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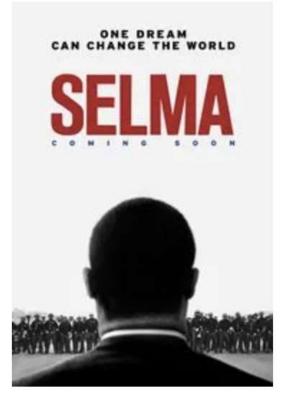
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–Martin Luther King Jr.



29 Maoists shot dead at Kanker in Chhattisgarh

Three senior CPI (Maoist) cadres believed to be among the dead; three jawans injured

Pinaravi refutes Modi's 'grim' Kerala narrative

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open court prom on Tues-day for violating a Su-preme Court order to not advertise the herbal pro-

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X is proactively disclosing a takedown notice from In-dia to the public since April 2023, when it stopped pu-blishing summaries of such orders.

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EVMs are accurate Krishnadas Bajagopal NEW DELDI

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against other fields of medicine, including allopathy, and claim his company's medicines were far supemedicines were far supe-rior to them. Instee Rohl said it was "irresponsible bohaviour" on his part to tasks such claims when a large nam-ber of puople looked up to him. At one point, the yoga gave admitted that he

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Bleached and dead coral around Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef, located 270 km north of the city of Cairns. Australia's famed Great Barrier Reef is teetering on the brink, suffering one of the most severe coral bleaching events on record – and the fifth in eight years – leaving scientists unsure of its survival. AFP





Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

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3000 coral reefs 600 continental islands 1625 types of fish 133 varieties of sharks and rays 600 types of soft and hard corals

CORAL BLEACHING



Coral bleaching occurs when temperature, light or nutrients in the oceans change. Corals become stressed and turn white. Climate change is causing this to happen at a rate never seen before.

HOW IT WORKS

Zooxanthellae (algae) live inside coral, where they photosynthesise food for the corals.

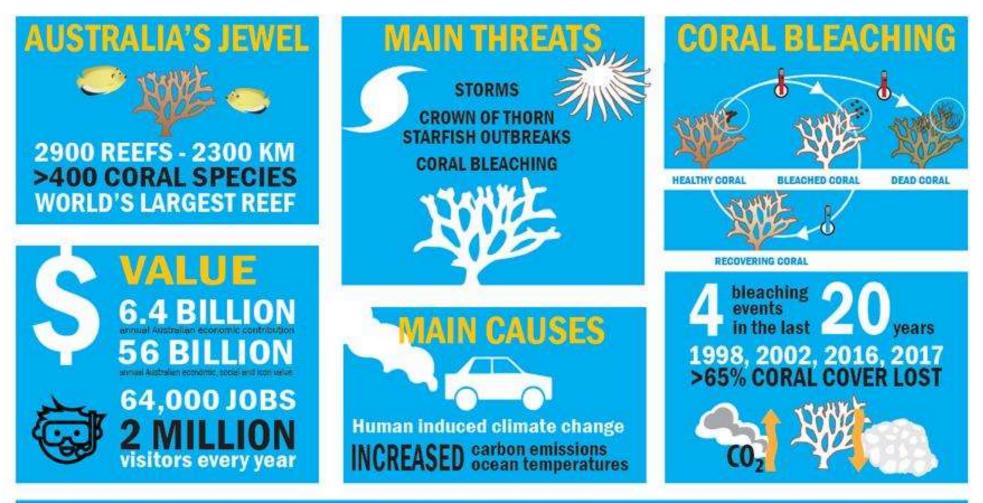
> When waters get warmer, corals expel the zooxanthellae, turning them white.

RECOVERY

Corals can recover if they don't experience regular bleaching, and if they are protected from other stressors like:



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News

THE HIND!

Caste fault lines re-emerge in Muzaffarnagar

The sugarcane belt has become a more level playing field for caste-centric parties, with the BJP40.D alliance taking the sting out of anti-Muslim thetoric meanwhile. Muslims, who constitute the largest chunk of the electorate, are disillusioned that no party has shown faith in them

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Six dead as boat capsizes in Jhelum river following rains

Six people, including minora, were killed in a boat capsize incident in Srinagar on Tuesday, and torrential rain in the past 24 hours in the Kashmir Valley. The incident took place between 7.45 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Grantinal in the Batwara 7.45 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Gandball in the batwara area. The hoat, used by the public to cross the invitating even minors and eight adults, when it applied apparently due is strong currents. "Forther people were reacted in a joint operation bisaster Response Fund and National Disaster Response Fund." Bill Mohl-Ud-Din Bhar, Deputy Commissione, Krinagar, sald.

