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“It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.”

— Andre Gide, *Autumn Leaves*

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One passenger survives miraculously
he was identified as a British national

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Similarly, inflation in the housing segment inched up to 3.2% in May from 3.1% in April. Inflation in the clothing and footwear category remained exactly the same in May as it was in April, at 3.67%.

Air flight with 242 on board crashes in Ahmedabad

London-bound Boeing 787 aircraft crashes into medical college complex after take-off

Pilot issues 'Mayday' alert soon after take-off, goes silent before the crash

Several casualties feared on the ground with official count of those killed awaited

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Jagriti Chandra
AHMEDABAD

An Air India flight from Ahmedabad to London, carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members, crashed shortly after take-off on Thursday afternoon. A towering plume of smoke was visible from afar following a massive explosion after the aircraft plummeted into a medical college hostel five kilometres from the airport as students were gathered for lunch.

Barring one passenger who survived miraculously, no one aboard the aircraft could be rescued.

The Boeing 787-8 aircraft took off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad at 1.38 p.m. and was headed to Gatwick Airport in London. Immediately after take-off, it crashed in the residential area of Meghani Nagar.

Fast turn of events

According to CCTV footage captured by the CISF, the aircraft crashed under 40 seconds of being airborne. The aircraft was steered by pilot-in-command Sumit Sabharwal and co-pilot Clive Kunder. Government sources said the pilots gave a 'Mayday' call immediately after take-off, signalling a life-threatening emergency, but did not respond to subsequent calls made by the airport traffic control.

According to Air India, of the 230 passengers, 169

Tragedy on take-off

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The crash marks the first deadly incident involving an aircraft from the Boeing 787 Dreamliner series



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The tragedy in Ahmedabad has stunned and saddened us. It is heartbreaking beyond words

NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister



Emergency response team at the site of the crash on Thursday.
PHOTOS: VIJAY SONEJI



were Indians, 53 British, and seven Portuguese. One was Canadian.

Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was among the dead.

Thursday's crash is the first involving a variant of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner series.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who met the sole survivor of the crash in hospital, said none of the other people on board could be saved. "Due to the huge amount of fuel at 1.25 lakh litres and high temperature from the explosion, no one could be res-

cued," he said. The Press Trust of India identified the survivor as Viswash Kumar Ramesh, a U.K. citizen travelling in the A11 seat of the aircraft, heading to London with his brother.

Mr. Shah said that the process of retrieving bodies was almost complete, and that the official death toll would be released after DNA samples are matched and all bodies are identified.

The search was also on for the aircraft's black box for clues to understand what happened in the last crucial moments of flight.

As many as 265 bodies were brought to civil hospital in Ahmedabad. Deputy Commissioner of Police Kanan Desai told presspersons, suggesting that 24 people on the ground were killed in the crash.

Air India and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran said the Tata Group would provide ₹1 crore to the families of each person who lost their life in the tragedy.

Air India is also organising two relief flights, one each from Delhi and Mumbai, to Ahmedabad for the next of kin of passengers

and Air India staff.

Air India CEO Campbell Wilson said the airline was actively working with relevant authorities on the emergency response and a special team of caregivers was being despatched to Ahmedabad to provide additional support.

PM in Ahmedabad

"We will also cover the medical expenses of those injured and ensure that they receive all necessary care and support. Additionally, we will provide support in the building up of the B.J. Medical's hos-

tel," an official statement said.

Shortly after the crash, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram-mohan Naidu, who reached the accident site in the evening.

Investigating teams from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the Aircraft Accidents Investigation Bureau also arrived in Ahmedabad later in the day.
(With PTI inputs)

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Rupani's trip to meet his family in U.K. turns fatal

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, 69, was among those who perished in the crash of Air India flight AI-171, Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatl confirmed on Thursday.

The Union Minister described the loss as one "deeply felt by the

BJP family". Rupani, who held the post of Chief Minister of Gujarat between 2016 and 2021 in two terms before being replaced by the current Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, was en route to London to join his wife and other members of his family.

Mr. Rupani declared his retirement from electoral politics just before the 2022 election.

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At least 5 MBBS students killed, says medical body

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

At least five MBBS students, one PG resident doctor and the wife of a superspecialist doctor of the B.J. Medical College in Ahmedabad were killed and over 60 medical students injured Air India plane crashed into after residential quarters of the B.J. Medical college on Thursday, the Federation of All India Medical Association said.

Over 100 MBBS students were having lunch in the




Rescue efforts ongoing at the crash site. VIJAY SONEJI

mess when the flight crashed into the building.

STUDENTS MISSING
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Air India AI-171 Crash: Key Facts

Parameter	Details	
Flight	Air India AI-171	
Aircraft Type	Boeing 787 Dreamliner	
Crash Location	Shortly after take-off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Int'l Airport, Ahmedabad	
Date & Time	Thursday, 1:38 PM	
Passengers	Total: 230 (169 Indians, 53 Britons, 7 Portuguese, 1 Canadian)	
Aircraft Age	Nearly 12 years old (First flight: Dec 2013; Delivered: Jan 2014)	
Flight Hours	Over 41,000	
Cycles in 12 months	700+ out of 8,000 total	



About Boeing 787 Dreamliner Globally

Data

Figure

Global Variants in Service

1,148

Average Age Worldwide

7.5 years

Total Ordered Worldwide

2,598

In Air India Fleet (Post-crash)

33 units



First fatal crash involving a Boeing 787 Dreamliner.



The **tail section struck a building** of B.J. Medical College hostel, highlighting possible deviation from flight path or inability to gain height.



Emergency response was **activated promptly**, but incident raises issues about urban encroachment near airports and preparedness.

Policy Recommendations for India

Recommendation	Justification	📄
Strengthen aircraft aging and usage norms	Prevent mechanical fatigue-induced failures	
Create buffer zones around airports	To avoid civilian casualties near crash sites	
Upgrade emergency protocols	Improve survival chances and minimize chaos	
Establish independent crash investigation agency	For unbiased assessment and global credibility	
Integrate AI-powered flight anomaly detectors	Predictive tech for early warnings in high-cycle aircraft	

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PHOTOS: VIJAY SONEJI



MAJOR AIR TRAGEDIES IN INDIA

October 1976

An Indian Airlines plane crashed in Mumbai, killing all 95 people on board

January 1978

A Mumbai-Dubai Air India flight crashed into the Arabian Sea, killing 213

October 1988

An Indian Airlines flight crashed during landing attempt in Ahmedabad, killing 133 on board

August 1991

An Indian Airlines flight crashed during descent near Imphal, killing all 69

November 1996

Two planes collided mid-air over Charkhi Dadri in Haryana, killing around 350

August 2020

An Air India Express flight from Dubai to Kozhikode in Kerala crashed while landing, killing 21 people



May 2010

An Air India Express flight from Dubai to Mangaluru in Karnataka crashed while landing, killing 158

July 2000

An Alliance Air flight crashed in Patna, killing 55 people on board and 5 on the ground

MOST AIRPLANE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN DURING LANDING

Number of accidents in commercial civil aviation, by flight phase (2005-2023)*

● Share of total accidents (%)



*IATA members, accounting for 94% of all international flights. 2023 data up to end of June.

