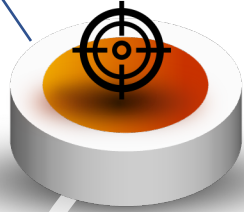


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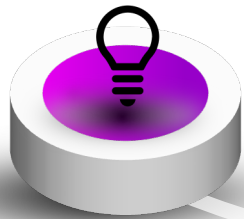


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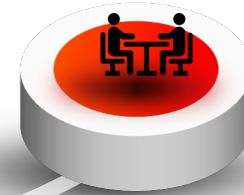


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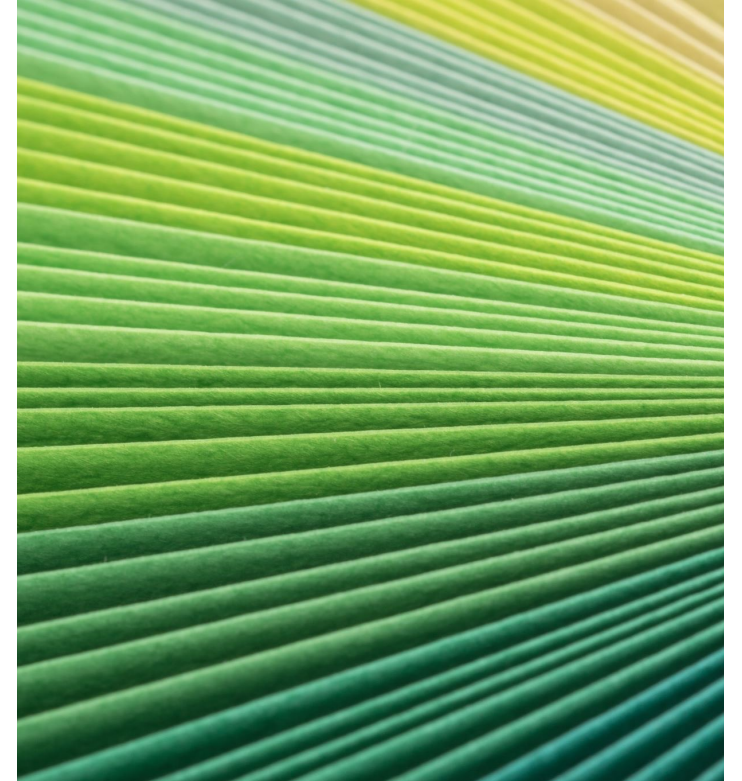
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The first World Congress on Disaster Management was held in Hyderabad.

Modi is the yugpurush of this century: Dhankhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday said that Mahatma Gandhi was a "mahapurush" of the last century and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the "yugpurush" of this century.

He was speaking at the birth anniversary celebrations of Jain mystic Shri-mad Rajchandraji. While Mr. Gandhi freed us from the slavery of British through non-violence, Mr. Modi has taken us to a path where we always wanted to be, he said.

Congress whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore posted on X that with these comments, Mr. Dhankhar has crossed all limits of sycophancy.

Bhujbal says Marathas should not be issued Kunbi certificates

Maharashtra Minister wants the dissolution of the Justice Shinde Committee that is looking into the reservation demand; he also stresses that existing reservations for OBCs should not be reduced when extending quota to the Marathas

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Chhagan Bhujbal, Maharashtra Minister and Other Backward Classes leader, on Monday sought that Marathas should not be issued Kunbi certificates following their recent agitation for reservation and the dissolution of the Justice Sandeep Shinde (retired) committee formed over the issue.

While expressing no opposition to separate reservation for Marathas, Mr. Bhujbal, a senior leader in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit



Pawar, raised concern about the practice of obtaining Kunbi certificates through the submission of fake documents. "I am not against a separate reservation for Marathas, but strongly oppose the ongoing practice of obtaining Kunbi certificates by submitting fake or forged documents," he said.

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Kunbis, associated with agriculture, are categorised under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in Maharashtra. The Eknath Shinde-led government

had set up the five-member panel headed by Justice Shinde to decide the standard operating procedure for issuing certificates to members of the Maratha community who or whose ancestors were referred to as Kunbis in Nizam-era documents.

A recent Government Order instructed officials to issue fresh Kunbi certificates to eligible Maratha community members, facilitating their access to reservation benefits under the OBC category.

Mr. Bhujbal stressed that existing reservations for OBCs should not be reduced when extending reservations to Marathas,

and highlighted that the committee found sufficient proof in the Marathwada region and only eligible people should get the certificates. "Its [Shinde Committee] work is done. Now, the committee's work," he said, adding that a comparative study should be carried out of all communities.

A Maratha outfit member, Dhananjay Jadhav, on Monday sneaked into a government guest house where Mr. Bhujbal was staying and raised slogans saying he should not oppose the quota agitation.

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IN BRIEF



Mann and Kejriwal launch pilgrimage scheme in Punjab

The Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab launched the *Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra* scheme on Monday. The scheme will help people visit holy places across the country. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme in Dhuri. Mr. Mann said the State government started the scheme to help pilgrims visit holy places across the country. A team of doctors, volunteers and officials will be travelling with the pilgrims. Mr. Kejriwal said the scheme will help people who lack resources for travel. The Shriromani Akali Dal (SAD) described the scheme as a "relaunch" of an Akali Dal project in 2016.

Need permanent solution to Gorkhaland issue: Tamang

A day after joining the Congress, Binoy Tamang, a senior leader in the Darjeeling Hills, on Monday said the time has come to find a permanent political solution for the Gorkhas about their longstanding demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland. Mr. Tamang, who was previously with the Trinamool Congress, said that it was the Congress which gave recognition to the Nepali language which he considered as the biggest achievement for the Gorkhas, whereas the BJP gave nothing but "fake promises". He was the former chairman of the semi-autonomous Gorkhaland Territorial Administration formed to administer the hill districts.

Delhi, Swedish universities ink MoU on pharmacology

The Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University (DPSRU), an institute under the Delhi government, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mid Sweden University for promoting knowledge and sharing research findings in the area of pharmacology. The MoU is also for charting a programme to enhance the quality of research and teaching through student and faculty exchanges. The agreement was signed by DPSRU Vice-Chancellor Ramesh K. Goyal and Mid Sweden University Deputy V-C Hans-Erik Nilsson. The function was attended by Anna Olsson, Vice-Chancellor, Harvinder Popli, Registrar and Dean Research, Innovation and International Affairs, DPSRU, Koushav Dalal, Faculty Board Member, Mid Sweden University and Jasjeet Majhe, Head, School of Allied Health Sciences & Management, DPSRU.

PIL petition filed in HC challenging Bihar's quota hike

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

A public interest litigation (PIL) petition has been filed in the Patna High Court on Monday challenging the decision of the Bihar government to increase reservation in the State from 50% to 65%.

Following the caste-based survey report, the Bihar Assembly on November 9 unanimously passed a Bill to increase reservation in government jobs and the Fundamental Right related to discrimination.

Janata Dal (U) national president Kajiv Ranjan Singh blamed the BJP for the plea. "It is a well-known fact that the BJP is anti-reservation. The reservation was increased following the caste-based survey on the basis of population. The State government will fight this battle too legally," Mr. Patnaik

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The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

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Demand for caste survey in Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Parties and groups have urged Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to conduct a socio-economic caste survey in West Bengal. Representatives of different parties and groups came together on Constitution Day (November 26), and brought up the issue of caste census.

"We are demanding that if the Centre is not interested, then the Bengal government can have a socio-economic caste census on the lines of a similar exercise held in Bihar," social activist Prasanna Bose said.

Tributes to the Guru



Lamps of Gurus: The faithful commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru, at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib in New Delhi on Monday. SIVU KUMAR PUSHPAK

Fight against terrorism will continue in J&K: DGP

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The war against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir will end when the other side accepts defeat, said J&K Director General of Police R.K. Swain on Monday. Meanwhile, former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti asked Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha to disclose the number of arrests on terror charges in Kashmir.

Speaking in Srinagar, Mr. Swain said, "The war ends only when one side accepts defeat and acknowledges that bloodshed is not going to yield any result. So, our fight against terrorism will continue despite bearing some losses at times."

Fleeing not to be taken down from the fight against terrorism, he said

the security forces would proceed despite knowing it entailed losses. "In the ongoing fight, what we can do is to ensure minimum loss to the general public and our fighting forces will also do their best to minimise the same. But [even] if there is a challenge of sustaining less in order to move ahead, we will not step back," he said.

Meanwhile, Peoples Democratic Party chief Meh-

booba Mufti alleged that the "repressive measures by various government agencies had endangered the life, property and privacy of people in J&K."

"No information" "Even women were not spared. Though countless people were arrested by agencies like the NIA, CBI, SIA, SII etc., hardly any information was shared about their fate. Please tell

us are they alive or dead, where are they lodged? Which court has remanded them to custody?" Ms. Mufti asked the L-G during a speech on Saturday.

Ms. Mufti said that in spite of 300 arrests, there were hardly any convictions by the court. "They all had been picked up on trumped-up charges. This should lead the administration to review its policies," she said.

Unease in Trinamool over Abhishek Banerjee's absence at key party event

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Fresh signs of unease in the Trinamool Congress have surfaced over the past few days on the issue of party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's absence at a key event of the party on November 23.

Party chairperson and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had addressed the party rally and file at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here. But Mr. Banerjee, the Chief Minister's nephew and MP, was not present at the event.

He made a brief appearance virtually at the stadium to greet the gathering. The Chief Minister said he was missing because of medical issues.

"The next day, party spokesmen said that the person who is believed to be close to Mr. Banerjee, said the general secretary's photograph should have been there at the programme. "There is no tiff between the old and the new. The people were arrested by Banerjee against Abhishek Banerjee's name. The party needs both of them. However, I feel that

Aid for MGNREGS workers

Press Trust Of India
KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee will extend financial aid to nearly 1,000 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) job card holders in West

Bengal deprived of their daily party support on Monday.

He has started sending letters to the workers who participated in party's protest in New Delhi in October. BJP leader Dilip Ghosh dubbed the aid a "gesture" before the Lok Sabha elections.

any major programme of the Trinamool cannot be held without Abhishek Banerjee's presence. Ghosh told a Bengali news channel.

On Monday, another party leader and MLA Madan Mitra spoke on similar lines, and said the event was organised in a hurry. "I read the newspaper and found out about it [Trinamool event]. That is, everything was done in a hurry," he said. Mr. Mitra drew a cricket analogy and said if Sunil Gavaskar had continued to play for India, there would have not been a Sachin Tendulkar and if Sachin had continued to play the world would not have been a Virat Kohli. Another MLA, Tapas Roy, also put

his weight behind Mr. Banerjee and "Abhishek's leadership is essential for the party."

While the issue of succession in Trinamool has been dealt with, differences remain about functioning and decision-making. Insiders say that the decision by the Chief Minister and cabinet to send Mr. Ministers, particularly Jyoti Priya Mallick, arrested in a Sachin Tendulkar and if Sachin had continued to play the world would not have been a Virat Kohli. Another MLA, Tapas Roy, also put

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said. Mr. Pandian, whose joining of the BJD coincided with Kartika Purnima, said, “by the blessing of Lord Jagannath, guidance of Chief Minister and support of party leaders, I will serve the people of Odisha with dedication, humility and selflessness.”

Senior party leaders said they were excited about Mr. Pandian working for the State’s development by active involvement in direct politics.

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Abbreviation	BJD
President	Naveen Patnaik
Lok Sabha Leader	Pinaki Mishra
Rajya Sabha Leader	Sasmit Patra
Founder	Naveen Patnaik ^{[1][2]}
Founded	26 December 1997 (25 years ago)
Split from	Janata Dal
Headquarters	6R/3, Unit-6, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar , Odisha , India
Student wing	<i>Biju Chhatra Janata Dal</i>
Youth wing	<i>Biju Yuva Janata Dal</i>
Women's wing	<i>Biju Mahila Janata Dal</i>
Labour wing	<i>Biju Shramik Samukhya</i>
Peasant's wing	<i>Biju Krushak Janata Dal</i>
Ideology	Regionalism ^[3] Secularism ^[4] Economic nationalism ^[5]
Political position	Centre-left ^[6]
Colours	 Green
ECI Status	State Party ^[7]
Alliance	Third Front (2009)
Seats in Lok Sabha	12 / 543 
Seats in Rajya Sabha	9 / 245 
Seats in Odisha Legislative Assembly	114 / 147 
Number of states and union territories in government	1 / 31 

Election symbol



IN BRIEF



Malaysia Airlines flyers stuck in Mumbai for over two days

Several passengers aboard a Malaysia Airlines flight from Dubai to Kuala Lumpur were stranded for 48 to 72 hours after the aircraft was diverted to Mumbai following an engine failure last week...