2 arrested for firing gunshots outside Salman Khan's house

Police are both claiming credit for arresting two persons late on Monday night for their purported involvement in firing gaushors outside actor salman Khan's residence. Five rounds were fired In the air early on Sunday morning, one of which hit the Galaxy Apartment wall, the building where the actor and his family reside. The duo -Vicky Sahihnaab Gupta, 24, and Sagar Srijogendra Pal, 21, - hall from Bihar's Bast mparan district and belong to the Lawrence Bisnot gang. After the incident, one of Bishnot's relatives claimed correspondibility for the brins.

of 2013, died of COVID in GROUND REPORT May 2021. This time ros May 2020. The time round, his son is not just seeking support for Mr. Balyan, who emerged as a flindur-va leader after the riots, against the Samajwadi Par-iy's seitor jat header Harmder Malik; he is also male ing it a prestige issue, as a sort of return gift for the 323 RIP's decision to bestow the Bharat Ratna on his graddfather and former Prime Minister Charan 9

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dress a raily for party can-didate Dara Singh Prajapa-ti, who heads the Prajapati Mahasabha, a national social organisation for the most backward classes (MIWD). Electorally, this hub of sugarcane farmers has not for Musilim unity af-ter the Musilfurnagur riots "In 2019, Allt Ringh was seen as the lat face. This

MBCs inked Across the street, Mucl-chains Rashyap is waiting for Bahajan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati to ad-

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misting us is not true," Mr. Kashyap said, referring to the BP's unfulfilled pra-mise of moving 17 MBC duled Caste category, "Mayawati won't give it either buit she is at least givdurva cloak. ing as political representa-

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stitute the largest church of the electorate, are disillushown faith in them. "Jats are only 1.5 lakh but they have two candidates. We are 5.5 lakh but we are be-ing told that we will pelar-ise," lamented Mohammad that Mr. Singh should shun the secular image and wrap himself in the Hin-Ayuh, a former pradhan in the Charthawal area who hails from the ironamith community among Mus-

support, Seasoned journal ter Rashid Ali says that Me Balyan is on a sticky wickes as casts fault linus have re-emerged after a decade of communal polarisation in Musaffarnagar. The Muslims, who con-"If you enter a non vegetar ian buffet, there is no point claiming that you are a ve-getarian. People wen't be-lieve." What he meant was

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New panel to address issues

Wednesday, April 17, 201-

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In address issues related to the queer commanty. The committee, to be headed by the Cabinet Secretary, will suggest measures to ensure that the queer community does not encoun-ter any discrimination in

The Ministry of Law and Justice on Tuesday notified a six-member committee is address issues related to

Centre says it does not maintain record of LGBTO+ of CAA applications community The Hindu Bureau New DELIG

cords of citizenship appli-cation received. Further, as per the RTI Act. 2008, CPIO [Central Public Infor-mation Officer] is not auth-The Union floma Ministry has said that the govern-ment does not have the provision is smithtab the record of applications re-ceived under the Citizenmution Officer) is not auth-orised to create informa-linit. Issue the innered as official may be marred as official may be marred as the total num-ber of people who would benefit from the CAA is not known. When the legislation ship (Amendmen0 Act (CAA). In a Right to Information query, Any Bose, a re-sident of American Male arasistra had sought anashtra had sought information about the total number of periods who had applied for citizenship after the CAA Rules were when the legislation was passed in Bajya Rabha on December II, 2019, Un-ion Home Minister Amit. Shab said Takita and after the GAA Rules were notified on March II. In response to the RTI application on April 15, the Ministry said, "The research are not being maintained as desired by you because the Citizenship Arnend-the Citizenship Arnend-philes and the said of the the said of the said of the said of the phase and the said of th crores" of people would benefit whereas Dersk O'Writen of the Trinamool

accessing goods and ser-vices or face threat of vic-lence among others. Last October, while hearing the plea on sam hearing the plea on same sex marriage, the SC had directed that such a janed be set up to address the challenges faced by the community in accordance with the sta

O'Wrien of the Trinamool Compress mentioned that the Director of the Intelli-gence Bureau had suid in a report that around 31,000 people would be the im-mediate beneficiarites. The Home Mindery not-lind the CAA Bades on March 10. with the statement made by the Centre in the court. The order comes with the Model Cade of Com-duct in force and alread of the first phase of vorting for the Lok Sabha election.

