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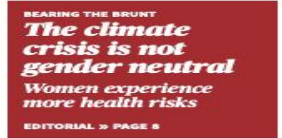
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China could not grab land under Modi govt: Shah

GUWAHATI
Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday turned the clock back to the 1962 China war to attack Congress for "abandoning Assam", addressing a BJP rally in Assam, he said. "Under the Narendra Modi government, China could not grab even an inch of our land." » PAGE 4

Cameroon meets Trump to discuss aid for Ukraine

LONDON
U.K. Foreign Secretary and former Prime Minister David Cameron met with former U.S. President Donald Trump to discuss further U.S. aid for Ukraine. The U.S. has already committed \$74 billion in aid to Ukraine. » PAGE 14



Peter Higgs, who proposed 'God particle', dies

LONDON
Nobel prize-winning physicist Peter Higgs, who proposed the existence of the so-called 'God particle' that helped explain how matter formed after the Big Bang, died on Monday at 94, the University of Edinburgh said on Tuesday. » PAGE 14

Maha Vikas Aghadi seals poll pact in Maharashtra

Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction gets 21 seats, 17 go to the Congress while the NCP (SP) gets 10

Congress gives up claim over two contentious seats Sangli, Bhiwandi to cement the alliance

The main goal is to defeat the BJP and certain differences must be set aside, says Thackeray

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI
The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), the Opposition alliance in Maharashtra, has finally sealed its seat-sharing deal for the Lok Sabha election. The announcement came at a joint press conference at the Shiv Sena (UBT) office here on Tuesday on the Gudi Padwa beginning of the Marathi New Year. The MVA comprises the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), the Congress and the NCP (Sharad-chandra Pawar). Under the seat-sharing deal, the Shiv Sena (UBT) was allocated the highest number of seats, 21. The NCP (SP) will

control 10 seats while the Congress got 17 seats. The announcement reportedly got delayed as the parties were unable to reach a consensus on three seats - Sangli, Bhiwandi and Mumbai-South-Central. The Congress has now given up its claim on the contentious Sangli and Bhiwandi seats, which will go to the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP (SP). "The Congress has now given up its claim on the contentious Sangli and Bhiwandi seats, which will go to the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP (SP). At the press conference, the party leaders said there is no disagreement among the MVA partners. NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar said: "There are 48 seats in the State. We do



not have any differences in it, be it Sangli or any other seat. We have discussed it and the decision is taken unanimously." Mr. Thackeray said the main goal of the coalition is to defeat the BJP. "It is natural for any partnership to go through rounds of discussions to come to an agreement," he said. On the Shiv Sena (UBT) refusing to give up Sangli

are with us, and together the three parties will fight against the corrupt party, the BJP." Earlier, the State leadership of the Congress was reportedly miffed as Mr. Thackeray, without consulting with the party, announced Chandrabab Patil as the Sangli candidate. In Bhiwandi, the NCP (SP) announced its candidate even though the Congress wanted to contest from the seat. In Mumbai-South-Central, the Shiv Sena UBT gave ticket to Anil Desai, whereas, the Congress wanted to field its own candidate from there. Taking a jibe at Mr. Modi at the press meet, Mr.

Thackeray said, "When we responded to Mr. Modi's remarks, please don't take it as an insult to the PM. Our criticism will be about the leader of a corrupt party." On Mr. Modi terming the Shiv Sena (UBT) "fake Shiv Sena", Mr. Thackeray said: "It is not right for a leader of a party of extortionists to call us fake. The BJP is a party of extortionists... it is quite evident as we all are aware of the electoral bonds scam." Maharashtra has 48 Lok Sabha seats, the second highest in the country after Uttar Pradesh, which has 80. The State will vote in five phases - April 19, April 26, May 7, May 13 and May 20.

20 new companies bought poll bonds, a punishable offence

Vinayak Radhakrishnan
Sanjay Parthasarathy
CHENNAI
Despite firms in existence for less than three years not being allowed to make political contributions, data show that at least 20 such newly incorporated firms purchased electoral bonds worth about ₹103 crore. When they purchased their first electoral bonds, five of these firms were in existence for less than a year, seven of them were a year old and the eight had only completed two years. Twelve of these 20 companies were headquartered in Hyderabad. Together, these twelve firms donated ₹27.5 crore. Close to 75% of this amount was encashed by the Bharat Rashta Samithi (BRS), with the rest divided among the Telugu Desam Party, the Congress and the BJP. Of

these 12 firms, eight donated exclusively to the BRS. The ban on firms making political contributions within three years of incorporation was retained under Section 182 of the Companies Act, 2013 even after Section 154 of the Finance Act, 2017, amended Section 182, just before the introduction of electoral bonds. The amendment deleted the first provision by which the amount donated by a company was capped at 7.5% of its average net profit during its previous three financial years.

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Festive fervour



Singing in the New Year A woman dressed in traditional attire takes part in a procession on the occasion of Gudi Padwa marking the beginning of the Marathi New Year in Girgaon, Mumbai on Tuesday. EMMANUJAL YOGINI

Firm with tech to crack iPhones lists ED as a client

Aroon Deep
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Kejriwal to remain in Tihar jail as Delhi High Court dismisses petition challenging ED arrest

The Hindu Bureau
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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. Mr. Kejriwal is currently in judicial custody in Tihar Jail. Justice Swarasa Kanta Sachdeva, pronouncing the order, said the arrest of Mr. Kejriwal by the ED cannot be termed illegal. "Material which has been collected by ED reveals that Mr. Kejriwal conspired and was actively in-

olved in formulation of excise policy..." the judge said. "The ED was able to place enough material in the shape of hawala deal-ers", statements, statements of approvers, and statements of their own candidate who referred to the fact that he was given money in cash for expenditure in Gurgaon," the High Court said, while dismissing Mr. Kejriwal's plea. "Timing" of arrest Mr. Kejriwal had also challenged his subsequent transfer in ED custody in the case. He questioned the "timing" of his arrest by the agency and said it was in contravention of the basic structure of the Constitution, including de-



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal leaves the court after he was produced by the ED in the excise policy case. PTI

mand, irrespective of timing of elections." On Mr. Kejriwal's argument that there was "no necessity" to arrest him, the High Court said the agency was in "possession of enough material which had led them to arrest the petitioner". The judge clarified that this was not a bail hearing and the court was dealing with the legality of the arrest of Mr. Kejriwal and his subsequent remands. Mr. Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21 after the High Court ordered the arrest of Mr. Kejriwal from coercive action by the federal anti-money laundering agency. He was sent to judicial custody on the grounds of the offence being pro-duced in the trial court on expiry of ED custody.

Examine affidavit of Rajeev Chandrasekhar: EC to CBDT

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The Election Commission (EC) has asked the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to verify any mismatch in the information provided in the affidavit filed by Union Minister and BJP candidate Rajeev Chandrasekhar while filing his nomination from the Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency. The move follows a complaint by the Congress, which had alleged a mismatch in the affidavit details submitted by Mr. Chandrasekhar, who filed his nomination on Thursday. As per the information filed, the Minister's taxable income sharply declined from ₹10.83 crore in the fi-



Rajeev Chandrasekhar

'Candidate has right to privacy'
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nanical year 2018-19 to nearly ₹5.59 lakh in 2022-23. Over the last five financial years, he declared incomes of ₹10.83 crore in 2018-19, ₹4.48 crore in 2019-20, ₹17.51 lakh in 2020-21, ₹680 in 2021-22, and ₹5.59 lakh in 2022-23. Sources said that as per procedure, the EC had directed the CBDT to verify any mismatch in the affidavit filed by the Union Minister. Mismatch and falsification in affidavit is dealt with under Section 125 A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Under the law, concealing any information in the nomination papers or affidavits is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or a fine, or both.

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As a practice, out of respect for our relationships, we do not disclose the specific customer information," Victor Cooper, a Delhi-based spokesperson said in a statement to The Hindu. Mr. Cooper confirmed that Celibrite had an Indian office to "assist our customers and even if Celibrite's products were required to be used by law enforcement agencies with transparency safeguards and agency-specific stan-

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Pegga Trust of India NEW DELHI

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Ethnic violence erupted in the State on May 3, 2024. After violence erupted, around 36,000 personnel from the Indian Army and the CAPFs were deployed in the State. The official said that the police will have to work with the army to maintain law and order and ensure a smooth election.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down sections.

- Across: 9 Take unnecessarily large amount for fleece (10), 10 Food having attractive shadow (3,5), 11 Soldier about military tenacity in a word (5), 12 Include note and make mistake in contract postponement (10), 14 Nurse's sore (6)

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Solution to previous puzzle and Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

FAITH

Gudi Padwa significance: Gudi Padwa is celebrated on the first day of the month of Chaitra which synchronises with the first day of the new moon. The day signifies the beginning of the new year, the herald of spring and the harvest of rabi crops...

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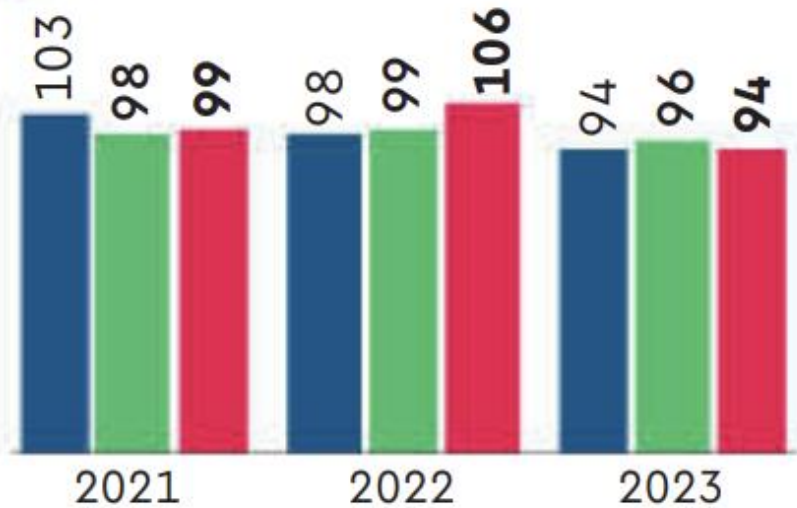
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MONSOON TREND