Bhojpuri actor joins Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj campaign

Bhojpuri film actor Akshara Singh on Monday joined Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj campaign in Bihar to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha election...

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Maheeh Langa AHMEDABAD

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Nature's Fury: Lightning strikes over the Khudaldham temple near Rajkot in Gujarat. Elsewhere in the State, a total of 27 people reportedly died in lightning strikes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

while the remaining were from other districts. The rain and hailstorms have caused extensive damage to the crops and the loved ones in this tragedy.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Agriculture Minister Raghu

Patel has announced plans for a comprehensive survey to assess the extent of the damage to the crops and to those who lost their livelihoods.

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Centre urges business inequality, corruption in India

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

A report card on the performance of the Narendra Modi government, prepared by a group of academics and civil society organisations under the banner of 'Wada Na Toke Aghayaz', expressed concern at the Centre's slow response in addressing inequality and attacks on democracy.

On the status of democracy, the report said hurried passage of Bills without debate, limited engagement of parliamentary committees, reduced sitting days, limited budgetary deliberations, restricted access to data for Members of Parliament and the growing presence of elected representatives with criminal records are matters of concern.

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India has charted a space road map for up to 2047, says Chandrayaan-3 project chief

The Hindu Bureau MADURAI

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chose to land Chandrayaan in the south pole of the moon because of the availability of more resources for fuel, Chandrayaan-3 Project Director P. Veeramuthuvel said here on Monday.



P. Veeramuthuvel, project chief of Chandrayaan-3, being honoured at an event in Madurai. N. Murali, Director, The Hindu Group, and college correspondent Vaidi Ramaswami are seen.

He was delivering the sixth Manikam Ramaswami memorial lecture at the Thiagarajar School of Management. During an interaction with students, Mr. Veeramuthuvel said India had a road map for its space programmes till 2047.

ISRO wanted to set up its space station by 2035. Water molecules could be used as a resource for fuel and the organisation could make the best use of the moon's escape velocity of 2.38 km per second to reach other planets, making the moon a gateway.

He said Helium-3, if tapped, could help future generations in producing power. Luna 25, a failed Russian moon mission, was aiming to land close to the point targeted by the ISRO, and all future missions planned to land at the pole, he said.

Mr. Veeramuthuvel said the ISRO had a review process at every single stage, and during the Chandrayaan-3 mission, the team faced a lot of challenges. "Since it was a second attempt, failure was

not an option. The only agenda we had was to have a soft landing, so everything tied towards that," he said.

Chandrayaan-3 had shown that one should not view failure as a setback, but as a lesson from which one could learn and come back stronger, he added.

The Hindu Group of Publications Director N. Murali, also a member of the ISRO Board of Governors, recalled the contributions of Manikam Ramaswami.

As deaths due to work-related factors go up, ILO report urges countries to strengthen safety net

A.M. Haseeb NEW DELHI

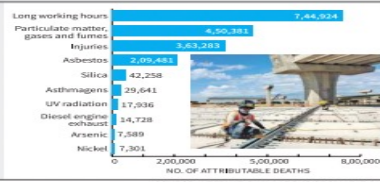
Nearly 30 lakh workers die every year globally owing to work-related accidents and diseases, says a new report prepared by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). More than 63% of these deaths are reported from the Asia-Pacific region.

Exposure to long working hours (55 hours or more per week) was the biggest "killer", with almost 7.45 lakh people dying of it in 2016, followed by exposure to occupational particulate matter, gases, and fumes (4.5 lakh deaths) and occupational injuries (3.63 lakh deaths).

The report, "A Call for safer and healthier working environments", will be discussed at the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, one of the largest international conferences on this subject, which began in Sydney on Monday. The report said mining and quarrying, construction, and utilities sectors were the three

Work-related deaths

The chart shows the top 10 occupational risk factors and the number of attributable deaths. Exposure to long working hours (55 hours or more per week) had the largest number of attributable deaths, followed by exposure to particulate matter, gases, fumes and occupational injuries.



SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

most hazardous sectors globally. The Director-General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Rajendra Kumar, is representing India at the conference.

ILO conventions

The report said that so far 29 out of the 187 member countries have ratified the ILO Occupational Safety and Health Convention (No. 155), while 62 countries have ratified the Promotional Framework for

Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187). India has not ratified both the conventions. In the wake of the Uttarakashi tunnel collapse, in which 41 workers have been trapped, the Central trade unions had urged the Union government to ratify the convention.

"In line with the core principles of the two fundamental Conventions, a sound and resilient national occupational safety and health framework, built on

social dialogue and participation, is essential for the realisation of the fundamental right to a safe and healthy working environment," the report noted.

It added that a majority of work-related deaths, 26 lakh, was attributed to work-related disorders while work accidents resulted in 3.3 lakh deaths. "The diseases that caused most work-related deaths were circulatory system ailments, malignant neoplasms and respiratory dis-

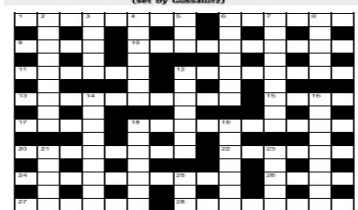
eases," it added.

The report said that the rate of trachea, bronchus, and lung cancers attributable to occupational exposure to chromium doubled between 2000 and 2016. Mesothelioma, attributable to asbestos exposure, has risen by 40%. The rate of non-melanoma skin cancer increased by over 37% between 2000 and 2019.

"On the other hand, deaths due to exposure to asphyxiant and particulate matter, gases, and fumes increased by over 20%," it added.

The report also recommended five core elements: "Fundamental Principles of Rights at Work" for ensuring safety and health at work. These are freedom of association and collective bargaining, elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour, abolition of discrimination in respect of employment, and a safe and healthy working environment.

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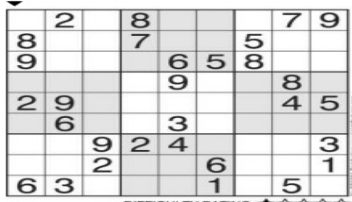


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FAITH

Guru Nanak's guiding path

In the contemporary world torn by strife, uncertainty, wars, violence and fragmentation, many people seem broken and weary, with life's meaning and purpose seeming by lost. In this milieu, the call for unity, tolerance and equity, given by Guru Nanak, the first guru of the Sikhs, whose anniversary is on November 27, is significant, Prof. Kamool Abbi said in a lecture.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah condoled the deaths due to bad weather and lightning in various cities of Gujarat on Sunday, and said the local administration was engaged in relief work. Mr. Shah, in a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday night said, "I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of many people due to bad



Nature's fury: Lightning strikes over the Khodaldham temple near Rajkot in Gujarat. Elsewhere in the State, a total of 27 people reportedly died in lightning strikes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

weather and lightning in various cities of Gujarat. I express my deepest condolences for the irreparable loss to those who lost their loved ones in this tragedy. The local administration is engaged in relief work, praying for the speedy recovery of the injured."

Four persons died in Dahod district, three in Bharuch, and two in Tapi,

while the remaining were from other districts. The rain and hailstorms have caused extensive damage to standing crops in Saurashtra and south Gujarat. Besides, the rainfall also affected the ceramic industry of Morbi district as factories were forced to remain shut.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Agriculture Minister Ragh-

avij Patel has announced plans for a comprehensive survey to assess the extent of the damage to the crops and livestock and to provide compensation to the affected persons.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also directed the officials to start the survey to assess the damage caused by the rains.

How lightning strikes the Earth's surface

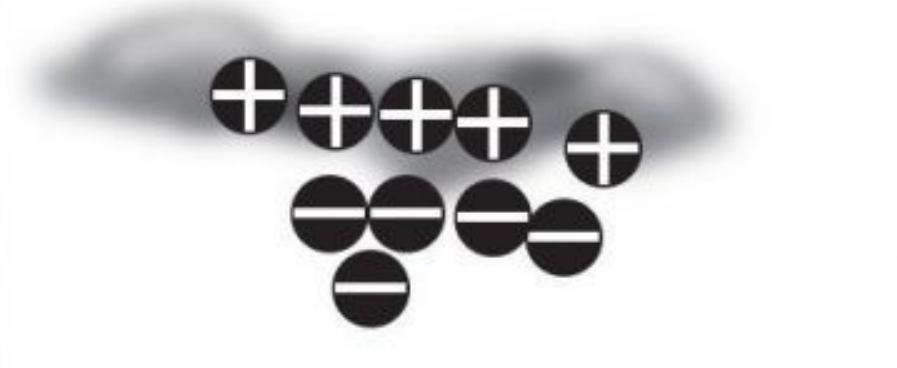
Bottom of storm cloud becomes negatively electrically charged



Surface of the Earth gets positive charge



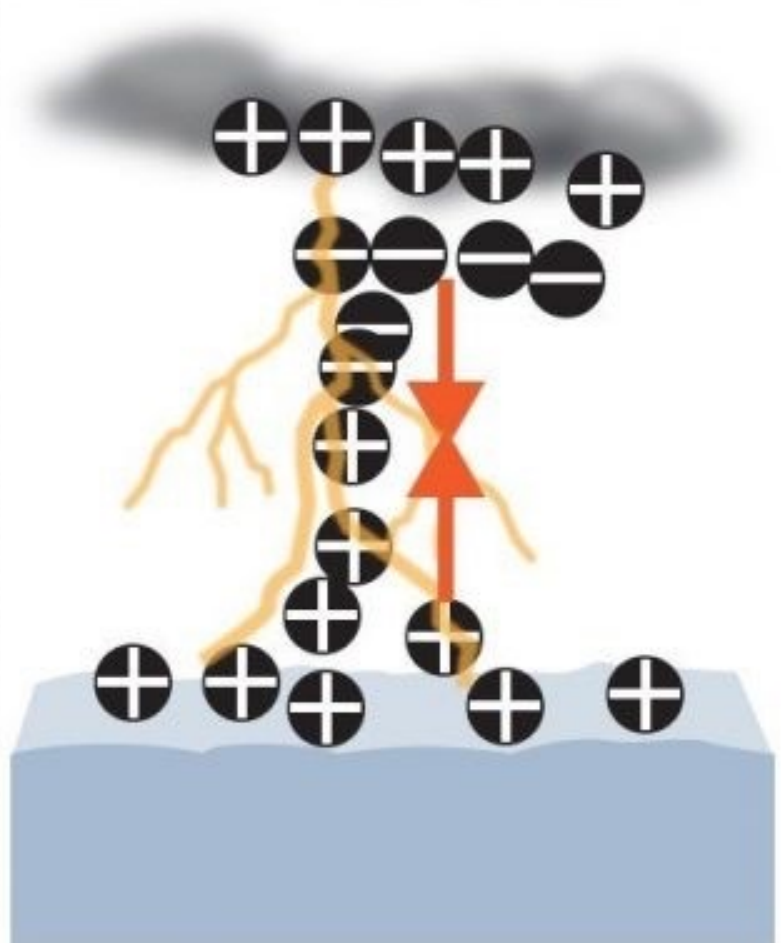
Charges alter air around cloud, creating potential lightning paths