Source: IATA

Disasters in the past

Some of the big aviation
disasters in India

● NUMBER OF DEATHS



Place: Arabian Sea

Jan. 1, 1978:

Air India Flight 855

213

The plane crashed
101 sec. into flight

Oct. 19, 1988:

Indian Airlines Flight 113



Place:
Ahmedabad

133

Feb. 14, 1990:

Indian Airlines Flight 605



Place:
Bengaluru's
HAL Airport

92

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Place:
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92



Place: Charkhi Dadri

Nov. 12, 1996

Collision of Saudia Flight
763-Kazakhstan Airlines
Flight 1907

349

Most devastating
accident so far

July 17, 2000:

Alliance Air Flight 7412



Place:
Patna

60



Place: Mangaluru
International Airport

May 22, 2010:

Air India Express Flight 812

158

The plane overshot
runway, caught fire



What are a Dreamliner's safety checks?

By ground engineers:

Servicing, fuelling and hydraulic checks, tyre and brake inspections, etc to certify the plane as airworthy, which is done with a sign on the logbook.

Crew: Does in-flight checks like powering up aircraft systems and configuring and testing controls and instruments. This involves checking if the landing gear lever is down and flap and spoiler levers are in the right position, fuel pumps are on, and engine fuel switches cut off until engine start. Critical warning systems are tested, too.

Pilots: One pilot does an external walkaround to visually inspect the aircraft, everything from tyres and doors to fuselage and wings. Pilots also do an exhaustive check of the cockpit setup. Finally, the captain signs off on a formal 'aircraft acceptance' in the logbook.

WHAT ARE A DREAMLINER'S KEY WARNING SYSTEMS?

Dreamliner's integrated alerting system ensures that any parameter out of normal range generates an alert according to priority

EICAS (Engine-Indicating & Crew-Alerting System) is a Boeing plane's nerve centre and displays all engine parameters (thrust, temperature, pressure) and monitors hundreds of system sensors. For example, EICAS will notify if a door isn't properly closed.



GPWS/TAWS (Ground Proximity Warning System/Terrain Awareness & Warning System) alerts pilots to imminent ground collision or unsafe descent rates, critical in low-visibility or nighttime operations. If it senses danger, the system issues callouts like 'terrain, terrain' and 'pull up'.



TCAS (Traffic Collision Avoidance System) prevents mid-air collisions by scanning for other aircraft transponders. If another aircraft comes too close, it tells the pilots to climb or descend and the other plane to do the opposite.



SWS (Stall Warning System) continuously monitors airspeed and other parameters to warn of a stall or a loss of lift.



Overspeed Warning prevents the 787 from exceeding its maximum allowed speed by producing clacker sounds to warn the pilots.

Windshear Detection notes any sudden changes in wind velocity, or windshear. This gives pilots critical advance



warning, enabling them to abort a takeoff or go around.

Enhanced Flight Vision & Alerts warn pilots if a plane is drifting from glidepath. Also has altitude alerters and autopilot disconnect warnings.



Fire & Smoke Alarms sounds warnings if there's smoke in the lavatories or avionics bay, or fire in an engine or cargo hold.

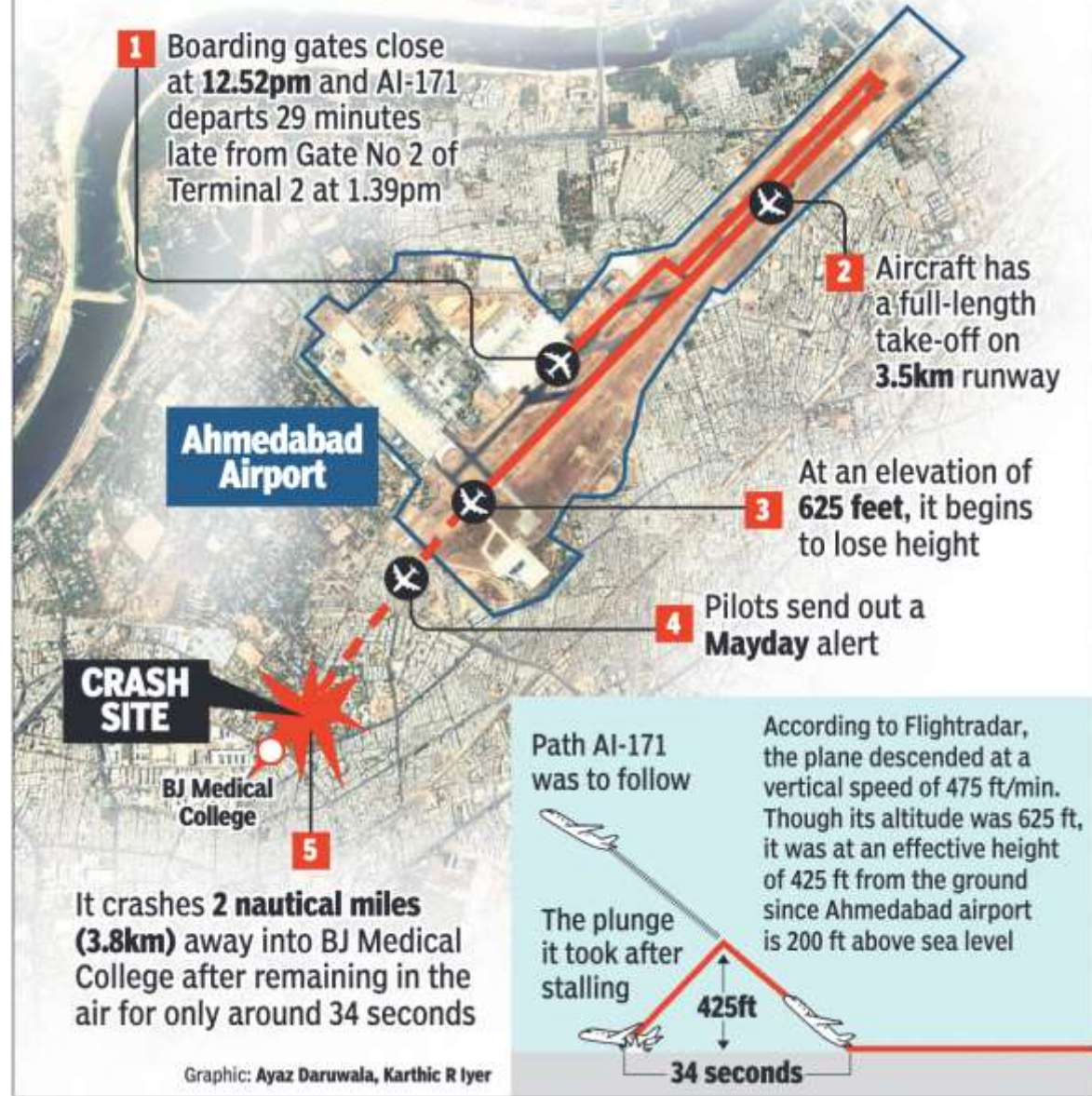


Tail-Strike Protection alerts the pilots and logs for inspection any strike or near-strike detected by the tail skid sensor during take-off or landing.



