

t-III and BJP's Lalrin-ana Sailo from Mamit are key candidates

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# 'Aftershock' rocks Nepal, Delhi

The Hindu Bureau

Three days after a violent earthquake struck the Ja-jarkot region of Nepal, killing at least 150 people, a second earthquake, or an 'aftershock' struck the re-gion on Monday. Much like

quake, tremors were felt as ar away as Delhi, though there were no reports of loss of lives, injuries, and damage to structures.

"An earthquake of mag-nitude 5.6 was recorded in Nepal at 16:16 [4.16 p.m.]," said an alert from the Na-

tional Centre for Seismolo gy (NCS).

Earlier, two aftershock of magnitude 3.5 and 3.8 were also recorded within a 10-km radius of the main

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# **Governors delaying** crucial Bills a matter of concern, says SC

CJI asks why govts, should be made to approach the court for Governors to act; he adds matters must be sorted out between them and the CMs

he Supreme Court on Monday ex-pressed acute dis-sure at Governors holding back key Bills, es-pecially in non-BJP-ruled States such as Puniab, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Te-langana, until State governments approach the top court for judicial intervention.

"This is a serious issue we should look into... Why should parties be made to approach the Supreme Court for the Governors to act. We are a democracy in operation since the birth of the Constitution. These are matters to be sorted out between the Governors and Chief Ministers. We



'Do soul-searching' The Chief Justice said it was time everybody, inbit of soul-searching\*

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three-judge

"The Governors should

that they are not elected by the people," he noted. The Bench was hearing a petition filed by the Punjab government accusing the Governor of sitting on seven key Bills related to subjects including fiscal State-affiliated

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#### Continue as CM even if arrested: MLAs to Kejriwal

#### NEW DELHI

AAP MLAs on Monday urged Arvind Keiriwal to continue as the Chief Minister even if he is arrested. The ED had summoned him on November 2 in connection with the excise case, but he skipped it. Party leaders have since voiced apprehension about the arrest of Mr. Kejriwal. » Page 3

#### 'Mahadev app' video: Baghel, BJP face-off on

Reacting to a video shared by the BJP, in which a man claim: that he is the real owner of Mahadev app and had paid ₹508 crore to Bhupesh Baghel, the Chhattisgarh CM has alleged that the BJP is now fighting poll with the help of the ED. » Page 10



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#### **NEWS IN NUMBERS**

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Hidden cost added to the global economy by food system

in \$ trillion. The food and agriculture system adds hidden costs to the global economy every year due to unhealthy diets, emissions and undermourishment according to a UN agency. in \$ trillion. The food and

The number of Afghans repatriated to Afghanistan

Fit to width

The Palestinian death toll after a month of the ongoing war

Palestinians, or around 70% of Gaza's population, have fled their homes since the war began. Ph

Household car ownership declines in Singapore

in percentage. Singapore has witnessed a decline in car owners, with households owning automobiles in the city-state, down

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# States in Court against their Governors

Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Punjab have approached the Supreme Court to decide a time-frame for which Governors have to either return or grant assent to Bills passed by Legislatures. Some of these Bills have been sitting with the Governors for years

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The accusations Tamil Nadu has accused Governor R.N. Ravi of toying with the citizens' mandate by sitting on the Bills by neither assenting nor returning them. It said the Governor has positioned himself as a "political the provided and the property of the property rival" who has caused a "constitutional

appearing for the State, to submit that egislatures in Opposition-ruled States were at the mercy of the Governors, who

The process of granting assent Article 200 of the Constitution covers the ontions before the Governor when a Bill ptions before the Governor when a Bill assed by both Houses of the Legislature presented to him. The first proviso to le Article says the Governor could either eclare his assent to the Bill or withhold he assent if it is not a Money Bill or serve the law for the consideration of



the President if he thinks the Bill derogates from or endangers the power of judicial review of the High Court.

In case the Governor chooses to withhold assent, he should return the Bill "as soon as possible" with a message requesting the Legislative Assembly to reconsider the proposed law or any specified provisions or suggest amendments. The Assembly would reconsider and pass the Bill, and this time, the Governor should not withhold his assent. In short, the constitutional head of the State would bow to the considered decision of the elected representatives of the people

Do Governors have discretion?

Governor's exercise of discretion would act as a "potential check on disruptive legislative tendencies" by States, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, while introducing the amended proviso, said "in a responsible government there can be no room for the

vernor acting on discretion".

T. T. Krishnamachari, a Constituent Assembly member from Madras and later Finance Minister, approved of the amendment, saying "the Governor cannot act on his own, he can only act on the advice of the Ministry... When a Governor sends a Bill back for further consideration, he does so expressly on the advice of his Council of Ministers". the advice of his Council of Ministers". Mr. Krishnamachari explained that if the Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly needs modification or has garnered adverse public opinion, the government uses the Governor to return the Bill to the Lower House as quickly as possible for re-legislation. The first proviso to Article 200 is thus a "saving clause" and retains the discretion over the fate of the Bill solely in the hands of the State Cabinet. Article 163 makes it clear the Govern

Article 163 makes it clear the Governor is not expected to act independently. The top court in the Shamsher Singh case for the State are Governor exercises all his powers and functions conferred on him by or under the Constitution on the aid with the Constitution on the saw in spheres where the Governor is required by or under the Constitution to exercise his functions in his discretion, it was the constitution to exercise his functions in his discretion. occupying the Governor's post.

By when should Bills be returned? The first proviso of Article 200 says it should be "as soon as possible". The Constitution is silent on what exactly this phrase means. The Supreme Court has interpreted "as soon as possible" in the proviso to mean "as early as practicable without avoidable delay" in its 1972

without avoidable delay" in its 1972 judgment in Durga Puda Ghosh versus State of West Bengal. Justice (now retired) Rohinton F. Nariman, in his 2020 judgment in the Keisham Megha Chandra Singht case, said a reasonable time' would mean three months.

The States have urged the court to The States have urged the court to

interpret the phrase in the proviso and fix a time limit by which Governors should assent or return a Bill. The 1988 Sarkaria Commission report on Centre-State relations had suggested consultation with the Governor while drafting the Bill and fixing a deadline for its disposal.

Kerala has asked the Supreme Court to

form a seven-judge Bench to review a five-judge Bench judgment in the 1962 Purushothaman Nambudiri versus State of Kerala case which held the view that Article 200 did not provide "for a time limit within which the Governor

Tamil Nadu has accused Governor R.N. Ravi of toying with the citizens' mandate b sitting on the Bills by neither

Acroscate Dushyant Dave, appearing for Telangana, has submitted that legislatures in Opposition-ruled States were at the mercy of the Governors, who had become a law unto

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar has said that "in a responsible government there can be no room for the Governor acting

# What are the challenges for the new Polish government?

How did the Law and Justice party-ruled government strain relations with the European Court of Justice? What were some of their unpopular policies, especially with regard to abortions?

The story so far:

he people of Poland handed a resounding majority to a multi-party Opposition coalition in the parliament's lower house (Sejm) on October 15, in a record 74.4% turnout. Voters also gave the combine a handsome majority in the upper house, or the Senate. The ruling ltra-conservative Law and Justice (PiS) party led coalition was defeated after its retrograde eight-year record in office.

What went wrong under PiS? The hallmark of PiS rule has been to deploy its electoral majority to redefine the Polish nation in its own radically right-wing and populist image. Early in its tenure, the government rolled out generous welfare benefits, especially generous welfare benefits, especially targeted at children and young mothers, although their long-term sustainability had been questioned by many

economists. In 2016, the government piloted a contentious legislation to impose a total ban on abortions, forcing thousands on to the streets in protest. The public outcry pushed the government to back down, but only momentarily. In 2020, the constitutional tribunal set aside 2020, the constitutional tribunal set asic provisions of a 1993 law that allowed abortions in case of foetal disabilities, triggering further protests. The tribunal tightened the existing law by providing exemptions to the termination of pregnancies only involving rape, incest and risk to the mother's health. PiS has also attacked the LGBT community as an affront to the country's traditional family The government also legislated

sweeping provisions to empower politicians to control lower courts, the constitutional tribunal and the body that appoints judges. A brazen move in 2018 saw one-third of Supreme Court judges being forcibly retired. By the time the

the Baropean Court of Justice (ECD) the body had been packed with PS loyalist. In 2021, the ECJ slapped a fine of one million euros per day when the government defied an order to revoke government defied an order to revoke of judges from prosecution deemed inconvenient. Despite repeatedly falling fowl of Europe's top court, Poland's constitutional tribunal ruled, in a case brought by the Prime Minister Mateusz Morawieki, that parts of the EU law were not compatible with the constitution. The verdict was at variance with the principle of the primacy of EU law over nationa rulings on member states. Brussels dubbed the ruling a breach of European values and has withheld Warsaw's application for COVID-19 recovery money worth billions of euros, and equally large regional development funds.

What happens now? As the single largest party in the new

parliament, PiS would be invited to form a government by President Andrzej Duda, but few expect it to muster a majority. The baton would then pass on to Donald Tusk, Poland's former prime minister and co-founder of the centre-right Civic Platform, the principal constituent in the victorious opposition civic coalition. The others in this grouping are the Third Way alliance of centrist and agrarian parties and the leftist Lewika. All of these parties are united in their pro-EU stance. The new government is not expected to be sworn in before December.

What are the government's priorities? Foremost, the government under Mr. Tusk has to brace itself to navigate a political landscape that has been seriously vitiated by the policies of the past eight years. PIS commands a not inconsiderable the incoming parliament. Conversely, tackling issues on the EU stage appears less daunting for the new government. T begin with, Mr. Tusk is a familiar face in Brussels, where he had until 2019 ably headed the EU Council, the forum that gathers the heads of governments of the 27-member bloc. Within days of the October elections, the putative premier was in Brussels to unblock billions of was in Brussels to unblock billions of euros of Poland's EU development funds that were frozen consequent to Warsaw's conflict over compliance with the EU's rule of law procedures. The writer is Director, Strategic

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# **NEWS IN NUMBERS**

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# Govt. expands 'Bharat Atta' sale to curb rising prices

# The Hindu Bureau

**NEW DELHI** 

With wheat flour (atta) becoming costly around the festival season, the Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry on Monday released more stocks of the 'Bharat' brand atta through 100 mobile vans and the outlets of Kendriya Bhandar, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF), and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) here.