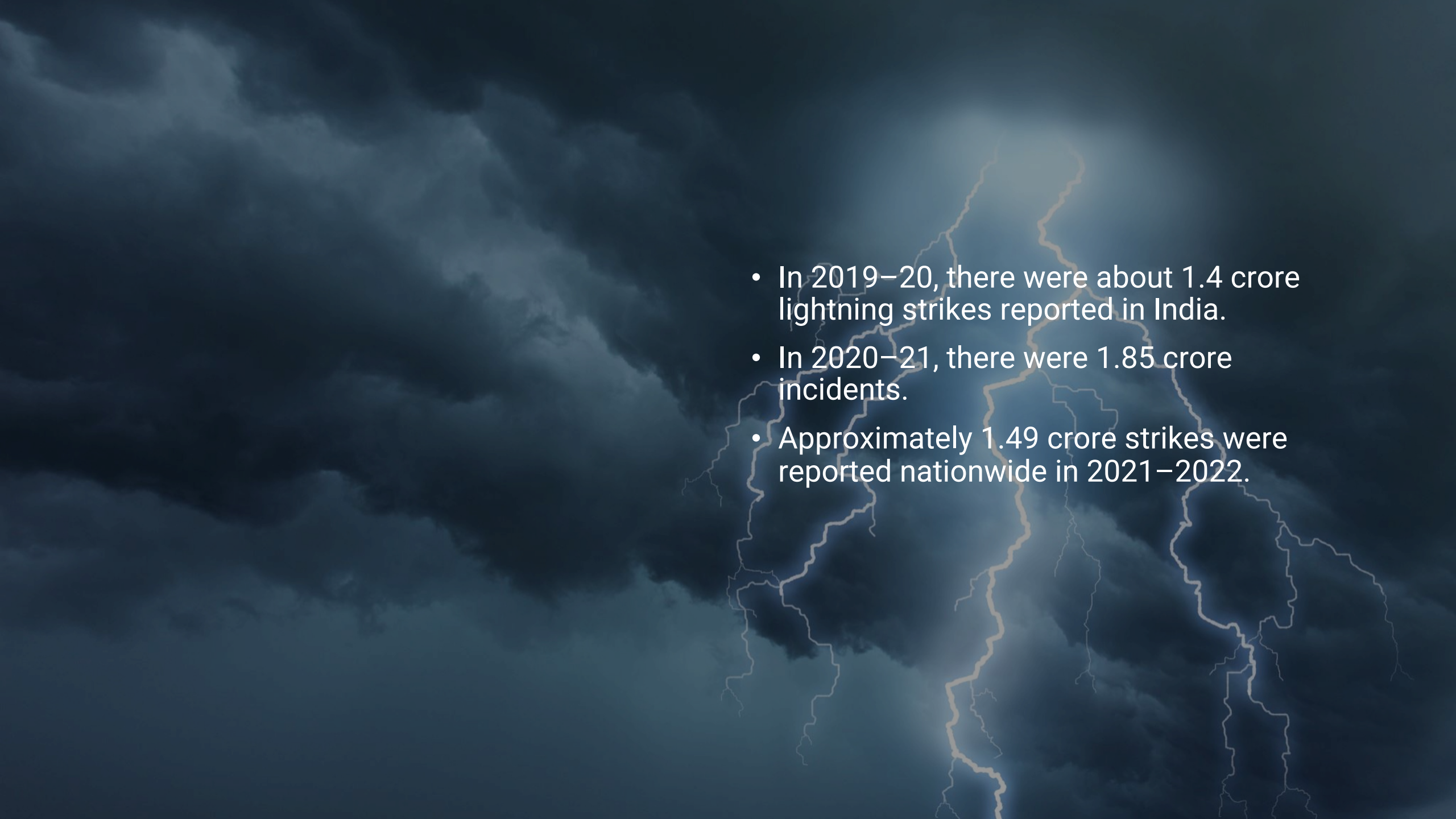


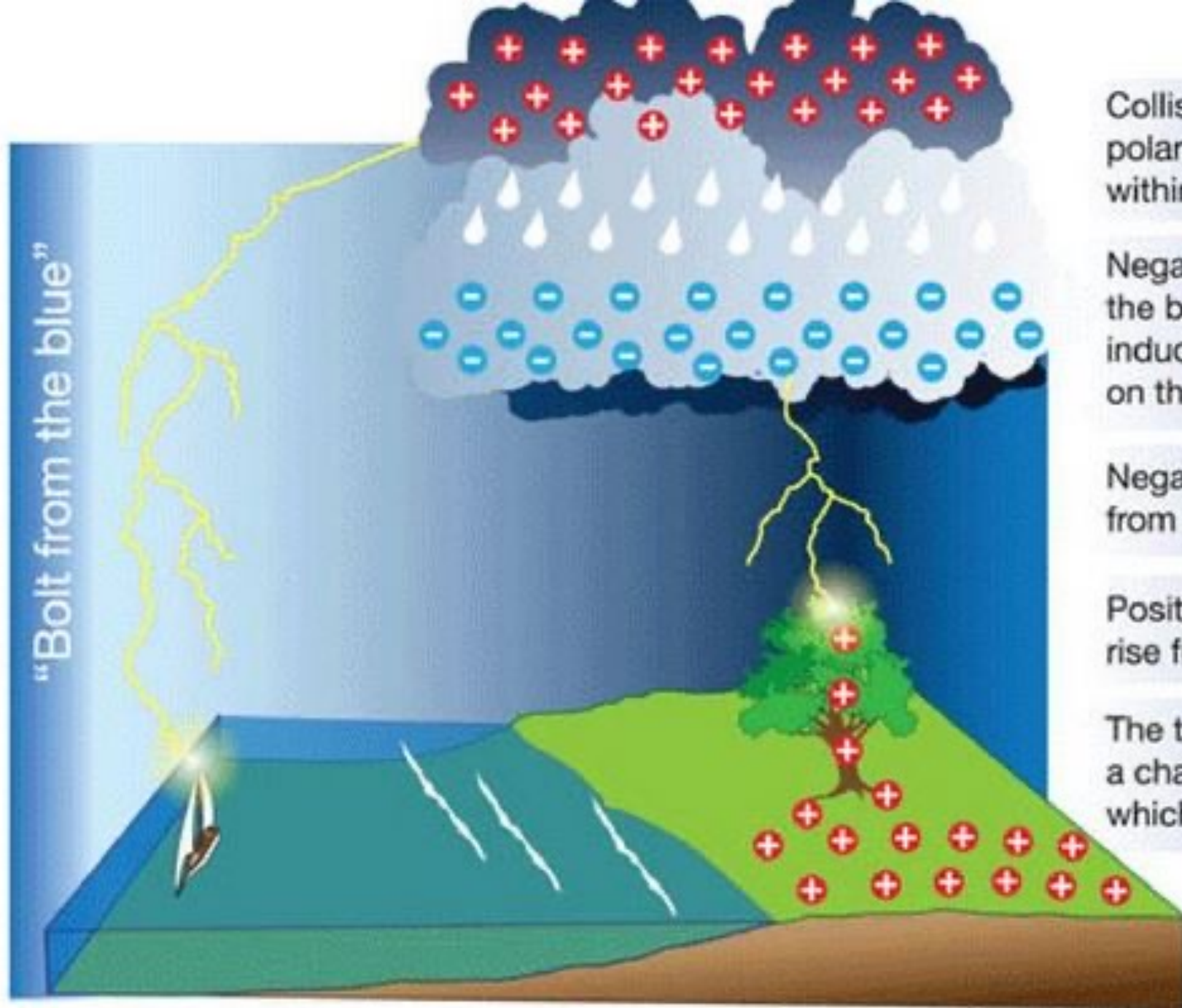
Positive charge on surface extends towards negative charge



Lightning is the completion of these paths as nature tries to neutralize the extremes



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- In 2019–20, there were about 1.4 crore lightning strikes reported in India.
 - In 2020–21, there were 1.85 crore incidents.
 - Approximately 1.49 crore strikes were reported nationwide in 2021–2022.



“Bolt from the blue”


Collisions of ice particles polarize electrical charges within the clouds

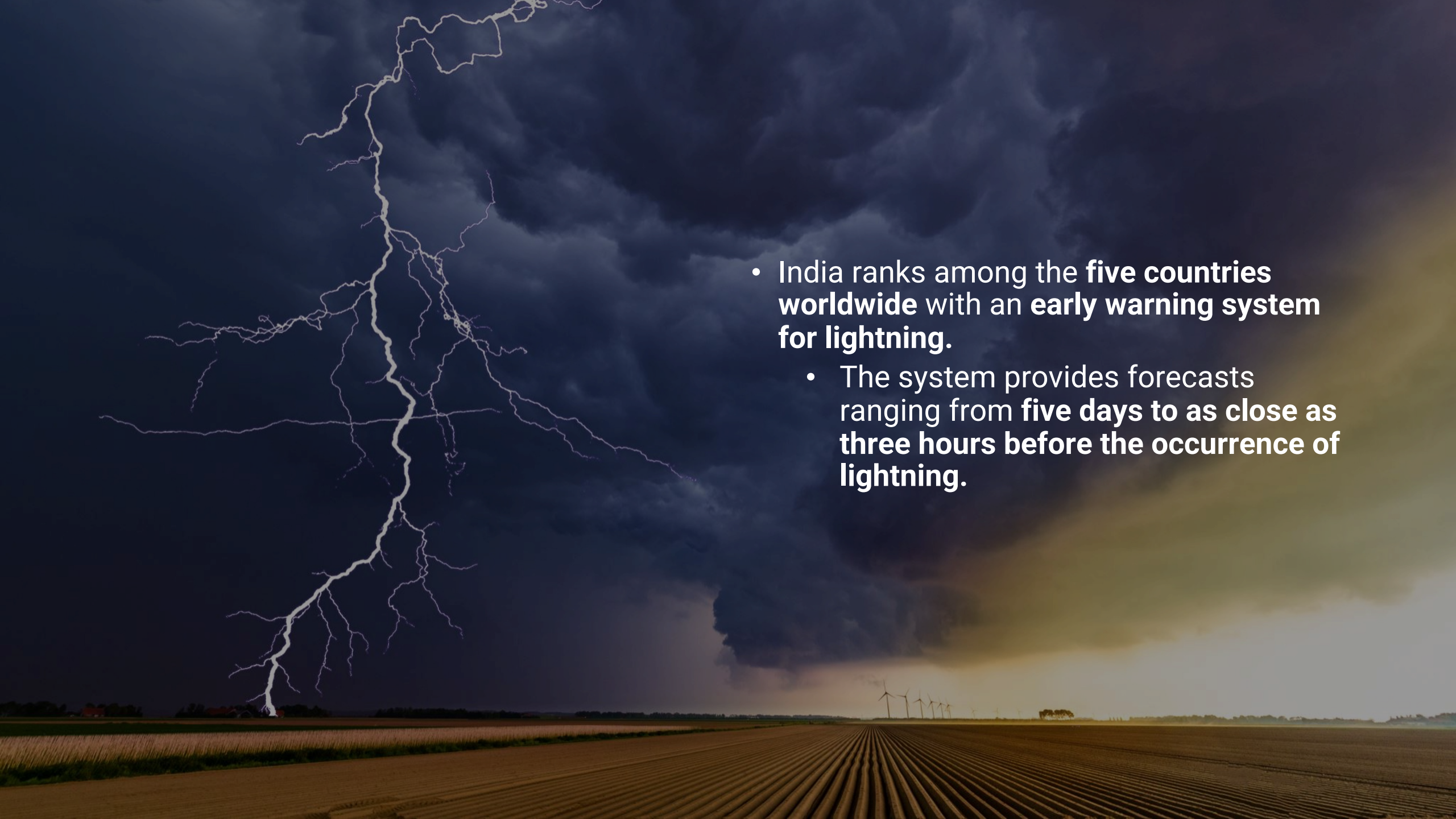
Negative charges at the bottom of clouds induce positive charges on the ground

Negative leaders extend from the clouds

Positive streamers rise from the earth

The two join and create a channel through which lightning strikes

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- A dramatic landscape featuring a dark, stormy sky with a bright lightning bolt striking the ground. The foreground shows a field of crops, possibly corn, with rows of plants stretching towards the horizon. In the distance, a line of wind turbines is visible against the horizon. The overall scene conveys a sense of natural power and potential disaster.
- At present **cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloudburst, pest attack, frost and cold waves** are considered disasters that are covered under the SDRF. This does not include lightning yet.

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- India ranks among the **five countries worldwide** with an **early warning system for lightning**.
 - The system provides forecasts ranging from **five days to as close as three hours before the occurrence of lightning**.