Forecasts^ vs performance

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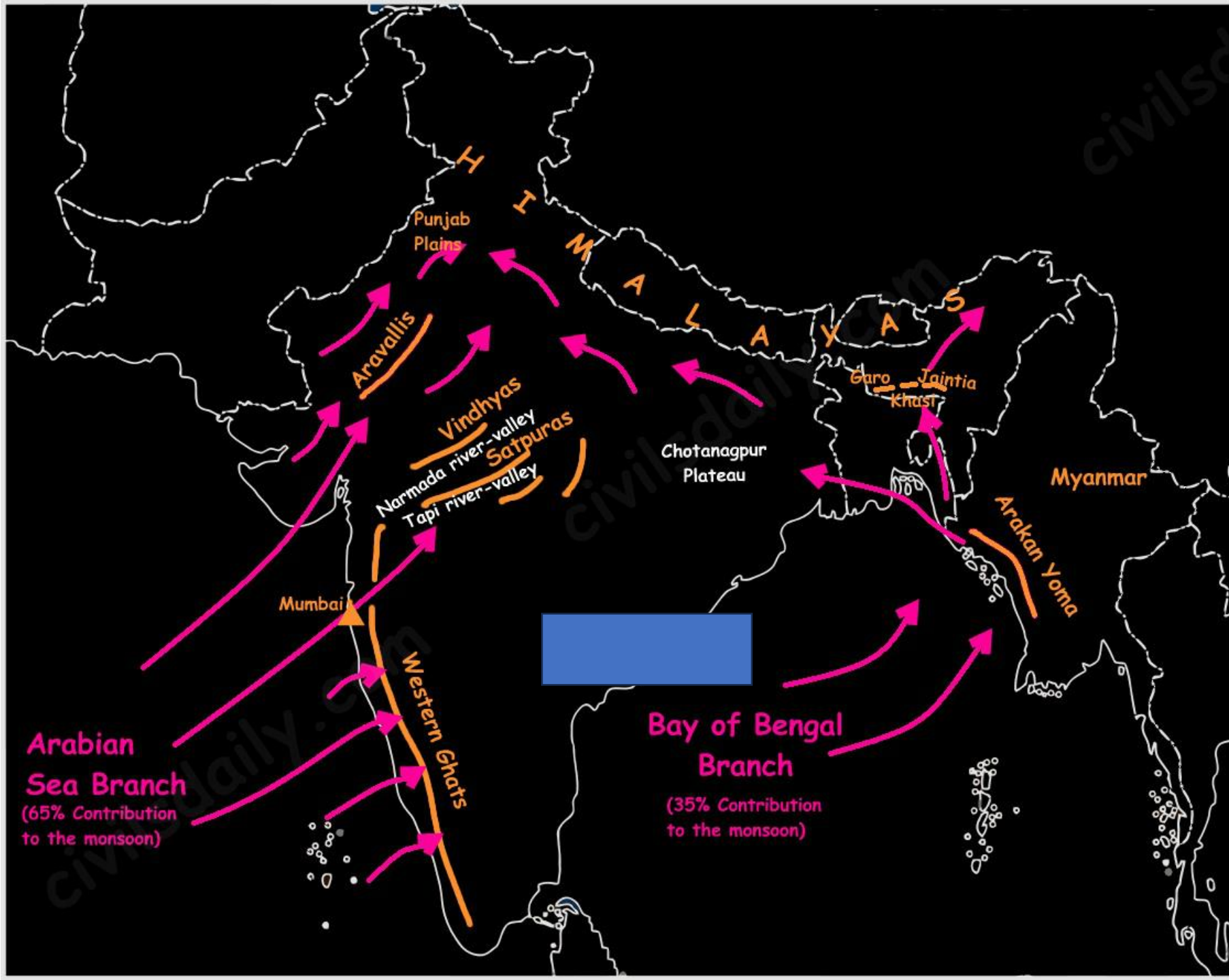
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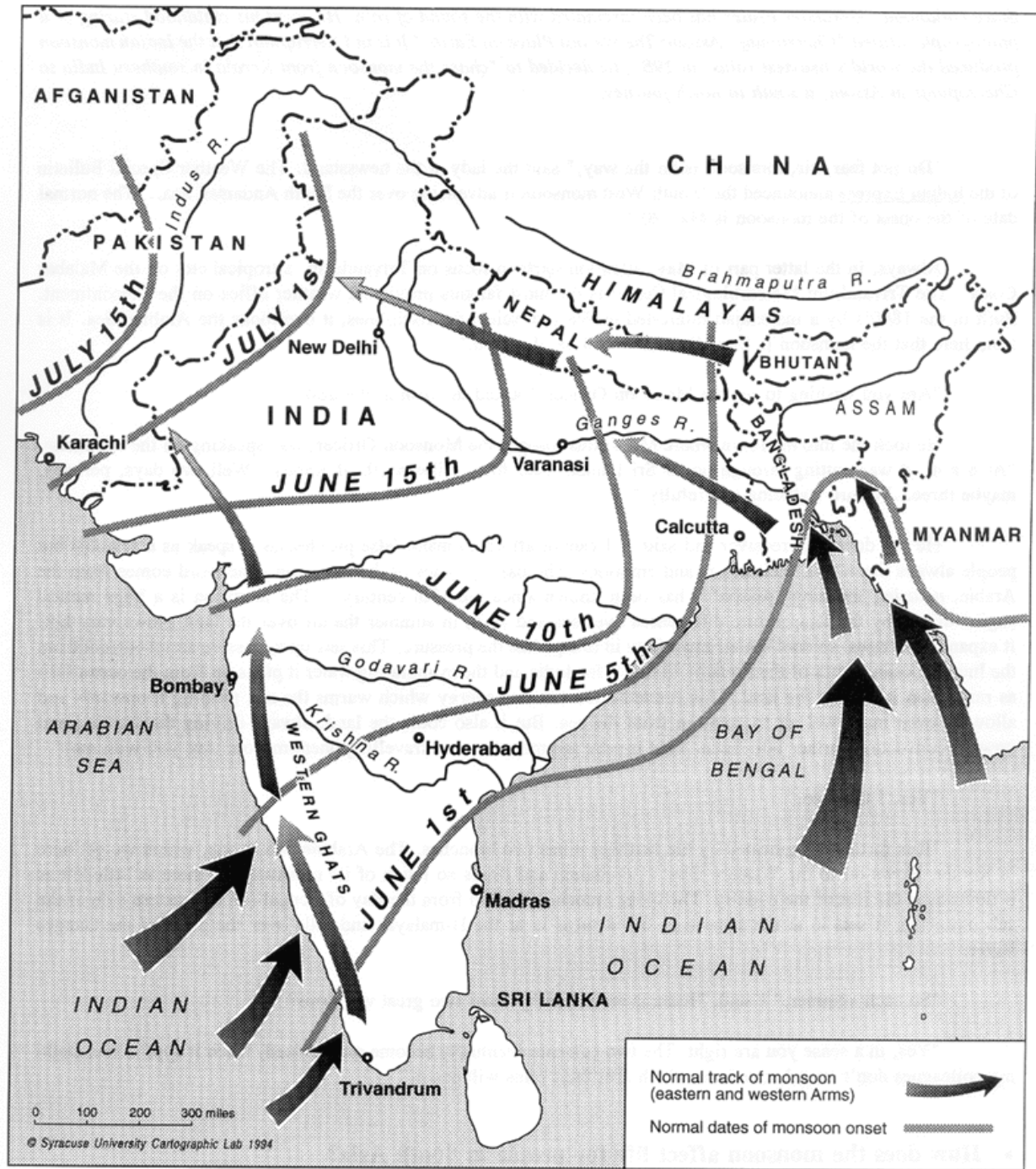


Tenuous link of rains with food grain output (in million tonne)



^first forecasts, *LPA (long period average) is average annual rainfall (89 cm) recorded between 1951-2000, 96%-104% of LPA considered 'normal', <96% is 'below normal', <90% is 'deficient', >104% is 'above normal', >110% plus is 'excess', India Meteorological Department (IMD)
Source: #second advance estimate of crop production, covers only kharif & rabi season, summer crops data not included





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With elections around the corner, the centre has also issued directions on preventing health issues during mass gatherings. These include early warnings, avoiding activities between noon and 3 p.m., and an assessment of venues with a medical team for setting up medical camps.

Directing organisers to ensure that there are no sections for overcrowding during events, the centre said that vulnerable people should be identified at entry checkpoints and monitored with the help of volunteers/cameras on site. Events are also supposed to have uniformed medical aid teams, detailed venues with indications to the nearest exit and proper information about the exits.

"Keep effective communication between the health-care team and event stakeholders," the centre has said. Meanwhile, doctors have also warned about the rising temperature and noted that people should



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"With the escalating temperature, there is a noticeable uptick in cases of sun allergies and sunburn among individuals. It's crucial to time outdoor activities wisely and use the time when the sun's rays are less intense. We strongly advocate for the application of sunscreen to exposed skin areas and advise limiting sun exposure to 5-10 minutes on the upper back, the shoulders, neck, face, arms, and hands. A child specialist, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals, "We're witnessing a concerning trend, with approximately 20% of our daily patients presenting with sun-related allergies, including rashes and pigmentation on the face. Individuals engaged in outdoor occupations are particularly vulnerable," she added.

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Earlier, he had searched 25 premises in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh on May 22 and May 23, 2023. In February-March 2024, 14 more premises were searched.

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Ethnic violence erupted in the State on May 3, 2023. After violence erupted, around 36,000 personnel from the Indian Army and the CAPFs were deployed in the State. The official said that the police will have to work with the limited resources provided and ensure a smooth election.

THE CROSSWORD 14145



- Across
8 Soldier on foot is present (4)
9 Take unnecessarily large amount for fleece (10)
10 Food having attractive shadow (3,3)
11 Grip about endless tenacity (8)
12 Include note and make mistake in contract postponement (8)
14 Nurse's sore (6)

To solve this puzzle online, get access to our crossword site at https://www.thehindu.com/crossword/



SUDOKU

9x9 grid for Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Solution to previous puzzle
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FAITH

Gudi Padwa's significance

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The festival is celebrated by cleaning and decorating homes with rangolis. People start the day by having neem and jaggery, believed to purify the body and signifying the acceptance of bitterweet experiences in life. Sweets are prepared and shared, and it's considered auspicious to undertake new business ventures, conduct vastu puja, and purchase new vehicles etc.

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THE NEW YEAR MAP OF INDIA

New Year festivals in different regions of India



Mar/Apr

April

Oct/Nov

Dec

*Dates vary for most of these festivals



Eid boosts travel demand; fares rise on West Asia-India routes



Busy hours: Eid holidays are peak season in Kuwait, Gulf Cooperation Council countries. PTI

Anesh Phadnis MUMBAI

Airfares on the busy West Asia-India routes are up to 50% higher than normal this year due to higher travel demand during Eid holidays.

Schools in the UAE are closed for a three-week spring break till April 14. Unlike last time, the school break coincides with week-long public holiday for Eid. As such, more families are visiting home on holidays, resulting in brisk business for airlines and travel companies.

Demand surge

"We have seen a surge in demand for travel to India during the Eid holidays. Demand is especially strong from Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Doha and Riyadh, where we have seen double-digit growth in bookings compared with last year," said an Air India Express executive.

"Eid holidays are a peak season in Kuwait and Gulf Co-operation Council countries. Bookings and loads are always higher during this time, and we are on par with the demand we had last year," said Harithan Pasupathi, CEO of Kuwait-based Jazeera Airways.

According to aviation consultancy CAPA India, two-way traffic between India and West Asia in 2023 was more than 33 million.

This included passengers travelling onward via hubs. The UAE accounted for about 57% of all traffic, followed by Saudi Arabia and Qatar. (The writer is with *The Hindu Businessline*)

Global companies with China units tempted by cheaper renminbi financing

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Reuters NEW YORK

Global companies with China businesses are increasingly issuing renminbi debt to finance operations there, as for the first time in six years it has become cheaper to do so rather than raising money in U.S. dollars.

In recent years, multinationals have tended to raise financing in dollars or their local currencies, which they then converted to renminbi, or the yuan, to lend to their Chinese subsidiaries. Near-zero U.S. interest rates helped to make it cheaper to do so.

But since the second half of last year, the funding advantage in favour of renminbi has become more pronounced as the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates high while China's rates slowed after COVID-19.

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The lower costs and the added benefit of being able to avoid currency risks by raising the funds where they need them has led to a surge in interest in deriva-



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tives called cross-currency swaps and bonds denominated in the Chinese currency, according to these market experts. "It means for those who may have renminbi needs, borrowing in renminbi becomes attractive," said Denise Pires, managing director and head of corporate sales for the U.K. at Standard Chartered.

The move to raise money in the Chinese currency shows how global companies are navigating the many surprises thrown by the economy in the aftermath of the pandemic. They are also trying new ways to bring down their cost of capital in a high interest-rate environment. It also underscores the growing acceptance of the Chi-

nese currency in international markets. One currency trader at a blue-chip U.S. company said that in the past, companies would not use renminbi as a funding source because it was not very liquid; this perception is now changing.

As of April 1, a one-year cross-currency swap between U.S. dollars and offshore Chinese renminbi, or CNH, was trading 2.28% below U.S. rates, making

Amol Dhargalkar, global head of corporate risk management advisory Chatham Financial. That means a company could save as much as 228 basis points by borrowing in CNH versus dollars.

This differential has widened by 300 basis points from the same period in 2022.

Mr. Dhargalkar said he started seeing demand for offshore renminbi cross-currency swaps kick off late last year. "It was not a positive opportunity for them before. Today, it is," he said.

Data about over-the-counter market is patchy. In February, the most recent month for which data is available, there was \$5.5 billion in new USD/CNH cross-currency swaps contracts, up from \$4.7 billion in December, according to the Hong Kong Exchange's OFC Clear, which clears some cross-currency swaps.

In another sign of this trend, renminbi-denominated debt issued by non-Chinese companies, called "Red Chip" Paribonds, totalled nearly \$50 billion this year, and is on pace to beat the \$43 billion record total in 2023, said George Sun, who runs BNP Paribas' global markets business for Greater China.

With the difference in rates allowing companies to

match assets and liabilities in the same currency relatively cheaply, more companies are looking to lock in the benefits for longer.

Most China cross-currency swap trades were for maturities up to 3-5 years, but demand for CNH for up to 10 years is also growing, said Antoine Jacquemin, managing director of corporate derivatives sales at Societe Generale.

By swapping into renminbi or the currency of their local operations, companies were able to protect the dollar value of their local cash, said Garth Appelt, head of foreign exchange and emerging markets derivatives, at Mizuho Americas.

"There's a little worried about the value of all the things they have invested, not just the dividend payments, not just the exports," he said. The strategy also allows companies to avoid volatility in the currency's value, there are any changes in trade policy after the U.S. presidential election in November, said BNP's Sun.

Former President Donald Trump, the Republican candidate challenging President Joe Biden in the November 5 U.S. election, imposed tariffs on Chinese products during his White House term, ending decades of free trade agreement. Mr. Biden maintained those tariffs but has them on review.