The Mumbai Police and the West Kachshh-Bhag

Aditya Nrivastava who se-cared the top rank in the Civil Jervices Isamination, 2023, conducted by the Union rubic Service Cam-mission (UPSC), results of which were declared on Tueroday, quit his job ar Coldman Status, an invest-ment banking company, to prepare for the examina-Jugunas dags First rank holding Aditya Brivastava, and sasand rank holding Antoniash Pradhan, PUZC tion as he wanted to get away from his deak job and work for the betterment of nation. "I like reading and that helped me unwind during my preparation. I particularly like to read

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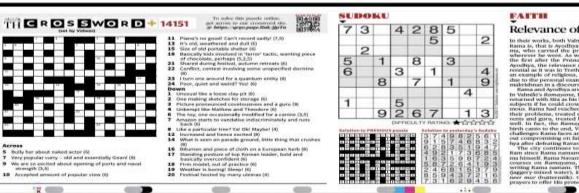
Aditva Srivastava tops Civil Services Exam

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Relevance of Rama Navami

In their works, both Valmiki and Kamban say, "Wherever Rama is, that is Ayodhya", to highlight the fairness of Ra-mu, who carried the principles of justice and fair play wherever he went. As we celebrate Rama Navant Ioslay, the first after the *Prana Pratishta* of the Bala Rama in

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Aditya Srivastava tops Civil Services Exam

Jaideep Deo Bhanj NEW DELHI

Aditya Srivastava who secured the top rank in the Civil Services Examination, 2023, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), results of which were declared on Tuesday, quit his job at Goldman Sachs, an investment banking company, to prepare for the examination as he wanted to get away from his desk job and work for the betterment of the society.

A BTech in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Mr. Srivastava, who hails from Lucknow, topped the examination in his third attempt. At present, he is undergoing IPS training in Hyderabad as he had cleared the examination in his second attempt as well.

'Consistency is key'

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Srivastava said consistency and self-motivation are the key to cracking the exami-



Joyous day: First rank holder, Aditya Srivastava, and second rank holder, Animesh Pradhan. PTI/X

nation. "I like reading and that helped me unwind during my preparation. I particularly like to read about dinosaurs. In fact, in one of my interviews I even mentioned to the panel that the popular movie Jurassic Park is not accurate," Mr. Srivastava said. He added that his journey to the top of the rank list was full of ups and downs and his advice to aspirants would be to learn from the experience of previous attempts.

A total of 1,016 candidates (664 men and 352 women) have been recommended by the Commission for appointment to various services. Among the top 25 successful candidates, 10 are women, two of whom are in the top five.

Animesh Pradhan from Talcher in Odisha, a BTech in Computer Science from National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, secured the second rank. He cleared the examination in his first attempt. Appearing for the examination was a culmination of his childhood dream and a well thought out career decision influenced by his childhood experiences of growing up in rural Odisha.

"Having grown up in Odisha and having seen a lot of socio-economic injustice around me, I wanted to come back and serve the people of my State in sectors of health and education," Mr. Pradhan said. He said he has seen a fair deal of setbacks in his personal life, having lost both his parents, and especially his mother a month ago.

For aspirants, he suggests "controlling the controllable". "There will be a lot of setbacks but try to cling to the ray of hope and fight the tough battle," he added. Despite finding very little time to indulge in hobbies, Mr. Pradhan used to practise freestyle dance with a group of dancers while preparing for UPSC.

Donuru Ananya Reddy, a graduate in geography from Miranda House, Delhi University, stood third with anthropology as her optional subject.

She hails from Mahabubnagar district in Telangana and began preparing for civil services on her own. "I was confident of securing a rank but did not expect to be among the first three rankers," she said.

P.K. Sidharth Ramkumar, who has a bachelor's degree in architechture from the College of Architecture in Thiruvananthapuram, secured the fourth rank with anthropology as his optional subject. Mr. Ramkumar is currently undergoing IPS training in Hyderabad after securing the 121st rank last year.