Bharat *Atta* will be available at ₹27.50 a kg. The national average price of flour as on Monday was ₹35.93.

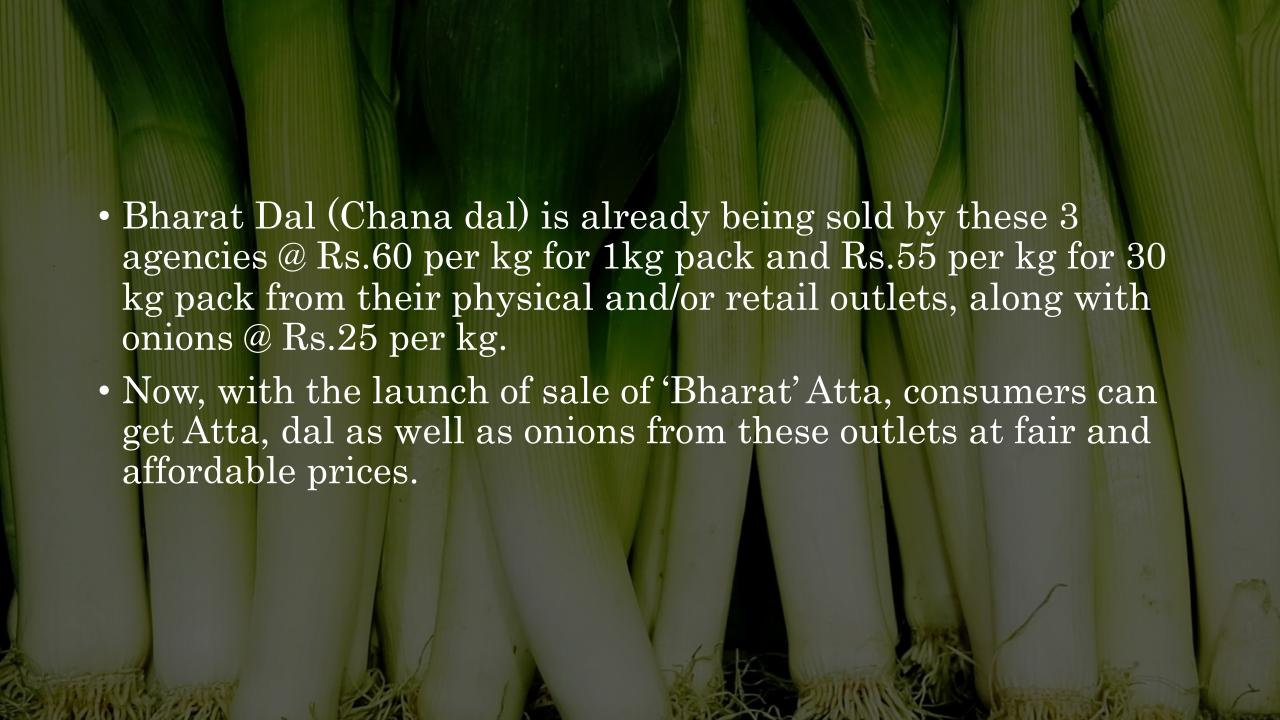
"The launch of retail sale of Bharat *Atta* will increase supplies in the market at affordable rates, and will help in continued moderation of prices of this important food item," Union Food Minister Piyush Goyal said, flagging off the sale.



This month, state-owned Food Corporation of India (FCI) sold 2.87 lakh tonne of wheat from the buffer stock to bulk consumers in the 19th round of e-auction.



FCI has been selling wheat and rice from the Central pool to bulk buyers like flour millers and small traders under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) since June through a weekly e-auction to control the retail prices of these key commodities.





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#### **Governors delaying Bills** a matter of concern: SC

The Advecace-General for Punjab inter clarified that three of the seven fills wore Money fills, of which two had been recommended by the Governor after the petition was filed in the Supreme Court. Four Bills on other subjects, presented to The State of the Supreme Court. Four Bills on other subjects, presented to The State, represented by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi along with the Advocate-General, said the Vidhan Sabba was adjourned size die in March

and recalled in June by the Speaker under Rule 16 of the Vidhan Sabha Rules to pass the seven Bills. The Governor had objected, saying the session

ought to have been prorogued and reconvened. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said the Gove nor was taking "appropriate action" on the Bills presented to him. "There are astonishing things happening here. They keep the Assembly alive, and whenever they want to abuse people, they meet. This is unnecessary litigation. The Governor has taken action. He has dealt with the Bills nor has taken action. He has dealt with the Bills appropriately by either declaring assent or refer-ring to the President... I do not know. I will seek instructions and come back on Friday [November 10]," Mr. Mehta said.

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The court also questioned the Assembly's action to reconvene three months after the Vidhan School of the Court of

so approached the Supreme Court against its Go vernor holding back crucial Bills, "Some of these vermer monding back crucial Bills. "Some of these Bills have been pending with him for over two years... When the Governor was told the State had approached the apex court, he said, "Let us see, we will fight it out,"" Mr. Venugopal submitted.



#### 'Aftershock' rocks Nepal, Delhi

"The area is seismically very active and associated "The area is seismically very active and associated with collisional tectonics where the indian plate to a note from the NCS.

V.K. Gahlaut, seismologist, National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad, told The Hindu that Monday's quake could also be con-

sidered an aftershock.
"There is no hard definition for an aftershock.

There is no laid demittion for an atterstock. But given that it is the same region and relatively close in time, it could be one. Look at what happened in Afghanistan; Mr. Gahlaut said.

A series of earthquakes over a week in October struck Afghanistan killing at least 1,000. The November 3 earthquake was the deadliest in Nepal since 2015. That quake was recorded by more than 60 seismic stations installed by NCS. The quakes occurred on the North Almora Thrust quakes occurred on the North Almora Thrust (ART), a region suitably placed to trigger a main-shock'due to "...appreciable structural heteroge-ed. The occurrence of earthquakes in the region is attributed mainly to the tectonic settings of the Hi-malayas comprising Himalayan Frontal Thrust (HFT), Main Boundary Thrust (MBT) and Main and geological demarcated lineaments, according and geological demarcated lineaments, according

# India, Bhutan to discuss new routes of regional connectivity

King Jigme Khesar holds talks with PM; the two sides agree to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossborder rail link between Gelephu and Kokrajhar in Assam; they will also explore a second rail link between Bhutan and West Bengal

ndia and Bhutan agreed to discuss new routes of regional con-nectivity and upgrade border and immigration posts to support Bhutan's fifth King Jigme Khesar Nam-gyel Wangchuck's plans for a smart city at Gelephu on the border between Bhu tan and Assam, after his neeting with Prime Minis-er Narendra Modi in New

ter Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday. While no mention was made of India's overhang. So the Comment of the Comment process with China, the Ministry of External Af-fairs said the two leaders "held discussions on the entire gamut of blateral cooperation and regional and global issues of mutual

Apart from a decision to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossbor-der rail link between Gele-phu and Kokrajhar in Assam to be built by India. Assam to be built by India, the two sides agreed to ex-plore a second rail link for about 18 km between Samtse in Bhutan and Ba-



narhat in West Bengal tea gardens area. India also agreed to allow Bhutanese of the state of the state of the further on from Haldibari in West Bengal to Chilahati in Bengladesh. The rail connectivity could in the future assist air connective ty for Indians in the northing reforms process under way in Bhutan," said a joint countries at the end of the meeting. "Prime Minister [Modi] realfirmed India's unique ties of friendship and cooperation with Blu-tan and reiterated coart-the socio-economic deve-lopment in Bhutan based on the priorities of the east as well, as Bhutan plans to build an internapians to build an interna-tional airport at Gelephu as part of the larger Sarpang district Special Economic Zone, new initiative ex-pected to be announced by Royal Government and as per the vision of His Majes-ty," it added. the Bhutanese King on De-cember 17. Development assistance "[The Bhutanese King] The Bhutanese King also thanked the government for its development assis-

shared valuable perspec-tive and insights on ongo-

ated its commitment to support the new 13th Five-Year Plan as well. Apart from the go-ahead for the two short distance crossborder rail link pro-jects, India and Bhutan greed to designate th Darranga-Samdrup Jongk-har border crossing between Assam and Bhutan's less developed-South Eastrn district as an im

ern district as an immigra-tion check post, so as to al-low third country nationals to enter and exit as well ty, and promoting tou-rism", the joint statement said.

In particular, the two sides agreed to strengthen rade infrastructure with the upgrade of an existing land customs station at Dadgiri (Assam) to a mo-dernised "Integrated Check Post" (ICP) along with "development of facil-ities on the Bhutanese side

tance for Bhutan's 12th Five-Year plan, (2018-2023) that ended on October 31 this year, and India reiter-

at Gelephu" at Gelephu".

Easing travel between
the two countries, and allowing further exchanges
to Bangladesh is expected to help raise Bhutanese op-portunities for trade and travel, and bring in muchneeded tourism revenues for the neighbouring country. Bhutan's economy, which has been hit by the COVID pandemic and after-effects of a very strict

lockdown in the country, is expecting to grow by a modest 4.3%, lower than the sub-regional average, and is expected to face and ste exponent at the conunit step of the conlong-term impact due to a
net-out migration by its
youth, who are seeking
education and jobs in othserves and a major public
debt, with an estimated
125% government debt to
GDP ratio in 2022, largely
are further adding to Bhutan's worries. The Bhutaness King's plans for Gelephu and the special
had first discussed with Mr. had first discussed with Mr. Modi during a visit in April

2023, is targeted at increas-ing opportunities for work and tourism in Bhutan. King Jigme Khesar will fly to Mumbai, where he is expected to meet with the heads of "top business houses", an official said.

#### Modi, Iranian President Raisi discuss Gaza crisis

The Hindu Bureau

Continuing high-level in-ternational conversations on the Israel-Hamas conyed Ebrahim Raisi. The two leaders discussed the situation in Gaza and pro-gress on the Chabahar port. In his remarks, Mr. Raisi called for an "immediate ceasefire" and ar gued that the situation in Gaza will have "extra-re-

gional consequences".