TAKE-OFF TO CRASH IN A FLASH

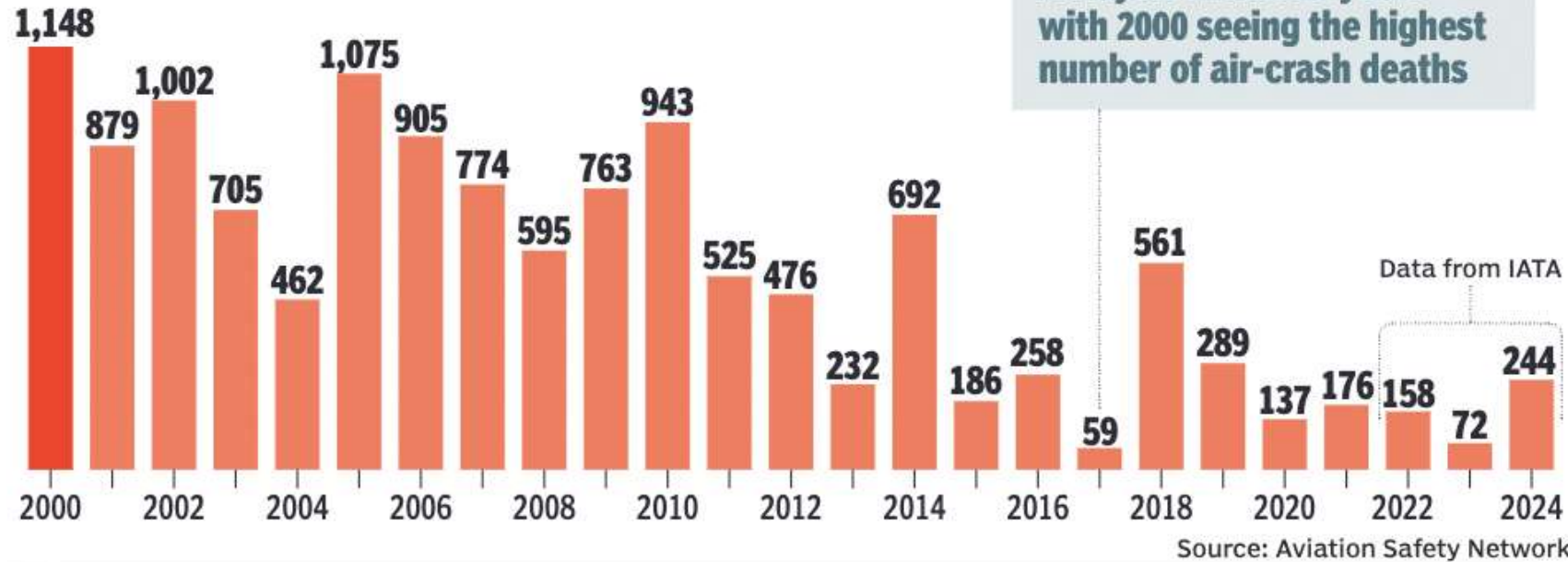
AI-423 takes off from Delhi's IGI Airport on Thursday and lands at Sardar Vallabhbhai International Airport in Ahmedabad at 11.13am. At 1.10pm, the 787-8 Dreamliner is scheduled to take off for London Gatwick as **AI-171**



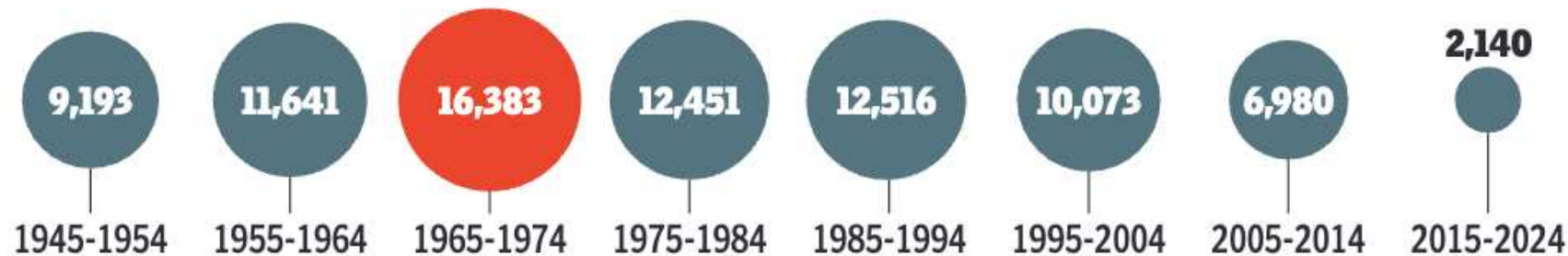
FLYING'S BECOME SAFER OVER THE DECADES

Last 5 Yrs Have Been Safest Since 2000

Deaths in air accidents

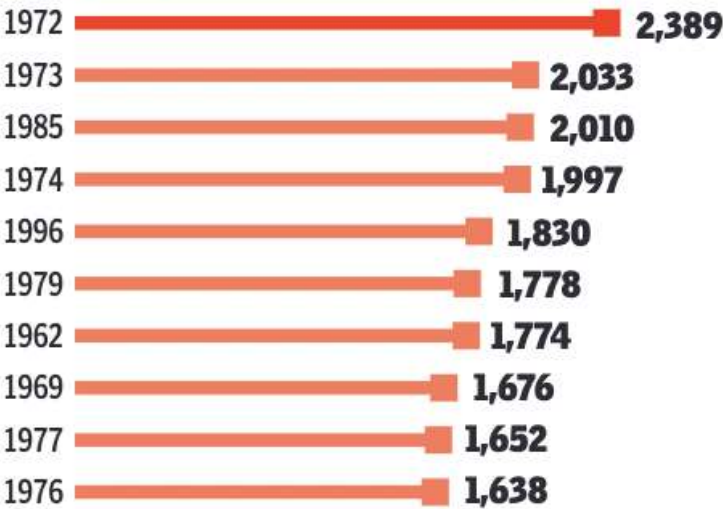


1965-74 Was The Worst Decade Total air fatalities, by decade



Highest Fatalities Happened In 1972

Years with most air fatalities, top 10



Firefighters try to douse the flames at the crash site near Ahmedabad airport on Thursday

Worst air accident was a runway collision

Airline crashes by toll, worst 5

	Date	Type of aircraft	Operator	Fatalities	location	A KLM Boeing 747 collided during takeoff with a taxiing Pan Am 747 on Spanish island of Tenerife, leaving behind a handful of survivors
1	Mar 27, 1977	Boeing 747-121	Pan Am	583	Spain	
		Boeing 747-206B	KLM			
2	Aug 12, 1985	Boeing 747SR-46	JAL	520	Japan	
3	Nov 12, 1996	Ilyushin Il-76TD	Kazakhstan Airlines	349	India	
		Boeing 747-168B	Saudi Arabian			
4	Mar 3, 1974	DC-10-10	THY	346	France	
5	23-Jun-85	Boeing 747-237B	Air India	*329	Atlantic Ocean	*Terrorist Attack

India marks a relative decline in gender parity, ranks 131 worldwide

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2025 has ranked India at 131 out of 148 countries, with a parity score of just 64.1%. The report released on Thursday puts India among the lowest-ranked countries in South Asia. India had ranked 129 out of 146 countries last year.

The report said that while the global gender gap has closed to 68.8%, marking the strongest annual advancement since the COVID-19 pandemic, full parity remains 123 years away at current rates.

Iceland leads the rankings for the 16th year running, followed by Finland, Norway, the U.K. and New Zealand.

Bangladesh emerged as the best performer in South Asia, jumping 75 positions to rank 24 globally with notable gains in "political empowerment and economic participation".

Four key dimensions

The 19th edition of the report, which covers 148 economies, revealed both encouraging momentum and

Race to equality

The report said the global gender gap has closed to 68.8%. Below are the rankings of select countries:



Top 10 countries

1	Iceland
2	Finland
3	Norway
4	United Kingdom
5	New Zealand
6	Sweden
7	Republic of Moldova
8	Namibia
9	Germany
10	Ireland

India and its neighbours

Bangladesh	24
Bhutan	119
Nepal	125
Sri Lanka	130
India	131
Maldives	138
Pakistan	148

Bangladesh, with a ranking of 24, emerged as the best performer in South Asia

Report said full parity remains **123 years** away at current rates

persistent structural barriers facing women worldwide.