Ruhani, a graduate in economics from St. Stephens College, Delhi University, secured fifth rank with economics as her optional subject in her sixth and last attempt. She is also undergoing IPS training in Hyderabad.

The Civil Services Examination is conducted annually in three stages – preliminary, main and interview – to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS), and others.

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BCB extends Mustafizur's IPL stay, will play against Punjab Kings



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for T20 World Cup: Ponting

Buttler nails an improbable chase with a Royal ton

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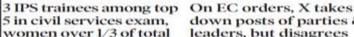


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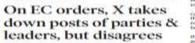
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IRON DOME TO ARROW: COMPONENTS OF AIR DEFENCE

Israel intercepted 99% of missiles and drones that Iran launched on Saturday night, Israel's military said. None of the 170 drones and 30 cruise missiles entered Israeli territory, though a few of the 110 ballistic missiles that Iran fired did. Israel is at least 1,000 km away from Iran — with Iraq, Syria, and Jordan in between

IRON DOME

For short-range rockets and shells, like the ones fired from Gaza. Developed by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems; world's most successful missile defence system with 90% success rate, according to the company. Operational since 2011. (*right*)

RADAR UNIT

detects airborne rocket/ shell, transmits data to the control unit.

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sends missile (with radar, special warhead) to hit incoming rocket.

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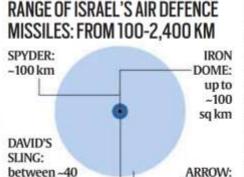
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DAVID'S Sling

Intermediate layer of air defence system, for ballistic and

cruise missiles and longer-range rockets. Developed by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems along with American defence contractor Raytheon. Carrier has upto 12 Stunner interceptors, according to the firm. Operational since 2017. (above)



SPYDER Family of multirange mobile air defence systems to

defend large areas against aerial attacks by fighter and bomber aircraft, helicopters, cruise missiles, UAVs. Allweather system can be activated within seconds of a target being declared hostile, according to the manufacturer Rafael. (above)

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A mobile system consisting of hypersonic anti-missile interceptors, ground-based 'Green Pine' missile defence radar, early warning radar, and command and launch control centres. Arrow 3 is most modern, longest range interceptor. Range 1,400 miles-plus, altitude 62 miles; meant for targets in the upper atmosphere.

Rupee plunges to all-time low

West Asia tensions, US Treasury yields weigh

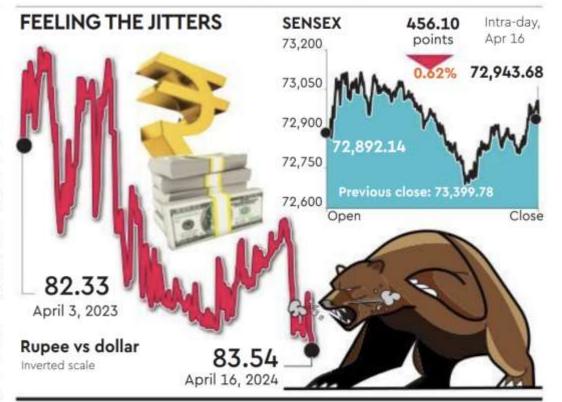
SACHIN KUMAR Mumbai, April 16

THE RUPEE PLUNGED to an all-time closing low of 83.54 against the dollar on Tuesday,weighed down by the simmering geopolitical tensions in West Asia and hardening of US Treasury yields. The local currency hit a lifetime low of 83.56 during intraday trade, but likely intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) prevented any further fall. It ended the day with a decline of 9 paise or 0.10%, surpassing its previous closing low of 83.45 recorded on Monday.

"RBI's presence was felt in the market. Reduced volatility in the market suggested that RBI might have intervened in the market," Kunal Sodhani, vice-president - treasury, Shinhan Bank, told *FE*. "Fading expectations of aggressive rate cuts by Fed had already pushed the dollar index above the 106 levels," he added.

The uncertainty surrounding the Iran-Israel geopolitical tensions created a risk-off sentiment, which can further push the dollar towards 107.20, Sodhani said.