+ 'Riot' of colour



Orange card: This handout photograph taken and released by Liberate and Renovate Switzerland in Lausanne shows climate activists posing after spraying orange paint on a sales centre building of German carmaker Porsche. Activists sprayed paint in a campaign to 'liberate Switzerland' from 'climate inaction', following a historic ruling by Europe's top rights court faulting the country for climate inaction. AFP

Global accounting rule ends seaway over operating profit of companies

Reuters LONDON

Companies will have to publish standardised operating profit figures from 2027 under new requirements from a global accounting ruleset to help end what international investor Warren Buffett has called "misleading" numbers.

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) writes book-keeping rules used by about 50,000 companies across 147 countries, but not in the United States, which has its own rules.

IASB Chair Andreas Barckow said it marks a significant change by ending the discretion of companies to decide what consti-

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tutes operating profit in their income statement that investors rely on. Currently, benefits arriving at a net profit or loss, including interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, are included in EBITDA, a figure that is not defined under IASB rules and therefore can be compiled in different ways to flatter performance.

Investors have called for more rigour to standardise information on operating profit and

make comparability easier. Mr. Barckow told Reuters. "We need a standardisation so that we can actually base our analysis on the same anchor point."

"Bullshit earnings" Warren Buffett, chair of conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway, has described EBITDA as a "misleading statistic" by failing to include the cost of depreciation. His deputy Charlie Munger, who died in November, called it "bullshit earnings".

The new IASB rules define mandatory sub-totals for operating profit, which will include depreciation, amortisation and impairment on goodwill, and pro-

fit before financing and income taxes. Common adjustments, such as for currency fluctuations, can only be included in footnotes to the statement.

Companies can continue reporting an EBITDA figure, but only in the footnotes, if it can be reconciled with what's in the two new mandatory subtotals. Banks and insurers will have to include interest as a key part of their business model, in their operating profit, which some already do. Barckow said companies can use the new rules before statements for 2027 if they want to.

U.S. accounting rules are not being reformed in the same way as IASB

Cash-strapped Argentines queue up for eyeball scans

Agence France Presse BUENOS AIRES

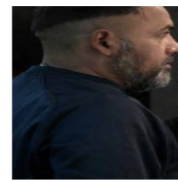
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Argentine territory in dark green; territory claimed but not controlled by Argentina in light green

Capital and largest city	Buenos Aires 🌐 34°36′S 58°23′W
Official languages	Spanish (de facto) ^[a]
Co-official languages	Guaraní in Corrientes ^[3] Quechua in Santiago del Estero ^[4] Qom, Mocoví, and Wichí in Chaco ^[5] Welsh in Chubut ^[6]
Religion (2019) ^[7]	78.2% Christianity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> └ 62.9% Catholicism └ 15.3% other Christian 20.5% no religion 1.3% other
Demonym(s)	Argentine Argentinian Argentinean (uncommon)

• President	Javier Milei
• Vice President	Victoria Villarruel
• Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers	Nicolás Posse
• President of the Chamber of Deputies	Martín Menem
• President of Supreme Court	Horacio Rosatti
Legislature	National Congress
• Upper house	Senate
• Lower house	Chamber of Deputies
Independence from Spain	
• May Revolution	25 May 1810
• Declared	9 July 1816
• Constitution	1 May 1853
Area	
• Total	2,780,400 km ² (1,073,500 sq mi) ^[B] (8th)
• Water (%)	1.57
Population	
• 2022 census	47,327,407 ^[9] (31st)
• Density	14.4/km ² (37.3/sq mi) ^[8] (178th)
GDP (PPP)	2023 estimate
• Total	▲ \$1.239 trillion ^[10] (30th)
• Per capita	▲ \$26,506 ^[10] (66th)
GDP (nominal)	2023 estimate
• Total	▼ \$621.833 billion ^[10] (24th)
• Per capita	▼ \$13,297 ^[10] (66th)
Gini (2020)	▼ 42.3 ^[11] medium
HDI (2022)	▲ 0.849 ^[12] very high (48th)
Currency	Argentine peso (\$) (ARS)





Lithium Triangle

The intersection of **Chile, Bolivia, and Northwest Argentina** constitutes the region known as the **Lithium Triangle**.

Approaches to Lithium Exploitation

The three countries have taken different approaches to exploit Lithium, also referred to as 'White Gold'.

Global Lithium Reserves

Approximately 66% of the world's lithium reserves are in South America.

Key Suppliers

Due to high-altitude salt flats, South American nations are the main suppliers of Lithium, with vast deposits.

Peru's Hard Rock Lithium

Recent discoveries of hard rock lithium in Peru have attracted consumer attention and presented a lucrative opportunity for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufacturers.

Peter Higgs, who proposed existence of 'God particle', dies

Associated Press

LONDON

Nobel prize-winning physicist Peter Higgs, who proposed the existence of the so-called "God particle" that helped explain how matter formed after the Big Bang, has died at age 94, the University of Edinburgh said Tuesday.

The university, where Mr. Higgs was emeritus professor, said he died on Monday "peacefully at home following a short illness."

Mr. Higgs predicted the existence of a new particle – the so-called Higgs boson – in 1964. But it would be almost 50 years before the particle's existence could be confirmed at the Large Hadron Collider.

Mr. Higgs' theory related to how subatomic particles that are the building blocks of matter get their mass. This theoretical understanding is a central part of the so-called Standard Model, which describes the physics of how the world is constructed.

Edinburgh University said his groundbreaking 1964 paper demonstrated how "elemental particles achieved mass through the existence of a new subatomic particle" which became known as the Higgs boson.



Peter Higgs

In 2012, scientists at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, announced that they had finally found a Higgs boson using the \$10 billion particle collider built in a 27-km tunnel under the Swiss-French border.

Mr. Higgs won the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work, alongside Francois Englert of Belgium, who independently came up with the same theory.

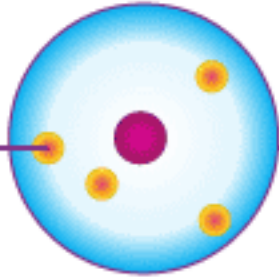
Edinburgh University Vice-Chancellor Peter Mathieson said Mr. Higgs, who was born in Newcastle, was "a remarkable individual – a truly gifted scientist whose vision and imagination have enriched our knowledge of the world that surrounds us."

"His pioneering work has motivated thousands of scientists, and his legacy will continue to inspire many more for generations to come."



Molecule

Everything in universe are made of molecules, Molecule is a combination of atoms



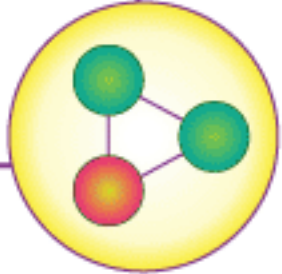
Atom

An atom consists of a core & multiple electrons



Nucleus

Core is made up of Protons & Neutrons



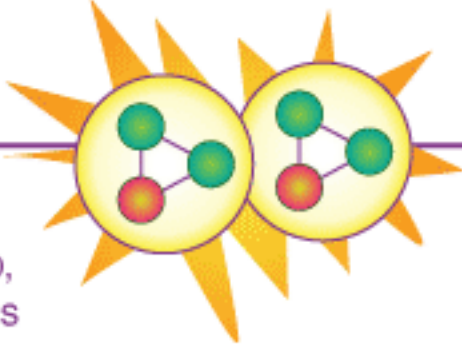
Protons

Protons are made up of Quarks & Gluons



Higgs Boson

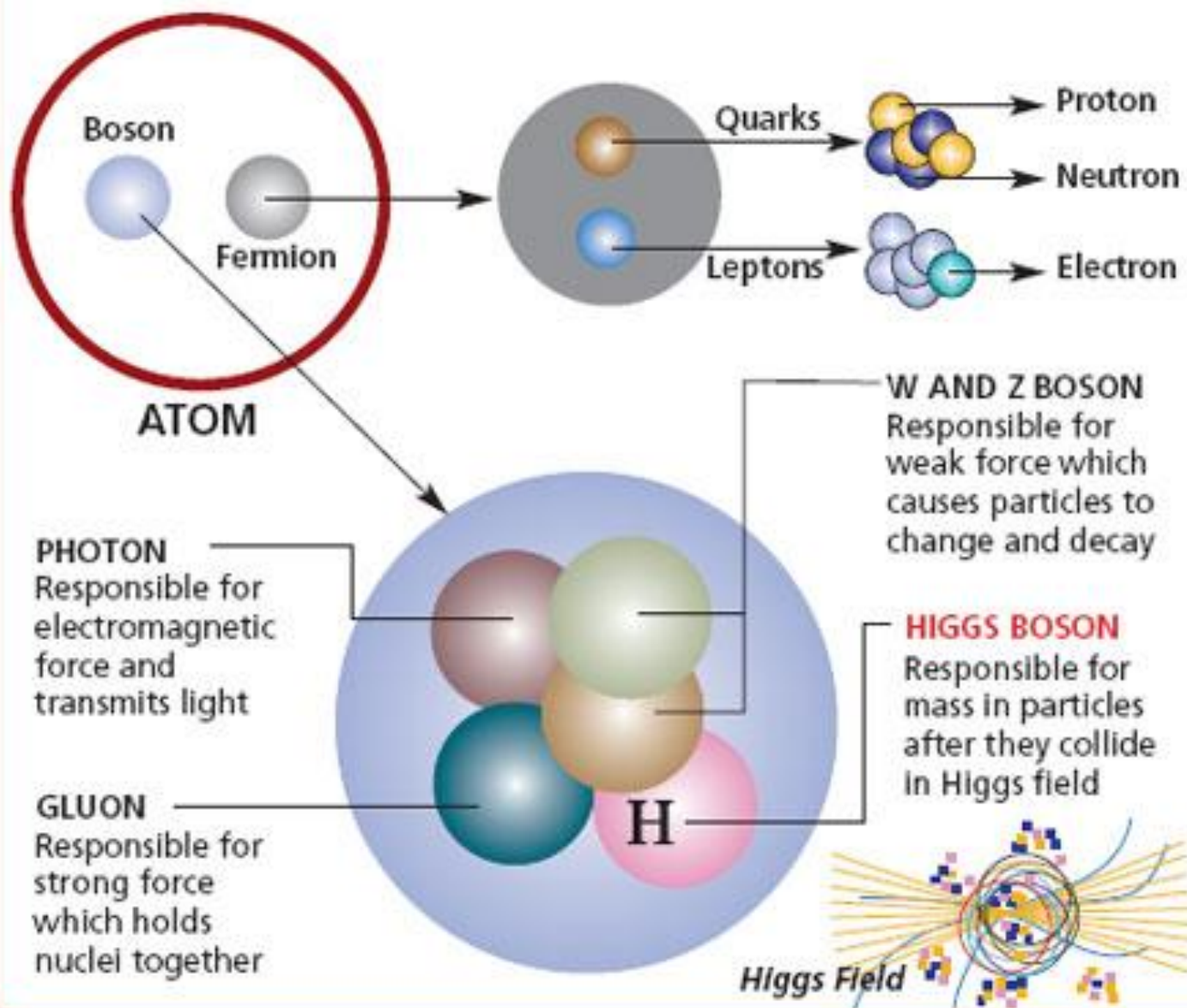
Higgs Boson has a field called Higgs Field



This field acts as a syrup, it slows down the protons and start to clot, forming Matter.

PARTICLE PHYSICS BASICS

How fermions and bosons make up atoms and how they acquire mass



Swiss women win climate case at human rights court

Reuters

STRASBOURG

The European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) ruled on Tuesday in favour of a group of elderly Swiss women who had argued that their government's inadequate efforts to combat climate change put them at risk of dying during heatwaves.

The European court's decision on the case, brought by more than 2,000 women, could have a ripple effect across Europe and beyond, setting a precedent for how some courts deal with the rising tide of climate litigation argued on the basis of human rights infringements.

Court President Siofra O'Leary said the Swiss government had violated the human right to a private and family life, by failing to put in place sufficient domestic policies to tackle climate change.

"This included a failure to quantify, through a carbon budget or otherwise, national greenhouse gas emissions limitations," Ms. O'Leary said.

She also noted the Swiss government had failed to meet its past greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, by not putting in place measures to ensure the goals were achieved.

IN BRIEF

Djokovic breaks Federer's record, becomes oldest No. 1

Novak Djokovic has surpassed Roger Federer to become the oldest man ranked No. 1 in the ATP Tour's computerised rankings...

Riva-Mettraux pair makes the quarterfinals in Bujumbura

Riya Bhatia was beaten 6-2, 7-6(2) by Maelys Bouagrat of France in the first round of the \$25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament...



Alcaraz withdraws from Monte Carlo Masters

Carlos Alcaraz has withdrawn from the Monte Carlo Masters due to a forearm injury, the Spanish number three seed said Tuesday...

Malvika and Panda sisters enter BAC main draw

Malvika Bansod won both her matches to qualify for women's singles main draw of the Badminton Asia Championships in Ningbo, China, on Tuesday...