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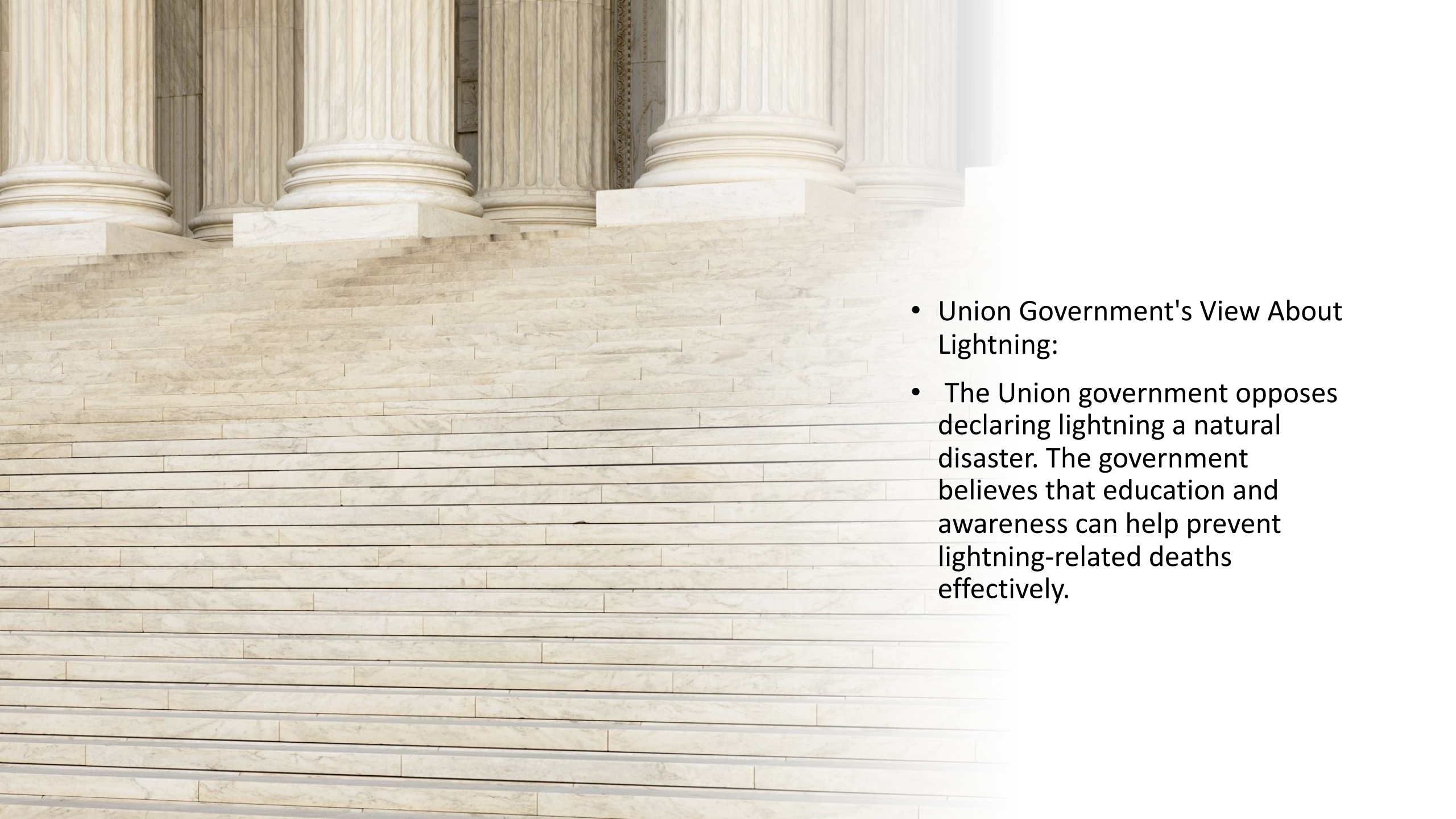
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Lightning frequency is highest in northeastern states and West Bengal, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Bihar.

- However, the number of lightning-related deaths is higher in central Indian states like **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha.**

Bihar is one of the **most vulnerable states to lightning strikes**, with a significant number of deaths reported annually.



- Union Government's View About Lightning:
- The Union government opposes declaring lightning a natural disaster. The government believes that education and awareness can help prevent lightning-related deaths effectively.

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- What are the Possible Factors Behind the Increasing Trend of Lightning Strikes?
 - **Climate Change: Global warming and climate change** could potentially influence atmospheric conditions, leading to an increase in thunderstorms and lightning activity.
 - As the planet's temperature rises, there may be **changes in the distribution of moisture, instability, and convective processes** that could favor more frequent lightning occurrences.



MOSCOW

Half a million left without power in Russia, Ukraine after huge storm



More than half a million people were left without power in Crimea, Russia and Ukraine after a storm in the Black Sea area flooded roads, ripped up trees and took down power lines, Ukraine's energy ministry said. Meanwhile, the Moscow region experienced its heaviest snowfall in 40 years, the governor said. AP

VERMONT

Three Palestinian students shot in U.S., families suspect hate crime



Three Palestinian students attending U.S. colleges were shot in Vermont on Saturday. Their families called the U.S. officials to investigate the incident as a hate crime, as they awaited updates on their children's recovery. The students had been speaking Arabic and wearing the traditional Palestinian keffiyeh. REUTERS

WELLINGTON

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WASHINGTON

After two successive attendances, Biden set to miss COP-28 summit



U.S. President Joe Biden will miss the latest UN climate summit in Dubai after two years of attending the talks in hopes of highlighting U.S. leadership. Some 70,000 people including national leaders and Pope Francis are expected at COP-28 as it opens on Thursday, in what could be the largest United Nations climate summit ever. AP

Thousands arrested in crackdown in Bangladesh

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh has launched a sweeping and violent crackdown on opposition parties to "eliminate competition" ahead of general elections, including arresting almost 10,000 activists, Human Rights Watch said on Monday.

As well as the thousands arrested, many from the key Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), a staggering number also face charges. According to the BNP, about half of its five million members "face politically motivated prosecution".

"The arrests, they are not leaving anyone behind, from senior levels to the ground level," one activist told HRW.

Prisons are now at more than double their capacity, the rights group said. The South Asian nation of around 170 million people holds a general election on January 7, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina eyeing her fourth consecutive term in power.

The BNP and other parties have held mass protests calling on Ms. Hasina to quit power and let a neutral government run the polls, demands the government has said are unconstitutional.

Muffling dissent
"Bangladesh authorities are carrying out mass arrests of political opposition in a clear attempt to quash the opposition and eliminate competition ahead of the general elections", HRW said.

New York-based HRW, who called it a "violent autocratic crackdown", said at least 40 persons have been killed since protests escalated in October, including two police officers. More than 3,500 people have been wounded.

On final day, Israel and Hamas agree to extend truce for two more days

Both sides agree to extend ceasefire by a day for two days for every 10 hostages released. Israel says it will resume its operations with 'full force' as soon as the current deal expires, in case Hamas does not agree to release more hostages

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Israel and Hamas agreed to extend their ceasefire for two more days past Monday, the Qatari government said, bringing the prospect of a longer halt to their deadliest and most destructive war and further exchanges of military hostages for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

The announcement, made by Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majid Al Ansary in a post on X, came on the final day of the original four-day truce between the warring sides. A fourth swap of hostages for prisoners under that deal was expected later on Monday: Qatar, along with



Building blocks: Palestinians setting up a structure amid the destruction caused by Israeli strikes near Khan Yunis on Monday. AP

the United States and Egypt, has been the key mediator in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.

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over Gaza after its October 7 attack into southern Israel. That would likely mean expanding a ground offensive from devastated northern Gaza to the south, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have crammed into United Nations shelters, and where dire conditions of women and children reunite.

Israel will resume its operations with "full force" as soon as the current deal expires if Hamas does not agree to further hostage releases, with the goal of eliminating the group and freeing the rest of the captives, government spokespeople said. Hamas is likely to make much greater demands for their release.

After weeks of national trauma over the around 240 people abducted by Hamas, scenes of the women and children reunited with their families have rallied Israelis behind calls to return those who remain in captivity.

Hamas and other militants could still be holding up to 175 hostages, enough to potentially extend the ceasefire for another half weeks. But those include a number of soldiers, police officers and other personnel. Hamas is likely to make much greater demands for their release.

Russia intensely attacking Avdiivka, Robotyne: Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Russia was intensely attacking the eastern town of Avdiivka and the southern village of Robotyne, where fighting has centred in recent weeks, Ukraine said on Monday.

Ukraine said it has made significant breakthroughs on the battlefield for weeks, as Moscow's invasion drags on for a 22nd month. In recent weeks, Russia has focused its efforts on the industrial hub of Avdiivka in Donetsk, which now appears almost encircled by Moscow's forces.

The enemy continues and will not soon forget its offensive actions near Av-

diivka, the Ukrainian Army said. Moscow's forces had launched "more than 150" attacks on Ukrainian positions.

A day earlier, Ukraine said it had "repelled" two dozen attacks around Avdiivka. Kyiv did not report gains or losses in the area. The U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War

said "Russian forces made confirmed advances north-west and southeast of Avdiivka" over the weekend. Moscow controls areas to the north, east and south of Avdiivka, which lies just 10 km from the Moscow-held city of Donetsk.

Ukraine recaptured the tiny village of Robotyne in August, marking a strategic victory in its counter-offensive. Russia has attacked Robotyne since, with Ukraine appearing to struggle to hold on.

Paul Lynch wins 2023 Booker Prize for *Prophet Song*

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Irish author Paul Lynch won the 2023 Booker Prize for fiction on Sunday for his novel *Prophet Song*, a dystopian work about an island that descends into tyranny.

The 46-year-old picked five other shortlisted novels to the prestigious award at a ceremony in London.

He becomes the fifth Irish writer to win the high-profile literary prize, which has proved to his fame countless household names, including past winners Salman Rushdie, Margaret Atwood and Hilary Mantel.

"This was not an easy book to write," Lynch said after collecting his award, which comes with



Paul Lynch, best, set in dystopian future, follows a mother of four as she tries to save her family from totalitarianism. AP

£50,000 (around \$63,000) and the right to his name. Lynch has been a prolific writer, including his career by writing this novel. Lynch's book is set in

five-person judging panel, called the story "a triumph of emotional storytelling, bracing and brave".

Contemporary work
"With great vividness, *Prophet Song* captures the social and political anxieties of our current moment," she said.

"Readers will find it soul-shattering and true, and will not soon forget its warnings."

The Booker is open to works of fiction by writers of any nationality, written in English and published in the U.K. or Ireland between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023. None of this year's six finalists — which included two Americans, a Canadian, a Kenyan and another Irish author — had been shortlisted before and only

one had previously been longlisted.

The shortlisted novels, announced in September, were chosen from a list of 137 titles that had been whittled down from an initial 588 works.

Among them was Irish author Paul Murray's *The Boat Song*, a triptych which looks at the role of fate in the trials of one family. Murray was previously longlisted in 2010.

Kenyan connect
Kenyan writer Chetna Mafu's debut novel *Western Lane* about grief and sisterhood follows the story of a teenage girl for whom squash is life. The judge also selected two Americans, a Canadian, a Kenyan and another Irish author — had been shortlisted before and only

Israel's plan for more settlements 'appalling', says EU's Josep Borrell

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The EU's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, has called the idea of Israel planning further illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian Territories "appalling" and Israel's biggest security liability. He also called for an extension of the four-day ceasefire due to expire at the end of Monday.

"I'm appalled to learn that in the middle of a war the Israeli gov is poised to commit new funds to build more illegal settlements."

"This is not self-defence and will not make Israel safer," Mr. Borrell said, adding that the settlements were a grave breach of international humanitarian law.

Speaking at the Union for the Mediterranean conference in Barcelona on Monday, Mr. Borrell referred to a figure of \$43 million that he said Israel planned to use for building new settlements.

"The violence spread by extremist settlers in the West Bank, many times under protection from the Israeli police and military, does not make Israel safer," he said.

The Foreign Minister said the "indiscriminate brutality" of Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7 was not justified. However, he said the death toll in Gaza, which included more than 5,000 children, was "highly disproportionate".

Extension of ceasefire
He described the four-day Israel-Hamas ceasefire from November 24-27 as "an important first step". "The pause should be extended to make it sustainable and long-lasting while working for a political solution," Mr. Borrell said. The EU is the largest foreign aid donor to the Palestinian Territories.

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NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER
NO: T-139 Dated: 27/11/2023
(Through e-procurement mode only)
(Tender No: KSRTC/CP/24/2023)

(1) Tender is invited through e-Procurement Portal https://app.karnataka.gov.in for supply of 350 Nos. diesel fueled 210 Wheel Base BS-VI fully built motor buses for Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC).
(2) Tender Value in Crores (Approx): Rs. 1400-crores.
(3) Last Date for Bid Submission in e-procurement portal on 05/12/2023 @ 17:30 Hours.

Further, any addendum / corrigendum in respect of changes in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms & conditions etc., will be uploaded / Published through e-portal only.
NOTE: Interested Bidders need to register in the Govt e-procurement portal. For further information go into <http://app.karnataka.gov.in> for details. In case of further support/queries, interested bidders may also contact e-procurement cell during office hours. E-mail to Support@procurement.karnataka.gov.in for further information if required. In case it bidders need any assistance from KSRTC, they can communicate the same at cmep@ksrtc.org / cmep@ksrtc.org (contact: 7760990073, 7760990054).

Chief Mechanical Engineer
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WELLINGTON

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IN BRIEF



Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Audi to increase prices in Jan.

Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it plans to increase prices of its vehicles in January 2024, citing cost pressure driven by overall inflation and increased commodity rates. German luxury car maker Audi said it will increase prices across its model range in India by up to 2% from January next year, citing rising input and operational costs. Tata Motors, too, said on Monday it was considering increasing prices of its passenger and electric vehicles in January.