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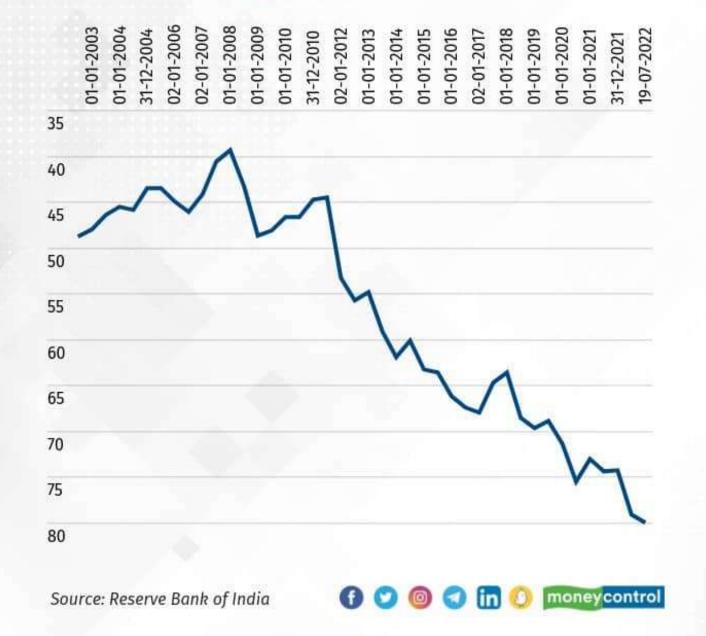


ended in the red for the third consecutive session on Tuesday. The Sensex fell 456.1 points or 0.6% to close the session at 72,943.68, while the Nifty also ended 124.6 points or 0.6% lower at 22,147.90.

Despite touching an all-time low, the rupee was among the best-performing emerging market currencies on Tuesday. The Indonesian Rupiah fell 2.04%, South Korean won by 0.76%, Taiwanese dollar 0.34%, Japanese Yen 0.28%, Thai baht 0.21% and Chinese yuan depreciated 0.18%.

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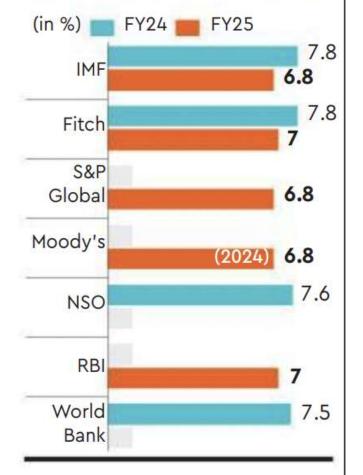
LAST 10 YEARS INR EXCHANGE RATE

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FY	USD (Avg)	USD (EOY)
2011-12	47.9229	51.16
2012-13	54.4099	54.3893
2013-14	60.5019	60.0998
2014-15	61.1436	62.5908
2015-16	65.4685	66.3329
2016-17	67.072	64.8386
2017-18	64.4549	65.0441
2018-19	69.9229	69.1713
2019-20	74.5321	73.2365
2020-21	73.2256	74.5692



GROWTH PROJECTIONS



IMF lifts global growth forecast, but flags risks

ERIC MARTIN April 16

THE INTERNATIONAL MONE-TARY Fund (IMF) inched up its expectations for global economic growth this year, citing strength in the US and some emerging markets, while warning the outlook remains cautious amid persistent inflation and geopolitical risks.

Global economic activity will expand 3.2% this year, it said Tuesday in its World Economic Outlook, up 0.1 percentage point from its January estimate. The forecast for 2025 was unchanged at 3.2%.

Bloomberg Economics pegs this year's global expansion at 2.9% and next year at 3.1%.

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Source: International Monetary Fund, Bloomberg

IMF warned high borrowing costs and the withdrawal of fiscal support are weighing on short-term growth, while the medium-term outlook remains the weakest in decades due to low productivity and global trade tensions. "Numerous challenges remain, and decisive actions are needed," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas wrote. — **BLOOMBERG**

Lockheed wins \$17-bn US missile contract

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LOCKHEED MARTIN HAS won a \$17 billion contract to develop the next generation of interceptors to defend the United States against an intercontinental ballistic missile attack, the US Missile Defense Agency said on Monday.

The interceptor program is aimed at defeating current ballistic missile threats and future technological advances from countries such as North Korea and Iran. The win represents a shot in the arm for Lockheed after the United States said it wanted to reduce F-35 orders, and the Army in February abandoned development of a Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft, a next-generation helicopter for which Lockheed had submitted a design.