Aishwarya's Asian 400m bronze upgraded to silver

Top Indian athlete Aishwarya Mishra's 400m bronze medal at 2023 Asian Championships will be upgraded to silver as original second-place finisher, Farida Soliyeva of Uzbekistan, failed a dope test...

Nepomniachtchi has set the pace with a high level of play

Gukesh has been impressive and has shown that he is fully in place in this tournament. Praggnanandhaa has displayed the right attitude by going for full-blooded battles and is also defending very well

CANDIDATES CHESS



Viewanathan Anand

An Nepomniachtchi, who is leading the Candidates chess tournament in Toronto after four rounds, is playing at a very high level, showing the form that won him the last two Candidates...



Finishing a way: Nepomniachtchi navigated well to get out of a chaotic position against Firouzja.

Gukesh outplayed Nepomniachtchi and came very close to winning. Gukesh went deep into an obscure line, and once the position got chaotic, he showed he could navigate well...

Praggnanandhaa has been impressive so far. He shows the right attitude by going for full-blooded battles. He defended a difficult position against Caruana and punished R. Praggnanandhaa for the risks he took...

Hikaru Nakamura hasn't had much of a presence in this tournament so far. But he is known for having quick tournaments and pouncing at some late opportunities...

jump to an early lead. Perhaps the crucial game was the fourth, in which Tan, despite being in a dead-lead position against Katerinya Lagno...

Bouncing back Aleksandra Goryachkina trails Tan by half a point and is playing well. Vaishali had a very tough defeat against Tan...

Lei Tingjie can be happy that she saved a lost endgame against Muzychuk, who is playing very well but hasn't converted great positions and is on -1 after four games.

Cubarsi key in Barca defensive revival ahead of PSG clash



Important duel: Cubarsi will be key to Barcelona stopping PSG's Mbappe from hurting it.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

The resurrection of Barcelona's defence gives the Spanish champion hope ahead of its Champions League duel with Paris Saint-Germain and youngster Pau Cubarsi's emergence has played a major role...

is quick and if anyone can help contain Mbappe, he has the best chance. Another important factor is goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen's return from a back injury...

East enjoys a slight advantage as 15 wickets tumble on day one

INTER-ZONAL FINAL

LAKSHYANI PUNE

With a spectator-less echoes of Maharashtra Cricket Association here to bear witness, East Zone ended day one of the final of the Senior Women's Inter Zonal Multi Day Trophy...



Lease warrier: On a day when wickets fell like nine pins, Arundhati, left, scored a half-century.

South opted to bat in the hot and dry conditions. Young speedster Titas Saha came through immediately, clearing up the South top four within the first 15 overs...

Arundhati then found support in teenager Shabnam Shakil with a 44-run stand off 77 balls for the ninth wicket...



Deeptri and Richa Ghosh then steadied the ship with a 34-run stand off 58 balls for the second wicket...

When East began its response, Shabnam, bowling in tandem with Arundhati, second in as many games, struggling with beat execution all through...

National Women's League launched

HOCKEY

Sports Bureau NEW DELHI

Hockey India on Tuesday announced a new National Women's League featuring the top domestic teams in the country...

Chennaiyin delivers a knockout punch to NorthEast United

ISL-10

Neeladri Bhattacharjee CHENNAI

A stoppage-time winner by Ankit Mukherjee saw Chennaiyin FC deliver a knockout punch to NorthEast United, beating the top domestic teams in the country...



minute - one that saw Aakash Sangwan make jaws drop with a left-footed curling Olympic goal.

Just when the match looked to be heading to a 1-1 draw, Ankit put his foot on the gas, storming into the box and shooting into the net, turning the match on its head...

Defending champion Punjab off to a winning start

Sports Bureau

Defending champion Punjab defeated Uttar Pradesh in the opening rounds of the 58th youth National basketball championship in Puducherry on Tuesday.

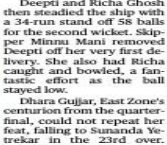
The results: Boys: Level-1: Kerala bt Chandigarh 93-70; Punjab bt Uttar Pradesh 57-46; Level-2: Karnataka bt Himachal Pradesh 69-44; Telangana bt Sikkim 72-16; Delhi bt Chandigarh 71-44; Gujarat bt Andhra Pradesh 77-55; Uttarabharati bt Puducherry 61-56; Girls: Level-1: Kerala bt Delhi 51-39; Karnataka bt Madhya Pradesh 74-33; Maharashtra bt Punjab 61-45; Level-2: Karnataka bt Himachal Pradesh 69-44; Puducherry bt Bihar 69-11.

India has an easy outing

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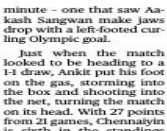
The Indian team got acclimatised to the conditions with an easy 3-0 outing, against Pacific Oceania in the first league match of the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis in Changsha, China, on Tuesday.

The results (league): India bt Pacific Oceania 3-0 (Rituja Bhosale bt Taranj Karmre 6-0, 6-0; Anika Raina bt Sorose Brown 6-1, 6-3; Shivani Bhamidimarri 6-0; Prarthana Thombare bt Meehisi Boscoe & Ruby Coffin 6-1, 6-4); China bt Taiwan 3-0; Korea bt New Zealand 3-0.



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Djokovic breaks Federer's record, becomes oldest No. 1

Novak Djokovic has surpassed Roger Federer to become the oldest man ranked No. 1 in the ATP Tour's computerised rankings. Djokovic is 36 – he turns 37 next month – and is now older than Federer was on his last day atop the rankings in June 2018. Indian tennis legend Rohan Bopanna, 44, was already the oldest player to hold World No. 1 rank in doubles. The ATP Tour brought both of them for a short conversation. “Tennis teaches us so many wonderful things. Experience wins and that is where I have got it,” Bopanna told Djokovic in a video posted by ATP. “What an incredible moment to be oldest number in singles and doubles. It is great for Serbian and Indian tennis,” said Djokovic.



Aishwarya's Asian 400m bronze upgraded to silver

Top Indian athlete Aishwarya Mishra's 400m bronze medal at 2023 Asian Championships will be upgraded to silver as original second-place finisher, Farida Soliyeva of Uzbekistan, failed a dope test. "The AIU has banned Farida Soliyeva (Uzbekistan) for 3 years from 13 September 2023 for presence/use of prohibited substance (Meldonium). DQ (disqualify) results from 13 July 2023," the Athletics Integrity Unit said. Soliyeva had finished second with a time of 52.95 seconds while Aishwarya was third in 53.07 seconds. Nadeesha Ramanayake of Sri Lanka had won gold (52.61).



MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

A RED initiative appears in today's edition of The Indian Express...

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INDIA NUMBERS Table with 2 columns: Infection load, Incidence, Deaths, Diagnosis, Treatment

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At Madhya Masaldanga in Cooch Behar district...

HAD CHALLENGED ARREST, REMAND IN DELHI EXCISE POLICY CASE HC rejects Kejriwal petition: ED material shows he 'conspired', sought 'kickbacks'

AAP says it will move SC immediately, BJP pushes for his resignation as CM



Was arrested on March 21

HE IS ALLEGEDLY involved in the offence of money laundering in two capacities...

Justice Swarana Kantra Sharma, ruling on the matter after reserving the verdict on April 3, said, "To summarise, the material... reveals that Arvind Kejriwal had allegedly conspired with other persons and was involved in the formulation of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22..."



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a roadshow in Chennai in support of BJP candidate Tamilsel Soundararajan on Tuesday.

NIA calls its officer to Delhi as TMC and BJP trade charges over 'meeting'

SWEETY KUMARI & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

ON MONDAY, in a memorandum to the EC, the TMC alleged that the BJP was missing the NIA to target its political opponents...



AKADEMI CHAIRMAN'S POWERS CURTAILED Lalit Kala Akademi: Fallout with ministry before the curb order

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, APRIL 9



AS REPORTED by The Indian Express on March 28, Nagdas was barred from taking any administrative actions...

'That one phone call shattered us': Family of student found dead in US

SREENIVAS JANAYALA HYDERABAD, APRIL 9



Mohammed Abdul Arfaath. (Twitter/@AbdullahNewYork)

A PHONE call from the Indian Consulate in New York on the eve of Eid shattered the family of Mohammed Abdul Arfaath...

UCO BANK advertisement for Shri G. D. Birla's 130th birth anniversary. Includes text: 'A Man, a Visionary, a Philanthropist and true Patriot Saluting our founder Shri G. D. Birla on his 130th birth anniversary' and UCO Bank logo.

India has 2nd highest hepatitis cases, 11% of global burden: WHO

ANONNA DUTT

NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

INDIA HAS the world's second highest prevalence of viral hepatitis cases, accounting for over 11 per cent of the global burden in 2022, according to the Global Hepatitis Report 2024 released by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Tuesday.

According to the report, there were 254 million people living with Hepatitis B and 50 million with Hepatitis C across the world in 2022. Of these, India accounted for 29 million Hepatitis B cases, second only to China at 79 million; and 5.5 million Hepatitis C cases, after Pakistan at 8.8 million.

An estimated 1.23 lakh people died due to hepatitis in India, while over 50,000 new Hepatitis B cases and 1.4 lakh new Hepatitis C cases were reported in 2022.

Globally, with an estimated 1.3 million deaths per year, viral hepatitis kills as many people as tuberculosis.

INDIA NUMBERS

Hepatitis B (Total) 2.97 cr

Infection load*	11.7%
Incidence	50,083
Deaths	98,305
Diagnosis	2.4%

Hepatitis C (Total) 0.55 cr

Infection load	11.2%
Incidence	1,44,187
Deaths	26,206
Diagnosis	28%
Treatment**	21%

Source: Global Hepatitis Report 2024 (figures pertain to 2022);

*Proportion of global infections;

**Hep B treatment coverage: 0%

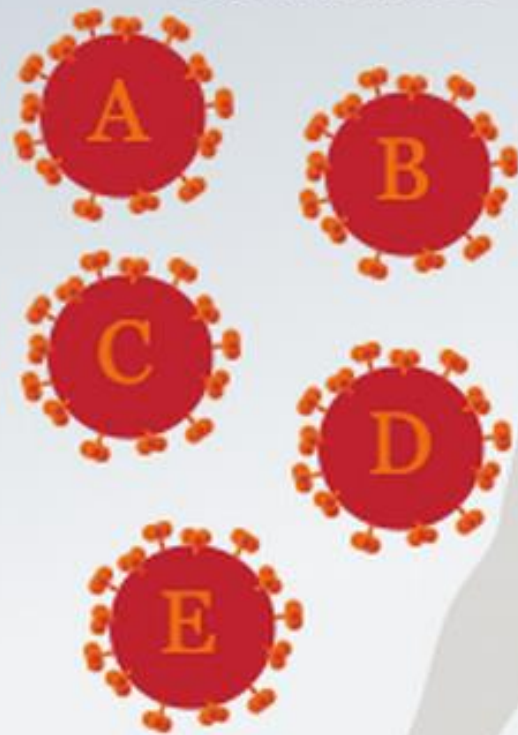
In India, while the tuberculosis toll remains higher – 3.31 lakh people are reported to have died due to TB in 2022 – what is concerning is that hepatitis diagnosis and treatment remains very low. According to the report,

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What is hepatitis?