"Good exchange of per-Raisi of Iran on the difficult situation in West Asia and lives are serious concerns Preventing escalation, en suring continued humani tarian aid and early resto ration of peace and stability are important. Welcomed the progress in our bilateral cooperation, including on the Chabahar

port," said Mr. Modi. The Iranian leader de scribed the Israeli bomb scribed the Israeli bomb-ing of hospitals, schools, mosques, churches and re-sidential areas as "unac-ceptable from the point of view of any human being."

#### Grounds of arrest not given: founder of NewsClick

The Hindu Bureau

Online news portal New-sClick founder Prabir Purkavastha, booked under the Unlawful Activities Pre the Unlawful Activities Pre-vention Act, on Monday told the Supreme Court that investigating authori-ties should at least supply him with the grounds of

his arrest. Senior advocate Kapili Sibal, appearing for Mr. Purkayastha, said his plea fell squarely within the am-bit of a Supreme Court in judgment in the Pankaj Bansal case which held that the Enforcement Di-rectorate should provide an accused a written copy an accused a written copy of the grounds of his or her arrest. Mr. Purkayastha and NewsClick employee Amit Chakraborty had appealed to the court after the Delhi High Court rejected their contentions about "procedural infirmi-ty" and violation of constitutional provisions in rela-tion to the arrest and the

remand order.

The court agreed to hear the petition after the Deepavali vacations. Mr. Sibal also sought an interim bail for Mr. Purkayastha on medical grounds.

# House panel adopts reports on new criminal law Bills

The Hindu Bureau

The Parliamentary Com-mittee on Home Affairs on Monday adopted three re-ports on the Bills that seek to replace the existing cri minal laws. All 10 Opposi tion members will be subitting dissent notes.
The committee could

The committee could not adopt the report in its last meeting on October 27, after several Opposition leaders sought more time on the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suralsha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Salshya Adhiniyam a Salshya Adhiniyam of Salshya Adhiniyam of Color (Brown of the Code of Criminal Prothe Code of Criminal Prothe Code of Criminal Pro-cedure (Cr.PC), 1973, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, respectively.

Notes of dissent
Congress MPs Adhir RanLongress MPs Adhir RanJaya Singh, along with Dight
MP N.R. Elango, have filed
dissent notes; the others
one of the first to submit
strong exception to the
strong exception to the
provision in the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita
which has increased the

DMK MP N.R. Elango has taken exception to provisions in Bharatiya Nagarik

police remand tenure from the present 15 days to 60 days for offences punisha-ble by 10 years or above ble by 10 years or above and 40 days for offences punishable with less pun-ishment. He said that these provisions should be in-tered by the said that these provisions should be in-otherwise, the magistrates would be discouraged from giving ball. He also objected to the provision on organised argued would clash with the existing laws in several

the existing laws in several States such as Maharash-tra, Uttar Pradesh and Kar-nataka. The BNS also has a provision to deal with terrorism, which Mr. Elango, according to sources, in his dissent note, argued would add unnecessary confu-sion with the existing Unlawful Activities (Preven-

tion) Act.

The draft report has also recommended that there should be parity in punishment for murder and mob lynching. The BNS lays down a minimum of seven years of punishment for

cases of mob lynching, while the cases of murders are punishable by life im-prisonment or death. To remove this disparity, the committee has suggested that the minimum punish ment clause should be removed for mob lynching

Other concerns
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suggested that the section
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adults, all acts of carnal intercourse with minors and
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The committee, while acknowledging the Supreme Court judgment striking down Section 497 striking down Section 497
of IPC on adultery, said
that the "institution of
marriage is considered
sacred in Indian society
and there is a need to safeguard its sanctity. For the
sake of protecting the institution of marriage, this
Section should be retained by making it gender neu-tral". The report on BNSS recommends that hand-

# Baghel, BJP continue to face off over new 'Mahadev app' video

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday said the BJP was fighting elections with the help of the Enforcement help of the Enforcement Directorate. He was react-ing to a video shared by the BJP, in which a man calling himself Shubham Soni himself Shubham Soni claims that he is the real owner of the now-banned Mahadev betting app and had paid ₹508 crore to Mr. Baghel.

"If the ED has issued a ness release to defame so-

press release to defame so-meone, the Election Com-mission should take cogni-sance of it. The ED is issuing a press release and the BJP is releasing the vi-deo. The ED is the BJP and the BJP is the ED," Mr. Baghel said on the side-

Bagnet said on the side-lines of a campaign event.. Earlier, reacting to a question on the Centre banning the app just ahead of the first phase of election in the State, the Chief Minister said the applica-

Minister said the applica-tion was still running.

In Bhopal, Union Minis-ter Rajeev Chandrasekhar dismissed the Congress's claims of having written to the Centre to ban the app, "The Chhattisgarh police



and the Chhattisgarh go-vernment started the in-vestigation a year and a half ago, but did not do anything regarding the and the Chhattisgarh just wanted to stretch this investigation so that they can take money from the app. They have received \$508 crore from the app, and now they need to answer why they took it. ED requested us to block this app yesterday for the first time and we imme-diately blocked 22 such apps. They did not give any application to the Central government to block this ED requested us to block

In a post on X, Mr. Bagh In a post on X, Mr. Bagh-el also questioned whether television channels run-ning the purported footage amounted to defamation.

#### India, Nepal begin talks on border-related matters

## The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The border guarding forc-es of India and Nepal start-ed their three-day bilateral

Monday.

The two security forces

— the Sashastra Seema Bal
(SSB) and the Armed Police
Force (APF) — will be discussing measures to curb
trans-frontier crimes and
exchange of critical information, the SSB said in a
statement.

# | Collegium recommends Chief Justices of | Two teenage boys three High Courts for appointment to SC

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# jab and Haryana and Rajas han, respectively. Justice Sharma is second

# missing in Manipur

A day after two teenage boys went missing in Manipur, the police on Monday said three persons have been detained from the hill

been detained from the hill district of Kangpokpi in connection with the inci-dent.

Fresh tension was re-ported in the valley areas after the boys, halling from the Meitel community, went mixing Mahan Avithe Meitei Maibam Avi-nash, 16, and Ningthoujam Anthony, 19, visited the Sekmai area in Imphal

# West district on Sunday

morning to attend a func-tion. Their phones were found in Senapati district a Naga-dominated area

a Naga-dominated area. The Naga Peoples' Organi-sation, in a statement, said that miscreams had inten-ble phones of the boys in the area to drag the Nagas into the ongoing conflict. On X, "Three individuals have been detained for fur-ther intercogation and veri-fication in connection with ton continues."

#### Start mobile towers in unaffected areas: HC

#### The Hindu Bureau

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# India, Bhutan to discuss new routes of regional connectivity

King Jigme Khesar holds talks with PM; the two sides agree to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossborder rail link between Gelephu and Kokrajhar in Assam; they will also explore a second rail link between Bhutan and West Bengal

## Suhasini Haidar

NEW DELHI

and Bhutan agreed to discuss new routes of regional connectivity and upgrade border and immigration posts to support Bhutan's fifth King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck's plans for a smart city at Gelephu on the border between Bhutan and Assam, after his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday.

While no mention was made of India's overhanging concerns over Bhutan's border delimitation agreement process with China, the Ministry of External Affairs said the two leaders "held discussions on the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and regional and global issues of mutual interest".

Apart from a decision to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossborder rail link between Gelephu and Kokrajhar in Assam to be built by India, the two sides agreed to explore a second rail link for about 18 km between Samtse in Bhutan and Ba-



Friendly relations: Narendra Modi meeting Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

narhat in West Bengal tea gardens area. India also agreed to allow Bhutanese trade items to be carried further on from Haldibari in West Bengal to Chilahati in Bangladesh. The rail connectivity could in the future assist air connectivity for Indians in the northeast as well, as Bhutan plans to build an international airport at Gelephu as part of the larger Sarpang district Special Economic Zone, new initiative expected to be announced by the Bhutanese King on December 17.

"[The Bhutanese King] shared valuable perspective and insights on ongo-

ing reforms process under way in Bhutan," said a joint statement issued by both countries at the end of the meeting. "Prime Minister [Modi] reaffirmed India's abiding commitment to its unique ties of friendship and cooperation with Bhutan and reiterated continued and full support to the socio-economic development in Bhutan based on the priorities of the Royal Government and as per the vision of His Majesty," it added.

# **Development assistance**

The Bhutanese King also thanked the government for its development assis-

tance for Bhutan's 12th Five-Year plan, (2018-2023) that ended on October 31 this year, and India reiterated its commitment to support the new 13th Five-Year Plan as well.

Apart from the go-ahead for the two short distance crossborder rail link projects, India and Bhutan agreed to designate the Darranga-Samdrup Jongkhar border crossing between Assam and Bhutan's less developed-South Eastern district as an immigration check post, so as to allow third country nationals to enter and exit as well "for enhancing connectivity, and promoting tourism", the joint statement

In particular, the two sides agreed to strengthen trade infrastructure with the upgrade of an existing land customs station at Dadgiri (Assam) to a modernised "Integrated Check Post" (ICP) along with "development of facilities on the Bhutanese side at Gelephu".

Easing travel between the two countries, and allowing further exchanges to Bangladesh is expected

to help raise Bhutanese opportunities for trade and travel, and bring in muchneeded tourism revenues for the neighbouring country. Bhutan's economy, which has been hit by the COVID pandemic and after-effects of a very strict lockdown in the country, is expecting to grow by a modest 4.3%, lower than the sub-regional average, and is expected to face long-term impact due to a net-out migration by its youth, who are seeking education and jobs in other countries. Low forex reserves and a major public debt, with an estimated 125% government debt to GDP ratio in 2022, largely made up of debt to India. are further adding to Bhutan's worries. The Bhutanese King's plans for Gelephu and the special economic zone, which he had first discussed with Mr. Modi during a visit in April 2023, is targeted at increasing opportunities for work and tourism in Bhutan.

King Jigme Khesar will fly to Mumbai, where he is expected to meet with the heads of "top business houses", an official said.