The Global Gender Gap Index measures gender parity across four key dimensions: economic participation and opportunity; educational attainment; health and survival; and political empowerment.

The Indian economy's overall performance im-

proved in absolute terms by 0.3 points.

"One of the dimensions where India increases parity is in Economic Participation and Opportunity, where its score improves by +.9 percentage points to 40.7 per cent. While most indicator values remain the same, parity in estimated earned income rises from 28.6 per cent to 29.9

per cent, positively impacting the subindex score," the report said. India's performance in labour force participation rate remained the same (45.9%) as last year. In educational attainment, the report said, India scored 97.1%, reflecting positive shifts in female shares for literacy and tertiary education enrolment, which resulted in positive score improvements for the subindex as a whole.

"India also records higher parity in health and survival, driven by improved scores in sex ratio at birth and in healthy life expectancy," it said.

However, similar to other countries, parity in healthy life expectancy is obtained despite an overall reduction in the life expectancy of men and women, the report said.

India recorded a drop in parity in political empowerment for the second year in a row with female representation in parliament falling from 14.7% to 13.8%, the report said.

Nepal ranked 125, Sri Lanka 130, Bhutan 119, Maldives 138 and Pakistan ranked at the bottom among all countries at 148.

India's Gender Gap Report 2025: Summary

Parameter	Detail
India's Rank	131 out of 148 countries
Parity Score	64.1%
Global Average	68.8%
India's Rank in 2024	129 out of 146 countries
Time to full parity globally	123 years (at current rates)
Top performer globally	Iceland (Rank 1), followed by Finland, Norway, UK, and New Zealand
Top performer in South Asia	Bangladesh (Rank 24)

India's Performance by Dimension

→ Economic Participation	Score improved by 0.3 points (female income from 28.6% → 29.9% of male income)
→ Labour Force Participation	Remained same at 45.9%
→ Educational Attainment	Scored 97.1% – higher literacy and tertiary enrolment
→ Health & Survival	Higher parity – improved sex ratio at birth and life expectancy gap
→ Political Empowerment	Declined again (female parliament share fell from 14.7% → 13.8%)



South Asia Comparison

Country	Rank (2025)	Remarks
Bangladesh	24	Best in South Asia, 75-place jump
Bhutan	119	Ahead of India
Nepal	125	Ahead of India
Sri Lanka	130	Just ahead of India
India	131	Among worst in the region
Maldives	138	Lower than India
Pakistan	148	Worst in the world

Recommendations for Policy

Area	Suggestion
Political Empowerment	Speedy implementation of 33% reservation for women in Parliament & Assemblies
Workplace Inclusion	Tax incentives, maternity-friendly workplace, flexible work hours
Skill & Employability	Upskilling rural women in digital/green economy sectors
Health & Survival	Strengthen Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao + nutrition tracking at panchayat level
Data Transparency	State-wise Gender Gap Index for targeted governance

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STOCKHOLM

Israel's starvation of Gaza is a 'war crime': Sweden's Foreign Minister



Sweden's Foreign Minister Maria Malmer Stenmark on Thursday condemned Israel for blocking humanitarian aid and targeting aid points in Gaza, causing "starvation", which she called a "war crime". She urged swift delivery of food, water, and medicine, highlighting Israel's failure to meet humanitarian law commitments. AP

CAIRO

Hamas says its police force killed twelve Israeli-backed fighters



A unit of Gaza's Hamas-run police force said it killed 12 members of an Israeli-backed militia after detaining them early Thursday. The militia said its fighters had attacked Hamas and killed five militants but made no mention of its own casualties. Verification of the killings remains unclear amid conflicting claims. AP

WASHINGTON

Trump unveils website for \$5 mn 'Gold Card' U.S. residency visa



U.S. President Donald Trump launched a website, TrumpCard.gov, for his \$5 million "Gold Card" visa, offering wealthy foreigners permanent U.S. residency and a path to citizenship. The card aims to attract investors, promoting green card privileges and economic benefits amid ongoing immigration debates. AP

CAIRO

Sudan's RSF claims control of key border zone with Libya and Egypt



Sudanese paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) claimed control of a strategic border zone with Libya and Egypt amid ongoing civil war. The military had on Tuesday evacuated the area, accusing a Libyan commander Khalifa Sifera's forces of supporting RSF attacks in a "violent aggression against Sudan, its land, and its people". AP

IAEA board censures Iran for not complying with nuclear obligations

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran and the Foreign Ministry state that Tehran has 'no choice' but to respond to this political resolution; U.S. embassy in Jerusalem restricts staff movements due to security concerns amid heightened tensions

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse
VIENNA/WASHINGTON

The UN nuclear watchdog's board of governors on Thursday formally found that Iran is not complying with its nuclear obligations for the first time in 20 years, a move that could lead to further tensions and set in motion an effort to restore UN sanctions on Tehran later this year.

Iran reacted immediately, saying it will establish a new enrichment facility "in a secure location" and that "other measures are also being planned".

—The Islamic Republic of

Iran has no choice but to respond to this political resolution, the Iranian Foreign Ministry and the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said in a joint statement. U.S. President Donald Trump previously warned that "Israel, or America could carry out air strikes targeting Iranian nuclear facilities if negotiations failed to reach an agreement — and some American personnel and their families have begun leaving the region over the tensions, which came ahead of a new round of Iran-U.S. talks, Sunday, in Oman.

Nuclear countries on the International Atomic



Tense presence: Armoured vehicles deployed outside the U.S. embassy building in Baghdad's Green Zone on Thursday. AP

Energy Agency's board, which represents the agency's member nations, voted for the resolution, which abstained and two did not vote.

The resolution was put forward by France, the U.K., Germany and the U.S.

Dangerous region Meanwhile, the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem announced it was restricting staff movements after President Donald Trump said U.S. personnel were being moved from the potentially "dangerous" West Asia. "Due to the increased regional tensions, United States government employees and their family members are restricted from travel outside the greater Tel Aviv (Israel), Jerusalem, and Be'er Sheva areas until further notice," the embassy said.

Thousands join rally in Georgia after activist jailed over pro-Europe protest

Agence France-Presse
Tbilisi

Thousands rallied on Thursday in Georgia after a youth activist was jailed for four and a half years for assaulting police during pro-Europe protests as authorities intensify a crackdown on dissent.

Georgia has been in political turmoil since disputed parliamentary elections in October triggered protests against what demonstrators call the government's authoritarian drift in favour of Russia and against the European Union.



Chia (above): Georgian Opposition supporters rally in downtown Tbilisi on May 26, Georgia's Independence Day. AP

Tbilisi city court convicted 21-year-old musician and activist Mate Zhukeria of assaulting police with a stick on November 10 as officers dispersed an anti-government rally.

Later on Thursday, several thousand protesters marched through the streets of Tbilisi chanting "Freedom to Mate!" before

setting up camps at a key intersection in the Georgian capital. Mr. Zhukeria, who had denied wrongdoing, said he had been participating in the protests "to peacefully express opposition to Georgia's straying from the EU course". He accused the judge of carrying out government "orders" and left the court without hearing the verdict.

The sentencing follows a wave of arrests and trials targeting Opposition leaders and activists, with more verdicts expected in the coming weeks.