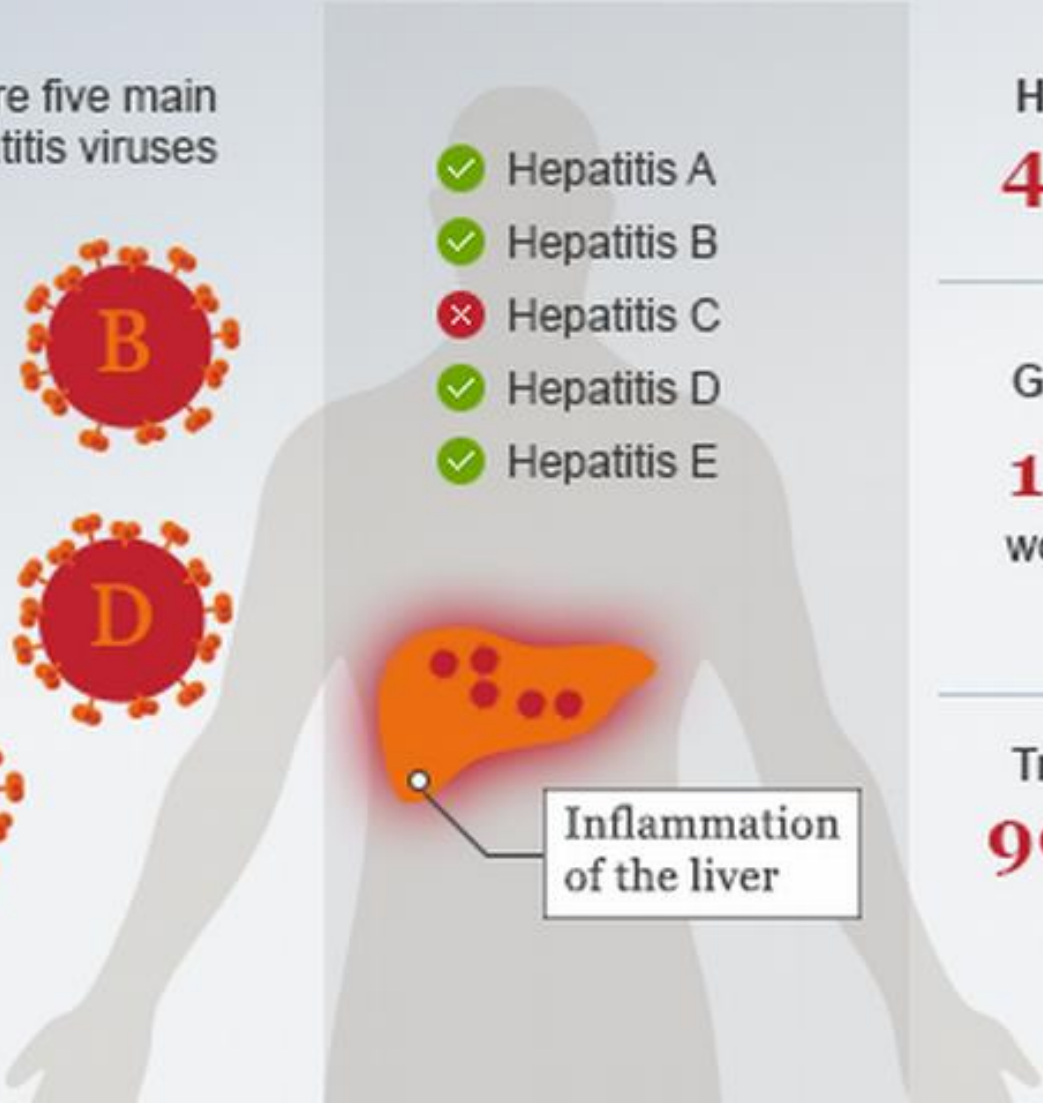
The A, B, C, D and E of hepatitis

There are five main hepatitis viruses



What vaccines are available for which types of hepatitis?

- ✓ Hepatitis A
- ✓ Hepatitis B
- ✗ Hepatitis C
- ✓ Hepatitis D
- ✓ Hepatitis E



Inflammation of the liver

A grey silhouette of a human torso is shown. The liver is highlighted in orange and contains several red dots representing inflammation. A white box with a black border and a pointer line points to the liver with the text "Inflammation of the liver".

Estimated cases worldwide (per year)

Hepatitis **B and C**:
400 million cases

Gradual death:
An estimated **1.4** million people die worldwide from hepatitis every year

Treatment:
90% of hepatitis C patients can be healed within three to six months

How does the virus spread?



Hepatitis **A and E**:
Lack of food hygiene, contaminated water and sub-standard sanitary facilities



Hepatitis **B, C and D**:
Blood, sperm and other bodily fluids

Disease	Pathogen	Symptoms	Incubation period	Method of transmission	Diagnostic test
Hepatitis A	HAV, Picornaviridae	Fever, headache, malaise, jaundice	2-6 weeks	Ingestion	IgM antibodies
Hepatitis B	HBV, Hepadnaviri- dae	Severe liver dam- age, chronic dis- ease occurs	3-26 weeks	Parenteral, sexual contact	IgM antibodies
Hepatitis C	HCV, Flaviviridae	Same as HBV, more chronic	2-33 weeks	Parenteral	PCR of viral RNA
Hepatitis D	HDV, Deltaviridae	Severe liver dam- age, high mortality rate	6-26 weeks	Parenteral, when co- infected with HBV	IgM antibodies
Hepatitis E	HEV, Caliciviridae	Pregnant women may be at high risk and show high mortality, not chronic disease	2-6 weeks	Ingestion	IgM antibodies, PCR of viral RNA

Ramdev, Balkrishna tender unconditional apology to SC over Patanjali ads 'lapses'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

YOGA GURU Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd managing director Acharya Balkrishna on Tuesday tendered "unconditional and unqualified apology" to the Supreme Court in a matter in which they had been sued by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for allegedly publishing misleading advertisements, claiming cure for diseases and criticising allopathy.

On April 2, a bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah had said it was not inclined to accept the apology tendered by Ramdev and Balkrishna in response to notices, asking to show cause as to why contempt-of-court proceedings should not be initiated against them for "flouting its directions" but gave them one last opportunity to file proper responses.

The court was upset about a press conference held by Ramdev on November 22, 2023, in Haridwar and an advertisement issued by the company on December 4, 2023, after it had assured the court on November 21, 2023, that it would not make any "casual statements claiming medicinal efficacy or against any



Ramdev, Balkrishna

system of medicine".

In a fresh affidavit filed a day before the SC is set to take up the matter again, Ramdev said: "I hereby tender my unconditional apology in regard to the issue of advertisements which occurred after the statement of counsel of Respondent No. 5 (Patanjali Ayurved) which was recorded in the order dated 21.11.2023, which I am informed has the force of an injunction. I sincerely regret this lapse and I wish to assure the Hon'ble court that the same will not be repeated".

Extending his "unconditional and unqualified apology" to the court for the "lapse", Ramdev sought to assure "to be more vigilant in future".

Acharya Balkrishna too undertook not to issue any "such of-fending advertisements...in the future" and said "no further of-fending advertisements were is-sued after 27.02.2024".

Kill elephants, save them: why Botswana wants to gift 20,000 to Germany

ALIND CHAUHAN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

BOTSWANA HAS literally an elephantine problem — it has too many elephants. And President Mokgweetsi Masisi has now said he would like to send 20,000 of the animals to Germany, where there is a proposal to make it tougher to import trophies from hunting animals.

Botswana is home to the world's largest elephant population of 1.3 lakh animals. Hunting has helped keep their numbers in check, and brought revenues from trophy-hunting licences issued to rich westerners. Germany is said to be the largest European importer of African elephant trophies.

Why are there so many elephants in Botswana?

Unlike its south-central African neigh-

bours, Botswana has been a safe haven for elephants due to its stable government and small human population. Following conflict-spurred mass poaching in Namibia and Angola, elephants in Botswana stopped crossing the Chobe river, a tributary of the Zambezi that marks Botswana's border with Namibia.

Botswana also implemented strict conservation policies, giving shoot-to-kill orders against suspected poachers in 2013. The following year, the country banned licensed trophy hunting — however, it lifted the ban in 2019.

And why was hunting allowed again?

Successful conservation resulted in a steady increase in Botswana's elephant population over the years. In the early 1960s, the country had fewer than 10,000 elephants; by the mid-1990s, the population had reached 80,000, according to the independent newsroom *Conservation Frontlines*.



Today, elephants inhabit about 40% of Botswana's land, which has led to increased human-animal conflict. Herds often damage homes in rural communities, drink water from pipes, feed on or destroy crops, and trample people and cattle to death.

"We are forced to collect our livestock early as we are afraid of the elephants... In the

cattle posts, people have deserted... By 4 pm, we have rounded off the animals...so by the time the elephants come, they do not find anyone. We wake up...to find their tracks. There are too many elephants," a resident of Gobojango town told *Voice of America*.

A large population of elephants also threatens other species and leads to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation — elephants tear down trees for fodder and consume large amounts of water, which can cause a decline in non-elephant wildlife.

How does elephant hunting help?

Botswana has been donating its elephants — it gave around 8,000 to Angola last year, and 500 to Mozambique in 2022 — but this has not made much of a difference.

Lifting the ban on trophy hunting helps in two ways — it lowers the population, and

helps the economy as hunters cough up as much as \$50,000 for each animal they kill.

A report in *Morning Brew* said trophy-hunting brought \$5 million to local communities in Botswana in 2021, according to government figures. Also, "trophy hunters injected \$250 million into South Africa's economy yearly and supported 17,000 jobs, according to one estimate in 2018," the report said.

It has also been argued that regulated trophy-hunting ultimately helps the species as governments pump the money into conservation and share profits with local communities, which can prevent habitat loss.

So what's the problem, then?

Western countries and animal rights advocates deem hunting to be cruel and unethical, and responsible for quickening popula-

tion decline in imperilled species. "Trophy hunters prefer to kill the largest, strongest animals, whose loss causes population declines," conservation group Humane Society International (HSI) says on its website.

According to HSI, the gains to the economy may be overstated. "In eight key African countries, trophy hunters contribute at most 0.03 per cent of GDP and at most 0.76 per cent of overall tourism jobs," it says. It is also alleged that corruption prevents local communities from benefiting from trophy hunting.

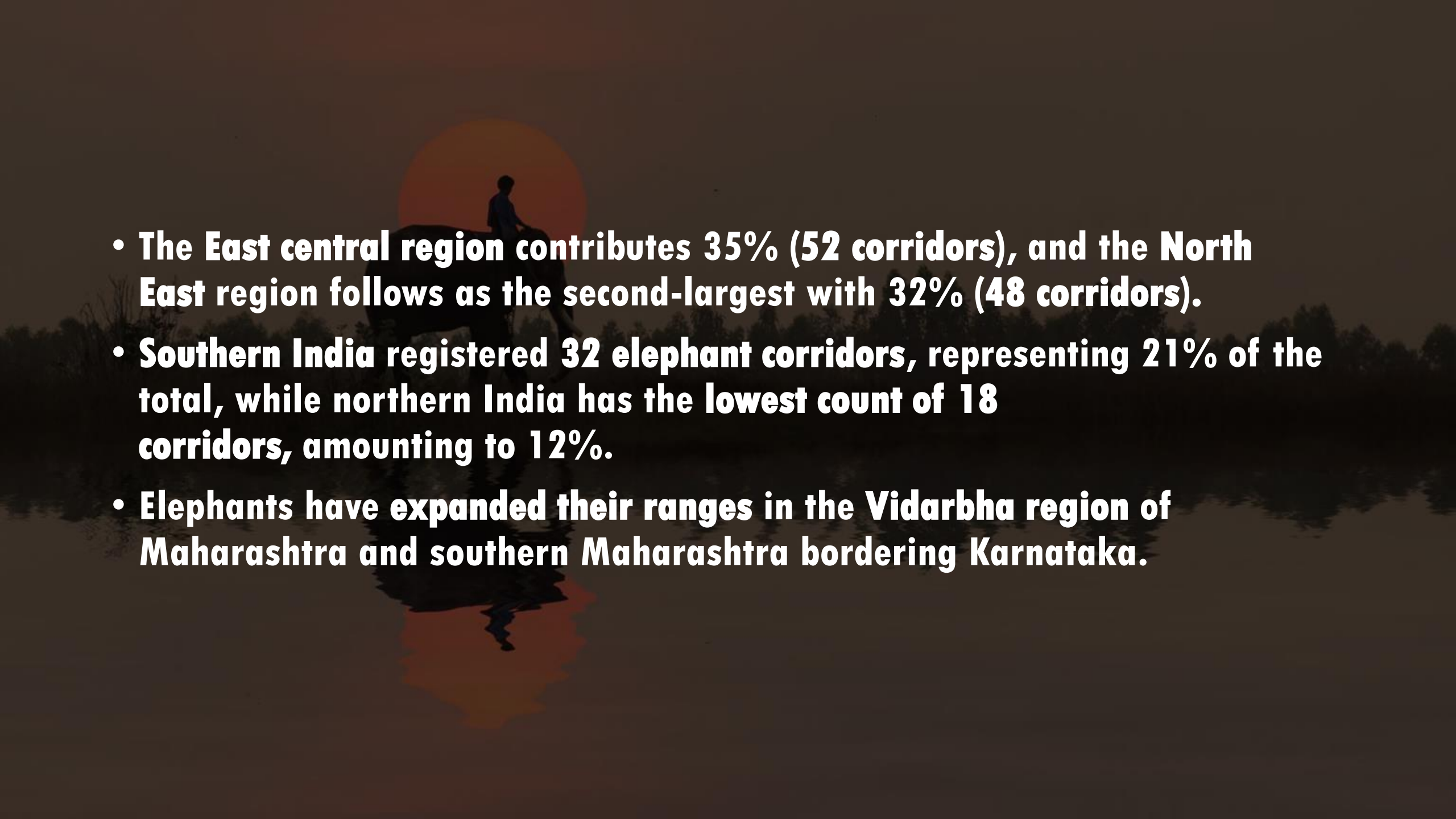
Nonetheless, many experts argue that outright banning is not necessary. Conservation researcher Enrico Di Minin of the University of Helsinki told *NPR*: "If countries want to ban trophy hunting, they need to have an alternative source of revenue worth hundreds of millions of dollars every year... Just banning things without knowing the consequences is actually creating more problems for the species."