Western firms turn to India for API after China tensions

Increasing tensions with China have prompted more Western governments to recommend companies "de-risk" supply chains from exposure to the country. This is leading some biotech firms to consider India to produce active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) for chemical trials, or other outsourced work. Syngene, Aragen Life Sciences, Piramal Pharma Solutions, and Sai Life Sciences said they have seen increased interest from Western pharmaceutical companies this year.

True North announces foray into private credit

Private equity firm True North has announced its foray into private credit with the introduction of "True North Private Credit". The platform was set up in 2022 with a target to raise \$1,000 crore in its Fund-I. True North had raised more than \$1,000 crore already and the final closing will be by December 31. "True North has built its business on a strong foundation of trust of its stakeholders and core value," said Kapil Singhal, Managing Partner, Private Credit, True North.

Global investors need not be jittery about poll outcome, says FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Global investors need not be jittery about the outcomes of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the reforms process to make India a more transparent and open economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, identifying high interest rates and inflation as the biggest political risk to the economy. She said that a "robust domestic momentum has offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports."

However, it cut the growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4% from 6.5%, as it expects growth to slow on a higher base, subdued global growth and lagged impact of interest rate hikes. "We have revised up our projection for India's GDP growth for fiscal 2024 (ending March 2024) to 6.4% from 6%, as robust domestic momentum seems to have offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports," S&P said. The estimates of S&P is a shade higher than other international agencies. The IMF, World Bank, ADB, and Fitch expects India's GDP to expand 6.3% in the current fiscal.

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Foxconn to invest another \$1.6 billion in India as U.S.-China tensions rise

Avushi Kar
MUMBAI



Contract iPhone maker Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., also known as Foxconn, plans to expand its India footprint, with another \$1.6 billion investment as part of its strategy to diversify outside China. The announcement is the largest global contract manufacturer for Apple and gets half of its revenues from making products for the American tech giant. Even in India, Foxconn's production of Apple products, outpaces that by its competitors Tata and Pegatron.

So far, the Taiwanese electronics major has poured almost \$8 billion in

One year on, insider norms for MFs hang fire

Industry cites 'practical challenges' and the lack of precedents on instances of what could be considered unpublished price sensitive information; new norms may be made effective from January or April next year, with another three to six months for implementation

Ashley Coutinho
MUMBAI

A year after the market regulator brought mutual funds under the ambit of insider trading regulations, the norms are yet to get enforced.

There are operational hurdles in setting up common industry standards, even as the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has held several rounds of talks with SEBI on the issue, but two people in the know. There could be issues at the exchange's end as well. SEBI issued a consultation paper on applicability of its Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations 2015 to MFs in July last year.

In November, a notification brought within its fold all types of MFs, whether listed or unlisted, with exceptions for exchange-traded funds and systematic investment plans.

"The rules have not been enforced. The industry has held talks with the regulator on the practical challenges," said a senior MF official.

"Rules have been laid down in a hurry without thinking through operational hurdles. For instance, each MF scheme could have multiple ISINs (International Securities Identification Number), which could pose a challenge," added another official. Under the new norms, asset management companies (AMCs) and fiduciaries doing business with them need to maintain a struc-

ured digital database, which tracks each instance of UPSI (unpublished price sensitive information) shared within and outside the AMC.

The norms may be made effective from January or April, with another three to six months for implementation. An email sent to SEBI and the exchanges did not get a response till press time. A text message to an AMFI official remained unanswered.

Some experts maintain that separate regulations for MFs are an overkill. (The writer is with The Hindu businessline)



Hasty move: Rules have been laid down in a hurry without thinking through operational hurdles, says an official. REUTERS

GST regime is moving from uncertainty to certainty: FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is moving from uncertainty to certainty on some issues, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, seeking to assuage global firms' concerns about tax certainty amid a spate of tax demand notices and investigations pursued by revenue authorities.

The Constitutional body of the GST Council has actually brought about a great deal of comfort in having a "One Nation, One Tax" principle effectively

The FM sought to assuage concerns about 'tax certainty'
amid a spate of tax demand notices

brought to the ground. Of course it has had teething problems," she said. "Some issues from prior to 2017, which are still lingering, are getting sorted out now."

Her comments came in response to a query from Deloitte India chairperson Sherifa Coradia. "What an assurance can we give to the international community about the tax system that we propose to implement that in India?" Ms. Coradia had asked.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Electric buses are expected to be at the forefront of India's electrification drive, with the segment likely to witness healthy traction going forward, ICRA said. E-buses will account for 11-13% of new bus sales by FY25, the credit rating agency said.

The traction in the e-bus segment is already visible over the past couple of years, with e-bus volumes as well as penetration levels improving consistently, to 7% in FY23. Steady progress has been made under this period towards

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Additionally, many state electric vehicle (EV) policies have announced specific targets and timelines for e-bus adoption, thereby creating a road map for electrification, it added. "Bus cost is the single largest element in the e-bus project, accounting for 75-80% of the project cost," said Kiran Singh, Vice President & Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA.

"The capital subsidy of ₹5-55 lakh per bus under electric vehicle (E) scheme, and this is likely to gain pace over the coming months, till the scheme expires in March 2024, ICRA said in a note.



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S&P lifts India's FY24 growth forecast to 6.4%

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

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Tender Notification through e-Procurement
SELECTION OF INTERFACE AGENT FOR ACTIVATING AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION (ABDM) MICROSITES IN KARNATAKA

ABDM invites application from registered eligible service providers to submit their proposal through e-procurement portal as an Interface Agency for Activating Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Microsites with required mandatory documents.

Tender No: NHM/2023-24/SE0010

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to: <https://app.karnataka.gov.in>. The tender document can be downloaded from "e-procurement portal" on 27.11.2023 onwards and last date for receipt of tender is 18.12.2023 on or before 05.30 PM.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 11:00 AM to 05:00PM.

Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)

DP/PC/22360w/2023-24

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 55-60 years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Build: Normal, Hair: Black and White, Wearing: Grey Colour Sweater, Brown Colour Kurta, Light Blue Colour Pant & Shoes. Feet was found dead, outside of House No. 11/3286, Bazar, Delhi Gate, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002 on 21.11.2023 at 05:00 hours.

In this regard, a FIR No. 107-A Dated 21.11.2023 has been lodged at PS Daryaganj, Delhi, The Dead Body preserved for 72 Hrs. at the Mortuary of Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi for identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has been able to be traced. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

S/O
P.S., Daryaganj, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23279331, 23274683, 8750870421

DP/13616/CD/2023

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male, apparently Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, found unrecognisable condition in Road Accident on 26.11.2023 at 04:05 PM, from Road No. 66, Arand Vihar, I.S.B.T. Near Crossover Bridge, Delhi. He was admitted to the LBS Hospital, Delhi and died during treatment, in this regard FIR No. 2112/23, dated 26.11.2023 has been lodged at Police Station, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. Dead body has been preserve in LBS Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hrs. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as follows.

Name: Unknown, Age: About 40 Years, Height: About 5'8", Complexion: Shallow, Injury: Road Accident, Wearing: Black Colour Shirt, Khaki Colour Trouser, Orange Colour Garmehna.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform to the undersigned.

S/O
Police Station, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.Pc.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Shehzad, S/o: Bahar, R/o: Kalyanpur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 311/2021, U/s 302/114 IPC, P. S. Kalyanpur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Shehzad cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Shehzad has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant of arrest, I hereby declare that the said Shehzad is absconded and in this regard FIR No. 311/2021, U/s 302/114 IPC, P. S. Kalyanpur, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.01.2024.

By Order
Sh. Kadambari Awasthi
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
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Tender No. TN/2023/0000102/0001, Dated 20.11.2023

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Tender Description for setting up of Integrated Station Room Mills for producing the waste paper products

Sl. No. Item Description

1. Bid opening date 14.12.2023 at 11:00 AM

2. Bid opening time 14.12.2023 upto 09:00 AM

3. Date of submission of the tender 27.11.2023 upto 11:30 AM

4. Earned Money Deposit (Rs. 1,00,00,000/- for 5000MT mill and Rs. 60,00,000/- for 4000MT mill). The procedure for depositing of SMD is given in the Tender Documents.

DP/PR/368/TENDER/2023 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Foxconn to invest another \$1.6 billion in India as U.S.-China tensions rise

Ayushi Kar

MUMBAI

Contract iPhone maker Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., also known as Foxconn, plans to expand its India footprint, with another \$1.6 billion investment as part of its strategy to diversify outside China.

The announcement was made in an exchange filing in Taiwan. It did not give any further details, saying only that the investment was for “operational needs”. The investment was made through a Foxconn subsidiary, Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development, which is registered in Maharashtra since 2015.



Top iPhone maker

Foxconn is the largest global contract manufacturer for Apple and gets half of its revenues from making products for the American tech giant. Even in India, Foxconn’s production of Apple products, outpaces that by its competitors Tata and Pegatron.

So far, the Taiwanese electronics major has poured almost \$8 billion in

India. It plans to bump up its investments in the country, as tensions between the U.S. and China continue to rise.

Foxconn employs more than 40,000 workers in India. It operates at nine campuses with their total area topping 500 football fields. Its 30 factories in India generate annual revenues of \$10 billion, which is 4.6% of the company’s \$216 billion 2022 revenue – up from 2% registered in 2021. It is building one more factory in India, an electronic components manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu’s Kancheepuram district.

It is also mulling an investment of ₹8,800 crore

in Karnataka to set up an iPhone component unit, which will create 14,000 new jobs. Part of the \$1.6 billion investment could be for this purpose as well. Earlier this year, Foxconn officials were taken to Tumakuru in Karnataka, to examine the available land at the Japan Industrial Township. The facility could manufacture screens and outer coverings for phones.

Foxconn has also said it will set up semiconductor production lines in the country without an Indian partner, and is in discussions with the government to get its plan approved.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

LEARNING THE ROPES

I'm trying to play all my shots, be fearless: Jaiswal



S. JOTH RAMALINGAM

Yashasvi Jaiswal is learning the ropes fast and has been trying to be fearless. The 21-year-old left-hander strategy and focus during his knock to give India a rolling start against Australia in the second T20I. "It was really special for me. I was trying to play all my shots, be fearless, left bowlers on," Jaiswal said.

MOVING ON

Will be different without him, but it's his choice: Saha on Hardik



FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Under Hardik Pandya, Gujarat Titans won the IPL in 2022 and are set to play Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. "Hey RCB fans, it is Cam Green here, I am excited to join Andy Flower (the team's head coach). I can't wait to see you guys at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, cheers," Green wrote on a Milan by RCB.

'CAN'T WAIT'

Excited to join Flower in the team: Green after being traded to RCB



EMANUAL YOGINI

Australian all-rounder Cameron Green expressed his excitement to play for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. "Hey RCB fans, it is Cam Green here, I am excited to join Andy Flower (the team's head coach). I can't wait to see you guys at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, cheers," Green wrote on a Milan by RCB.

AT THE HELM

Narwal to lead UP Yoddhas in season 10 PKL campaign



FILE PHOTO

UP Yoddhas officially announced the appointment of super-raider Pardeep Narwal as captain for the upcoming tenth season of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL). Pardeep, in the past, has also captained the Patna Pirates and helped them win three back-to-back PKL titles.

Under heat India will be keen to seal the series straightaway

Having lost a thriller in the first match and got outplayed in the next one, the Australians will be determined to come up with an improved performance in the third game to stay in contention

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Abith Kumar
GUWAHATI

As Jason Behrendorf got off the plane at the Guwahati Airport on a cool Monday evening, he might well have been warmed by the memories from six years ago.

In the first ever international game at the ACA Stadium here, the left-arm seamer was the 'Player-of-the-Match', in the second T20I of that India-Australia series. He had taken four for 21, in only his second international game, among his victims were Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli.

Cut to the present, Behrendorf has had to sit out during the second T20I at Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday, as the visitors chose to play two spinners. They didn't gain much from the change of strategy against an intimidating young Indian top-order.

Given the fact that Behrendorf was the bowler who earned most respect from the merciful Indian batters in the opening T20I — he gave away 6.25 runs per over while everyone else averaged at least 11 — he could get an opportunity in the third T20I on Tuesday. He isn't the only member of the current Australian squad that figured in the comfortable

eight-wicket win back in 2017.

Glenn Maxwell, Travis Head, Aaron Zampa and Marcus Stoinis were also there. If you wonder how many of this Indian side played in that match, the answer is zero.

That doesn't tell merely that India has moved on from the M.S. Dhoni era, but it shows the amazing depth of its cricket. That this inexperienced Indian side is leading the five-match series 2-0 underlines the fact.