Syria says one killed, seven detained in Israeli incursion

Agence France-Presse
DAMASCUS

Syria's interior Ministry on Thursday said the Israeli military killed one civilian and detained seven people during an overnight incursion, with the Israeli army saying it seized members of Palestinian militant group Hamas.

The Israeli army said on X that its soldiers seized several suspected members of Hamas in the "targeted" operation in Beit Jinn, 12 kilometres from the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. It alleged that these seized were plotting attacks on Israeli troops.

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the Islamist-led interim administration, which it regards as hostile. It has also deployed troops across the border, and targeted some on the Syrian side of the armistice line that used to separate the opposing forces on the Golan.

Syria's Interior Ministry said in a statement that "these repeated provocations constitute a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic... these practices cannot but exacerbate the regional instability and will only result in further tension".

Japan, China trade blame over latter's jets flying close to Japanese aircraft

Associated Press
TOKYO

Japan and China blamed each other on Thursday after Tokyo raised concern that a Chinese fighter jet came dangerously close to Japanese reconnaissance planes.

The Chinese fighter jets took off from one of two Chinese aircraft carriers that were moving together for the first time in the Pacific, Japan's Defence Ministry said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters that Japan, even viewed its "serious concern" to China that such close encounters could cause accidental collisions. According to Japan, a Chinese J-15 fighter jet took off from the *Shandong* aircraft carrier on Saturday and chased a Japanese

On the draw



A Chinese J-15 fighter jet making an "unusual approach" to a Japanese P-3C patrol aircraft above the Pacific Ocean. AP

P-3C aircraft on reconnaissance duty, coming within an "abnormally close distance" of 45 metres for about 40 minutes. A Chinese jet also crossed 500 metres in front of a Japanese P-3C for about 80 minutes on Sunday, the Ministry said. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian

defended China's activities as being fully consistent with international law and practice, and blamed Japanese vessels and aircraft for conducting close reconnaissance of China's military activities. The incidents occurred in the Pacific, where Japan's Self-Defence Force spotted the two carriers, the *Shandong* and the *Liaoning*, almost simultaneously operating near southern Japanese islands for the first time. Aircraft carriers are critical to projecting power at a distance. China routinely sends its aircraft carriers, warships and warplanes around disputed East China Sea islands, but now they also reach as far as Guam, a U.S. Pacific territory with military bases.

Both Chinese carriers operated in waters off Okinawa, about 1,200 kilometres south of Tokyo. The *Liaoning* also sailed inside Japan's exclusive economic zone near Mikoto Island, the country's easternmost island, Japan's Defence Minister Gen Nakatani said. There was an escalation of Japanese territorial waters, he said.

China says it issued rare earth export licences

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China said on Thursday it had issued a "certain number" of licences to export rare earths after U.S. President Donald Trump hailed this week's deal that would see the country provide the vital elements "up front".

The economic superpowers said after talks in London that they had achieved progress in dialling down a brutal trade war that has threatened global supply chain chaos.

Zelenskyy hopes to push Trump on U.S. Russia sanctions

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Thursday he hoped to press his U.S. counterpart Donald Trump at the G-7 summit this weekend to step up sanctions against Russia, as peace talks between the warring sides stall with the U.S. President blaming both sides.

In two rounds of negotiations in Istanbul, Moscow and Kyiv have so far only agreed large-scale prisoner exchanges. Russia has rejected calls to halt its three-year invasion. Mr. Trump has urged both sides to strike a peace deal and shown increasing frustration with both Mr. Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin for not having found a way to



Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the war.

The U.S. President has at times threatened new sanctions on Russia, which has ramped up its aerial attacks during the talks. Mr. Zelenskyy said at a press conference in Kyiv that "I count on having a conversation" with Mr. Trump at the G-7. "This sanctions package is very important. The final decision is still in the White House," he added.

WASHINGTON

Trump unveils website for \$5 mn 'Gold Card' U.S. residency visa



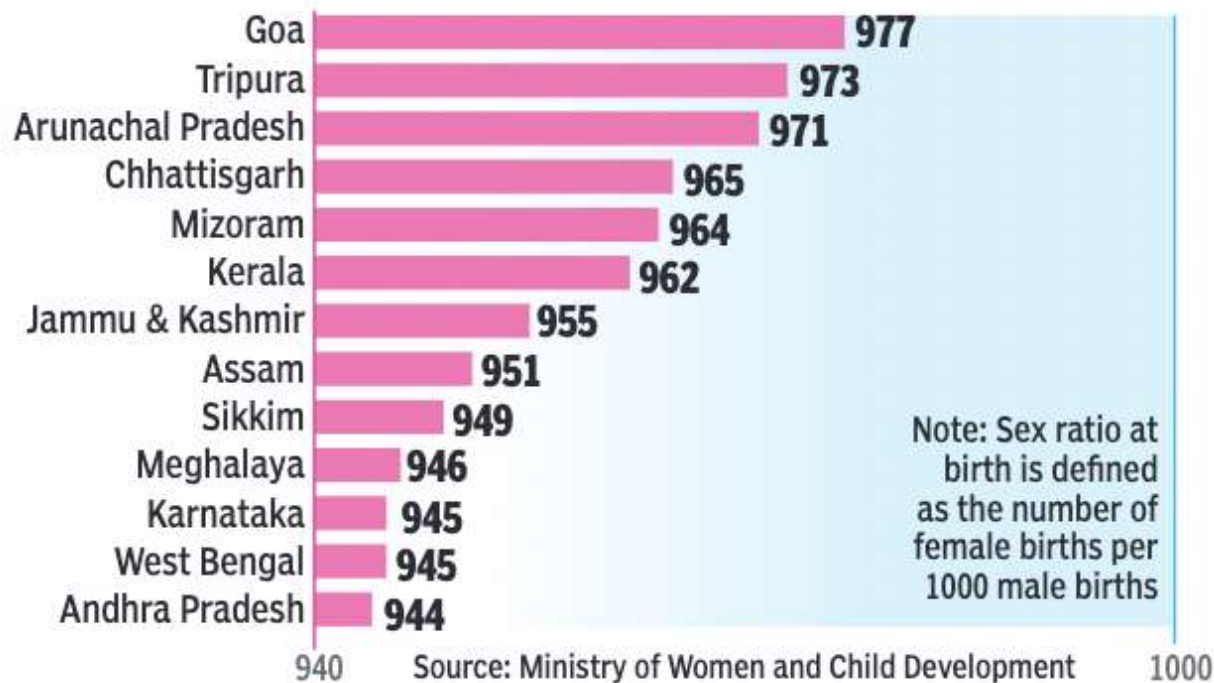
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U.S. President Donald Trump launched a website, *TrumpCard.gov*, for his \$5 million “Gold Card” visa, offering wealthy foreigners permanent U.S. residency and a path to citizenship. The card aims to attract investors, promising green card privileges and economic benefits amid ongoing immigration debates. AFP

Six of Top States On Sex Ratio At Birth Are From The North-East


The evolutionary trend is that more boys are born than girls. The natural sex ratio at birth is about 943-952 girls per 1,000 boys. In 13 states/UTs, this ratio is equal to or better than this norm

Sex ratio at birth (2023-24)



UNESCO 'Creative City of Gastronomy'

A proposal for Creative City Lucknow under the category Gastronomy for **Awadhi Cuisine** has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre recently.



UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)



The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) is a **global network of cities** that recognize culture and creativity as drivers of sustainable urban development.

- UCCN was created in **2004**.
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The network focuses on **seven creative fields**: Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music.

Indian cities in UCCN

India has several cities recognized by UNESCO as part of the Creative Cities Network.