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The key findings of the **Elephant Corridors of India, 2023 Report** are as follows:

The report highlighted a surge of 62 new corridors, marking a 40% increase since 2010, now totalling **150 corridors across the nation.**

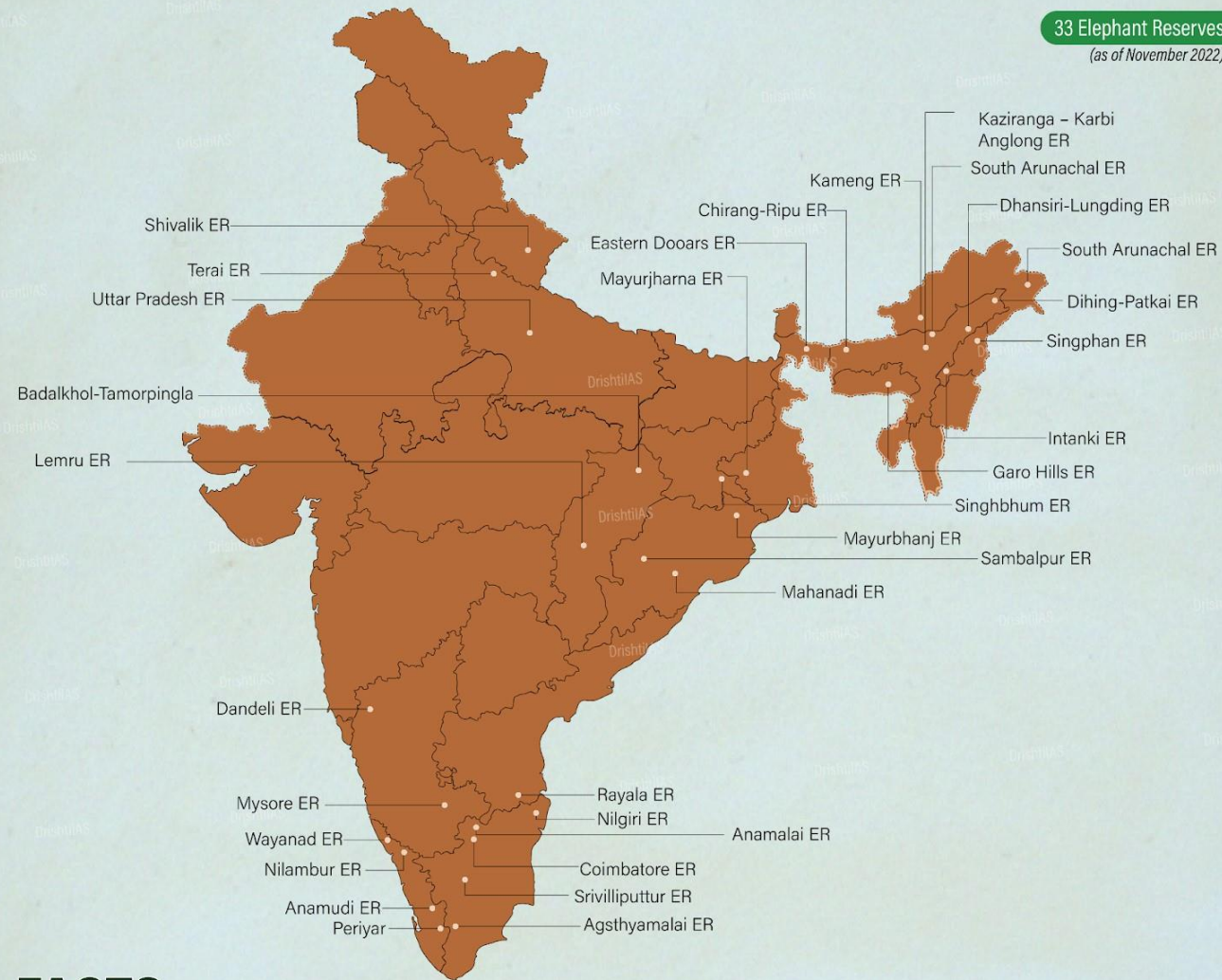
West Bengal has the **highest number of elephant corridors**, totalling 26, constituting 17% of the total corridors.

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- A silhouette of a person riding an elephant is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a large, glowing orange sun. The scene is reflected in a body of water at the bottom, creating a symmetrical effect. The background is dark, suggesting a twilight or sunset setting.
- **The East central region contributes 35% (52 corridors), and the North East region follows as the second-largest with 32% (48 corridors).**
 - **Southern India registered 32 elephant corridors, representing 21% of the total, while northern India has the lowest count of 18 corridors, amounting to 12%.**
 - **Elephants have expanded their ranges in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and southern Maharashtra bordering Karnataka.**

Elephant Reserves

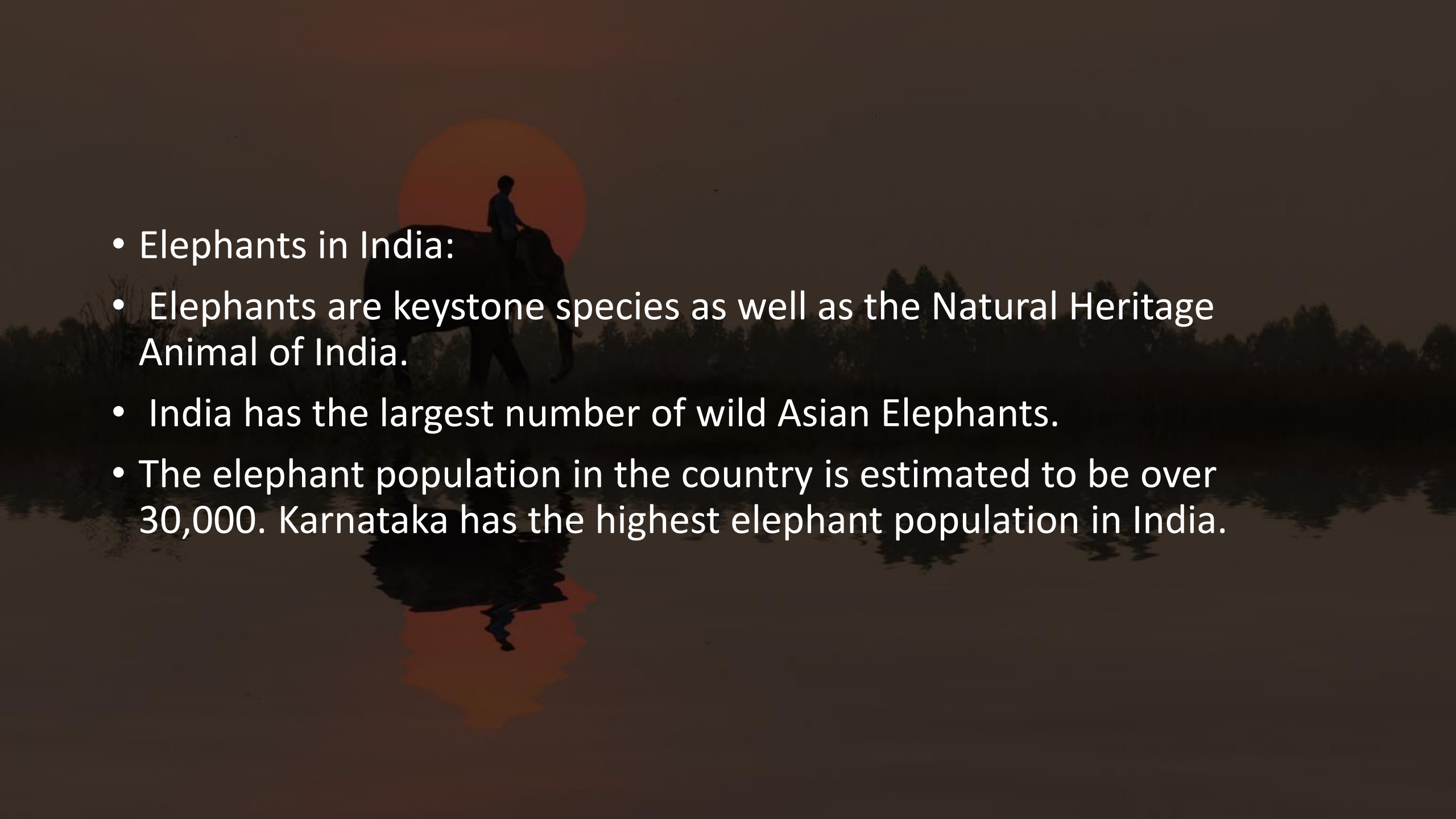
33 Elephant Reserves

(as of November 2022)



FACTS

- Tamil Nadu and Assam have the highest number (5) of elephant reserves in India.
- The Indian *elephant* *Elephas maximus* is included in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and in Appendix I of CITES.
- Indian Elephant has also been listed in the Appendix I of the Convention of the Migratory Species and as 'Endangered' in the IUCN Red List.
- The elephant was declared the National Heritage Animal of India in 2010.
- MoEFCC provides financial and technical support to major elephant range states in the country through Project Elephant. Project Elephant was launched by the Government of India in the year 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

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- Elephants in India:
 - Elephants are keystone species as well as the Natural Heritage Animal of India.
 - India has the largest number of wild Asian Elephants.
 - The elephant population in the country is estimated to be over 30,000. Karnataka has the highest elephant population in India.

4 Main Species of Elephant

Species	Found in	IUCN Red List Status	Habitat
Indian	Asia	EN (CITES - Appendix I, WPA - Schedule I)	Subtropical broadleaf forest, tropical broadleaf moist forest, dry forest, grassland
Sumatran	Asia	CR	Broadleaf moist tropical forests
Savanna (Bush)	Africa	EN	All sub-Saharan Africa except for Central Africa's dense tropical forest
Forest	Africa	CR	Dense Tropical Forests

IN UNDER 3 YEARS, BENCHMARK INDEX MOVED FROM 50K TO 75K

Sensex @ 75,000

Closes at 74,683.7, down 0.08%, after hitting a high of 75,124.28 intraday

HITESH VYAS

MUMBAI, APRIL 9

THE BSE Sensex created history on Tuesday after it breached 75,000-mark for the first time, driven by anticipation of robust corporate earnings in the January-March 2024 quarter, but pared gains on profit booking.

The 30-share benchmark index closed at 74,683.7, down 58.8 points, or 0.08 per cent, after hitting a record high of 75,124.28 in intraday trades.

The broader Nifty 50 declined 23.55 points, or 0.1 per cent to end at 22,642.75. It touched an all-time high of 22,768.4 during intraday trades.

The Sensex, which was launched on January 2, 1986, with a base price of 100 (base year 1978-19) took 28 years to cross the first milestone of 25,000 on May 16, 2014, after Narendra Modi-led BJP won a clear majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

The index touched an all-time high of 25,375.63 in intraday trades.

It took another seven years to reach the 50,000 mark. The index opened at 50,096.57 for the first time on January 21, 2021, led by a rally in the global stock market after Joe Biden was sworn in as the President of the United States.

The index took almost three years to surpass the 75,000 mark.

BSE SENSEX MILESTONES

JANUARY 2, 1986:
S&P BSE Sensex launched with a base price of 100 (base year 1978-79)

MAY 16, 2014:
Crosses 25,000 mark intra-day

JANUARY 21, 2021:
Breaches 50,000 level

APRIL 9, 2024:
Sensex surpasses 75,000 mark intra-day

Source: BSE



“The Indian market reached a fresh intraday peak before seeing profit-booking at higher levels in anticipation of tomorrow’s key US inflation data, which carries weight in determining future rate cuts by the US Fed,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Concerns have emerged amidst recent better-than-anticipated US employment and manufacturing data, suggesting a potential shift in expectations regarding rate cuts this year.

Moreover, escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, alongside supply concerns, have propelled crude prices upward, impacting overall market sentiment. In the near term, the focus will shift to Q4 earnings, which will kick off this weekend, he said.

In terms of market capitalisation, investors’ wealth eroded by Rs 94,000 crore on Tuesday to Rs 399.92 lakh crore.

On Monday, the combined market capitalisation, or the total value of all listed shares, of the BSE-listed firms reached Rs 400.86 lakh crore for the first time.

“It was expected that the Nifty would reach a new all-time high in the new fiscal year, but the pace of the move has been faster than anticipated,” said Naveen Kulkarni, Chief Investment Officer, Axis Securities PMS.

Going forward, the focus will shift to earnings delivery as the stock prices are factoring in reasonable earnings season expectations. If the earnings season turns out to be disappointing, then the market will correct.

However, if there are more upgrades than downgrades in earnings momentum, the market will continue to move upwards.

Nevertheless, the market may pause or consolidate before taking a direction based on the earnings in the next 20 days, he said.