The Indians should be hoping to make it 3-0 and thus clinch the series with two games remaining. But as the World Cup final re-

minded us only a few days ago, cricket's greatest charm is its uncertainty. And Australia, though it is without some of its big stars including skipper Pat Cummins, boasts some of the prodigal men in sport.

But they need to come up with a much better show. After the Indian chase gave them a glimmer of hope in the first game with a wobble near the finishing line, they were outplayed in the last match, in which India plundered 235 for four.

India's top three — Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan — made fifties at brisk rates, and the finisher Rinku

Singh scored faster. Captain Suryakumar Yadav is in form too. Not many Indians, even Australia's bowlers who have to find a way to reduce the boundary balls somehow.

The visiting side may not be as worried about its batting: Josh Inglis scored a splendid hundred in the first match, while Stoinis, Tim David and Matthew Wade scored rapidly in the second.

The Aussie batters have to counter a balanced Indian attack that showed much improvement at Thiruvananthapuram, exemplified by Prasidh Krishna's effort.

The teams (from):

India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ishan Kishan, Tejas Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Akar Patel, Shivam Dubey, Ravi Bishnoi, Anshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan.
Australia: Matthew Wade (Capt.), Steve Smith, Matt Short, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Tim David, Travis Head, Aaron Hardie, Jason Behrendorf, Adam Zampa, Sean Abbott, Nathan Ellis, Tanveer Sangha and Kane Richardson.
Umpires: Rohan Pandit, Wroendar Sharma, TV Umpire: K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan. **Fourth Umpire:** J.R. Madanagopal.
Match Referee: Javagal Srinath. **Match starts at 7 p.m.**

Hardik completes move to MI, Green goes to RCB

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

A day after he was retained by Gujarat Titans, Hardik Pandya's impending move to Mumbai Indians was formalised on Monday. While the all-rounder returned to his Indian Premier League (IPL) alma mater, the five-times champion side led by Cameron Green to Royal Challengers Bangalore in a bid to create a substantial budget for the next month's player auction.

An IPL statement on Monday afternoon confirmed both the transfers. Minutes later, Mumbai Indians and Gujarat Titans commented on the trades.

Akaash Ambani, the Mumbai Indians team owner, termed the move as "happy homecoming".

"It is a happy homecoming. He provides great balance to any team he plays. Hardik's first stint with the MI family was hugely successful, and we hope he achieves even more success in his second stint," he said.

Gill to head GT

With the Titans' captain heading back to his IPL roots, the Gujarat Titans announced Shubman Gill as its new captain.

FC Goa gets the better of Jamshedpur

Agencies
MARGAO

FC Goa edged past Jamshedpur FC 1-0 at the Fardis Stadium here today to bag its fifth victory of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 season.

Spanish midfielder Victor Rodriguez is scripting a similar story with FC Goa this season. The 34-year-old came into the starting XI as a late replacement for Noah Sadocul in its fixture against East Bengal FC on October 27. He scored an assisted once each in a 2-1 win, but he made way for Sadocul once the tallman was fit later on.

Even in this game, Rodriguez did not find his name in the first XI, but he made the decisive contribution after coming off the bench in the 61st minute for striker Carlos Martinez.

He occupied the advanced position long vacated by Martinez, and converted an opportunity that came his way in the 84th minute.

What followed was an exciting passage of play, with Jamshedpur FC near-regular goalkeeper through winger Selminlen Doungel. The goal was later overturned, but that did not stop Doungel from continuing to find the first goal of the night for his side.

He made a headed effort straight afterwards, but a disciplined FC Goa defensive unit ensured that Jamshedpur FC was kept at bay until the end.

The result is Goa 1 (Victor Rodriguez 82) bt Jamshedpur FC 0.



In good spaces: Suryakumar shows thumbs up to his fans on his arrival at Guwahati. RITURAJ KOSHAK



Sinner helps end Italy's 47-year wait for glory

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
MALLAGA

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Odisha outplays Bagan with fine attacking football

AFC CUP

Amritabha Das Sharma
COCHIN

Odisha FC rode a fine essay of attacking football to turn the tables on home favourite Mohun Bagan Super Giant by a 5-2 scoreline in the Group D match of the AFC Cup at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Monday.

Mohun Bagan found the lead early through Hugo Boumous but conceded the initiative to Odisha, which fired three in a span of 11 minutes to force a deciding doubles clash.

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EURO LEAGUES

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Davis Cup

Current season, competition or edition:



2023 Davis Cup



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Sport	Tennis
Founded	1900; 123 years ago
Founder	Dwight F. Davis
No. of teams	155 (2023)
Countries	ITF member nations
Continent	Worldwide
Most recent champion(s)	 Italy (2nd title)
Most titles	 United States (32 titles)

To curb fraud, 4-hour delay likely in first UPI transfer over Rs 2,000

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & AANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

TO CURB rising instances of on-line payment frauds, the government is planning to introduce a minimum time for a transaction beyond a particular amount happening for the first time between two persons. The plan likely includes a possible four-hour window for the first transaction between two users for digital payments being processed for all transactions likely above Rs 2,000, government officials told *The Indian Express*.

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E For better monitoring
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IN CONVERSATION

Actor Vicky Kaushal and writer-director Meghna Gulzar with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Shubhra Gupta, Film Critic, *The Indian Express*, at the Express Adda in New Delhi on Monday. *Renuka Iyer*

Tunnel op, Day 16: 12 metres to go, rescuers to now drill manually

AVANEESH MISHRA & DIVYA
UTTARAKASHI, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WITH THE operation to save 41 construction workers trapped in the under-construction Silyara-Barkot tunnel entering its 16th day, rescuers have decided to drill through the rest of the debris manually.

So far, the rescue involved drilling through the debris using an auger machine. But with parts of the machine breaking inside the pipes and requiring workers to cut through the metal, rescuers say manually drilling through the rest is the preferred option. The trapped workers are behind 60 metres of debris and rescuers are



P.K. Mishra, Principal Secy to PM, in Uttarakhand on Monday. *Chitra Khambhatri*

WHAT IS RAT-HOLE MINING?

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roughly 12 metres away. Those called in for the operation are workers familiar with this century," Dhanekar said.

Mahatma mahapurush of last century, Modi yugpurush of this: V-P

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

VICE PRESIDENT Jagdeep Dhanekar on Monday called Mahatma Gandhi the "mahapurush" (great man) of the last century, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the "yugpurush" (man of the era) of this century.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the Shrimad Rajchandra Memorial in Mumbai on the birth anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandra, the spiritual guide of Mahatma Gandhi.

"I would like to tell you one thing, Mahatma Gandhi was the mahapurush of the last century. Narendra Modi is the yugpurush of this century," Dhanekar said.



V-P Jagdeep Dhanekar inaugurates the Shrimad Rajchandra Memorial in Mumbai on Monday. *PPT*

"Mahatma Gandhi freed us from the slavery of the British through satyagraha and non-violence. India's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi has of this century," Dhanekar said.

ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOTS

Envoy: US inputs legally presentable, got nothing specific from Canada

'India convicted without probe concluded, is that rule of law?'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WASHINGTON HAS shared "legally presentable" inputs with Delhi on "Indian connections" in the alleged assassination plot of Khalistan separatist Gurbaj Singh Panun, but Ottawa has shared only "allegations" linked to separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing, Indian High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma has said.

He also said that the Indian connections referred to by the US are not "Government of India



Sanjay Kumar Verma, Indian High Commissioner to Canada

"people" in India. This is the first time that a senior Indian official has drawn a distinction between what US and Canada have shared with India, regarding alleged assassination plots against Khalistan separatists in these two countries. Within hours of a report in

UK daily *Financial Times* last week that the US thwarted a conspiracy to assassinate Panun on American soil and issued a warning to India over concerns that it was involved in the plot, Delhi said that it took such inputs "seriously" and these were "already being examined" by relevant departments. This Delhi response was very different from the manner in which it responded to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's "credible allegations" about a potential link of Indian government agents to the killing of Nijjar.

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GITA MITTAL COMMITTEE ON MANIPUR

Bodies unclaimed, panel says kin under pressure, asks SC to intervene

RITIKA CHOPRA & APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WITH THE bodies of more than half of those killed in Manipur since May 3 lying unclaimed in the state's mortuaries, the Supreme Court-appointed panel is learnt to have expressed concern over victims' relatives facing "pressure" from civil society organisations to not accept the



Justice Gita Mittal (retired)

bodies, and urged the apex court to intervene. The panel, headed by former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal, is learnt to not accept the

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Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

To be sure, the plan is not to just delay or limit the first transaction upon account creation – which already happens in some shape or form across most digital payment means – but to regulate every first transaction between two users, irrespective of their independent past transaction history. For instance, currently, when a user creates a new UPI account, they can send a maximum of Rs 5,000 in the first 24 hours. Similarly, in the case of National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), post activation of a beneficiary, Rs 50,000 (in full or parts) can be transferred in the first 24 hours.

But, according to the plan on the table, a time limit of four hours will apply every time a user makes the first payment over Rs 2,000 to another user they have never transacted with before.

“We are looking to add a time limit of four hours for first-time digital transactions over Rs 2,000. The discussion will be taken up during a meeting on Tuesday with government and industry stakeholders including the Reserve Bank of India, various public and private sector banks, and tech companies like Google and Razorpay,” a senior government official said, requesting

anonymity.

“Basically, how it will work is that you will have four hours after making a payment to someone for the first time to reverse or modify the payment. It will be along the lines of NEFT where the transaction happens within a few hours. Initially, we did not want to have any amount limit thresholds, but through informal discussions with the industry, we realised it could impact small-scale buying like groceries etc. so we are planning to give a leeway to transactions under Rs 2,000,” the official added. Queries sent to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which manages the UPI platform, remained unanswered until publication.

Banks witnessed the maximum number of frauds in the digital payment category during the financial year 2022-23, according to the RBI Annual Report 2022-23. In FY2023, the total number of fraud cases in the banking system were pegged at 13,530, involving a total amount of Rs 30,252 crore. Of this, almost 49 per cent or 6,659 cases were in the digital payment – card/internet – category. As per a recent Financial Action Task Force (FATF) report on ‘Illicit Financial Flows From Cyber-enabled Fraud’, Citizen Financial

Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS) – the online system developed by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) for quick reporting of financial cyber frauds and monetary losses – has intercepted transactions worth Rs 602 crore since its inception in April 2021.

While the consideration has been informally discussed for sometime, the trigger to formally discuss it came after the recent case faced by the Kolkata-based public sector lender UCO Bank when it reported credit of Rs 820 crore to account holders of the bank via IMPS. Last week, the bank in a statement said that due to technical issues in IMPS during November 10-13, certain transactions initiated by holders of other banks had resulted in credit to the account holders in UCO Bank without actual receipt of money from these banks. The case has now been referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

On Tuesday, the Department of Financial Services under the Finance Ministry will chair a meeting with government and private stakeholders to discuss digital payment frauds, financial crimes and cybersecurity measures required to counter them.

EXEMPTION ON STAYS UP TO 30 DAYS

Starting December 1, Indians will not require a visa to visit Malaysia

DIVYAA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

CLOSE ON the heels of Sri Lanka and Thailand, Malaysia will grant visa-free entry to Indians for stays of up to 30 days starting December 1, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has said.

The visa exemption — which has also been extended to Chinese citizens — will last until December 31, 2024. Ibrahim made the announcement late Sunday in a speech at his People's Justice Party congress.

India and China are among Malaysia's top five source markets for tourism.

According to the Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, the country recorded 91 lakh tourist arrivals until June this year, with around five lakh from China and 2.8 lakh from India. In the same period in 2019, before the pandemic, the number was higher — 15 lakh arrivals from China, 3.5 lakh from India.

Positive on its post-pandemic recovery, the country is looking at 1.5 crore foreign tourist arrivals this year, Malaysian government officials said. Several West Asian coun-

EXPLAINED
E On the move

INDIA EMERGED as the largest source market for outbound travellers in Asia in 2022. As per Ministry of Tourism data, the top five destinations for Indians are the UAE, Saudi Arabia, USA, Singapore and Thailand. A large chunk of the globe-trotters comprises diaspora travellers.

tries such as Turkey and Jordan already enjoy a 30-day visa-free entry into Malaysia.

Malaysia boasts a 29 lakh-strong overseas Indian community, including Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and NRIs. In a reflection of an upswing in ties between the two nations, Prime Minister Ibrahim is likely to travel to India in the first half of the next year.

He said the 30-day visa exemption to Indian and Chinese travellers will be subject to security clearance. "Initial screenings will be conducted... If there are

criminal records or the risk of terrorism, they will not be allowed to enter," he said.