The network currently includes;

Jaipur and Srinagar (Crafts and Folk Arts),

Varanasi, Chennai and Gwalior (Music),

Mumbai (Film),

Hyderabad (Gastronomy),

Kozhikode (Literature).

Lokpal



नागरिक सशक्तिकरण, भ्रष्टाचार उजागरीकरण
Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption

The Full Bench of Lokpal of India has adopted a new motto “**Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption**”.

Legal Status: The Lokpal is not a constitutional body but a statutory body created through legislation Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013.

Chairperson: Retired Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge.

Appointment of Lokpal: Appointed by a selection committee consisting of Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India (CJI), Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha & One Eminent Jurist (appointed by the above members).

Tenure: The Lokpal is appointed for a 5-year term or until they attain the age of 70 years.

A dark, high-contrast photograph of a wooden floor. The floor is covered with white chalk markings. In the foreground, a large 'X' is drawn. In the background, the number '50' is visible. The text '50 Years of Emergency' is overlaid in white.

50 Years of Emergency



The Allahabad High Court's **June 12, 1975** verdict invalidating then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's 1971 election for electoral malpractices led to the **proclamation of National Emergency on June 25, 1975**.



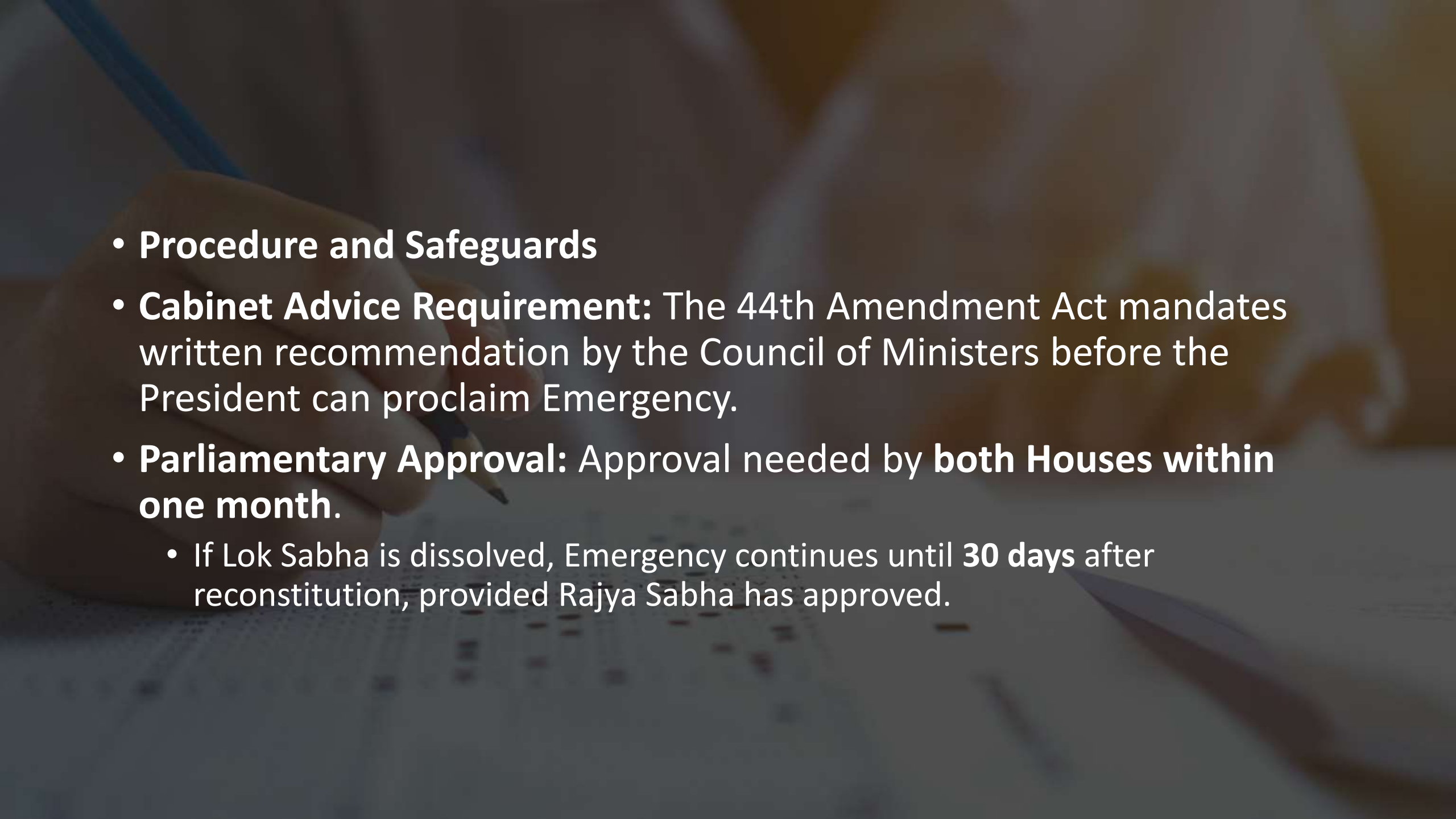
Constitutional Provisions for National Emergency



Grounds for Proclamation: As per **Article 352**, a National Emergency can be declared by the President if the security of India or any part is threatened by;

War and External aggression (External Emergency)

Armed rebellion (Internal Emergency): Internal disturbance was substituted with **Armed rebellion** by the **44th Amendment Act, 1978**.

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- **Procedure and Safeguards**
 - **Cabinet Advice Requirement:** The 44th Amendment Act mandates written recommendation by the Council of Ministers before the President can proclaim Emergency.
 - **Parliamentary Approval:** Approval needed by **both Houses within one month.**
 - If Lok Sabha is dissolved, Emergency continues until **30 days** after reconstitution, provided Rajya Sabha has approved.