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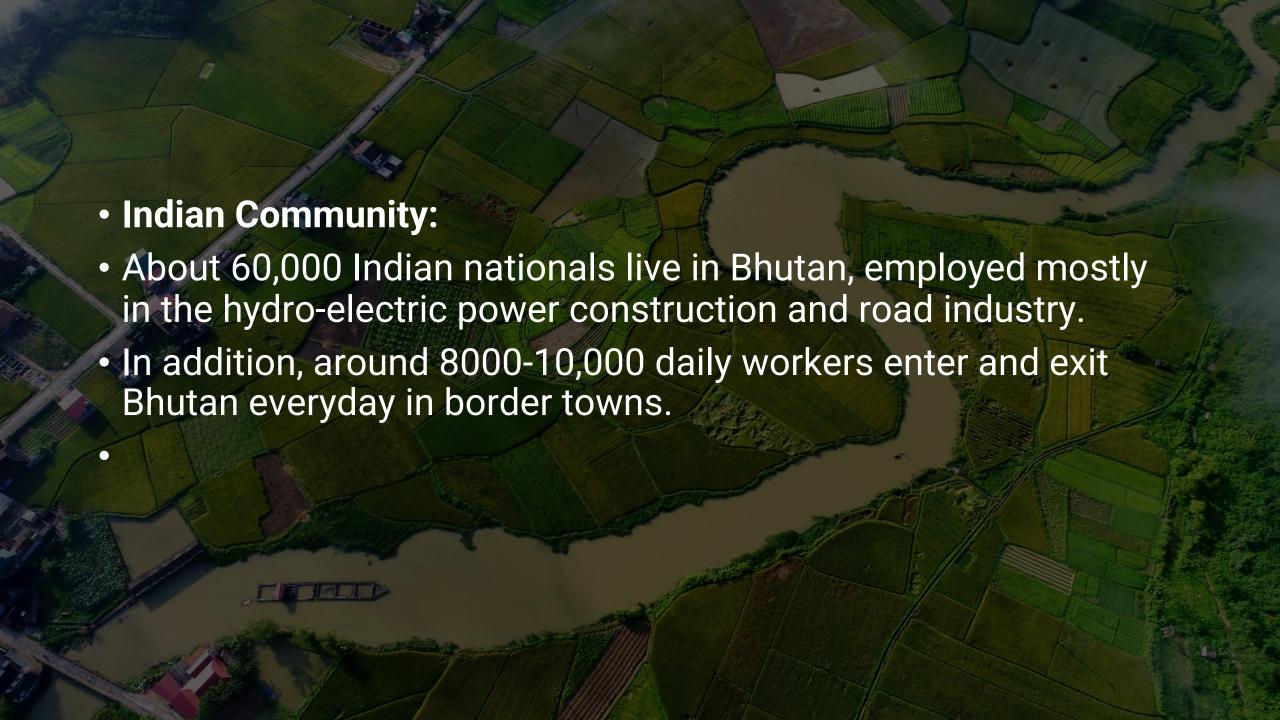
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# **Economic Assistance:**

India is Bhutan's leading development partner. Since the launch of First Five Year Plan of Bhutan in 1961, India has been extending financial support to Bhutan's FYPs. India has allotted Rs 4500 crore to Bhutan's 12th FYP.



Capital and largest city	Thimphu 27°28.0'N 89°38.5'E
Official languages	Dzongkha
Religion (2020) <sup>[1][2]</sup>	84.3% Buddhism (official) 11.3% Hinduism 3.2% Bon 0.7% Christianity 0.5% other
Demonym(s)	Bhutanese
Government	Unitary parliamentary semi-constitutional monarchy
Druk Gyalpo     Chief Advisor	Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
Chief Advisor	Chogyal Dago Rigdzin
Legislature	Parliament
Upper house	National Council
Lower house	National Assembly
Formation	
<ul> <li>Unification of Bhutan</li> </ul>	1616–1634
<ul> <li>Period of Desi administration</li> </ul>	1650–1905
Start of the     Wangchuck     dynasty	17 December 1907
• Indo-Bhutan Treaty	8 August 1949
<ul> <li>UN membership</li> </ul>	21 September 1971
<ul> <li>Constitutional monarchy</li> </ul>	18 July 2008

Population • 2021 estimate • 2022 census • Density	777,486 <sup>[5][6]</sup> (165th) 727,145 <sup>[7]</sup> 19.3/km <sup>2</sup> (50.0/sq mi) (162nd)
GDP (PPP)  • Total	2023 estimate  ▲ \$10.969 billion <sup>[8]</sup> (166th)
Per capita	▲ \$14,296 <sup>[8]</sup> (95th)
GDP (nominal) • Total	2023 estimate  ▲ \$2.686 billion <sup>[8]</sup> (178th)
• Per capita	▲ \$3,500 <sup>[8]</sup> (124th)
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## INBRIDE



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#### Amarnath shrine in Kashmir sees first vehicular movement

Once out of bounds, the Amarnath shrine located at an altitude of 13,000 feet has seen the first-ever movement of four-wheelers. "The Border Roads personnel completed the formidable task and created history with the first set of vehicles reaching the holy cave," a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) spokesman said, in a post on X. The BRO's Project Beacon is involved in the restoration of Amarnath Yatra tracks.

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# Come out with policy for providing sanitary napkins at schools: SC

The Supreme Court on Monday gave the Centre four weeks to finalise and place on record an "opti-mum" menstrual hygiene policy with focus on the distribution of sanitary napkins. The court further directed the Union government to set down a nation al model for the number of girls' toilets per female population across governent-aided and residential schools in the country.

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pending since 2011. The gopornment counsel responded that a draft policy
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in four weeks. Ms. Makhija said certain States had already been implementing their own schemes for distribution of sanitary napkins. In Tamil Nadu, she said, 18 packets

"Even that would not be "Even that would not be adequate for a young girl of that age..." the Chief Justice reacted. Ms. Makhija said the northeastern States had al-

so shown progressiveness with their own schemes. "The Union of India should duly consider the practices followed in these States and come out with sure that an adequate num ber of sanitary napkins are made available to students in schools," the court

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cant improvement in the percentage of women aged 15-24 who use a hygienic method of protection du ing their menstrual cycle, rising from 58% in NFHS-4 to 78%, it said.

#### Indian govt. is harassing us. rights groups write to FATF

### The Hindu Bureau

Accusing the Indian go-vernment of prosecuting and harassing human rights activists, and non profit organisations on the pretext of countering terrorist financing, Amnesty International Charity 8 and Human Rights Watch (HRW) have sought the in-tervention of the Financial

tervention of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The statement came days before the start of FATF's periodic review of India's performance with respect to the action taken against money laundering against money laundering and terrorist funding. They have accused the authorities of exploiting

FATF's recommendations "to restrict civic space and stifle the rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly".

In the past 10 years, the authorities had cancelled

# 'Quad's IPMDA initiative proof of our commitment to a free Indo-Pacific'

#### Dinakar Peri

The Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPM-DA) initiative, announced by the Quad grouping, is a testament to the commitment to a free, open, inclu-sive and rules-based Indo-Pacific, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar says, stressing that building networks and partnerships will be instrumental in ensuring instrumental in ensuring the security and stability of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). On force modernisation, he said the Navy is on ships and submarines by 2028.

"This initiative [IPMIDA] seeks to establish a comprehensive system for marritime activities in the Indo-Pacific, ensuring the

Indo-Pacific, ensuring the safety of critical sea lines of communication, and promoting cooperation among like-minded nations in the region," Admi-ral Hari Kumar said in a conversation with The Hin-du on the sidelines of the



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mereats, including energy and trade routes, as well as supply chain vulnerabili-ties, he stated.

On the biennial GMC, Admiral Kumar said it had emerged as a critical plat-

form for fostering coopera-tion and addressing mari-time security challenges in

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partnerships will involve sharing best practices, conducting joint exercises, and fostering a sense of collective responsibility," the Navy chief added.

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## Govt. expands 'Bharat Atta' sale to curb rising prices

#### The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

With wheat flour (atta) be coming costly around the festival season, the Union Food and Consumer Af fairs Ministry on Monday released more stocks of the brand through 100 mobile van and the outlets of Kendriy Bhandar, National Coope

(NAFED) here. Bharat Atta will be available at ₹27.50 a kg. The national average price of flour as on Monday was ₹35.93. "The launch of retail

"The launch of retail sale of Bharat Atta will in-crease supplies in the mar-ket at affordable rates, and will help in continued moderation of prices of this important food item, Union Food Minister Ply ush Goyal said, flagging off the sale.

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On Sunday, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) directed that State governments may consider additional emergency measures such as an oddeven scheme.

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# Odd-even's health impact: what studies, doctors say

# **ANONNA DUTT**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 6

WHILE THERE is some evidence that an oddeven vehicle policy reduces pollutant levels, experts say the available data lacks consistency, and the reduction achieved may not be sufficient to address health-related impacts.

"It is not even a band-aid," said Dr Sagnik Dey, professor and coordinator, Centre of Excellence for Research in Clean Air at the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi.

# Can odd-even prevent health issues?

Explaining why odd-even is not a long-term solution, Dr Dey said: "With several exceptions, odd-even doesn't really cut the number of vehicles plying on the roads by 50%. More importantly, the reduction in emissions doesn't always mean a reduction in the pollutant concentration in the air, as that depends on meteorological factors like wind speed. The evidence so far shows an uneven impact — while some areas have

seen reductions, others have not, or the reduction has been only for a few hours."

Dr Dey added that there is no study to show whether this small reduction in air pollution levels impacts people's health.

Dr Karan Madan, additional professor of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine at AIIMS, Delhi, agreed: "When the PM2.5 levels are over 500, a 20% decrease would mean a drop to only 400. That is still very harmful."

Long-term exposure to pollution is associated with increased risk of hypertension, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks and strokes. It is known to increase the risk of chronic lung diseases, cancers, lower immunity, and also leads to depression.

# What do studies say?

Several studies have shown a decrease in the level of particulate matter when the oddeven scheme is in effect in Delhi. This reduction, however, has only been around 5 to 10%.

A study of the 2016 implementation of odd-even using satellite data, by Dr Dey and Dr SN Tripathi of IIT Kanpur, found a 2 to 3%

decrease in PM2.5 concentration in most of Delhi, barring three pockets where it went down by 8 to 10%. Another study from Delhi Technical University found a 5.73% reduction in PM2.5 levels on average and 4.70% in PM1.