Earlier this month, Thailand, another neighbouring country whose economy relies on tourism spend, announced a similar exemption for Indian travellers from November 10 to May 10 next year. The limited-period exemption was already in effect for tourists from China and Kazakhstan.

As many as 12.6 lakh Indians visited Thailand till September this year, a number Thailand has projected will touch 15.5 lakh by year-end.

Earlier in October, Sri Lanka's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Sabry announced visa-free entry to visitors from seven countries, including India, China and Russia, under a pilot project. The exemption will continue until March 31 next year. A Sri Lankan government statement said the move was part of the crisis-hit country's efforts to boost tourism recovery and hit a target of 50 lakh arrivals by 2026.

As per latest data from the Sri Lanka Development Authority, India is the largest source of tourists with over 2 lakh arrivals so far this year, followed by Russia with 1.32 lakh arrivals.



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Location of Malaysia (dark green)

– in Asia (dark gray & white)

– in ASEAN (dark gray)

Capital and largest city **Kuala Lumpur**^[fn 1]
 3°8′N 101°41′E

Administrative center **Putrajaya**^[fn 2]
 2°56′N 101°42′E

Official languages **Malay**^{[a][b][c]}

Recognised language **English**^[c]

Ethnic groups (2021)^{[2] [3]}

- 69.7% Bumiputera
 - 57.3% Malay
 - 12.4% indigenous groups of Sabah, Sarawak and Orang Asli
- 22.9% Chinese
- 6.6% Indian
- 0.8% other

Religion (2020)^[5]

- 63.5% **Sunni Islam** (official)^[4]
- 18.7% **Buddhism**
- 9.1% **Christianity**
- 6.1% **Hinduism**
- 0.9% other
- 1.8% unknown

Demonym(s) **Malaysian**

Government Federal parliamentary constitutional elective monarchy

- **Yang di-Pertuan Agong** **Abdullah**
- **Prime Minister** **Anwar Ibrahim**
- **President of the Dewan Negara** **Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar**
- **Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat** **Johari Abdul**
- **Chief Justice** **Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat**

Legislature **Parliament**

- **Upper house** **Dewan Negara** (Senate)
- **Lower house** **Dewan Rakyat** (House of Representatives)

Independence from the **United Kingdom**

- **Federation of Malaya** 31 August 1957^[6]
- **Sarawak self-governance** 22 July 1963
- **North Borneo self-governance** 31 August 1963^[7]
- **Proclamation of Malaysia** 16 September 1963

Area

- **Total** 330,803^[8] km² (127,724 sq mi) (67th)
- **Water (%)** 0.3

Population

- **2023 estimate** 33,200,000^[9] (43rd)
- **2020 census** 32,447,385^[10]
- **Density** 101/km² (261.6/sq mi) (116th)

GDP (PPP)

- **Total** ▲ \$1.225 trillion^[11] (31st)
- **Per capita** ▲ \$37,082^[11] (55th)

GDP (nominal)

- **Total** ▲ \$430.895 billion^[11] (36th)
- **Per capita** ▲ \$13,034^[11] (67th)

Gini (2018)

▲ 41.2^[12]
medium

HDI (2021)

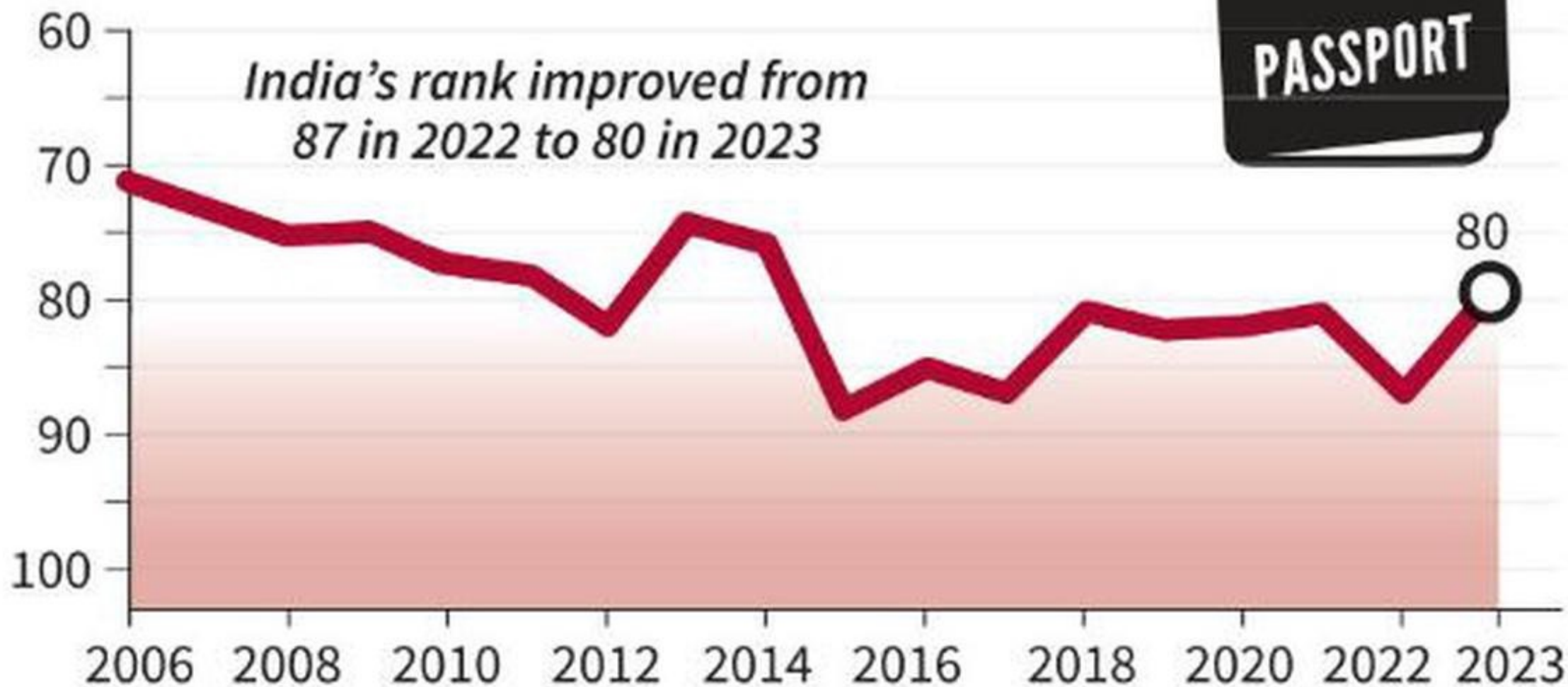
▼ 0.803^[13]
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Currency

Malaysian ringgit (MYR)

Slight uptick

A look at India's ranking over the years, according to the Henley Passport Index



Kambala comes to Bengaluru: How buffalo race's popularity outran bans

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 27

THE PAST weekend saw Bengaluru hold its first Kambala race, with 159 pairs of buffaloes and their jockeys racing through the specially made slush tracks in the city's Palace Grounds. The final rounds of the races ended only by 2 am on Monday. Lakhs of people visited the venue to watch the event.

Kambala has in the past been banned by the Supreme Court, but the Karnataka government, keeping its popularity in mind, amended legislation to allow the races to go on.

What is Kambala?

It is a folk sport practised in coastal Karnataka districts, especially in regions where Tulu speakers form a majority. In the past, races were hosted by various families and groups in sludgy fields in the days after

paddy was harvested. More recently, various Kambala Samithis or organising bodies have come up, which host weekly events from the end of November till the first half of April across Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

Kambala is a matter of prestige for many families, especially from the Bunt community in the coastal areas. Pairs of buffaloes are groomed by them round the year in the hope of winning a Kambala event.

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What are the categories?

Kambala is generally held under four categories. First is *Negilu* (plough), where light ploughs are used to

tie buffaloes for the race. The event is for entry-level animals.

The second is *Hagga* (rope), where buffaloes are raced by jockeys with just a rope tying the pair together. The third category is *Adda Halage*, in which jockeys stand over a horizontal plank dragged by buffaloes. Thus, unlike *Hagga* and *Negilu*, where jockeys run behind the animals, in this, buffaloes drag



The Kambala event was held in Bengaluru on November 25 and 26. Jithendra M

the jockeys. *Kane Halage* is the fourth category, where a wooden plank is tied to buffaloes. The plank, on which the jockeys stand, has two holes through which water gushes out as the plank is dragged along the slush

tracks. The height to which water splashes determines the winner of the event.

Is Kambala popular across Karnataka?

Though the popularity of the races is re-

stricted to coastal Karnataka, the Bengaluru organisers believe that movies like *Kanthara* have given the event a pan-Karnataka appeal. Due to the success of the movie, many people are interested in learning more about the folk sport, Puttur MLA Ashok Rai, one of the main organisers of the event, said.

To ensure that more teams participated in the Kambala at the state's capital, an incentive of Rs 50,000 was offered to bring the buffaloes to Bengaluru for the event.

Why was Kambala outlawed?

Several organisations, including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, had filed pleas against all traditional sporting events, complaining about animal abuse.

The complaint against Kambala was that the buffaloes' noses are tied with a rope and the animals are whipped continuously during the race, which amounts to cruelty. The SC, which heard these petitions, ruled to ban Jallikattu, Kambala and bullock cart racing in 2014.

How was the ban lifted?

In January 2016, the Environment Ministry issued a notification where an exception was made, saying "buffaloes might be continued to be trained as performing animals at events such as Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu and Bullock Cart Races in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, Haryana, Kerala and Gujarat in the manner... or practice traditionally under the customs or as part of culture in any part of the country."

This exception was made subject to certain conditions aimed at reducing the suffering of the animals being used for such sports.

At the same time, state governments amended provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to provide an exemption for these events. Though this was challenged, a five-judge Constitutional Bench upheld the amendments made by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra in May this year.

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Basic Animal
Husbandry
Statistics 2023

The Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023 was released during National Milk Day in 2023.



It is a survey of milk, egg, meat and wool production in India based on *Animal Integrated Sample Survey (ISS)* conducted between March 2022-February 2023.



The survey is conducted in 3 seasons - summer (March-June), monsoon (July-October) and winter (November-February).

Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023



Milk Production

- Total is ***230.58 million tonnes***.
- The production increased by 3.83% over the 2021-22.
- ***Uttar Pradesh*** is the highest milk producer followed by Rajasthan
- In terms of Annual Growth Rate (AGR), the highest was ***Karnataka***.



Egg Production

- Total is ***138.38 billion numbers***.
- The production increased annually by 6.77% over 2021-22.
- ***Andhra Pradesh*** is the highest egg producer followed by Tamil Nadu
- In terms of AGR, the highest was ***West Bengal*** followed by Sikkim.



Meat Production

- Total is estimated as ***9.77 million tonnes***.
- The production increased annually by 5.13% over 2021-22.
- ***Uttar Pradesh*** is the highest meat producer followed by West Bengal
- In terms of AGR, the highest was ***Sikkim*** followed by Meghalaya.



Wool Production

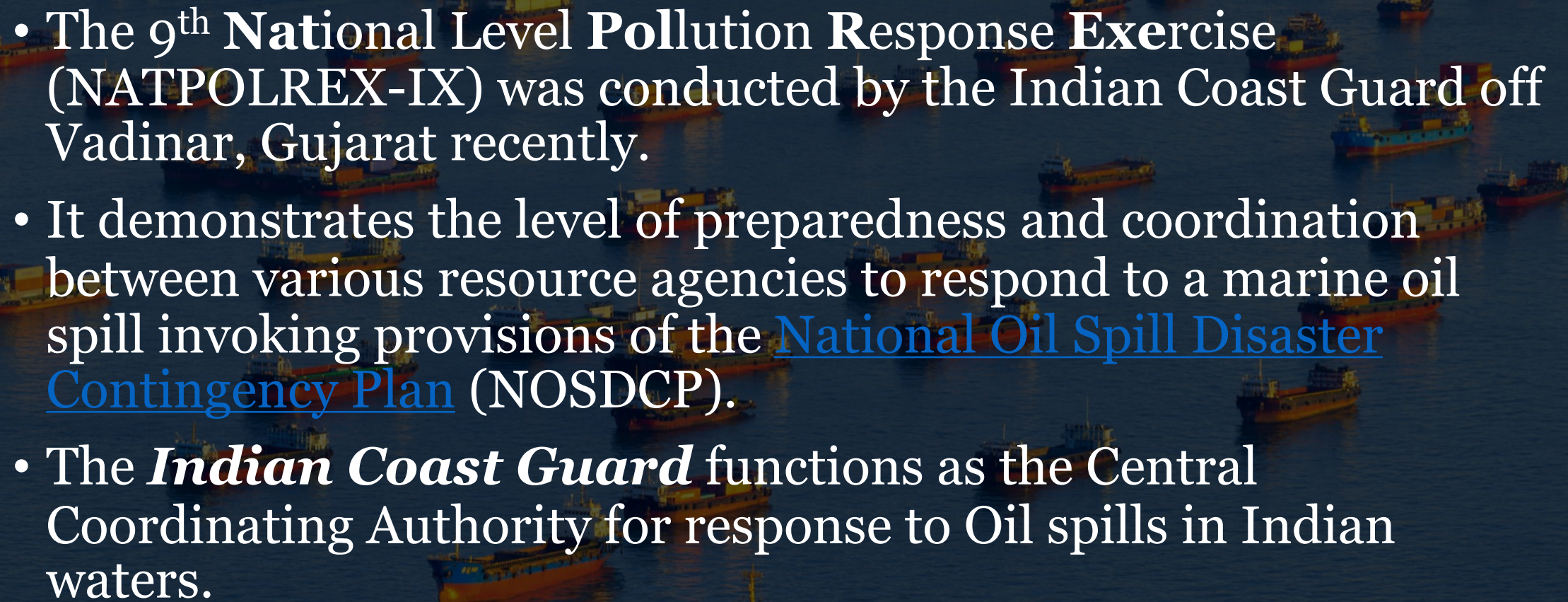
- Total is estimated as ***33.61 million kg***.
- The production increased by 2.12% over 2021-22.
- ***Rajasthan*** is the highest wool producer followed by Jammu & Kashmir
- In terms of AGR, the highest was ***Arunachal Pradesh***.