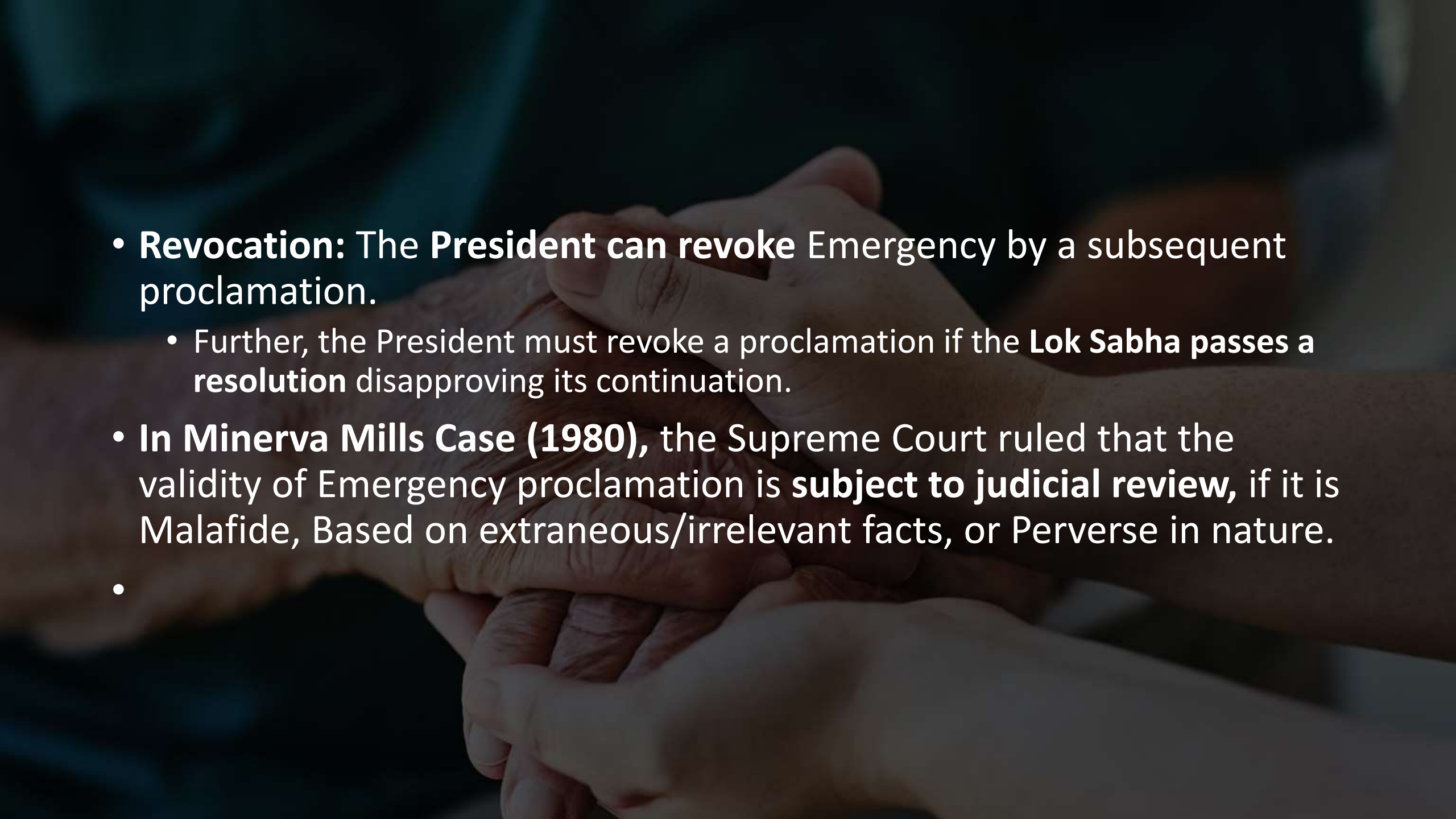
If approved by both the Houses of Parliament, the **emergency continues for six months**, and can be extended to an indefinite period with an approval of the Parliament for every six months.



Every resolution approving the proclamation of emergency or its continuance must be passed by either House of Parliament by a **special majority**, that is,

A majority of the total membership of that house, and

A majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that house present and voting.

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- **Revocation:** The **President can revoke** Emergency by a subsequent proclamation.
 - Further, the President must revoke a proclamation if the **Lok Sabha passes a resolution** disapproving its continuation.
 - **In Minerva Mills Case (1980)**, the Supreme Court ruled that the validity of Emergency proclamation is **subject to judicial review**, if it is Malafide, Based on extraneous/irrelevant facts, or Perverse in nature.

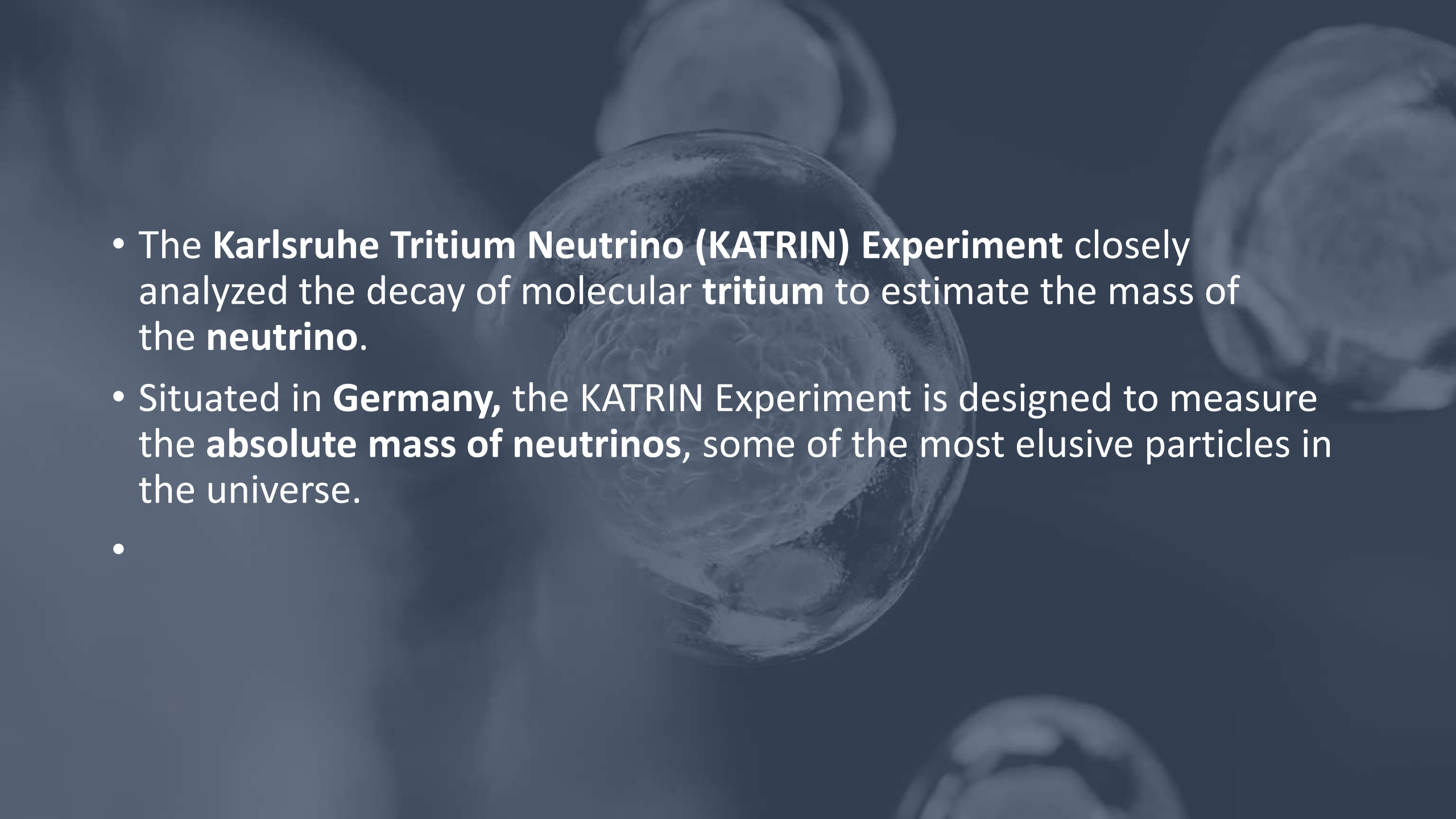
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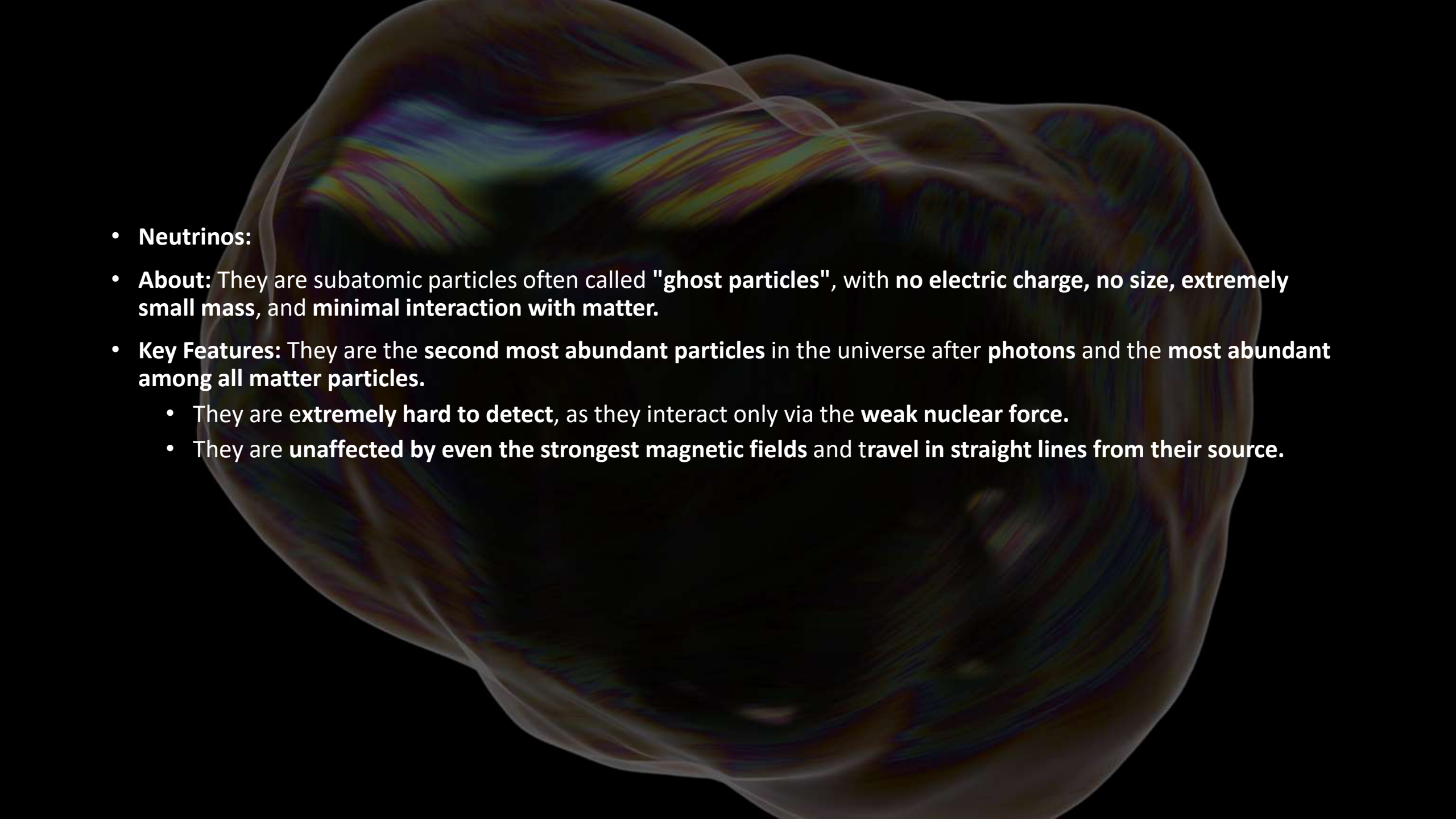
Historical Instances of National Emergency in India