The studies said that the lower PM levels could be because of fewer cars, and also because of traffic moving faster on decongested roads and engines idling less. The studies noted that the sharpest drop in PM levels was observed during midday and not early morning, when the cold temperatures keep the pollutants suspended close to the ground.

Another study by scholars from IIT Delhi and two UK colleges compared PM levels in 2016, when odd-even was implemented, with the same period the previous year. It found that PM2.5 ranged from -2 to -44 % from the previous year during odd-even hours, but was higher by 2–127% during non-odd-even hours.

# Why is reduction of NO2 important?

There could be one important benefit from the odd-even scheme. With fewer vehicles on

the road and less congestion, Dr Dey said, it stands to reason that gaseous pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide, primarily coming from vehicular emissions, would also reduce.

This is significant, because a recent AIIMs study found that emergency room visits increased more with an increase in NO2 levels, than with PM2.5. Short-term exposure to nitrogen dioxide led to a 53% increase in the number of patients who visited the hospital's emergency room up to a week later.

# So what needs to be done, then?

The measures are to kick in after Diwali, and hence won't help with the pollution caused by crackers. Doctors suggested people stay away from crackers.

As for long-term solutions, Dr Dey said measures such as phasing out BS-IV vehicles and bringing in more electric vehicles are likely to show results in the coming years. Measures like odd-even should be implemented in a regional manner and not in Delhi alone, he said.

Dr Madan also called for the use of air purifiers in schools.

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Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh were among those who attended the swearing-in.

The 63-year-old retired IAS officer of the 1985 batch was born in the remote village of Pahadi in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. Mr. Samariya has held positions as Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Telangana. He was sworn in as an Information Commis-



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# **List of Central information Commissioners**

No. ♦	Name +	Took office ◆	Left office ◆				
1	Wajahat Habibullah	26 October 2005 19 September 2010					
2	A. N. Tiwari	30 September 2010	•				
3	Satyananda Mishra	19 December 2010 4 September 2013					
4	Deepak Sandhu	5 September 2013 18 December 201					
5	Sushma Singh	19 December 2013 21 May 2014					
6	Rajiv Mathur	22 May 2014	2014 22 August 2014				
7	Vijai Sharma	10 June 2015 1 December 2015					
8	Radha Krishna Mathur	4 January 2016 24 November 20					
9	Sudhir Bhargava	1 January 2019	11 January 2020				
10	Bimal Julka	6 March 2020	26 August 2020				
11	Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha	7 November 2020	3 October 2023				
12	Heeralal Samariya	6 November 2023	Incumbent				

# **KEY POINTS OF DIFFERENCE**

The bill seeks to empower the central govt on deciding salaries, and other terms of service of information commissioners.

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RTI Act, 2005 RTI (Amendment) Bill, 2019

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- receiving pension or other retirement benefits, their salaries will be reduced by an amount equal to the pension
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Source: PRS Legislative Research

The commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of:
The Prime Minister, who shall be the Chairperson of the committee;

A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; and

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#### THE KING Kohli is 'absolute best' batter in the world, says Ponting



Virat Kohli is the "absolute best" batter in the world on the basis of his overall record and he did not need to equal legendary Sachin Tandulkar's record number of ODI hundreds to earn that the feels Ricky Ponting. "There is no doubt he is the absolute hest and I have

#### TRIAL BY FIRE

Ponting says India's bowling attack has clearly been the best



of the Men in Blue's wins in the ICC World Cup. "What we have seen in this World Cup so far, is that India's bowling attack has clearly

#### CAMARADERIE

Skipper Rohit wins fielding medal after India mauls South Africa



ielding coach T. Dilip has been very creative in how he has d the medals to his players, who have been very keen to receive them, frequently gesticulating on the pitch about winning one after taking a catch. The anticipation rises in the clip posted i

#### TRIAL RUN

Loss to India in group stage an eye-opener, says Maharaj



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Mathews becomes the first ever batter to be timed out in international cricket as he fails to be ready to face the ball within the required two minutes after the fall of a wicket; Bangladesh registers its second win, knocks Sri Lanka out

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Guiding hands: Shanto top scored with 90 as Bangladesh cruised to victory with more than eight overs

#### ODI WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar NEW DELHI

oor air quality in the Indian capital the talking point on this day, but it was a historic diamissal that triggered the triggered that would continue long after the World Cup is ower-came the first ever batter to be timed out in international cricket as he failed to within the required two within the required two

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before a big crowd at the
Arun Jaitley Stadium on
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didn't forget to signal to Shakib that it was time to

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If the Sri Lankan batting could recover from the horrors of the Wankhede, where it had been shot out

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SRI LANKA BOWLING

Madushanka 10-1-69-3, Theekshana 9-0-44-2, Rajitha 4-0-47-0, Chameera 8-0-56-0, Mathews 7.1-1-35-2, Dhananjaya 3-0-20-0. 3-0-20-0. Toss: Bangladesh; PoM: Shakib. Bangladesh won by three wickets with 53 balls to spare.

Next assignment

SRI LANKA: November 9 vs. New Zealand, Bengoluru, 2 p.m. BANGLADESH: November 11 vs. Australia, Pune, 10.30 a.m.

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outh Africa (Q)	8	6	2	12	1.376
Australia	7	5	2	10	0.924
New Zealand	8	4	4	8	0.398
Pakistan	8	4	4	8	0.036
dghanistan	7	4	3	8	-0.330
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iri Lanka (E)	8	2	6	4	-1.160
Vetherlands	7	2	5	4	-1.398
ingland (E)	7	1	6	2	-1.504

# Well within time: Mathews: no regrets at all: Shakib

P.K. Ajith Kumar NEW DELHI

Something strange hap-pened on Monday after-noon. Something that hadn't happened in international cricket before: a batter getting Timed Out. Angelo Mathews failed

get ready to take strike within the stipulated time of two minutes after the fall of the fourth Sri Lanfall of the fourth Sri Lan-kan wicket in the World Cup match against Bangla-desh here on Monday. The veteran all-rounder had some issues with his helsome issues with his hel-met, which he got re-placed, but the damage had been done.

had been done.

Bangladesh won the match by three wickets. It was clear that no love was lost between the two sides;

Then the post-match an extension of what hap-pened on the field. Math-ews was livid. Shakib was napologetic. "No regrets at all," he

came to me and said, if you appeal, the law says he is out because he hasn't ta-ken his guard within the

ken his guard within the time frames. So then I appealed to the umpires; umpire told me whether you or not, if I said he is out, then you call him back, the yount call him back, the wornt call him back, we wornt call him back we have to come the young to the young to the young to the young the young to you have young to you have you h done nothing wrong, "I have two minutes to get to

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# A record equalled and an Indian win — a perfect birthday gift for Kohli

## K.C. Vijaya Kumar

The baton of India's batting excellence has witnessed a seamless transition over the last five decades. Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendul-kar and then Virat Kohli headlined this movement. Interestingly, Tendulkar was Gavaskar's fan, and equally he remains Kohli's idol.

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the envelope both in the longer version and ODIs and provided the motiva-tion for Kohli to launch a

respectful pursuit. Eden Gardens was pul-sating with energy on Sunday and Kohli, on his 35th birthday, as always was a magnet for cameras.

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He was everywhere, giving a pep talk in the team
huddle before the World
Cup game against South
Africa, doing impromptu
dance steps while the latest
Bollywood numbers ema-

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to the granular details, maybe the odd record could be hunted down. His tally of 49 ODI tons is a massive edifice, and for Kohli to draw level with it

ment to his prodigal talent right from his under-19 The greats tend to have an initial flourish leading to a sedate middle segment be-fore a second wind ushers

Tendulkar's 451) is a testa-

fore a second wind ushers in a glorious finale. Tendulkar had issues like the tennis elbow and the rare form-blip before slamming a double centu-ry, ODI cricket's first, in the latter part of his career. Kohli dealt with the de-mons for three seasons. mons for three seasons,



The results have been evident over the last year and his blistering knock (82 n.o., 53b, 6x4, 4x6) against Pakistan in the 2022 T20 World Cup game at the MCG in Australia was The maestro chased those singles and twos, found an ally in Shreyas lyer, and played a few shots through the gaps.

situational awareness about a pitch that wasn't a featherbed and one that of-fered initial purchase to South African spinners

Keshav Maharaj and Ta-

perhaps a homage to the young Tendulkar of the 'Desert Storm' fame and equally a self-validation tool.



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- **5. Ryan Austin** *CCC vs. Windward Islands* (failed to reach the crease in time)
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Credit: bbc.com

#### INBRIDE



#### Services to meet Manipur in National Games football final

Services and Manipur posted contrasting wins enter the men's football final of the 37th Nation Games in Fatorda The final will be played on Wednesday, Services defeated Kerala 4-2 while Manipur beat Punjab 2-1 in the semifinals

#### Akshay Bohra finishes second in race two, wins the third

Akshay Bohra, who won the first Indian Formula 4 race on Saturday, continued his fine run by third race of the weekend as the first round of the Indian Racing Festival concluded here at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai, on madras International Circuit, Chennai, on Sunday. In the second race of the weekend, Australian Cooper Webster won comfortably by margin of six seconds ahead of Bohra, with Shahan Ali Moshin completing the top three. In race three, Bohra cruised to his second victory of the weekend ahead of Webster and Alex Sawer.



#### Harrington takes home TimberTech title

Padraig Harrington ran away with the TimberTech title on Sunday for his second PGA Tour Champions crown of the year, birdieing six of the first seven holes in a seven-stroke victory. A shot ahead after opening rounds of 67 and 66, Harrington had a 7-under 64 to finish at 16 under in Boca Raton. The Irishman is set to be inducted into World Golf Hall of Fame next year.

#### Narine announces retirement from international cricket

West Indies all-rounder Sunil Narine announce his retirement from international cricket on Sunday. Narine, who had an illustrious eight-year career last played for the Men in Marcon in August 2019 in a T20I match.

#### Jagmeet Singh enters second round

Third seed Jagmeet Singh fought his way past qualifier Digvijay Singh Mehta 6-3, 6-7(5), 7-6(1) in the first round of the \$2.50.000 AITA men's

termins toutranament at Chaintingsort, on Mondauly.