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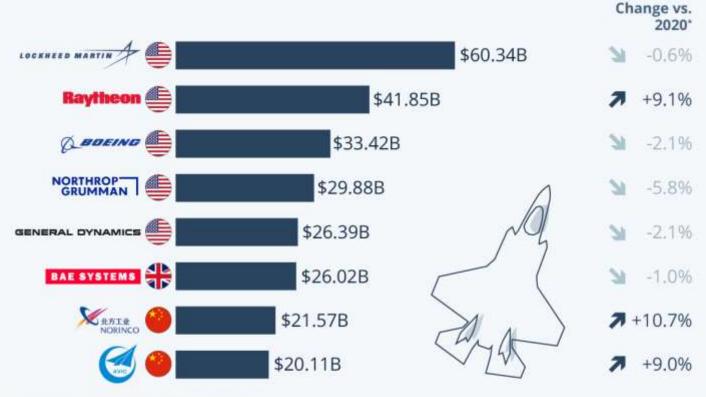


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The multi-year missile contract covers the development of the Next Generation Interceptor (NGI) to modernize the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) program. The network of radars, interceptors and other equipment is designed to protect the United States from intercontinental ballistic missiles. Lockheed shares closed up 0.60% at \$462.08 on Monday.Lockheed is "committed to delivering reliable interceptors", said Sarah Hiza, general manager of Strategic and Missile Defense. — **REUTERS**

The World's Largest Arms-Producing Companies

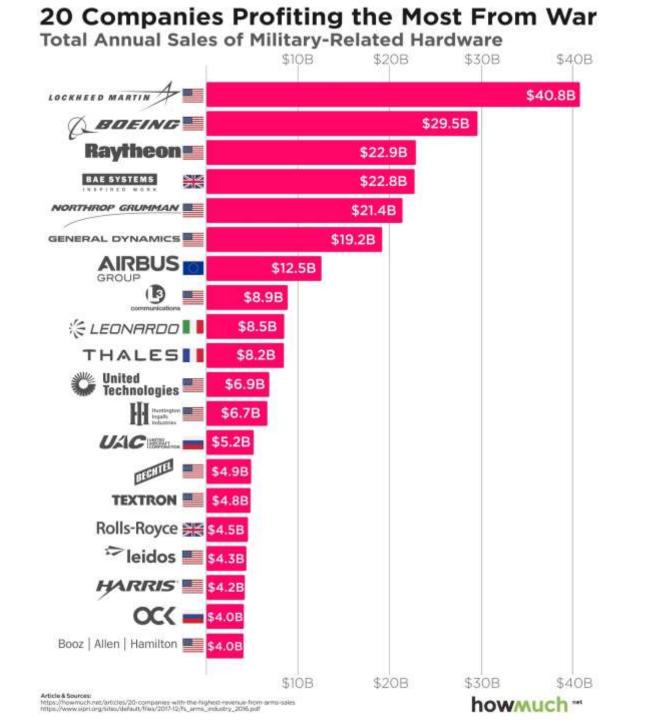
Arms-producing/military services companies with the largest arms sales in 2021



* Using constant 2021 prices Source: SIPRI

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TCS tops LinkedIn's best employer list

RAJESH KURUP

Mumbai, April 16

SOFTWARE MAJOR TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) has been ranked as the top company to work for in India in 2024, closely followed by IT firms Accenture and Cognizant, according to a LinkedIn report.



Macquarie Group, Morgan Stanley, Deloitte and Endress+Hauser Group were among the top 25 companies in India for employees to grow their career.

The others in the list included Bristol Myers Squibb, JPMorgan Chase & Co, PepsiCo, DPWorld, HCL Enterprise and EY, LinkedIn's annual list of top companies said.

The ranking methodology considered various parameters such as career advancement opportunities, skills development, company stability, external opportunities, company affinity, gender diversity, educational background, and employee presence in the country.

Companies eligible for the list must have employed 5,000 or more employees globally, with at least 500 based in India as of December 31,2023.

Regarding the overall job

Tata Consultancy Services Accenture Cognizant Macquarie Group Morgan Stanley Deloitte Endress+Hauser Group Bristol Myers Squibb JPMorgan Chase & Co PepsiCo

landscape in India, the study noted a diverse picture, with a record number of women freshers securing employment.