Grounds	Duration
External aggression (China)	1962-1968
External aggression (Pakistan)	1971-1977
Internal disturbance	1975-1977

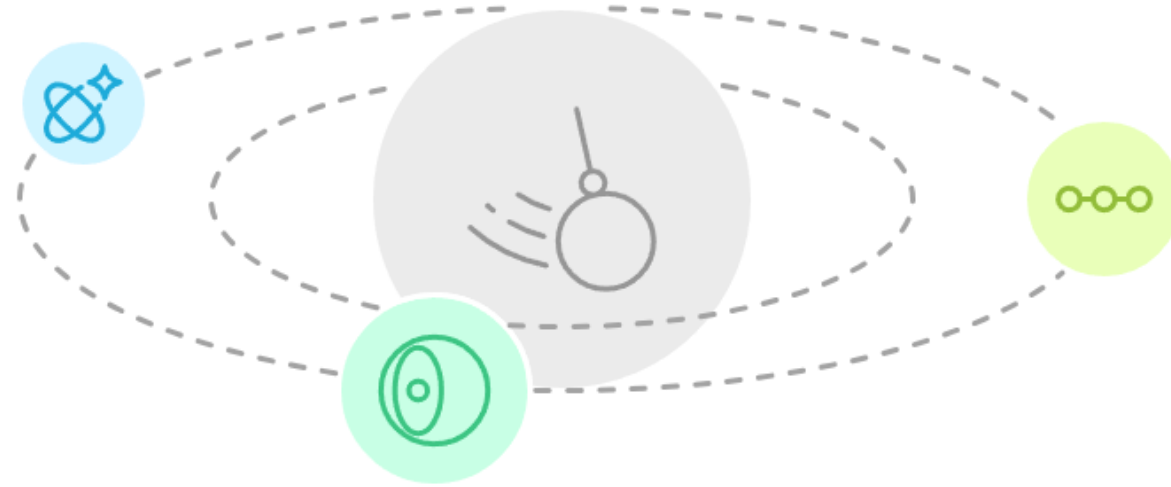
The background image shows a dark, circular structure, likely a part of the KATRIN experiment's spectrometer. A thin, dark rod or tube extends from the top right towards the center. In the lower right, there is a bright, glowing area with a mix of purple, blue, and white light, possibly representing a particle beam or a detector's output. The overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the central glowing region and the structural elements.

KATRIN Experiment

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- The **Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino (KATRIN) Experiment** closely analyzed the decay of molecular **tritium** to estimate the mass of the **neutrino**.
 - Situated in **Germany**, the KATRIN Experiment is designed to measure the **absolute mass of neutrinos**, some of the most elusive particles in the universe.
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- **Neutrinos:**
 - **About:** They are subatomic particles often called "**ghost particles**", with **no electric charge**, **no size**, **extremely small mass**, and **minimal interaction with matter**.
 - **Key Features:** They are the **second most abundant particles** in the universe after **photons** and the **most abundant among all matter particles**.
 - They are **extremely hard to detect**, as they interact only via the **weak nuclear force**.
 - They are **unaffected by even the strongest magnetic fields** and **travel in straight lines from their source**.

Types/ Flavors of Neutrino



Electron Neutrino

Associated with electrons and produced in nuclear fusion and beta decay

Muon Neutrino

Linked to muons, produced in cosmic ray interactions

Tau Neutrino

Associated with tau particles, observed in accelerators and astrophysical events



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Word of the day

Hackneyed:

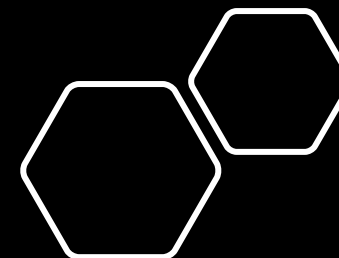
repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

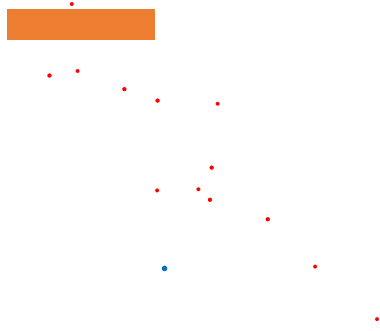
Synonyms: worn out, common, cliché

Usage: *He delivered a speech full of hackneyed phrases.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/
hackneyedpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /'hækni:d/





Thank you
guys.