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Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar,

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# Junior Nationals gets underway today

Sports Bureau

The 38th National junior athletics championship for boys and girls, organised by the Tamil Nadu Athletic Association, will get under-way at the Nehru Stadium here on Tuesday. The four-day event has attracted

2200 athletes from 29 States and they will com-pete in four categories – u-14, 16, 18 and 20 years.

boys.

The newly-laid synthetic track, with superior grip and speed, is expected to elevate the performances of the athletes. So don't get surprised if records take a tumble from day one.

## Rayo Vallecano holds Real Madrid in thriller

EURO LEAGUES

Associated Press

come through this time and Real Madrid was held by Rayo Vallecano in its Madrid derby on Sunday to drop to second place in the Spanish league. The 0-0 draw ended Madrid's perfect record at home and kept it from joining Girona at the top after 12 rounds. Girona had moved three points clear with a 4-2 win at Osasuna on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: The results: Premier League: Luton 1 (Chong 80) drew with Liverpool 1 (Diaz 90+5). Lat.igas Real Madrid 0 drew with Rayo Vallecano 0; Villarreal 2 (Moreno 85, Sorloth 87) lost to Athletic Club 3 (Galarreta 2, Nico 22, Iñald 30).

90+1. Lukaku 90+4l bt Lecce 1

# Poland's Azs Buboslavia emerges the winner

HCL BRIDGE Sports Bureau

A young team from Po-land, Azs Buboslavia, beat Formidables 112.5 to 96 to clinch the Team of Four Gold trophy in the 20th HCL International bridge championship here on Sunday

The champion team of Kamil Nowak, Piotr Marci-nowski, Jakub Patreuha and Patryk Patreuha won a ash prize of ₹44,00,000 or lifting the Naresh Tan-

dan trophy. "We have finished runner-up for the second time", said Kiran Nadar,

time", said Kiran Nadar, leader of the Formidables team, and chairperson of the organising committee. It is a second of the organism of the pleased with the response from foreign participants and hoped that more for reigners would come in fu-quality of game further in the country, in the biggest prize money event in the world.

She also announced that HCL was open to hosting the World Championship which it had last conduct-



Champion: Kiran Nadar presents the Naresh Tandan trophy to the Poland team Azs Buboslavia. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

troduce bridge in schools. The runner-up team col-lected ₹24,00,000 in prize money. The Team of Four silver

The Team of Four silver title was won by the Indian squad of Standard Plus and The runner-up Shiv Shakti got 0.960,000.

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pairs events offering a total prize purse of about a

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Third place: ICSA Coolers bt Mind Crusaders 93-69. Open MP pairs gold: 1. Boye Brogeland & Christian Bakke Brogeland & Christian Bakke 437.3; 2. Julian Stefanov & Wadimir Mihov 428.9; 3. Jeny Stamatov & Ivan Nanev 410.1.

Open MP pairs silver: 1.
Mukund Jagannathan & Gauthar
Biswas 366, g. 2. R.G. Bhiwaendkar
& Subhash Dhakras 345.3; 3. Priya
Sinha & Koushik Mukherjee 332.5;
IMP pairs: 1. Binod Kumar Shaw
& Saerjit Dey; 2. Mithun Mukherjee
& Soumya Das; 3. Rashebul

can guarantee progress

# You have to take the bull by its horns, says Sumariwalla on tackling doping problem

As the distance runners en-tered the home stretch in the men's 5000m at the re-cent National Open in Ben-galuru, strangely they de-cided to stick together. Nobody appeared keen to win the race, perhaps wor-ried that they would have to undergo a dope test if they did. And they almost finished as a bunch. Days before that, many athletes suddenly vanished

athleres saddenly vanished when the National AntiDoping Agency (NADA) of the AntiDoping Agency (NADA) of the AntiDoping Agency (NADA) of the AntiI State Championships, in the end, just one athlete ran the Moorn final and a vanish of the AntiRobert of the A

"I think everyone is making too much out of it. There is an issue, yes. Is it a big issue? Very big issue-

..but by keeping on making a big issue out of it, go-ing to international media ing to international media and which will get India banned is not what we are looking at.", said Adlie Su-looking at.", said Adlie Su-looking at.", said Adlie Su-looking at.", said Adlie Su-looking at. and the Athletics Federation of the Athletics Federation of the National Games here.

World Athletics, from All Cathletics, Integrity Unit, from WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency). What cat can't arrest them, I don't have any powers to do any

have any powers to do any of that. My only power is reporting."

sough a report from the AFI on the Delhi fiasco.

"Now we have an enqui-ry commission, set up by the chairman of the disci-plinary committee, which will look into it. NADA is al-so looking into it," said Su-marivalla who is also the vice president of World Athlets. What about the Bengaluv drama?

Bengaluru drama? "NADA was there, let it take suo moto action, they have the power," he said.

He explained that the increasing number of ath-letes testing positive is because there are more tests

"Today, I've increased to nearly 1500 tests. Before I became president, there were 100 tests. So, more people will get caught. ting caught, that's 150. Out of 100, 10 will get caught. And India will look very good. But that doesn't solve my problem, you horns and that is what I'm horns and that is what I'm fighting day and night," "Today, I've increased fighting day and night," said Sumariwalla. "See, I can stop testing,

for me it's very simple. I will not test, very good, I will not have the big num-bers."

# Aditi tops the chart in compound section

#### ASIAN ARCHERY

#### Sports Bureau

Ankita Bhakat tallied 656 points to place 12th in re-curve women's individual control of the co

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jeet Kaur took 16th, 21st and 28th places respective-ly. The Indian women's team was ranked fifth. In compound, World champion Aditi Swami topped the chart with 710

points.
V. Jyothi Surekha (third)
and Parneet Kaur (fourth)
bagged top-five positions
to help the women's side
claim the number one spot
(2005).

Priyansh, who scored

710 points, was second in the men's rankings. World champion Ojas Deotale, fourth among the Indians with 708 points, couldn't make it to the men's team The Indian men's team

logged its highest score to be second (2127), a point behind Korea.

Recurve: Individual: Women: Ankita Bhakat (12th, 656), Bhajan

Team: India: Women (5th, 1947) Mixed (4th, 1338). Compound: Individual: Men: Priyansh (2nd, 710), Prathamesh Fuge (3rd, 709), Abhishek Verma (6th, 708), Ojas Deotale (7th, 708) Women: Aditi Swami (1st. 708) eet Kaur (4th. 699), Muskan Kirar (21st, 679).

Team: India: Men (2nd, 2127), Women: (1st, 2105), Mixed (1st, 1416).

#### with a fourth consecutive CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse BARCELONA the last 16.

After two years of misery in the Champions League group stage, Barcelona has the chance to book its place in the knock-out rounds against Shakhtar Donetak on Tuesday in Hamburg.

The Spanish champion

with a fourth consecurive victory in Group-H, so-mething it has not man-aged since 2021, when it was knocked out by PSG in

Barcelona has improved since Xavi arrived in November that year, winning LaLiga last season, but it has still struggled in Europe and lacked the sparkle.

Despite strolling around Shakhtar in the first half of :::

Barcelona eyes ticket to the knockout rounds

#### its 2-1 win at home in Oc-tober, the Catalans did not put the game to bed and suffered in the final stages as the Ukrainians sought a

Robert Lewandowski re-Robert Lewandowski re-turned from an ankle inju-ry in the Clasico as a substi-tute and started against Real Sociedad but did not contribute much on either occasion.

vs. Bragga, Salzburg vs. Into Milan (1.30 a.m., Thursday)



**Jubilation:** The Punjab players are on cloud nine after becoming the champion. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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emissions ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 6 REDUCING THE number of vehi-

exemptions,

but cuts toxic

dwill defin duce the peak pollution levels, but this emergency action is not a silver bullet and its impact will

# Odd-even is back

Week-long curbs begin Nov 13 as Delhi air worsens ahead of Diwali and its aftermath



lity for the fifth day in a odd-even scheme for cars m November 13-20 to keep

Two-wheelers, electric vehi-s and taxis will, however, be-empt from the restrictions. It is ely four-wheelers with men drivers will be exempted with a sector of the computed of the control of the computed with the control of the computed of the control of the will be exempted ictions, but a final ision is yet to be taken.

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rising after Diwali, and ed on pollution levels over eek when the scheme will aplemented, further deci-

les are cars (more than le the number of cars in bai), the rest being CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Traffic on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway on Monday morning. Air quality in Delhi continued to remain in 'severe' category for the fifth consecutive day, Pril

frecrackers and venices carrying construction mate the latest in a series of responses following reports in The Indian Express's ongoing series on Mumbai's air.



Express Report (Oct 20): Pollution plan gathers dust Response: BMC issues norms, draws red lines on construction Oct 21: Not enough AQI measuring stations

Response: BMC and state

# mbui holds its becath, alarm ring but no one's listening Oct 25: Garbage burns announce 40 new stations Oct 25: Garbage burns – no rules followed Response: BMC bans open burning, says will monitor better ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND

Himachal Pradesh, has sed its zero stubble burning target this year.

Response: State announces command & control centre to monitor AQI and issue advisories target this year.

But the number of instances of crop residue burning to clear the fields after the paddy harvest has been lower than usual — at least so far this year.