According to Kotak Securities’ Head of Equity Research Shrikant Chouhan, the benchmark indices hit new all-time highs but failed to sustain at higher levels due to weakness in BFSI and IT stocks.

Among sectors, metals and realty indices outperformed. Although the mid and small-cap indices remained unchanged, a few stocks were seen sliding to their crucial support levels, he said.

“For trend-following traders, 22,770/75,125 would act as a trend-deciding level. Above that, the market can move towards 22,850-22,900-23,000/75,350-75,500-75,800,” Chouhan said.

The Bank-Nifty managed to surpass an all-time high level of 48,650.

The NSE companies that gained the most included Apollo Hospital, Hindalco Industries, ICICI Bank, Infosys and Bajaj Finserv Ltd.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) net sold Rs 593.2 crore of shares whereas domestic institutional investors bought Rs 2,257.18 crore worth of equities, the BSE’s provisional data showed on Tuesday.

MILESTONE MOMENT

9 Apr (open) **75,124**

74,742
8 Apr (close)

(close)
74,683

0.08%

Reliance Inds	1,414
ICICI Bank	553
SBI	503
Tata Motors	452
Bharti Airtel	450

Top contributors to 5,000 points rally (from 70,000 to 75,000)

■ Points rally ● Days taken

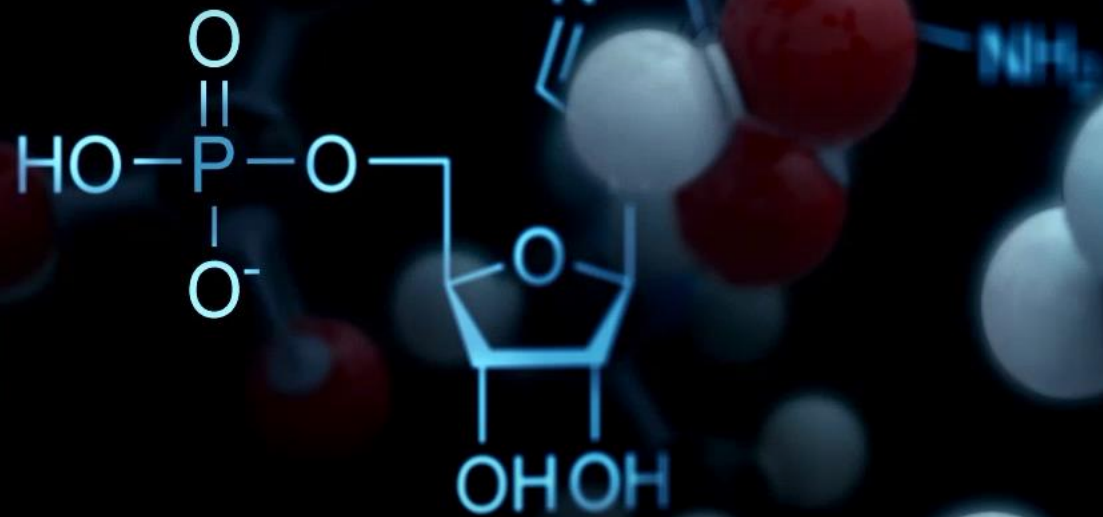
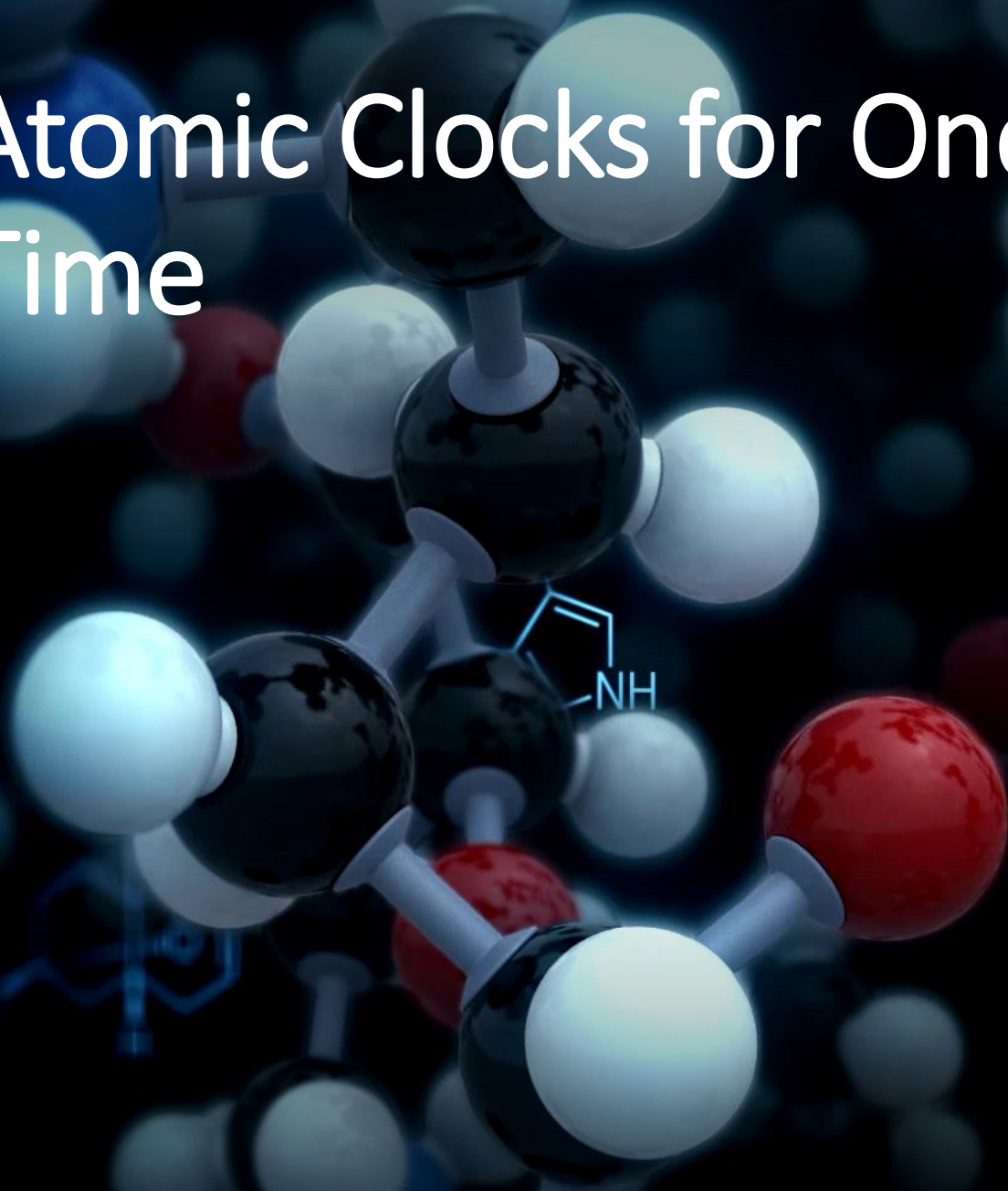
Fourth fastest **5,000** points rally

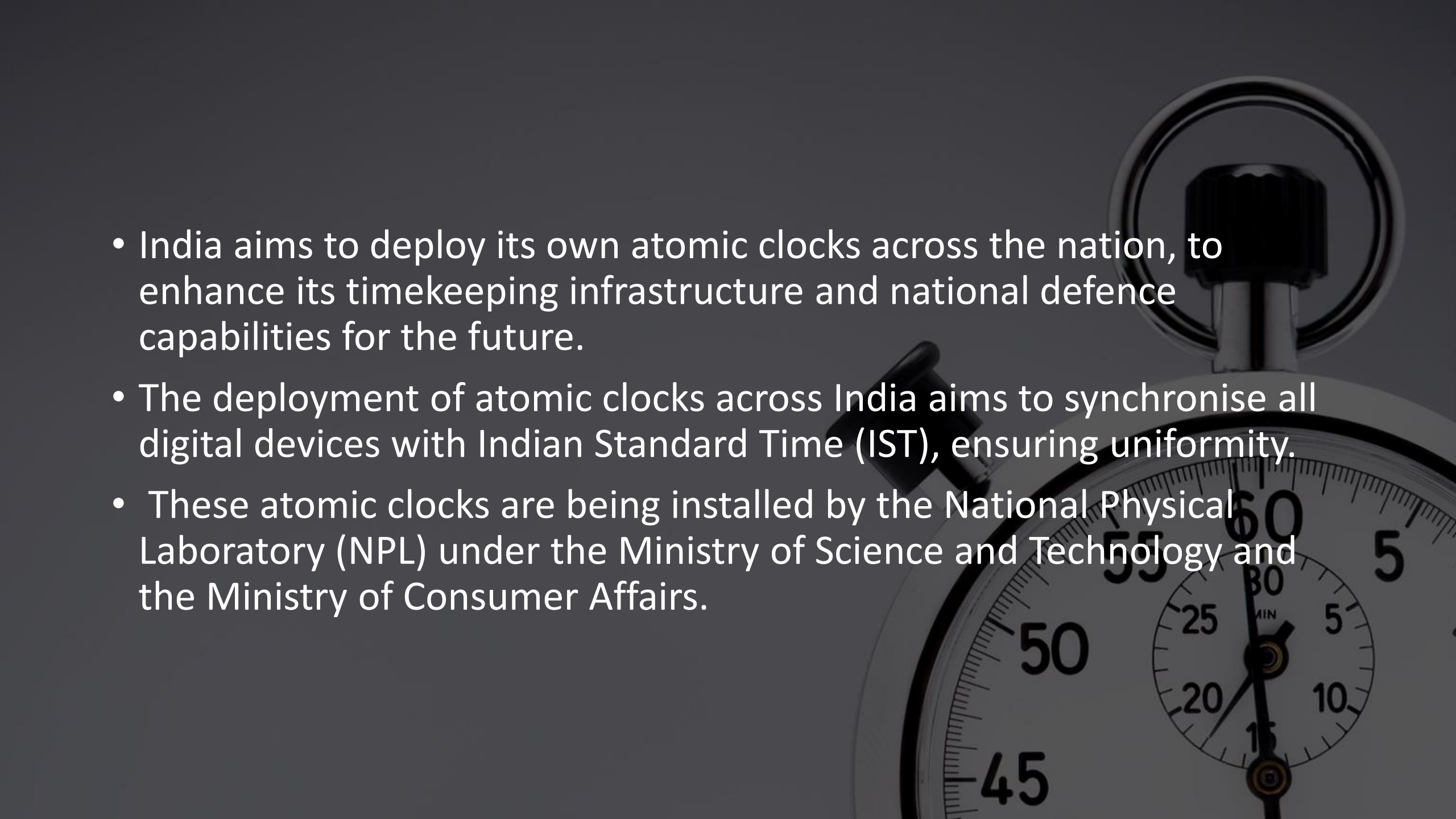
Points	Days taken	Date
5K*	2,065	Oct 08, 1999
10K	1,588	Feb 06, 2006
15K	353	Jul 06, 2007
20K	79	Oct 29, 2007
25K	1,624	May 16, 2014
30K	196	Mar 04, 2015
35K	712	Jan 17, 2018
40K	330	May 23, 2019
45K	382	Dec 04, 2020
50K	33	Jan 21, 2021
55K	138	Aug 13, 2021
60K	28	Sep 24, 2021
65K	438	Jul 03, 2023
70K	110	Dec 11, 2023
75K	82	Apr 09, 2024

*4000 points

Source: Bloomberg

Atomic Clocks for One-Nation, One-Time



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- India aims to deploy its own atomic clocks across the nation, to enhance its timekeeping infrastructure and national defence capabilities for the future.
 - The deployment of atomic clocks across India aims to synchronise all digital devices with Indian Standard Time (IST), ensuring uniformity.
 - These atomic clocks are being installed by the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) under the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