The hiring mandates for white-collar jobs also look optimistic for the ongoing quarter, according to recruitment and staffing firms, it said, adding, not just hiring, India Inc is also walking the extra mile to retain employees.



Story of Usha Mehta and Congress Radio

• The recent release of a film depicting the life of freedom fighter Usha Mehta resurfaces the importance of her historical contribution and sacrifice during the Quit India Movement.

- What was the Role of Usha Mehta in Quit India Movement (QIM)?
- About QIM:
 - Commencing on 8th August 1942, marked by Mahatma Gandhi's iconic speech with slogan Do or Die. The QIM symbolises mass civil disobedience, nationwide protests, and the establishment of parallel governance structures.
 - British authorities responded with mass arrests, detaining prominent leaders including Gandhi, Nehru, and Patel, thereby drastically reducing the movement's intensity.

About Usha Mehta:

- Usha Mehta, then a 22-year-old law student, was galvanised by Gandhi's ideology, prompting her to forsake her studies and actively participate in the movement.
- Recognising the efficacy of propagating information, Mehta conceived the notion of Congress Radio as a secretive means of communication.

• Establishment of Congress Radio:

- Facing the challenges of funding and technical expertise, Mehta, alongside associates such as Nariman Printer, endeavoured to establish Congress Radio.
- Despite regulatory restrictions imposed by British authorities, the Printer's adeptness facilitated the creation of a functional transmitter, enabling Congress Radio's inaugural broadcast on 3rd September 1942.

Consequences and Mehta's Legacy:

The secretive operations of Congress Radio ultimately attracted the attention of British authorities, leading to the arrest and subsequent trial of Mehta and her associates.

Mehta, revered as "Radio-ben" for her pioneering efforts, continued to follow Gandhian principles post-independence, garnering national recognition, including the Padma Vibhushan in 1998.

resurfaces the importance of her historical contribution and sacrifice during the Quit India Movement.

Exercise DUSTLIK

- The Indian Army contingent departed for the 5th edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military Exercise DUSTLIK, scheduled from 15th to 28th April 2024 in Termez, Uzbekistan.
- Exercise DUSTLIK is a yearly event alternately conducted in India and Uzbekistan.
 - The exercise aims to **foster military cooperation**, enhance combined capabilities, focus on joint operations in mountainous and semi-urban terrain, develop interoperability, and enhance bilateral relations.

Banks See Worst Deposit Crunch in 20 Years

- A recently released report revealed that despite robust credit growth, Indian banks faced difficulty in garnering deposits in 2023-24, resulting in the highest credit-deposit ratio in at least two decades.
- Indian banks are grappling with a severe deposit cash crunch that has not been witnessed in the past two decades. Currently standing at 80%, the creditdeposit ratio is at its highest since 2015.
- The CD ratio indicates how much of a bank's deposit base is being utilized for loans.

• Deposit Cash Crunch:

- A deposit cash crunch occurs when banks have **insufficient funds** on hand to lend to their customers.
- As a result, businesses face challenges in operating smoothly, and employees may experience delays in receiving their salaries.
- This ripple effect can disrupt economic stability and financial well-being.

Ashwagandha

Benefits of Ashwagandha

Helps your body adapt to stress

Aids in overall wellbeing and vigor

Supports a calm mind

Promotes more restful sleep

May increase stamina and strength

Improves digestive function

Lowers inflammation in the body

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- India is the top producer and exporter of Ashwagandha with states like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh emerging as leading producers
- About Ashwagandha
- Ashwagandha is also known as Indian Ginseng or Withania somnifera or Winter Cherry. It is among a group of herbs called 'adaptogens' and has a long history of use in Ayurveda.
- It is an evergreen herb mostly found in India, Africa and the Middle East.

Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

- The SBTi recent declaration of allowing companies to utilize carbon offsets to fulfill their climate commitments has gathered widespread criticism
- About
- The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is a corporate climate action organization that enables companies and financial institutions worldwide to play their part in combating the climate crisis.



• What is a carbon offset?

- A carbon offset refers to a way by which organizations or individuals can cut down on their carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere.
- These reductions are achieved through projects that either capture and store carbon or prevent emissions from occurring in the first place, such as through renewable energy projects, reforestation initiatives, and methane capture from landfills.
- Companies or individuals purchase carbon offsets to compensate for their own carbon emissions, thereby "offsetting" their environmental impact and contributing to climate change mitigation efforts.

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