The situation in Hoshiarpur Response: Rs 41 lakh collected in fines by polluting vehicles; notices to several companies

mirrors what's happening in the rest of the state — while farm fires between September 15 and

# harvesting underway, fewer farm fires so far

rovermor's are nower train pre-vious years, several interventions are yet to show their full impact. Plus, with the harvest season still underway, the full brunt of farm fires might still be felt. "We had a target, but we have missed it," said Lovely, Assistant PUNIAB'S HOSHIARPUR border

In Punjab paddy fields,

nissed it, said Lovery, Assistant Agriculture Engineer (Implements) from the Agriculture Department. Hoshiarpur was one of six dis-tricts where the Punjab govern-ment targeted zero stubble burning this year, the others being Malerkotla, Pathankot, Rupnagar SAS Nagar and SBS Nagar. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

be limited because two-wheelers—which contribute significantly to emissions—are exempted, and so are exampted, and so are exity to emissions—are exempted, and so are exempted, and so are two components—one is exhaust from the tailpipe, and the other is from tyre and brake wear and trace are as in the control of the cont trom tyte and brake wear and tear. Tailpipe emissions have PM2.5, which will have soot, or-ganics, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and some poly-aro-matic hydrocarbons," said Sachchida Nand Tripathi, Professor, IIT Kanpur, and Steering Committee member, al Clean Air Programme. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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#### HEERALAL SAMARIYA SWORN IN

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# Was kept in dark on appointment of new CIC: Adhir No silver bullet writes to President

Congress MP in selection panel says he had requested rescheduling of meetings but was not informed



#### MANOJCG NEW DELHIL NOVEMBER 6

ne what could potentially deepen the trust deficit between the Opposition and the Centre, the appointment of Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya as the Chief Information Commissioner Monday trigg Monday triggered a political row with Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Opposition member in the Prime Minister-headed high-powered selection

Droupadi Murmu, saying hev "totally kept in the dark" ab

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#### PUNJAB GOVT PLEA ON PENDING BILLS

## CII Bench: Governors must act before state govts approach SC Court says Governors not elected,

soul searching needed by them, CMs

All Attime when three state gov-ernments have moved the Supreme Court against their Governors for keeping Bills pending, a three-judge Benchled by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Monday said matter reaches the court. Calling for some "soul-searching" by Governors as well

searching" by Governors as well as Chief Ministers, the Bench said Governors "cannot be obliv-ious to the fact that they are not elected representatives of the people".
"Why do parties have to come to the St.? The Covernors must act before it comes to the SC., Only after they come to the SC, the Governors start acting. This has to stop," the Bench, which included Justices J Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

seven Bills pending, the Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments have also filed similar pleas. Fixing the next hearing for November 10, the court asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for Purohit, to ap-

# Cong's caste census doesn't find echo on poll street

# at a relief camp in a school playground in laiarkot. Asad Rehmon

Nepal's Jajarkot hit by

quake again, residents

afraid to sleep indoors

ASADREHMAN

move back indoors on Monday

strewn with debris from Friday night's quake, which killed 153 neonle — authorities on Monday

## Kejriwal will run govt from iail if held: AAP

REPORT, PAGE 1

Oct 30: Air gets worse but

advisories are missing

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ail" if he is arrested by the inforcement Directorate (ED).

Enforcement Directorate (ED). Following a meeting attended by party ministers, MLAs and sen-itor leaders, APP Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said: "It was unani-mously decided that if CM Avvind Kejritwal is arrested, he will con-tinue to runt be Delhi government from Jall, as the people of Delhi gove him the mandate. There is no provision in the Constitution that

provision in the Constitution that mandates the resignation of the CM iff they are in juil awaiting trial. It is clear that PM Narendra Modi and the BP are afraid of him." Kejriwal was summoned by the ED last week for questioning in the excise policy case, but he skipped the summons.

# Limit requests for login/logout details to heinous cases: Meta to Delhi Police

THE WORLD

REQUESTS FOR "login or logout details" of a social media account should be limited to "cases of heinous nature or significant grav-ity", a team of Meta officials is learnt to have told the Della Police. Meta owns and operates

At an interactive session held the information sought in con-nection with the alleged crime. The session, to discuss vari-

Facebook, Instagram and ous issues related to cyber crime WhatsApp. ous issues related to cyber crime and requisitioning of data by law anticegustating order, was they label of the common agentation CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# VIKAS PATHAK NEW DELHIL NOVEMBER 6

NORTH GAZA FROM REST OF TERRITORY BLINKEN'S MIDDLE

ISRAEL CUTS OFF

Over eight days and several conversations with OBC voters in north Chhattiszarh and the Mahakoshal region of Madhya THE CONGRESS'S prime poll

# ASSEMBLY POLLS FROM TODAY

8.52 lakh Voters

2018 results

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# After 200 days in hospital, rescued climber eyes Annapurna again

#### NITINSHARMA

ACK IN April this year, it was the

Mariusz Hatala, who gave up heir summit trek, would lift

paper indianexpress.com

Annapurna, 10th highest moun-tain in the world, that the 34-year-old from Kishangarh, Rajasthan, chose the wrong rope

— a decision that saw him slip
disastrously.

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On October 31, after nearly 200 days of hospitalisation in two countries, Maloo was discharged from AIIMS, New Delhi. Noon metres at Mt Annapurna
Nepal.

Ander his rescue in April, door to make trauma: "Living every more at Manipal hospital in Polchara at Manipal hospital in Rathmandu and subsequently to Deliver to "Living beautiful. That so chairing in Polchara at Manipal hospital in Rathmandu and subsequently to Deliver hospital in Rathmandu and subseq

to be atop the 8,091-metre Mt Annapurna, 10th highest moun-tain in the world, that the 34-ter physiotherapy, had to undergo plastic surgery to heal the frostbite in his right arm and

Welcomed at notice by samily and friends, with smiles, tears of joy and marigold garlands; Maloo shares whathe has learnt from the trauma: "Living every

torso. Welcomed at home by fam-

onths." He gets philosophical when talking about the long lonely days in the dark hole. Twas like

much from the days after his res-cue. "I don't have any memories of the crevasse as well as my day atthehospital in Pokhara, where
doctors gave me CPR for four
bours before shifting me to
Kathmandu. i can't remember
anything from the 10-12 days at
Annapurna is the toughteet that Mis

wound dressings over my torso and right hand," he says, as he thanks Dr Manneesh Singhal, Dr Suwashis Dosh, the nursing staff, distre-in-law Shikha for caring and praying for him. Maloo was treated at the Al-IMS Trauma Center and also the

Burns and Plastic Surgery ICU.

Not unnerved by his neardeath experience, Maloo, like a

how connect it with being th mother mountain and if I can climb Mt Annapurna, I can climb any other mountain in the

was during the descent from Camp 3 to Camp 2 that Maloo fel

# Western Sydney varsity to set up campus in Bengaluru: Australian education minister

# **RITUSHARMA**

AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 6

WESTERN SYDNEY University (WSU), which is ranked 375th globally, is poised to become the third Australian university to set up a campus in India, following in the footsteps of Deakin University and the University of Wollongong.

In an interview with *The Indian Express*, Australian Education Minister Jason Clare, currently visiting India with a delegation of six vice-chancellors, confirmed this development.

He said that Western Sydney University (WSU) is keen on establishing its independent campus in Bengaluru by 2025. "They (Western Sydney University) are very interested in putting in an application when the Indian government finalises the regulations that will set out how the universities can operate outside the Special Economic Zones which is GIFT City. Bengaluru is where they are interested in setting up," he said.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan with his Australian counterpart Jason Clare in Gandhinagar on Monday. Five MoUs were signed between Australian and Indian universities to expand access to higher education for Indian students. PTI

As first reported by *The Indian Express*, Deakin University and the University of Wollongong had applied to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) for permission to establish an in-

ternational branch campus in GIFT City, Gujarat. Their campuses will be governed by the 'Setting up and Operation of International Branch Campus and Offshore Education Centres Regulations, 2022,' passed by IFSCA, which serves as the regulatory body for GIFT City. Deakin and Wollongong's campuses should be operational by June 2024.

All foreign universities intending to set up campuses outside of GIFT City will be governed by the University Grants Commission's regulations, which were passed last month. According to sources, the UGC has not yet made its regulations public as it is preparing an online application portal for foreign universities interested in entering India. The UGC intends to launch this portal alongside the announcement of its regulations.

When asked if WSŪ is interested in setting up a campus in GIFT City, Clare said, "Not in GIFT City. They are interested in establishing a campus in another part of the country, with potential plans for 2025." Regarding the possibility of more Australian universities establishing campuses in India to tap into the education sector, Clare said that more collaborations with Indian universi-

ties are expected in the future.

"Australian universities understand the importance of the relationship between the two countries and the opportunity to collaborate with Indian universities like IIT," added the Australian minister, who is on his second visit to India this year.

On Monday, six MoUs were signed between Flinders University, Griffith University, James Cook University, La Trobe University, University of Canberra and Western Sydney University with Indian universities to work together to explore the potential for a consortium approach for delivery of degrees in India and expand access to Australian higher education for Indian students.

While Deakin University will be offering two postgraduate courses to students at the campus at GIFT City which are – Masters in Cybersecurity (professional) and Masters in Business Analytics – with an intake of 60 students in each course from academic session June 2024.



S-400 Missile and Project Kusha

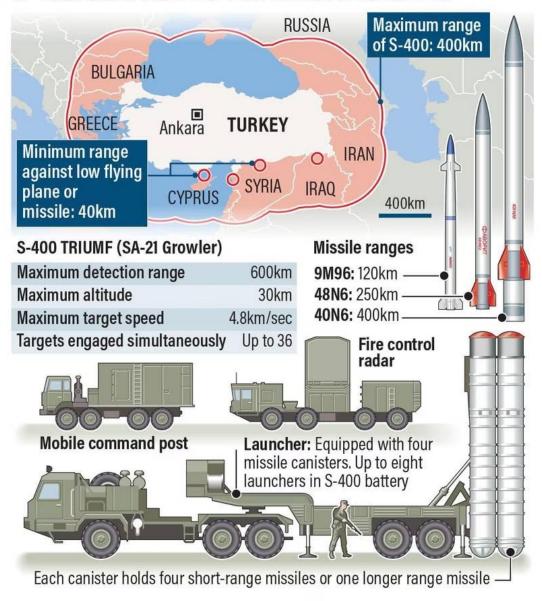
The Indian Air Force (IAF) to strengthen its defence capabilities has deployed three S-400 Triumf air defence missile squadrons along the borders with China and Pakistan.



India in 2018-19 signed a contract with Russia for five S-400 missile squadrons. Three have arrived, and the remaining two are delayed due to Russia-Ukraine conflict.

• In another development, the Indian Defence Acquisition Council recently cleared the procurement of the Indian Long Range Surface Air Missile(LRSAM) system under Project Kusha.

#### S-400 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSLIE SYSTEM



- Can shoot down up to 80 target simultaneously
- Cannot yet accurately target low-flying aircraft and missiles (altitude below 30,000 ft) at great distances

- What is Project Kusha?
- Project Kusha led by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is an ambitious defence initiative by India aimed at developing its long-range air defence system by 2028-29.
- Long-range air defence systems will be capable of detecting and destroying enemy projectiles and armour, including cruise missiles, stealth fighter jets, and drones at long range.