Key finding - Production of milk, egg and meat has significantly gone up in 2022-23 over the past five years, although wool output in the same period has witnessed a negative growth.

India celebrates National Milk Day on November 26th, to commemorate the efforts of Dr Verghese Kurien, the father of White Revolution.

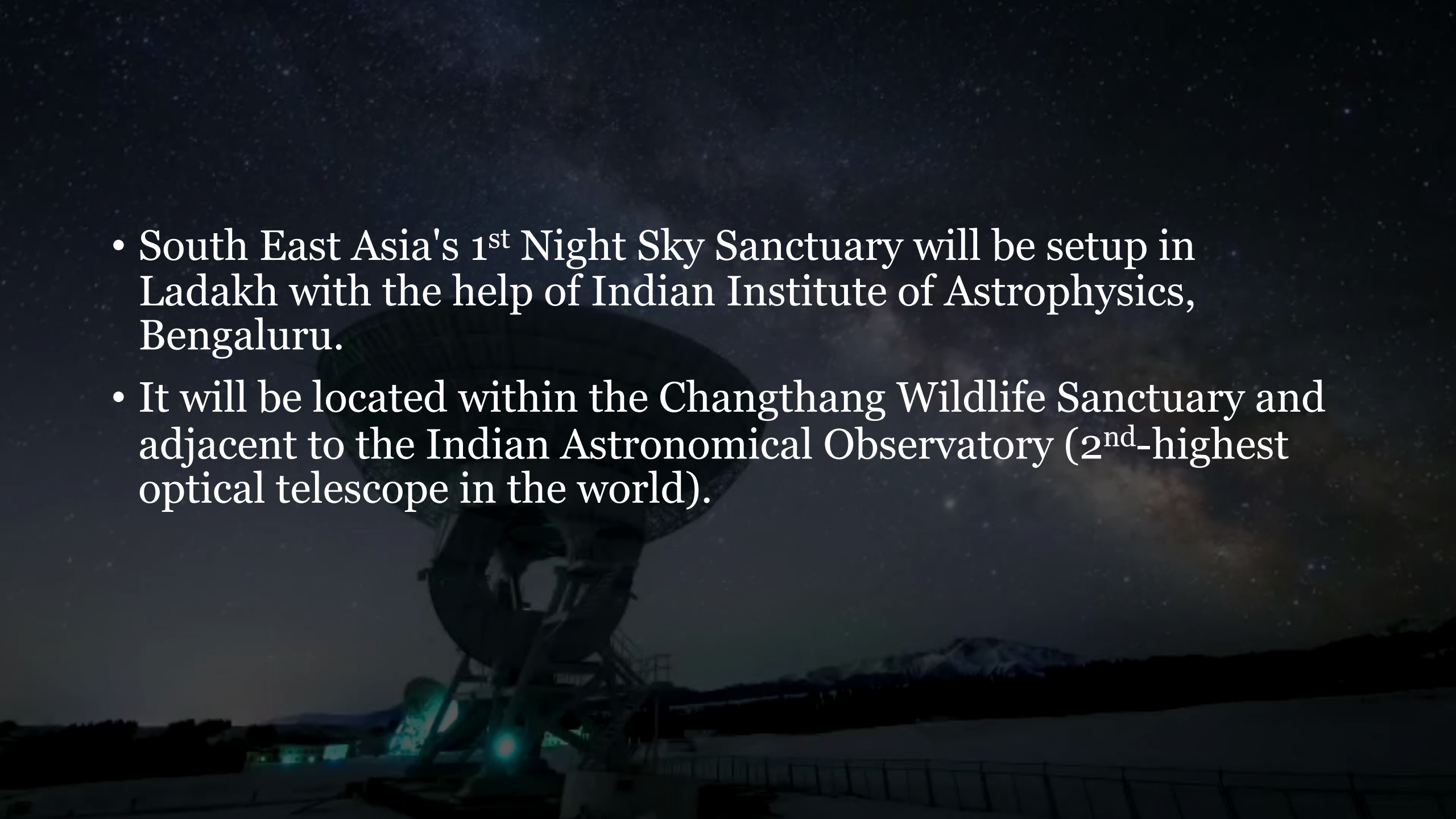


NATPOLREX-IX

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- An aerial photograph of a large fleet of ships, including tankers and cargo vessels, scattered across a vast body of water. The scene is captured during the golden hour, with a warm, low sun creating a soft glow and long, shimmering reflections on the water's surface. The ships are of various sizes and colors, some with prominent superstructures. The overall atmosphere is one of organized activity in a maritime setting.
- The 9th **National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX)** was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard off Vadinar, Gujarat recently.
 - It demonstrates the level of preparedness and coordination between various resource agencies to respond to a marine oil spill invoking provisions of the [National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan](#) (NOSDCP).
 - The ***Indian Coast Guard*** functions as the Central Coordinating Authority for response to Oil spills in Indian waters.

A night sky filled with stars, framed by the dark silhouettes of trees. The stars are scattered across the dark background, with some appearing brighter than others. The trees are in the foreground, their branches and leaves creating a dark, intricate pattern against the starry sky.

1st Night Sky Sanctuary

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- South East Asia's 1st Night Sky Sanctuary will be setup in Ladakh with the help of Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru.
 - It will be located within the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary and adjacent to the Indian Astronomical Observatory (2nd-highest optical telescope in the world).

A close-up photograph of a bird's nest made of dry, brown twigs and straw, nestled within lush green foliage. Three bright blue eggs with dark brown speckles are visible inside the nest. The text "Yuva Sangam" is overlaid in white on the center of the image.

Yuva Sangam

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- Ministry of Education has recently launched the 3rd phase of Yuva Sangam under the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* campaign.
 - Under the programme, the students within the age group of **18 to 30** will get multi-dimensional exposure in 5 broad areas.
 - Paryatan (tourism), Parampara (traditions), Pragati (development), Prodyogik (technology) and Paraspar sampark (people-to-people connect) in the host States.




Paul Lynch: 2023 Booker Prize for
his novel "Prophet Song"

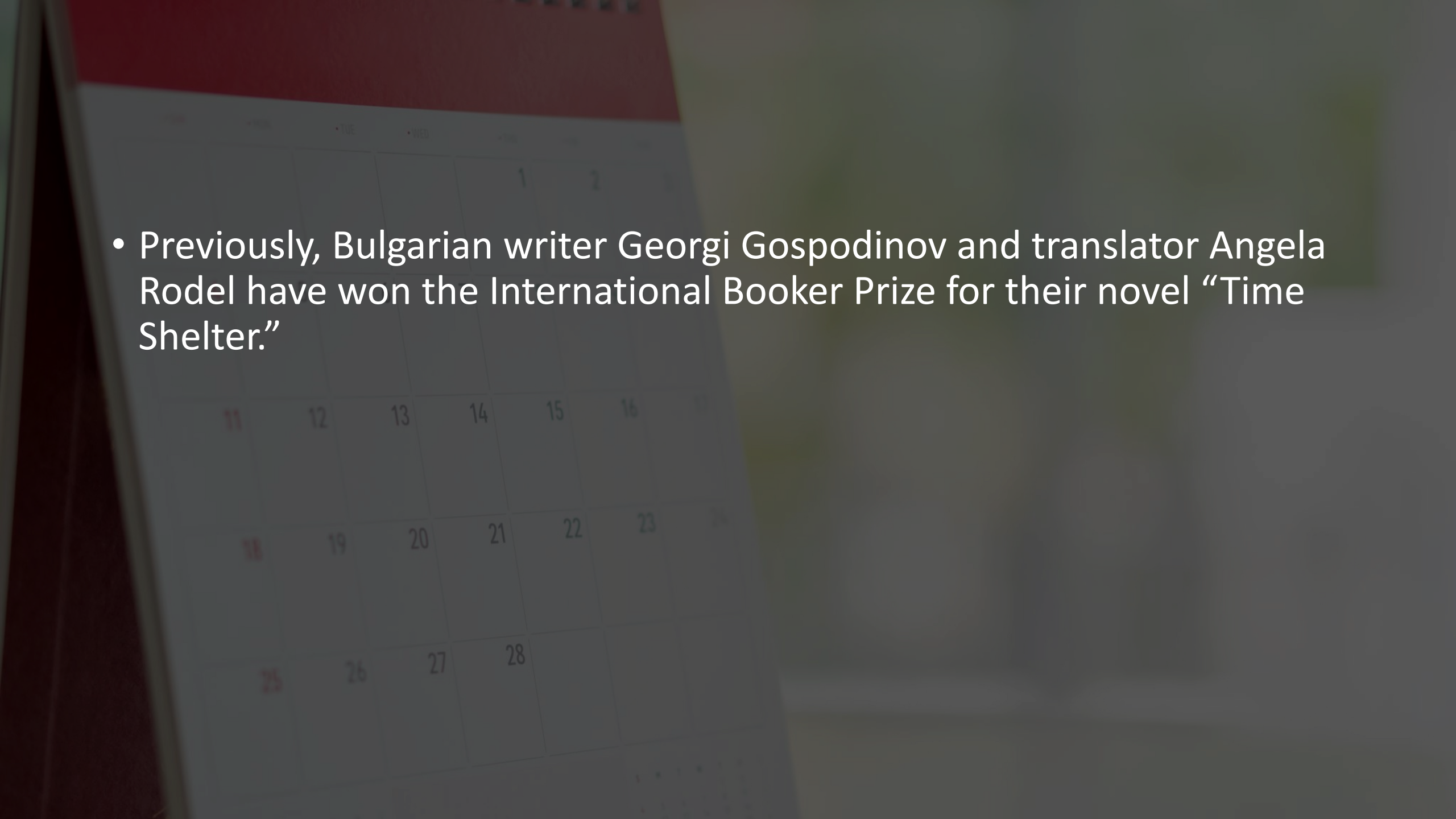


Paul Lynch book, set in dystopian future, follows a mother of four as she tries to save her family from totalitarianism. AP

- Ireland's Paul Lynch, 46, has won the 2023 Booker Prize with his novel "Prophet Song," a dystopian narrative set in Dublin amid totalitarian rule.

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- The novel explores a family's struggle in a world where democratic norms are eroding. Lynch mentioned that the inspiration for "Prophet Song" came from the Syrian war and refugee crisis.

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- Previously, Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov and translator Angela Rodel have won the International Booker Prize for their novel “Time Shelter.”

Prize	Description	Scope
Booker Prize	Awarded annually for the best original novel written in English, open to authors from the UK, Ireland, and the Commonwealth.	Limited to English-language works
	E.g., Salman Rushdie, Arundhati Roy, Kiran Desai, Aravind Adiga, and others	
International Booker Prize	Honours a book translated into English and recognizes the combined efforts of the author and translator.	Open to books from around the world, translated into English.
	E.g., “Tomb of Sand’ became the <u>first book written in an Indian language</u> to be awarded the International Booker Prize.	



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A group of people are clapping in a dimly lit room. The focus is on the hands and forearms of several individuals, some in the foreground and some blurred in the background. The lighting is soft and moody, with a dark background. In the top left corner, there is a small orange rectangular graphic element.

Thank you
guys.