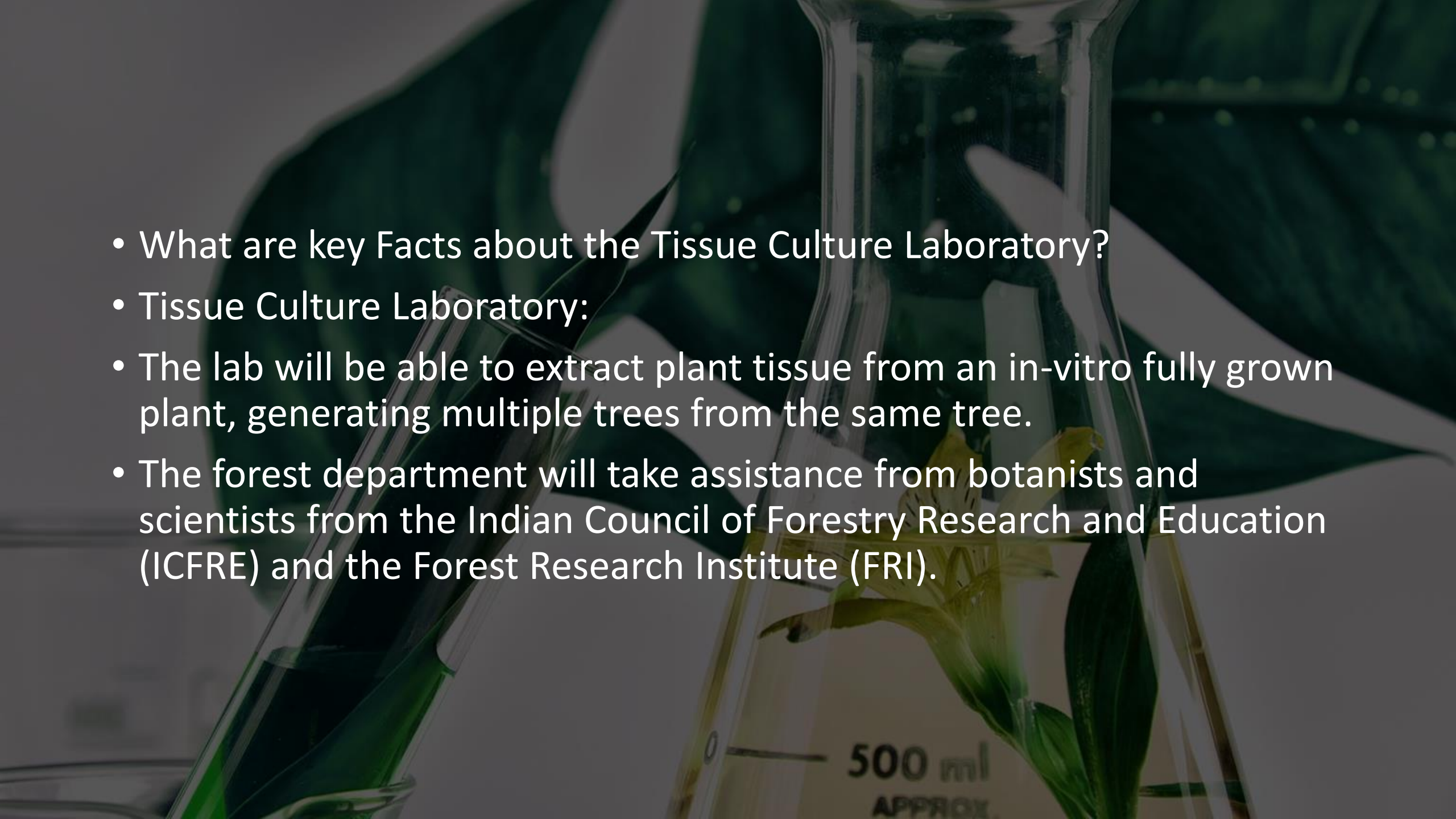
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- What are Atomic Clocks?
 - About:
 - An atomic clock, is a clock, known for its exceptional accuracy, and functions by utilising specific resonance frequencies of atoms, typically cesium or rubidium. It was invented in 1955 by Louis Essen.
 - The extreme precision levels of the atomic clocks can be interpreted by the fact that they will lose one second approximately every 100 million years.
 - **Currently, atomic clocks in India are operational in Ahmedabad and Faridabad.**
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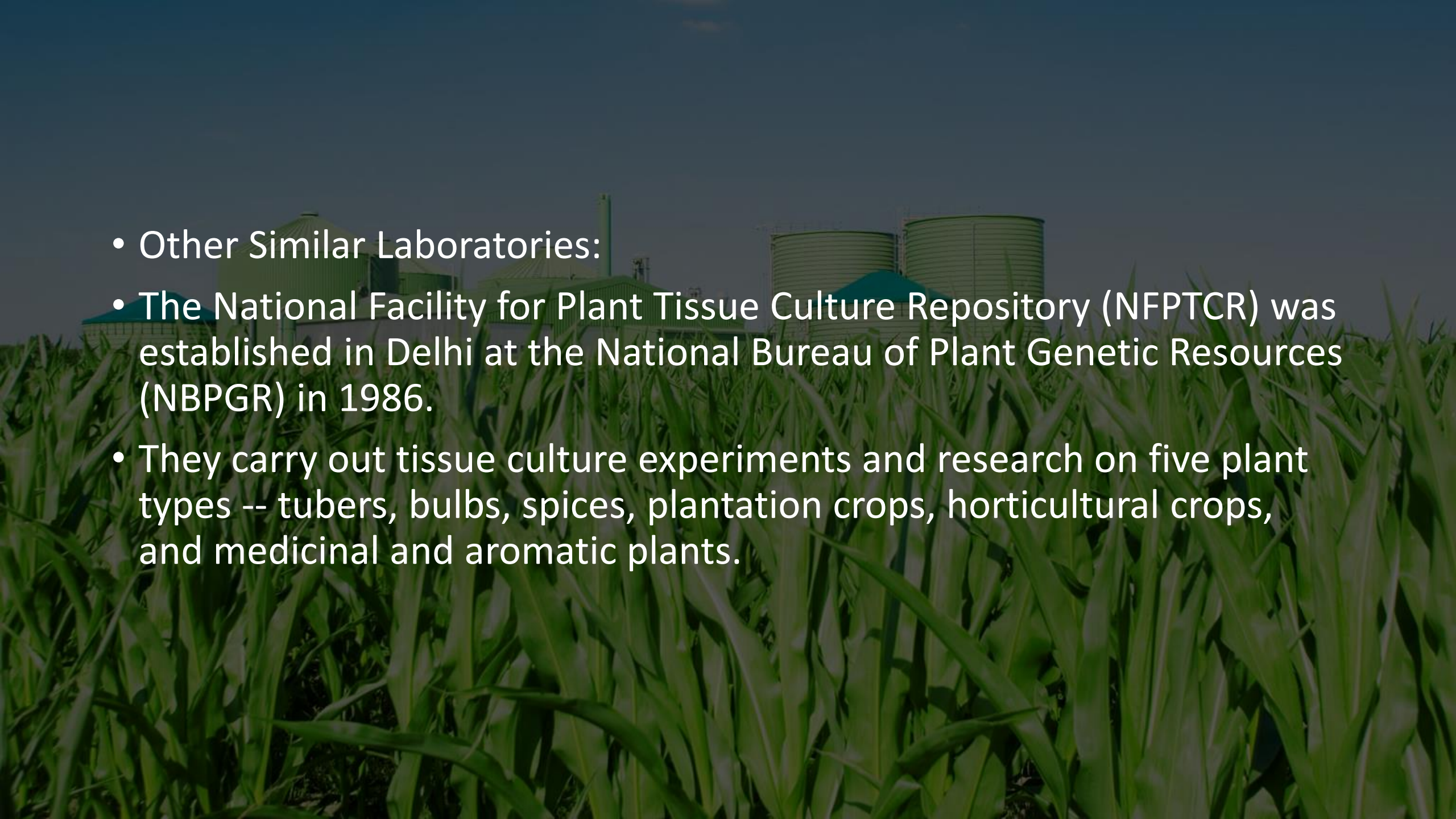
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- Why is India Developing its Atomic Clocks?
 - Background:
 - This initiative was started due to the denial of Global Positioning System (GPS) information during the Kargil War.
 - The existence of independent timekeeping capabilities is crucial for defence, cybersecurity, and online transactions.



Tissue Culture Laboratory at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary

- Recently, the Delhi forest department has initiated the establishment of a tissue culture laboratory at the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary to conserve rare native trees.
- The primary goal of the laboratory is to grow endangered native Delhi trees in a controlled environment and regenerate saplings of species facing regeneration challenges due to invasive species.

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- What are key Facts about the Tissue Culture Laboratory?
 - Tissue Culture Laboratory:
 - The lab will be able to extract plant tissue from an in-vitro fully grown plant, generating multiple trees from the same tree.
 - The forest department will take assistance from botanists and scientists from the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) and the Forest Research Institute (FRI).

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- Other Similar Laboratories:
 - The National Facility for Plant Tissue Culture Repository (NFPTCR) was established in Delhi at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) in 1986.
 - They carry out tissue culture experiments and research on five plant types -- tubers, bulbs, spices, plantation crops, horticultural crops, and medicinal and aromatic plants.



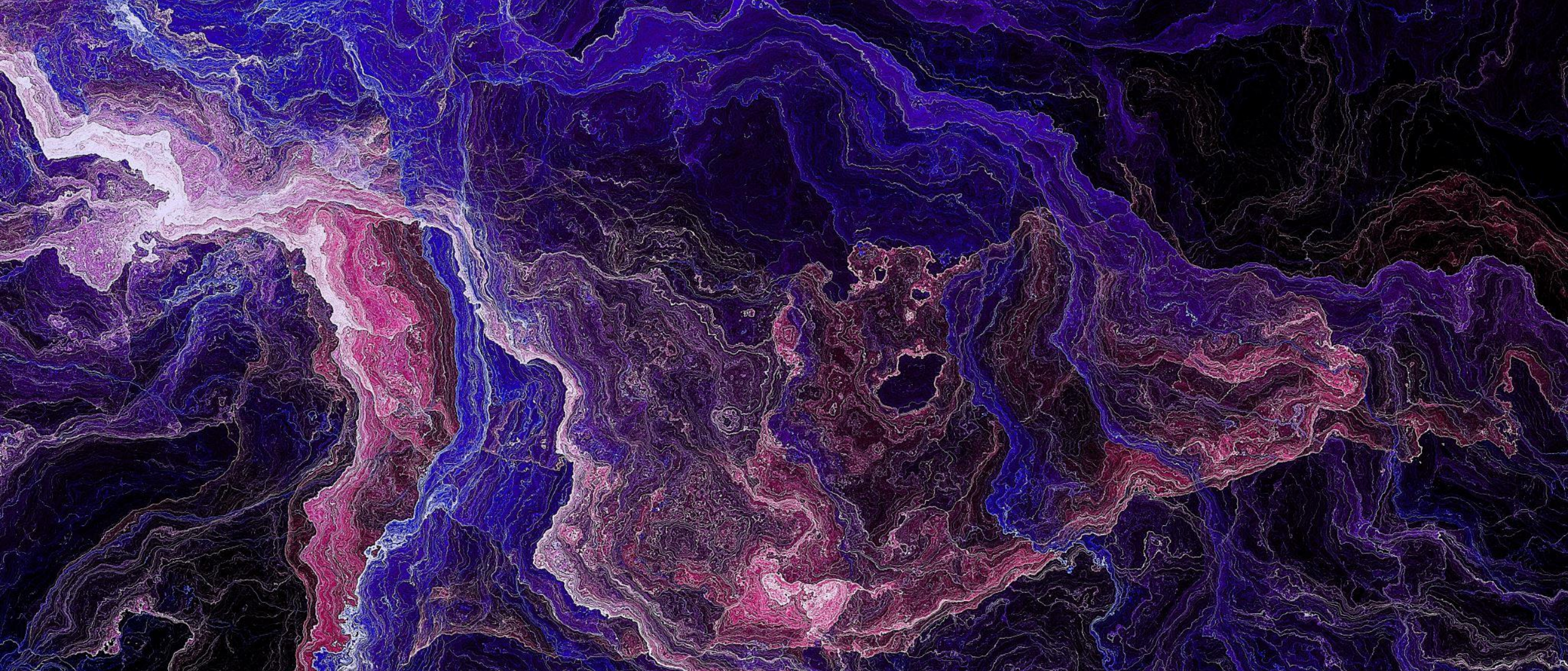
Gulf Cooperation Council's Vision for Regional Security

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- Recently, for the first time since its inception, **the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)** announced its **‘Vision for Regional Security’** in **Riyadh.**
 - **About GCC**
 - It is a **political and economic alliance of six Middle Eastern countries**—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.
 - It was established in **1981.**

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL



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- **Energy Security:** GCC contributes to **35% of India's oil imports** and **70% of gas imports**. India is executing the **second phase of its Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)**. Several GCC countries have expressed their interest in the same.
 - **Trade and Investment:** GCC countries contribute to about **one-sixth of India's total trade**.



Fun fact



SELF IMPROVEMENT LANGUAGE SPEAKING

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SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION via Singapore Academy

- Duration: 6 Months
- Live Online
- Student Handouts
- Industrial Projects
- 100% Career Assistance
- Industry Based Trainers

Software Engineering Course

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CYBER SECURITY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION via Singapore Academy

- Duration: 6 Months
- Live Online
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- Industrial Projects
- 100% Career Assistance
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Cyber Security Course

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DATA SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION via Singapore Academy

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Data Science Course

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BLOCKCHAIN PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION via Singapore Academy

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Blockchain Course

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Thank you
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