• Project Kusha is expected to rival the effectiveness of the renowned S-400 system of Russia and the Iron Dome system of Israel.



The second edition of 'World Food India 2023' was inaugurated recently in New Delhi, where the Prime Minister of India provided Seed Capital Assistance to over one lakh Self Help Group (SHG) members.



The Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched the first edition of World Food India in 2017.



- Mascot:
- MillInd (a probot) is the Mascot for World Food India 2023.



Recently, 11 Asian and South American countries signed a landmark deal in Bogota, Colombia to save the world's six surviving species of river dolphins from extinction.

This landmark deal signifies a ray of hope in combating the severe decline of river dolphin populations, which have dwindled by a staggering 73% since the 1980s.

- Countries that adopted the declaration include: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, **India**, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, and Venezuela.
  - There was also a representative from the regional government in Indonesia that has responsibility for the **Mahakam river**.
- World River Dolphin Day (24<sup>th</sup> October)



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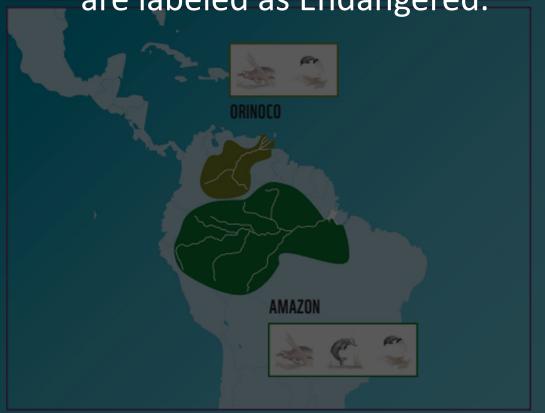
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• As per the IUCN Red list, Yangtze finless porpoise are classified as Critically Endangered. Amazon, Ganges, Indus, Irrawaddy and Tucuxi

are labeled as Endangered.





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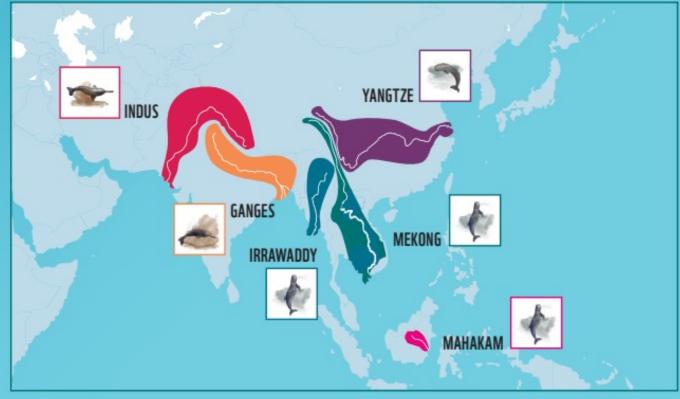
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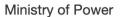














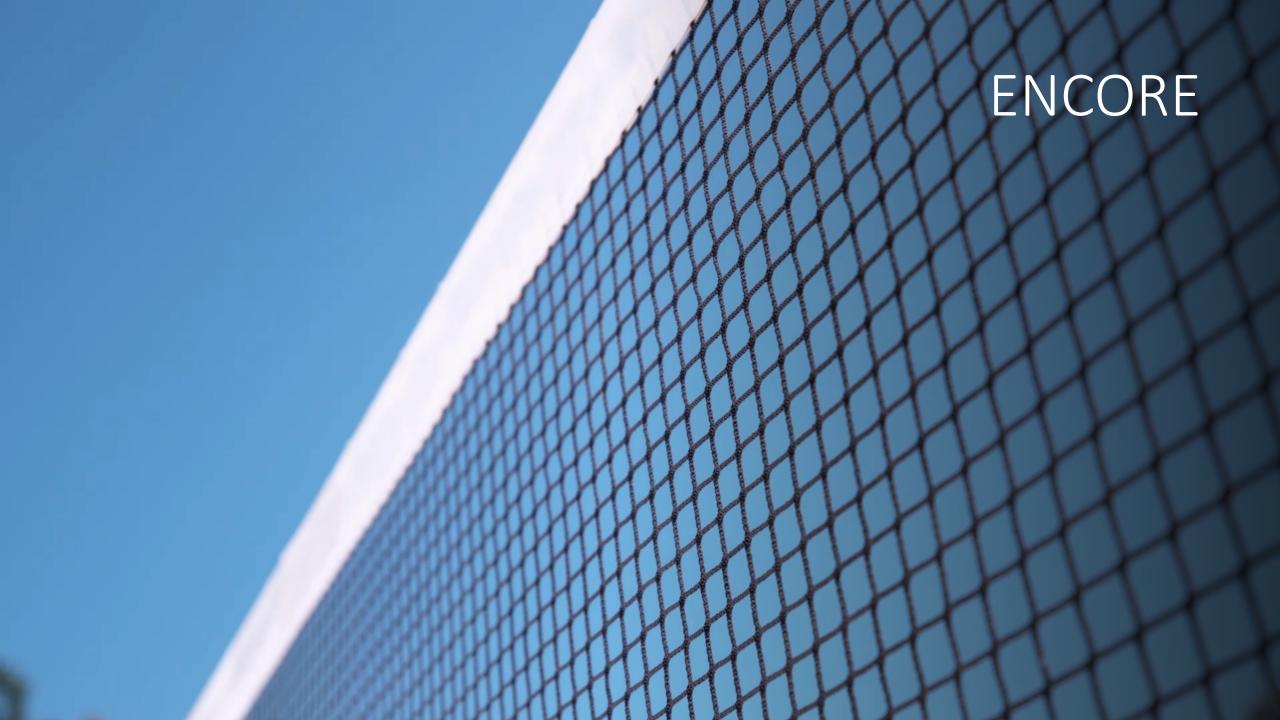


# NTPC Renewable Energy Limited declares Commercial Operation of its Maiden Project - the 50 MW Dayapar Wind Project in Kachch, Gujarat

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NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has declared the commercial operation of its first project, the 50 MW wind project at Dayapar in Kachch, Gujarat, today, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. With this, the total installed capacity of NTPC Group has become 73,874 MW and the total RE operational capacity of NTPC Group now stands at 3,364 MW.

Dayapar Wind is the first project of NTPC REL and the first capacity in India to be declared commercial under new Indian Electricity Grid Code and General Network Access Regime.



• The Election Commission of India (ECI) has developed an in-house software system through 'ENCORE' (Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment) to manage candidates and elections more efficiently.

Feature	Description
Candidate Nomination and Affidavit Processing	Enables Returning Officers to handle candidate nominations and affidavits seamlessly.
Voter Turnout and Data Management	Helps in tracking voter turnout and effectively managing election data.
Counting and Results	Includes a counting application for digitizing votes, tabulating round-wise data, and generating statutory reports for counting.
Scrutiny of Nominations	The 'ENCORE Scrutiny Application' allows Returning Officers to scrutinize candidate nominations online, marking them as Accepted, Rejected, or Withdrawn. This aids in preparing the final list of contesting candidates and assigning symbols.

ONLINE NOMINATION AND AFFIDAVIT PORTAL

ECI OFFERS AN ONLINE PORTAL FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL OUT NOMINATION FORMS, DEPOSIT SECURITY, AND SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH RETURNING OFFICERS, SIMPLIFYING THE FILING PROCESS.

**Candidate Affidavit Portal** 

Displays information about a <u>candidate's</u> financial assets and liabilities.

**ENCORE Nodal App** 

Various government departments provide 'no objection' certificates through this application, ensuring that political parties and candidates receive the necessary permissions for rallies, road shows, and meetings.

## Daily 5 vocab from The Hindu

Dither (Verb) : घबराहट: to be unable to make a decision about doingsomething; to be very nervous, excited, or confused

Synonyms: hesitate, falter, panic, fuss

Antonyms: calm, peace, sense, order

Duress (Noun): दबाव: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will

**Synonyms:** pressure, constraint, compulsion, intimidation, coercion

Antonyms: freedom, independence, liberation, persuasion

Diffident (Adjective): संकोचशील: modest or shy because of a lack of selfconfidence

Synonyms: shy, bashful, sheepish, introverted

Antonyms: confident, extroverted, immodest, bold

### Exculpate

### Absolve

#### Accuse

Exculpate (Verb)

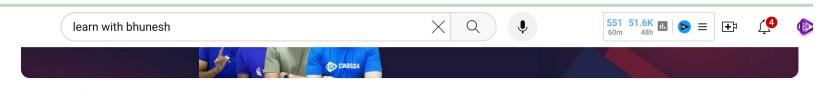
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करना: show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing Synonyms: absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate

Antonyms: accuse, arraign, imprison

Veneer
(Noun): दिखावा: a
deceptively attractive
externalappearance

**Synonyms:** facade, gloss





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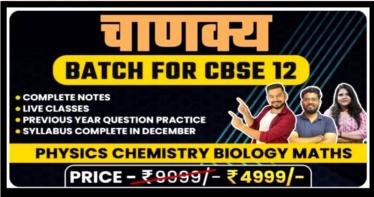


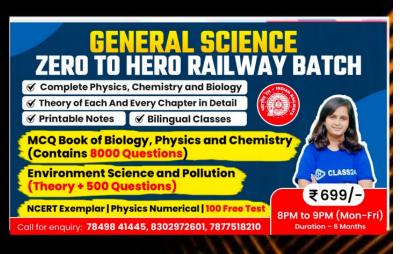




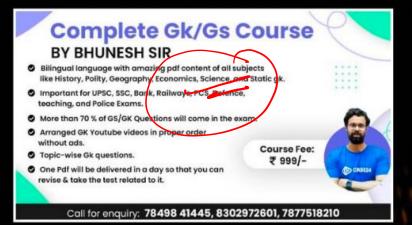














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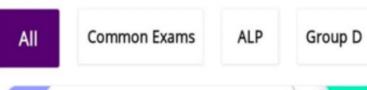
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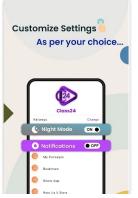


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